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FREEZE DAMAGE GREATER THAN FIRST THOUGHT

Lack of Rain Increases In-
Frozen Fruit Condemned
Jury to Trees; Shipping

A survey of the damage done to citrus groves by the freeze of last week indicates it is more extensive than at first thought although the Ridge section escaped with less loss than other parts of the state. Lack of rain has made the situation more serious than it would otherwise be and growers are of the opinion that if the present rain continues the damage will be curtailed in this section.

Mr. C. H. Walker, president of the Avon Florida Citrus Corp., sets forth the present situation very concisely in a letter this morning to their grove owners. Mr. Walker's letter also encloses a copy of a bulletin issued by the Waverly Growers Association which gives an illuminating picture of conditions.

In his letter Mr. Walker says: We received this morning a bulletin from Waverly, Florida, which is located about 30 miles north of Avon Park and since we feel that their damage is about the same as ours, we are quoting this bulletin herewith. This bulletin expresses our situation today and at the same time gives you an idea of the damage in other districts not far distant from your property. This will be all the information that we can give you as to the extent of the damage to the groves we operate for at least another week since the weather will change the situation from day to day. We are hoping to get some good rains and the quicker we get them the better off we will be since the moisture will stimulate the trees and have some of the leaves that were bitten. Leaves on the trees have fallen to the ground and a good many more will fall if we do not get a good rain.

Our packing house has shipped what fruit we had picked before the freeze and no fruit has been picked since the freeze as we consider it might pose a hazard to sell fruit that might have been frozen. Our packing house will not operate again until after the holidays and by that time we can tell what fruit we have that is suitable for the market.

Yours very truly,
C. H. Walker.

The Waverly bulletin says in part: The freeze damage in itself was a bad enough blow to the state, but added to it is the necessity of living down the consequences of over 2,000 cars of frozen fruit picked since the freeze and sent to market. This may bring a few dollars to a few hard-pressed growers, but it will cost millions to Florida as the good citrus packing house in the State should have been closed after cleaning up what was on hand, and kept closed until such time as the good could be separated from the bad. What was left would have brought something, but now all Florida shipping will be under suspicion, and the good must suffer with the bad.

Commissioner Mayo is taking hold of the thing now, but the damage has already been done. He feels the law did not empower him to go so far as to close the houses, and probably he was right, but how about Secretary Wallace and his Marketing Agreement and his Control Committee?

Episcopal Church Christmas Services

Dec. 22—
Fourth Sunday in Advent
7:30 Holy Eucharist
9:30 Church Service
11:00 Morning Service
5:30 Junior Y. P. S. L.
7:30 Advent Devotions and Ad-

Dec. 23—
Feast of the Nativity
Midnight Mass beginning at one o'clock before twelve on Christmas Eve.
8 A. M. Holy Eucharist.
The Festival of the Nativity will be celebrated at the Church of the Redeemer with the first Christmas service celebrated at midnight on Wednesday Eve, lasting until 1 A. M. Christmas morning. A beautiful program of appropriate music will be rendered by the choir. There will be an address by the Rev. Father. The Rector will deliver his Christmas message on the Sunday within the octave.

Avon Park Students At Gainesville Form Chinese Fraternity

Avon Park students at the University of Florida at Gainesville have formed a new social fraternity. The new organization differs from the usual Greek letter group and is of a Chinese character, and has been named Hop To Gai Ding. At a meeting held Wednesday evening the following officers were elected:

Mandarin—G. M. Lee.
First Hatcher-Man—Marcus Covington.
Second Hatcher-Man—G. D. Godwin.
Sergeant—Nelson Smith.
Deputy of Biji Pagoda—Raymond Vickery.
Mahout—S. S. Johnston.
Happiest Blue Elephant—James Roberts.
Guardian of Odeitha—Sport Mercer.
Keeper of the Buddha Seal—Walton Touchton.
Paraphernalia Man—Arthur Johnston.

The purpose of Hop To Gai Ding are those of promoting social intercourse, scholastic achievement, and of furthering the welfare of the Avon Park students on the campus. The motto of the order is Ho Shu Shung. Colors are red and black. During the Christmas holidays when all of the members are at their homes in Avon Park, there will be an official convocation, presided over by Mandarin Lee, and possibly there may be an invitation dance.

MOTHER OF CIRCUIT JUDGE BARKER DEAD

Funeral Services Were Held
In Jacksonville Sunday
Afternoon At 3:30

Circuit Judge W. J. Barker was notified Saturday of the unexpected death of his mother, Mrs. William D. (Kate W.) Barker, at Marietta, Ga. Mrs. Barker, well known in Sebring, having visited her son several times. She had been shopping and came home tired but otherwise in apparently normal health. She passed away in peaceful sleep.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the chapel of Moulton and Kyle in Jacksonville. The Rev. Richard J. Broyles, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Gainesville, officiated.

The pallbearers were H. P. Osborne, Fred B. Noble, P. M. Ulrich, John W. Martin, W. E. Williams, and Gordon Fields.

Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery in Jacksonville.

Mrs. Barker was formerly a resident of Jacksonville. She is survived by two sons, Judge W. J. Barker of Sebring, and Edward L. Barker of Augusta, Ga.; two daughters, Mrs. F. E. A. Schilling of Marietta, Ga., and Mrs. H. C. Beatty Sr., of Gainesville; one brother, Otto Agricola of Gadsden, Ala.; and two sisters, Mrs. J. L. Hays of Macon and Mrs. A. K. White of Marietta.

Rotarians Discuss Fish and Game Laws

The fish and game laws of Florida and other states are discussed by Avon Park Rotarians at their regular luncheon Wednesday noon at the Jacaranda Hotel. The discussion was a follow up of the talk given by Senator L. Spessard Holland at the luncheon last week and H. M. Johnson led the round table talk. He cited the changes needed in the laws of Florida and told of his knowledge of laws and their operation in several of the northern states.

Visitors for the occasion were Louis Alamy and George Guthrie of Sebring and Charles M. de la Roche of Branford, Conn.

Jacaranda Arrivals

Recent arrivals at the Jacaranda Hotel for extended stays include: Mrs. J. E. Frey of Grand Rapids, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wright of St. Joseph, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers of Kingston, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. George H. Dakin of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Mrs. Harold Fossum of Green Lake, Wis.

Tuberculosis is the greatest cause of death between the ages of 15 and 45. When you buy Christmas cards you are helping in the prevention and control of this disease.

CATCH IT



Levi Rumberger Died Here Wednesday; Interment Today

Funeral services were held today for Levi Rumberger who passed away here Wednesday evening at the home of his step-daughter, Mrs. H. C. Jackson. The services were conducted by Rev. J. B. Reid, pastor of the Methodist church here and interment was in the Winter Haven cemetery by the side of his wife.

Mr. Rumberger was 85 years of age last March and was born in Ohio. He moved to Winter Haven about 30 years ago and later to Avon Park and had made his home with Mrs. Rumberger for the last 10 years. In 1922 he married Mrs. Harriet E. Chadwick, a widow with two sons and three daughters. Survivors: two daughters, Mrs. Etta Meek and Mrs. Myrtle McNally, both of Toledo, Ohio.

Cash Prizes To Be Given Students For Best Posters-Essays

Winter Haven, Fla., Dec. 20.—(Special).—The management of the Florida Orange Festival, a few days ago, offered a series of cash prizes for the best posters and the best essays, drawn or written by students of Florida high schools, calculated to illustrate the health giving properties of oranges and grapefruit.

Since the notice of the offer was mailed to the schools of the state, it dawned upon the promotion department of the festival that it was not quite fair to ask junior high students to compete, on equal terms, with the senior high, averaging several years older and with the greater experience that even a few years give. So, a later notice has been mailed to school principals apprising them of the fact that there will be separate prizes for the juniors, of equal value with those offered for the efforts of the seniors.

Posters submitted in the competition by juniors will be displayed at the festival in a booth apart from the booth assigned the display to be made by the seniors. The winning poster will be used in a citrus publicity campaign following the festival.

Benefit Performance For The Boy Scout

The finance committee of the Boy Scouts council has arranged to have the faculty of Southern College present a program at the high school auditorium on Friday night, January 1. The accounts will have tickets on sale within a few days and it is hoped that everyone possible will cooperate so that sufficient money will be raised to balance the budget.

COUNTY AGENT'S COLUMN

A trip made by your County Agent checking over citrus conditions in this and other counties following the cold weather last week showed very plainly the value of elevation and nearness to deep lakes for cold protection. The full extent of the cold damage will not be known for many weeks but it seems evident that it was greater than calculated by most people. The decrease in the total amount of fruit still left for market will have a bolstering effect on the citrus prices. It would appear advisable at this time to hold good fruit for a better market.

There are several ideas concerning the effect of cold on plant tissues. Following previous cold spells there have been a large number of opinions concerning proper amount to cut the trees and plants back and in several instances growers were persuaded to prune only half their grove and leave the other half until the late spring or early summer. These grove owners reported that the cold which were not pruned after the cold until considerably later were much the better part of the grove. Several growers reported these plots and remarked on their value. Experience has fully shown it very inadvisable to prune avocado trees after they have been injured by cold weather. The pruning in this case should not be done until many weeks after the extent of the cold injury has been determined. Cold damage is now showing up on a number of plantings as well as native vegetation and while the cold weather last week is the worst Florida has had in very many years, it is bringing to light many spots which have excellent cold protection.

Arrangements have been made for Dr. Ed Everett to be in this county on Thursday to vaccinate a number of dogs for hog cholera. Any one desiring this work should contact this office at the earliest possible moment.

Machines Installed To Spray Orange Blossom Perfume

Winter Haven, Fla., Dec. 20.—(Special).—According to officials of the Florida Citrus Festival, which will be held in this city, the last week in January, arrangements have been made for the installation in the festival buildings of machines which will spray orange blossom perfume, similar to those used in the Florida exhibit at a Century of Progress exposition in Chicago, last summer and the summer before. The perfume air proved to be a great attraction at the World Fair and it is believed will prove equally attractive at the orange festival.

Masonic Bodies Elect Officers For Coming Year

At recent elections held by the Masonic bodies of Avon Park, the following were named to hold office for the coming year:

Holyrood Commandery No. 27, Knights Templar: Fred M. Smith, Eminent Commander; Howard C. Madrox, Generalissimo; Alex. Stedman, Captain General; D. G. Perry, treasurer; D. F. Canfield, recorder; William G. Hays of Wausau, senior warden and Demos Mandis, junior warden.

Poinciana Lodge, F. & A. M.: C. R. Ginn, Jr., Worshipful Master; H. C. Madrox, Senior Warden; D. G. Perry, Junior Warden; S. J. Jordan, treasurer and E. E. Melton, secretary.

Poinciana Lodge and Leigh Chapter, O.E.S., will hold joint installation ceremonies on the evening of Friday, December 28. Previous to the installation there will be a banquet at 6 o'clock at the Masonic Hall.

Florida League of Municipalities Met At Miami Biltmore

Coral Gables, Dec. 20.—(FNS).—The Florida League of Municipalities in session at the Miami Biltmore Hotel last week, endorsed an inclusive state sales tax to replace revenue lost through adoption of the homestead exemption amendment.

The sales tax resolution was adopted by a 40 to 33 vote after a lengthy controversy and recommended the formulation of a program of taxation on sales without exemptions.

The league also recommended that the 1935 Legislature provide the state railroad commission with sufficient funds for a state-wide investigation of telephone rates.

The session was requested by Governor Sholtz to appoint a joint commission of municipal, county and school authorities to draft a revenue plan for schools to be presented to the legislature.

B. H. Bridges, city auditor of Tallahassee, was unanimously elected president of the organization for 1935. Mr. Bridges has been active for many years in the League of Municipalities and is well qualified to direct its endeavor.

The meeting was well attended and described as the best convened in the history of the league. A telegram was read from J. P. Newell, executive secretary of the League, expressing his regrets in being unable to attend the session.

Avon Park Ladies In Auto Crash Due to Woods Fire

The extreme danger caused by woods fires was illustrated on Monday morning when three Avon Park residents were injured and their car wrecked about eight miles west of Plant City on the road to Tampa. Mrs. Tim Collins, Mrs. E. O. Knight and daughter Miss Olive Knight, were enroute to Tampa when they entered a dense patch of smoke from a woods fire. Miss Knight was driving and before she could slow down the car crashed into the rear of a truck travelling slowly in the same direction. All the ladies were badly cut and bruised and the front end of the car badly damaged.

A passing motorist stopped to render assistance and his car was demolished by another truck due to lack of visibility on account of the smoke and other cars had narrow escapes.

The three ladies were removed to their homes here Monday evening and are recovering as well as can be expected.

Rev. Frink to Fill Local Pastorate

The First Baptist church held a call business meeting Monday evening at the church for the purpose of calling a pastor for the church.

Rev. Loya Frink of Ft. Myers was unanimously called to fill the pastorate.

He will take over his charge the first of the year.

ELECTION ON LOCAL OPTION QUESTIONED

The legality of the local option election held last month in conjunction with the general election was questioned before the county commissioners at their meeting Tuesday. Charles Beresford, who had presented a petition for the election and representing a number of the signers, stated that a number of the ballots were inaccurate in that in a number of cases the two paragraphs, for and against, had been transposed and he had written the attorney general whose reply referred him to the prosecuting attorney if he considered the law had been violated.

Complaint Is Made To Board of County Commissioners Monday

The police chief had received complaints relative to the distribution of handbills, some people designating them as nuisances in that they cluttered up the streets and yards. There is an ordinance on the books relative to handbills and their distribution, but the board of county commissioners in their opinion as to whether it should be enforced and no action was taken. Councilman W. T. Hall thought that those making the complaints should appear before council and state their case.

The police chief also asked an ordinance against the "hip pocket bootlegger." He stated there are several in the city and he was at a loss as to how to proceed against them as the state is now wet but the county is dry. He was informed there are ordinances on the books at present that would cover the situation.

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"I came back from the Convention convinced of three things:—First, that tax non-exemption property for operating expense is unjust and unequitable; Second, that further consideration of the question of refunding, and that the chances are that bond holders will, in the course of time, consent to the reduction of principal indebtedness; Third, that this City should take steps to procure its own facilities for furnishing to its citizens electric power and water as a source of revenue for administrative purposes."

Sunday School Program

The Congregational Sunday school program and Christmas treat for the children will be held Monday evening at 7:30 at the church. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Mr. Keller also asked for additional projects in districts three, four and five as the present road maintenance work would come to an end by the close of the year. He suggested a number of projects might be repaired or rebuilt, the county to supply the material and the FERA the labor under county supervision. This suggestion was agreed to by the board.

The following bonds were approved: Notary public, L. D. Foster and Justice of the Peace, W. H. McCarthy, district one.

The board adjourned to meet again on Tuesday, January 2, 1934, at 10 o'clock. The board is in preparation for the new ball to take office on Tuesday, January 8.

NO ACTION YET BY CITY COUNCIL ON BOND REFUND

Egg Ordinance Introduced;
City Attorney Reports
On City Meeting

The proposed plan for refunding Avon Park's bonded indebtedness came up for further discussion at the city council meeting Tuesday night but no action was taken despite the urgings of Harry Bennett, representing the L. C. Atkins Co. who are sponsoring the plan. A formal draft of the plan was read but contained several provisions not heretofore mentioned and at which the council balked. Councilman Fred Smith said he had discussed another plan with a certain party whom he declined to name and said he would get further details which he thought should be considered. Further discussion and maybe action will be had at the first council meeting of the new year.

Councilman Smith introduced an egg ordinance which was read for the first time. This ordinance which is in line with the state law on the subject has been requested by the poultrymen and would govern the grading and sale of eggs in Avon Park. It is said it would protect the housewife and insure her getting the grade of eggs called for and would also enable the poultrymen to obtain better prices for their product.

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Wishing You A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christmas Holidays Begin Friday December, 21

THE STAFF

Editor-in-Chief—Allie Lee Belin
Assistant and General Editor—Bessie Garrett
Jokes Editor—Martha Weaver
Senior Reporter—Brenta Durward
Junior Reporter—Zelda Langford
Sophomore Reporter—
Freshman Reporter—
Eighth A Reporter—
Eighth B Reporter—
Curtis Harwick and W. A. Jacobs
Seventh A Reporter—Mary Pardee
Seventh B Reporter—
Edna Earle Griffin

EDITORIAL

Something that we all need is sportsmanship. Play square in all you do. A good sport will stand up for what's right all the time. One who does things just because the crowd does is not a good sport. He does not have the backbone to say no when he knows the thing he is doing is not right. A good sport can give fair play even when foul play is being given him. The members of a team are responsible for the standing of that team. Avon Park High has a record of good clean sports and the students by showing real sportsmanship have made that record. The present students are striving to uphold that record and we hope they succeed in making it better.

SENIORS

The haunted looks and despairing looks of the seniors in typing class Thursday night have wrought the hardest heart and brought tears to the driest eyes. "Such a queer test," I lamented. Well, we'll know what to expect next time, we hope! The grades did not show up so grandly but we're the kind who can take it, and then some.

Which reminds me that knokeys come from all directions. Snooping may not be a very dignified occupation (if you've ever seen anyone peeping through a keyhole, you'll agree) but at least it's an entertaining one—for the snoopers. I mean. There's always two sides to a question just as there's two sides to a door. You may be sure that the one on the outside,

looking in, has nothing to complain of unless it is that the keyhole isn't large enough. But oh! poor little "snooped on!" There's his side to be considered. She weighs it heavily but unfortunately most others do not. If you are spoken of in every other issue, well, you must be a person of affairs. Don't cry, take it standing and next time be sure to leave the key in the door.

There are things and then some more things that might be said but probably the most important is that we are doing something different. Really different?

It's hardly believable but nevertheless it's true. Now when the senior girls go so smart that they can go over and teach the little children their numbers, something's going to happen. Looking very serious and strict they sit and command the situation (and children) with a solemnity befitting Mr. Carmichael. Just imagine! But any way, the one who laughs last laughs longest, so watch out, we may be teaching you some day.

Love,
Senior Reporter.

EIGHTH GRADE A

We are all looking forward to the Christmas holidays this year. We will have two weeks for Christmas this year instead of one week. We had to stop practicing basketball because the court had to be worked on, but we will start practice again next week.

We get our report cards this week. Most of us passed our monthly tests last week. Our department grades are worrying most of us.

We are enjoying our play periods very much. We missed several of them because it was too cold to get outside and play, but we are glad it is warm again.

NINTH GRADE NEWS

Our longed for Christmas vacation is just about here. It doesn't seem much like Christmas though, since it's so warm.

We're glad to say our freshmen who were out with the mumps are back again. We hope no one else is going to have them.

Maybe we'll have some news worth telling after Christmas. We hope so. Until then, Merry Christmas!

JUNIOR NEWS

So sorry I didn't have any of my "hot from the press" news for you last week, but, can't you understand? Tests, teachers, colds 'n' all.

I cannot discuss much news about class activities, but I do want to mention the Christmas seals. Miss Bryant is in charge of the sales to Highlands County. I do hope we Juniors helped out in the sales of the little things, because it goes for a very good cause—helping the patients in the State Sanatorium for the Tubercular. Let's buy all we possibly can.

Several of the Junior boys were grouped around a tree this morning enjoying the nice warm sunshine, while last week at the same time they were huddled around the school heaters complaining about Mother Nature's course in managing the unwelcome cold weather. But this week we are all happy by once again, and I hope the warmth of the sun will hold out till Friday anyway!

Only four more days of school till good old Christmas comes. All be glad to get out of school for two solid weeks! I hope the Juniors won't like it too much and fail to return.

The Juniors are having quite a time in choosing the play we hope to produce in March. Several want a mystery play; others a strictly farce comedy. We have definitely decided on a comedy, but now—what shall it be? Maybe we will have that settled right after Christmas.

Mr. Funderburke is really coming back on his history. He is still giving us puges and chapters. Then it is always "at least fifteen pages."

The Juniors are certainly well pleased with one of our outstanding teachers, of course you know it is Mr. Peden. She is lovely to us, doesn't try to drill us with burdensome work—always smiling, and what's the most she teaches us is such a way that we are grasping everything she atters.

What's this we have been hearing about our friends, the snoopers? Did they get a bit too personable or what?

Must sign off. The Juniors are hoping that all have a very merry Christmas!

LEE-LEE

Memories of a Senior—The thrill of the first day at school—Learning to write, patiently waiting for recess—wondering who our next teacher would be—the second grade studies—learning the Time Tables—entertainments at the close of school—not forgetting the fairy scene of the third grade—fourth grade exams—very glad to know of being exempt—first year in history—graduating from the sixth and the joy of receiving a diploma—the first year in high school—the importance of being able to go to study hall—learning how to cook and sew. The many times we were bawled trying to open the oven—the thrill of the first laundry bag and the crooked seams we hoped would go unnoticed—Latin in the ninth—trying to talk but only being able to conjugate verbs in perfection—running from a snake in Biology class and drawing spiders, worms, butterflies and grasshoppers—in the opening class of the Seniors and striving to have the best year to increase the bank-roll—spending our hard earned money on the Junior-Senior banquet and closing up our Junior year by ushering the last nights and wondering how we would feel one year from then—and now Christmas is here and we're headed for the closing of our school year's chapter—our play is gone never to be seen again but only wishing we could give another one before we are gone—and now as our professor says "the weeping and gnashing of teeth" almost at hand for the first senior exams will be here and most of us will wonder if we will remain for another year or be able to go on and through the final exercises hoping to be heard and seen in later life.

EIGHTH GRADE B

James Ward's team defeated Peyton Covington's team Saturday, Dec. 17, ten to four. The pitcher and catcher on Peyton's team were Dalvin Jones and Walter Sherertz, and on James' team, Curtis Barwick and "Like" Harlan.

Christmas is creeping up on us, and we will have to hustle to be prepared for it. We will all be glad when we have to come back after Christmas, because we will have to take some examinations.

SOPHOMORE NEWS

Am I not? Well, I should snicker! What's this I hear about the snoopers' column being discontinued? Seriously, folks, we Sophomores would like to have the snoopers' column in the school paper, for it does kind of live things up a bit. Why, the snoopers' column is the first thing we look for when we pick up the paper. For if you don't like the things they put in the paper about you, don't 'em. So please, snoopers, continue your column so that we'll know what's going on around our Avon Park.

During the Christmas vacation we are going to lose a mighty nice girl, Louise Ferguson is leaving our crew to go to Texas. But you a dollar to a doughnut she comes with a cowboy. By the way, Louise, if you should happen to see some good looking cowboys in the wild and woolly west who aren't cross-eyed, knocked, pigeon-toed or like, let us know, will you? A Coach surely is good to us in Algebra class, now. He's going to give us a test at the end of the week instead of waiting 'til after Christmas vacation. It's a good thing up here, because after Christmas vacation we'll probably feel like a stuffed turkey, but I imagine we'll be quite light headed.

This week is report card week. Now, excuse me, folks, while I think over my grades. Let's see—Latin—had a test Friday and Miss Pearson won't tell us our grades. Biology—Might have a test soon—not so good. Algebra—oh, gosh! that reminds me, I've got some Algebra to do. Pardner me, folks, for rushing off but I have a lot of work to do. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

SPORTS

Football seems to be of greatest interest in the school. At noon and recess you can always find boys playing with a football. Most of them are in the lower grades, but they are getting training which they can use when they get to high school.

The pupils of the high school are looking forward to a volleyball team and basketball team. Basketball is not in the school, but very few of the pupils have played volleyball ball before. Basketball practice will start after the holidays.

A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Just my way of wishing each and every pupil and teacher a most happy and joyous Christmas, and a really, truly, prosperous New Year! Give for the joy of giving, remembering that "the gift without the giver is bare." Live for the privilege of serving your fellow man, your country and your God. Remember to be temperate in all things, in eating, and drinking, in living, and loving. And may we all be back together on January 7, 1935, ready for what is ahead of us, with a smile on our faces and joy and courage in our hearts!

JOKES

Miss Bryant—"Correct this sentence: It was me that spilled the ink."
Elmeria S.—"It wasn't me that spilled the ink."

Bessie—Is there any truth in the report that Ralph has bought the gasoline station?
Sara Lusk—Well I don't know for sure, but the "Free Air" signs have been taken down.

Pupil—Come in and see our new baby.
Teacher—Thank you but I will wait until your mother is better.

Pupil—You needn't be afraid, teacher it's not catching.

Judge—Your wife asks for a divorce because you neglect her and go out nights. What have you to say?
Defendant—Nothing, your honor, except that I don't like to stay at home alone.

Marie H.—I'm afraid your dinner will be a bit burnt tonight, darling.

Harry H.—Oh, did they have a fire at the delicatessen?

Allie—Why did Woodson call off his date with his night light?

Ruth—Oh, he had his reason.
Allie—Heavens! When did he recover it?

Helen D.—The famous artist, Mr. Coloby, wants me to pose for his next painting, entitled "Cleopatra and the Snake."

Ruby—That's great, who has he selected to pose as Cleopatra?

WE WILL HAVE TWO WEEKS THIS YEAR

Christmas holidays begin after school Friday the 21 for all school children in Highlands County. We are all eager to see them arrive but late to think of another year going by.

We will have two weeks vacation this year due to the fact that there will be a state teachers meeting in Jacksonville and all the teachers will attend. School will open again January 7, 1935, and it is hoped that each class will be enlarged and many good resolutions made by all pupils.

This will give us one month before exams start in February, so it would mean to keep this in mind and not forget all that has been taught him before vacation. All his knowledge will be needed, so have a Merry Christmas and be prepared for an extremely good New Year.

HOME ECONOMICS

Last week we had a very interesting visit from Miss Boethia Froben, the State Supervisor of Home Economics. She spoke to us about the importance of studying Home Making and the value of Home Making to the individual.

Miss Froben said that the projects of the girls in Miss Thomas' Home Economics class were the best she had seen in any of the schools this entire school year. She also said that although every school had to send three projects to her she was going to see if she could not pick one to send them all to her and so far, it looks as if we might be the chosen school. We certainly would all be proud if we were. We studied about eggs last week and that completed our unit on breakfast foods. When we come back to school after the Christmas holidays we are going to plant, cook, serve, and eat a complete breakfast.

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NEWS AND VIEWS ON ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

No topic is more bitterly debated than that of whether or not extension of the powers and activities of the Federal government is desirable or necessary. But it is not debatable that during the last two years there has been an astonishing and unprecedented development of the Federal bureaucracy. There are now 30 agencies, wholly or partially supported by Federal

funds, or directly under Government supervision, which have the power to make loans. Here is a partial list—and few will find many of the names familiar:—
CCC (Central Bank for Cooperatives)—Makes loans to large cooperative associations to finance the sale of farm products and the development of better marketing facilities.
CCC (Commodity Credit Corporation)—Works to stabilize the market of farm products by making purchases in the open market and encouraging, with financial aid, the creation of marketing agencies.
FERA (Federal Emergency Relief Administration)—Grants money to states for loans to farmers, and financial homeadeers in the Rural Industrial Community projects.
FLB (Federal Land Banks)—Makes mortgage loans on 1/2 m. lands.

HOLC (Home Owners' Corporation)—Relieves home-owners by taking over, for making loans, cannot meet, and replacing with new mortgages whose terms are much easier.
PCA (Production Credit Associations)—Makes general farm loans.
PWA (Public Works Administration)—Most famous of the bureau, and most important. Makes loans to states, cities, counties, railroads and some other types of corporations for improvements and developments.
PWEHC (Public Works Emergency Housing Corporation)—Designed to stimulate the building of low cost homes, by making long time loans on highly favorable terms. Due to a decision against it by Comptroller of the Currency J. R. McCarl, its work is being handled at present by the PWA.
RFC (Reconstruction Finance Corporation)—A holder for the Hoover regime. Provides emergency capital for financing agricultural and industrial undertakings.

TVA (Tennessee Valley Authority)—Builds municipal power plants in towns in the Muscle Shoals Area, provides them with power at wholesale rates, and sells them the plants on the "easy payment" plan.

USSBB (United States Shipping Board Bureau)—Lends to American ship-building concerns.

duction Loan Office)—Makes loans, for crop production purposes, to farmers who cannot obtain credit from other Government agencies.
HEHA (Electric Home and Farm Authority)—Is making possible the sale of electric labor-saving devices at extremely low prices, by cutting interest and financing charges.
FCUS (Federal Credit Union System)—This bureau is backed and supervised by the government, but receives no public money. It promotes cooperative associations in order to provide members with a source of short-term credit.
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Ginger Rogers



The elfin mood of Ginger Rogers is caricatured by Artist Berman. She is co-starred with Fred Astaire in the sumptuous musical comedy "The Gay Divorcee," RKO-Radio Picture. Coming to New Circle Theatre next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 27, 28 and 29. Matinee, Saturday, 3:30 p. m.

There, as Al Smith would say, is the record. Functions that, a few years ago, were considered the exclusive province of state or private interests have been taken over by the Federal government in the course of its great recovery drive. Administration supporters say that the new bureaus are essential, that they are doing an invaluable work which only the Federal government can adequately do.

Administration critics shake their heads, denounce what they believe is a trend toward Fascism. The average citizen, faced with a multitude of dissenting opinions and persuasive arguments, is in a continual daze.

Latest reports show slow, but steady improvement in conditions in general. It is certain that there will be a sharp rise in the immediate future, due to Christmas buying, which has not yet been reflected in the indicators. Specific items are:

AUTOMOBILES: Last week shows an increase in production of 4,000 units over preceding week. October assemblies were about

30 per cent under September. During the first eleven months of the year, sales were well above the comparable period in 1933.

CARLOADINGS: Rose lately, but still below level of the same period last year. Increases are shown in shipments of coal, livestock and miscellaneous freight.

SECURITIES: Both stocks and bonds have tended toward higher levels recently. In the stock market, trading has been lethargic, while bond market transactions have increased.

COAL: Production is at a fairly high level, comparing favorably with last year.

STEEL: Has steadily increased output in late months. However, input is considerably below the level reached at the same time last year.

COMMODITY PRICES: Recently declined for the fourth successive week. Late estimates place the average at 70 (100 equalling 1926 figure).

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BEHIND THE LINES

The "Inside" on the News
By OSCAR M. JOHNSON and KENT WATSON

TALLAHASSEE. The Board of State Institutions, otherwise known as the "big board" has held better than an average of one meeting a week since the present administration came into being. With two weeks to go before a full two year period closes, the board has held 123 meetings. The Board of Prisons has held 93 meetings during the same lapse of time.

Report has it that a committee of the State Bar Association has been organized here should be a committee. The method of selecting judges will make recommendations to the January annual meeting at St. Augustine. Proposal is made to provide for a first choice by the members of the bar and various processes leading to final determination are declared to be under consideration. Belief is that there is small likelihood of the suggestion meeting with any popular approval.

What the outcome of the new phase of the controversy, it is certain that atomic spray will be another major question before the next legislature.

Sam Getzen is having a hard time of it concerning his Senate Text Book Investigating committee to formulate a report to the 1935 session of the legislature. He called one meeting late in November, which he postponed. Another meeting was called for December 14. This was also postponed to the middle of January. The committee has spent \$1,000 investigating this book and that, will have little to report to the legislature, it is said. Two members named on the committee will not be in the 1935 senate. They are Edwin Larson, collector of revenue, who resigned as senator from Clay, and Senator Black, of Hamilton, who did not aspire for another term.

Each succeeding legislature sees the enactment of many special "road designation bills," placing special road and bridge districts highways under state maintenance. Chief inspiration generally behind such measures are bonding houses which furnished the finances for construction. So many such enactments occurred in recent sessions that it became necessary to almost completely revise the state road numbering system.

R. A. Green, of Starke, fumed for his ten gallon hat, flowing hair and longer than average belt adorning, oldest Florida member of Congress in point of service, is declared to be casting his vote on the Governor's seat. Soon after the death of Speaker Rainey, the second district congressman, declared himself a candidate for speaker, he signed recently in support of Barnes, of Tennessee.

Two prisoners who were due to have received Christmas pardons forfeited their right to release from Raiford. A negro went berserk after the pardon was denied

on, and a white prisoner lost his opportunity when a dagger was found in his cell. The board revoked both pardons.

Rumblings which seem to echo a demand for a "new deal" in the distribution of approximately \$12,000,000 in annual net revenue from racing are being heard. The beating of the tom tom sound in several directions as to the state income tax, many needs would be supplied with it if conflicting thoughts of legislators could all be satisfied. Vigorously opposed will be the smaller counties which use the revenues from racing to substantially reduce their real estate tax burdens. The revenue is supplied from racing in six or seven counties and these want a "fairer cut."

It is considered more than probable that the State Racing Commission will recommend a thirty day extension of the present racing period. Favorable reception by the legislature would mean that the racing period would be extended to May first. Thought is that it will help to hold the winter visitors longer.

It is not generally known, but Governor Sholtz was recently reported to have died suddenly. The report was persistent in Jacksonville, kept reporters on their toes until Governor Sholtz reached his destination to deny the accuracy of the rumor. He was out of touch with his office for several hours on his way to attend the dedication of Corrie Field at Pensacola.

Though authority for the statement cannot be recalled, it is known that an investigator recently made an extended survey of retail outlets from Florida's border to as far north as Pittsburgh to ascertain from stock-keepers the degree of acceptability of Florida citrus fruit. It was a personal tour. The comment of the operators of the stores, together with addresses, was kept. Understanding is that the findings were not at all flattering.

Because of inadequate accommodations at Raiford State Prison, many guards are forced to sleep in cells as virtual prisoners. In the event of trouble in the prison at night, it would be difficult to get them out to help restore order, it is said. The proposed new administration buildings, when, as and if built, would make ample provision for the accommodation of all prison guards. The new administration building will be an "L" shaped structure. Plans are being drawn by M. Leo Elliott, of Tampa, with funds supplied by the State Planning Board through the FERA. Plans will not cost the state a cent, but unless the federal government comes to assistance with finances, the building would cost the state plenty. In the later eventuality there is small prospect that it will be built at any early date.

Two judges of the Supreme Court asked for "new work" last week. The fact constituted something of a precedent. It is not to be taken, however, that the judges were without work of any kind. Something like 100 cases are in circulation among the judges for their consideration and final determination. Another four hundred cases await the filing of briefs or the holding of oral arguments. The dispatch of these 400 cases largely depends on the facilities with which interested lawyers ask for oral argument, or the sending in of necessary briefs.

It is said that the Dupont interests at Jacksonville will build the first news print paper mill in the South. It will be located somewhere on the Florida West Coast, probably adjacent to some several hundred thousand acres of lands well wooded which they have acquired in recent years.

Reform of the State's Criminal code will be licensed at the Bar Association early in January. Comment of lawyers who practice criminal law is that it will be a prosecuting attorney's code, largely placing the burden of innocence on the accused who will be presumed to be guilty when he enters the portals of the court rooms. Vigorous opposition to it being recommended to the legislature at the St. Augustine meeting.

Chief Justice Fred H. Davis is setting up cases for January hearing by the Supreme Court. He's leaving that, he says, to "the next chief justice, whoever he is." If betting odds could appropriately be placed on the probable result, they would be overwhelmingly in favor of the reelection of the present presiding judge.

In the event of the adoption of an Old Age Pension law by the next Congress, it is generally believed that it would be predicated on state participation. Most likely bill provides for a 75-25 per cent burden. The 25 per cent share of cost would be borne by the state. It is estimated that there are 750,000 men and women over 65 years of age who need such a pension, \$30 per month. Cost to pro-

vide them would be \$275,000,000 annually. Florida's share would be \$818,413. Something else for the 1935 session to think about. There is admittedly small chance of Florida's participating in the program at any time soon even if the plan succeeds in congress.

The state has adopted a policy of refusing to sell any more timber rights on state-owned lands. State Hotel Commissioner, J. B. Sullivan believes St. Petersburg will be first tourist city to have an over-flow this season. There is ample evidence to support the belief that appropriations to the State Experiment Station at Gainesville will be substantially curtailed next session. Senator Hodges is quoted as having said that it is not beyond the pale of possibility that the 1935 session will extend into extra days. Supreme Court grounds are at their radiant best these days, what with berry laden holly trees and other attractive shrubbery. More than half a million dollars is said to be due the state insurance fund in loans made by preceding administrations and in unpaid premiums on buildings.

Comptroller Lee, however, has seen to it that all premiums which have fallen due to the fund during his term have been fully paid. The state motor vehicle department is operating with less employees than have been on the pay-roll in times past. George Wilder, state motor vehicle commissioner, is a short hand artist. For years he served as secretary to Congressman Sparkman, later became legislator, speaker of the house, banker, extensive orange grower and is now one of the "little cabinet". Six cents of every dollar spent for automobile licenses is set aside for the Motor Licensing department's administrative costs. Col. Ayres, superintendent of the State Hospital at Chattahoochee, says that the

hospital population last Saturday was 4,100 unfortunate souls, a population larger than many another well known small Florida town. It costs in excess of \$1,000,000 a year to maintain the State Hospital.

Principal reason for the State Road Department's abbreviated 1934 building program aside from construction financed out of Public Works grants, in that when the present administration came into being the department inherited a debt of over two and a half million dollars. Since April 1933 the department has liquidated \$1,420,000 of the debt. There is little chance for any road building in 1935 except with the \$2,500,000 supplied by the Federal Government, the last of the P. W. A. grants to be expected.

The Florida education association will assemble at Jacksonville the first week in January, will press for an appropriation of \$10,500,000 in state aid. The program shows no invitation extended to the governor to address the assembled instructors. The organization is expected to adopt a definite program of financing school needs for submission to the legislature.

Since the first of this year pension costs to the state have dropped \$5,000 a month. About \$600 per month is now required to provide a \$40 pension to old soldiers and widows.

Court House To Close
All offices in the court house at Sebring will be closed for the Christmas holidays at noon on Saturday, December 22. They will be open again on Wednesday morning, December 26.

Deputies Capture 20 Gallons of "Shine"

Wednesday morning Deputies E. G. Long and Broward Coker had an exciting race when they captured a negro, Clarence Robinson, north of Avon Park with 20 gallons of moonshine liquor. The officers chased the negro from Highland Lakes hotel into the residential section of Avon Park where he went into the ditch.

Deputy Long said at times they had to drive at nearly 90 miles per hour to keep up with the fugitive. Another negro was in the car with Robinson and both men are in jail charged with transportation and possession of illegal liquor and Robinson is also charged with reckless driving.

Each year in the United States alone approximately 10,000 children die of tuberculosis despite the fact that it is curable and preventable.

JUST BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS

At this particular time our thoughts are directed to the Holidays, more perhaps than upon business. Some may condemn such an attitude, but we cannot help but feel that this is perfectly proper and purely a characteristic of American people.

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CHRISTMAS

Christmas, what does it represent and what does it mean to you and I? On Tuesday next all Christendom will celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ who was born in a manger in Bethlehem 1934 years ago. He was one of the greatest men and greatest teacher the world has ever known. Upon His word and actions the Christian religion was founded and it has been handed down from generation to generation.

His birthday is the time of giving and receiving of gifts. The Wise Men brought Him gifts and He gave all for humanity and so the custom has come on down to us, you and I.

He said "It is more blessed to give than receive" and "Suffer little children to come unto me." He loved children and the anniversary of His birth is peculiarly dear to them. Let us all give to the best of our ability in order that others, and especially children, not so fortunate as ourselves, may enjoy this season to the utmost. Remember, that He gave all He had and also blessed the poor and afflicted. Let us do likewise.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

By RUSSELL KAY

I remember once when I was a kid, my dad brought home a big candy cane, one of those life size affairs that could have been used for a barber pole.

It contained enough candy to give half a dozen kids a first class tummy ache. My sister and I both wanted it. She grabbed one end and I grabbed the other and we began a tug of war that was a woe.

Both of us got our hands all sticky and managed to smear plenty of candy on our clothes. It was a small little scrap and a beautiful mess. It ended when dad got us both by an ear, took the cane away

and threw it in the fire. We both got a lickin' and went to bed without any supper.

Things like that happen now and then in all families I guess. They tell us it is human nature or somethin'.

This citrus mess reminds me of that kid quarrel. Two selfish interests reminding and yapping over the control of a candy cane that neither nature has presented to a favored section, a magnificent citrus crop of the finest fruit in the world.

While the war went merrily on as to who was to control the control committee, mother nature in exasperation steps in with a nice little cold and does a first class job of controlling just like she did in the middle west last summer after they got through drownin' pigs and plowin' under this and that.

As always, the poor grower is the goat. In the end of the day he is the one who takes the rap. The volume of freight for the railroads may be less, but they'll get paid for what they do haul. The amount of fruit handled by the co-ops and independents may be less, but they'll get their cut on what they do handle. The only one really thrown for a loss is the grower, the poor fellow who plowed and fertilized and sprayed and raised the crop.

This year a good percentage of his loss can be charged up as "an act of God." Newspaper headlines have screamed the tragic result of the recent crop loss in box car letters. The loss is from 90 to 99 percent they say. The worst loss growers have had for a few years and years.

It seems that when the weather does it, it's news. When greed, selfishness and stupidity do it, that's to be expected and we take it as a normal condition. Every year, freeze or no freeze, a good percentage of Florida's citrus crop is lost, at least it brings no profit to the growers. That tremendous loss occurs over a period of months and no one pays any attention to it.

Most every grower, at one time or another, has produced a splendid crop of fruit only to have it net him a job of red ink and a freight bill on top of that. This wiping out of a large part of our crop at one full sweep is a sad blow to those growers whose fruit was frozen, but anyhow they won't get a freight bill for it. They won't have to go on hoping and counting on a nice return only to find in the end that they got nothing. At least they know where they are.

The fruit that remains, and there is still a lot of it, will probably bring good prices. Maybe the new marketing agreement signed last week by Secretary Wallace will serve to bring all factors together and ultimately benefit the grower or it may prove to be just another scrap of paper, another lost hope.

Years ago the Florida Citrus Exchange was presented as the solution of the citrus problem but it did not work. It went along clearinghouse but it likewise failed to work. Selfishness, greed and petty politics went merrily along and undermined the foundation like termites, until the whole thing crumbled.

But hope springs eternal in the human breast. God grant the agreement will work. The poor grower has been tried even as Job.

Avon Park High Again on List of Southern Association

R. T. Fahey, supervising principal of the Avon Park public schools, has been notified by Professor Winston W. Little, of the University of Florida, that Avon Park High School has again been placed on the accredited list of secondary schools, as rated by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges. This makes the fourth consecutive year that Avon Park has had this honor. The Southern Association is the highest school rating agency in the South, corresponding to the Central Association, and others in the North. It has doubtless done more towards the upbuilding of the schools of the South than all other agencies and influences combined.

Professor Little includes a summary in his report, a number of sections of which were shown below, with comparisons shown with the local schools.

1. 115 Florida schools were accredited in 1933-34; 122 in 1934-35. Two schools did not meet requirements and did not re-apply.

2. 11 new schools applied for membership; nine were accepted.

3. The average size of the member schools is 343; and the smallest school enrolls 20; and the largest 2112 pupils.

4. The average size of the member schools is 343; and the smallest school enrolls 20; and the largest 2112 pupils. Nine schools have over a thousand pupils each. Avon Park's enrollment at the time the report was made was 233, 33 boys and 100 girls.

5. 50 schools had a term of 180 days or less in 1933-34; only six schools expect an 8-month term this year. Avon Park had a full 9-month term last year, and it is to be hoped that it will have the same this year.

6. The average pupil-teacher ratio is 22 to 1, that is, an average of one teacher for every 22 pupils. Avon Park has an average of one teacher for every 26.5 pupils, which is noticeably above the average.

7. 78 of the 122 schools have classes with more than 30 pupils each, but only 7.5% of the entire teaching force will be beyond the 750 pupil-period-per-week limit. Avon Park has two teachers with more than 750 pupil-hours per week, and was advised that such practice should not continue.

8. 7% of all pupils are allowed to carry five subjects, but only 3% of all pupils are permitted to attend five if their records show a "failure" the previous semester. Avon Park has about the average in this case.

9. In the smaller schools the average salary is \$1,000 per year; the range is from \$600 to \$2,700. In the larger schools the average salary is \$1,200. The range is from \$875 to \$2,700. These averages do not include principals or supervisory officers. Avon Park has an average high school salary of \$1,000, not including the principal.

10. Most of the high school teachers draw \$800 annually. 10.33 of the 122 schools employ college graduates only as teachers; in 71 schools over 90% hold some college degree. 87.5% of the teachers in Avon Park hold degrees from standard colleges.

11. 58% of the larger schools have the lengthened term (50 minutes or over); are 50% of the smaller schools have the lengthened period. Avon Park has seven forty-five minute periods. Several years ago the 60-minute period was tried, but it did not prove satisfactory.

12. 36 schools met the library standards in full. The others are below the standards in one or two particulars only. Avon Park is below the standard as to number of books and no teacher-librarian. At the last meeting of the Association it was voted to put the full library regulations into effect beginning next year, thus forcing Avon Park to employ a full time teacher-librarian and to purchase several hundred more volumes of books.

13. 60 schools are six-year high schools; 41 are four-year schools; and 17 are 3-year senior high schools. The Avon Park schools are organized on the six-six plan; six years in the elementary grades and six years in the high school. This plan was put into effect here beginning in the fall of 1927, or during the second year in office of the present principal.

14. 100 are public schools; 15 are church high schools; 3 military academies; and four private academies.

15. All beginning teachers, with four exceptions, met the professional standards. Avon Park has no beginning teachers in high school this year.

16. In the smaller schools, 36% of the teachers are men, but in the larger schools only 23% are men. 97 of the 100 principals in the State schools are men. 55% of the high school teachers, including the principal, in Avon Park are men.

BIG XMAS WEEK ATTRACTIONS AVON THEATRE

A week of excellent film attractions are booked for showing at the Avon theatre during the holidays. The coming week brings a program finely balanced and thoroughly entertaining.

The week opens with that delightful musical romance, "The Merry Widow" a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer-Ernest Lubitsch production. All the beautiful music of Franz Lehar has been faithfully recorded and the setting and comedy are beyond compare. No musical comedy of recent years can come up to this delightful film. The film is star studded, boasting a splendid cast headed by Maurice Chevalier, Jeanette MacDonald, Edward Everett Horton, Una Merkel, George Barbier and Merna Gombell.

The Christmas Day attraction which is also scheduled for showing on Wednesday is a picture that every man, woman and child will want to see. It is Zane Grey's famous story of the Oregon Trail, "Wagon Wheels." This picture has been especially selected for the Christmas day showings as it is a family type of picture and all will enjoy it. Randolph Scott, Gail Patrick, Monte Blue and Raymond Hatton are starred.

Patrons of the Avon theatre are advised that Bargain night prices will prevail on Thursday and Friday night of pictures and all will also apply to next week's schedule. After the holidays the price arrangement will return to the regular schedule.

Ricardo Cortez is starred in a daring mystery film, "Hat, Coat and Glove" on Thursday and Friday night of next week. The picture has just finished a run at the RKO Music Hall in New York where it enjoyed excellent praise.

H. M. Johnson, manager of the Avon Theatre for Bot Theatre Enterprises, Inc., takes this opportunity of wishing all the patrons and friends of the theatre a Merry Xmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

D. M. Barnett of Jacksonville, president of the Barnett National Bank of Avon Park, will be in the Le Maistro, assistant trust officer of the Barnett National Bank of Jacksonville, attended the directors meeting of the local bank on Thursday.

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FOR SALE—Coca-Cola barrels, 50 gallons, paraffin lined, in good condition, \$2.00 each. Suitable for hauling water, mixing sprays, etc. Avon Park Coca-Cola Bottling Co. 38fc.

WANTED—5000 sound heart post that will sq. 6x8 inches by 8 ft. long. 40c to \$1.00 each delivered. Walter Hyegma, Sebring 39-47C.

FOR SALE — 65 Three-Quarter Mattresses. Inquire at Kennelworth Lodge, Sebring. 1f.

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN CHANCERY.
Avon Florida Citrus Corporation, a Florida corporation, Complainant, vs. Eva M. Cannon and Edna B. Capron, spinsters, Defendants. — Bill to Foreclose Operation Contract.

NOTICE OF SALE
In pursuance of a final decree entered by the Honorable W. J. Barker, Judge of the above styled cause, I will offer for sale and sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the south door of the Court House in Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, for the purpose of satisfying said decree, the following described property, lying in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:

Grove numbered ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR (174) in Section THIRTY (30), Township THIRTY-THREE (33) South, Range TWENTY-NINE (29) East, according to map or plat thereof duly recorded on page 51, Plat Book 1 in said County and State, together with tenements hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging, together with every right, title and interest of every nature and kind legal or equitable that the said Eva M. Cannon and Edna B. Capron, defendants and every person or persons, corporations or partnerships claiming by, through or under them may have or claim in and to the above described property, subject, however, to any unexpired rights of the complainant.

Said sale to be held between the hours of eleven A. M. and two P. M., Eastern Standard Time, on the 7th day of January, 1935, the same being a legal day sale.

THOMAS A. McNICHOLAS, As Special Master in Chancery, Walker & Wilson, Solicitors, Bartow, Florida.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN CHANCERY.
BILL TO FORECLOSE AVON FLORIDA CITRUS CORPORATION, a Florida corporation, Complainant, vs. MARIE A. STANTON and W. J. STANTON, her husband, Defendants.

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Groves numbered SEVENTY-NINE (79) and EIGHTY (80) in Section THIRTY (30), Township THIRTY-THREE (33) South, Range TWENTY-NINE (29) East, according to map or plat thereof recorded in the public records of said County, together with tenements hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging, together with every right, title and interest of every nature and kind legal or equitable that the said MARIE A. STANTON and W. J. STANTON, her husband, defendants, and every person or persons, corporations or partnerships claiming by, through or under them may have or claim in and to the above described property.

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Dec. 21-28; Jan. 4.

Additional Loans For Freeze Damage

County Agent Louis Almsmeyer advises he has the forms for farmers and growers to obtain additional loans made necessary due to damage from the freeze. The loans will be for seed and fertilizer and applications must be in by December 31. Previous borrowers with loans unpaid can get up to \$75 and others up to \$250.



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By HELEN BECKETT
Society Editor

Anniversary Party at Taylor Home

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Taylor celebrated their second wedding anniversary with a chop suey supper at their home on Lake Ave., Monday evening.

The Taylor home was beautifully decorated with Christmas wreaths and other seasonal decorations, including a beautifully decorated tree standing in one corner of the rooms.

A delicious chop suey supper was served followed by a delightful social evening.

Those present at this lovely affair were: Mr. and Mrs. R. X. Drott, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Felkner, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Shockley, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Abrams, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bell, Miss Barbara Wever, Bill Schaeffer, Harold Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Taylor.

Peggy Lacey Hostess To Leaguers

The Leaguers of the Episcopal Church were entertained by Miss Peggy Lacey the newly re-elected president, at her home on Pleasant street, Friday evening.

Many lovely wreaths and a beautifully decorated Christmas tree made a cheerful background for the guests.

Many interesting games and contests were conducted by Father Harcourt Johnson, the most interesting being a motion picture impersonation contest in which each guest represented a movie star.

This was won by Tommy Lou Green and Bill Klump. Each was presented with a Christmas horn.

Later in the evening Santa Claus arrived with his pack, in which he carried large sticks of candy for all which he followed up by popping a large can of pop corn.

Doughnuts, marshmallows and hot chocolate was served by Mrs. Lacey who was assisted by Mrs. Robert Fairbanks and Mrs. Harcourt Johnson.

Those present at this delightful affair were: Jane Hartt, Dorothy McNicholas, Shyl Bichie, Mary Lydia Stebbins, Frances Brown, Merle Graham, Tommy Lou Green, Gail Coen, Betty Sherman, Fay Gordon, Frances Cloud, Sase Lovett, Masel Reid, Gwendolyn Reid, Dorothy Welsh, Betty Touchton, Elizabeth Hetherington, Dorothy Hughes, Mary McCarthy, Marguerite Loomis, Peggy Mandis, Vida Mae Yearwood, Ronnie Klump, Nancy Betts, Barbara Betts, Frances Durniney, Bessie Roberts.

Dickie Moore, Gwen Warm, Marvin Roddick, Cyril Baldwin, Ryland Reck, Peyton Covington, Bill Klump, Billy Engelman, David Skipper, Walter Mandis, Joe Patterson, Buddy Patterson, Jimmy Florence, Winnie England, Herbert Todd, Donald Todd, Charles Sherman, J. L. Green, John Edwin Wilkes, Jimmy Yearwood, Calvin Bryant, and others.

Tag Day To Be Held Saturday

To-morrow is Tag Day. All tags will be sold on the streets all day. Everyone is requested to cooperate by buying a number of these tags.

The proceeds will be used to buy gifts for the Community Tree. These gifts will be given away Christmas Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sheperdson of Burlington, Vermont, arrived Wednesday to spend the winter here.

B.P.W.C. Entertained At Peden Home

Mrs. Freed Peden and Mrs. C. E. Ginn, Jr. entertained the Business and Professional Women's Club at the home of Mrs. Peden last Tuesday evening.

Cheerful Christmas decorations filled the party rooms.

The usual number of progressions of bridge were enjoyed and the scores were totaled. Miss Geraldine Leslie, winner of high score, was presented a beautiful novelty powder puff. Floating prize was won by Miss Eleanor Bryant. This prize consisted of three attractive wall cloths.

Later in the evening delicious fruit cake topped with whipped cream and coffee was served for Miss Leslie Pearson, Miss Hettie Handumark, Miss Eleanor Bryant, Miss Geraldine Leslie, Miss Mattie Tompkins, Mrs. C. A. Clark, Mrs. Katherine Bristol, Mrs. C. E. Mann, Mrs. L. E. Hagood, Mrs. Pearl Spink, Mrs. H. A. Latham, and the hostesses, Mrs. Peden and Mrs. Ginn.

Miss Mable Lee Talks To Jr. Women's Club

The Junior Women's Club held their regular meeting in their club room in the city hall Friday afternoon.

A very interesting talk was given by Miss Mable Lee on "China's Contribution to the United States." During the talk Miss Lee was dressed in Chinese garments. Miss Lee is a returned Missionary from China.

After the business meeting Chinese tea with cookies was served by Mrs. C. S. Bell, Mrs. H. M. Johnson and Mrs. Phil Abrams.

The members present were: Mrs. William Reck, Mrs. Bowman, Mrs. Florence Winslow, Mrs. L. M. Blumenthal, Mrs. C. E. Lanier, Miss Mable Lee, Mrs. C. S. Bell, Mrs. H. M. Johnson and Mrs. Phil Abrams.

Brotherhood Gives Pileau Supper

The Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church entertained the ladies of the church with a chicken pileau supper in the basement of the church Thursday evening.

The men of the brotherhood both cooked and served the supper, cleaning both dishes and tables after the meal. The ladies did the unheard of and sat and talked while the men worked.

At the supper Dr. A. P. Vaughn spoke on the subject, "Why we should study our Bibles," which he handled in his most intelligent manner.

The men's quartet rendered two very beautiful numbers.

There were approximately thirty present.

Jr. Auxiliary Holds Regular Meeting

The Junior Auxiliary of the American Legion met at the home of Betty Sherman Tuesday afternoon.

Plans were made for further activities for the year. Bean bags were made for the Crippled Children's Home in St. Petersburg.

Later in the afternoon delicious hot chocolate was served with cookies to the guests by Betty Sherman, assisted by her mother, Mrs. Chas. Sherman.

Those present were: Jane Hartt, Ann Correll, Mary McCarthy, Darlene Correll, Peggy Mandis, Shirley Coates, Elizabeth Hetherington and Mrs. E. E. Melton.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. E. E. Melton.

Mrs. Daly Hostess To O.E.S. Officers

Mrs. G. C. Daly, worthy matron of Lough Chapter, No. 85 of the O. E. S. entertained the chapter officers at a very lovely three course luncheon on Thursday, December 13. The luncheon table was very prettily decorated with a centerpiece of roses and candleabra with blue tapers.

The invited guests were Mrs. Demos Mandis, Mrs. Helen Holway, grand instructor for district 15, Miss Jennie Gribble, Mrs. Olive Radcliffe, Mrs. C. L. Johnson, Mrs. Leola Stuckey, Mrs. Charles R. Head, Mrs. Mary Marsh, Mrs. A. McKee Elwell, Mrs. W. M. Farland, Mrs. Ruth Smith and Mrs. B. T. Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bailey and Mr. Allan Wilcox, of Chicago, arrived the week-end here at the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Madison en route to Hollywood where they expect to spend the winter.

AVON THEATRE SUNDAY AND MONDAY



Jeanette MacDonald
and Maurice Chevalier
in "The Merry Widow"

Legion Auxiliary to Give Xmas Party

The children of all ex-service men of Avon Park are invited to Christmas party at the Masonic Temple Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

The street in front of the temple will be roped off for the children's games.

Interesting stories will be told by an expert story teller.

Refreshments will be served and Santa Claus will arrive with gifts for each child.

This party is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Baptist Church Gives Christmas Program

The First Baptist Church held their annual Christmas program at the church Wednesday evening.

A very lovely and fitting program was given which included about forty-eight children.

Santa Claus arrived on the scene bearing gifts for all the children present.

There were approximately two hundred and fifty children and parents present.

FERRA Party Was Well Attended

The FERRA party at the tool room Saturday night was well attended, nearly 200 being present for the occasion.

A number of games were played and stunts enjoyed with a greater part of the evening being given over to square dancing.

The room was prettily decorated with spruce pine and berries and everyone had a very good garden.

Garden Club Meeting

The Garden Club will hold a meeting Friday at the Women's Club rooms in the City Hall.

This is to be the Christmas meeting. All members are requested to be present.

Births

On Tuesday a son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lee. The little man weighed 8 pounds and both he and his mother are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Willis are the parents of a son who arrived on Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Stewart Thayer spent Thursday in Tampa.

Mrs. Fred Smith was visiting in Tampa and Gainesville Monday.

Mrs. H. A. Williams spent last week in Bartow visiting friends.

Mrs. F. A. Voorhees spent several days this week in Miami.

Sam Dimierline of Sebring was a business visitor here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Donaldson spent Saturday in Tampa.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Canfield spent Monday in Tampa.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Booth spent Tuesday in Tampa.

Mrs. G. A. Stebbins and Junior Stebbins spent Saturday in Tampa.

County Superintendent F. N. K. Bailey was a business visitor here Thursday.

Miss Alma Harrell will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Quitman, Ga.

Miss Myrtle Oils Crump of Tampa spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Latham.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Elder spent the week-end in Clewiston with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Harris.

Mrs. Tom Pearson of Berea spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. M. J. Bell.

Mark Dravely, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, is improving rapidly.

Mr. George Turner was a business visitor in Sebring Thursday afternoon.

Leon Silverman of Brooklyn, N. Y. will arrive here Thursday to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. James Davis of Lake Placid were visiting here Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. W. K. McClure of Fort Meade were Avon Park visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Spink spent the week-end in Kissimmee with relatives.

Mrs. W. M. Carter and Mrs. L. McGilberry were in Sebring Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Rath Mann of Bartow was the guest of Mrs. S. E. Booth the past week-end.

Mrs. Carrie B. Coulter and Miss Blanche Shaffer of Sebring were Avon Park visitors on Tuesday.

Mrs. Charles Bell, Mrs. Francis Shockey and Mrs. J. L. Taylor were in Tampa Saturday visiting.

Mrs. Ella Hargraves and daughter Mrs. Lawrence Coffee were visitors in Lakeland Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Jowers left Thursday for Lamar, S. C., where they will spend the holidays.

Joe White spent the past week-end in Clewiston, Harry Hancock returning here with him.

Mrs. A. D. Roberts and Mrs. A. C. Mackley of Lake Placid were visiting in Avon Park Wednesday.

Mrs. J. Paul Garber and Mrs. E. F. Carmichael spent Friday evening and Saturday in Tampa.

Miss Eleanor Bryant will spend the Christmas vacation in Gainesville as the guest of friends and relatives.

Miss Rhoda Thomas will leave Friday for Ocala where she will visit relatives during the Christmas holidays.

Miss Millie Pearson will leave Friday for Bailey, N. C., where she expects to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Marjorie Lacey is expected home for the Christmas vacation. Miss Lacey is a student at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. E. P. Loomis and daughters Patsy and Marguerite, Mrs. O. C. Wilkes and Percy Storey spent Tuesday in Tampa.

Mrs. Sadie Farrington and daughter Mrs. Ed Davis and small sons and Miss Edna of Arcadia were recent visitors here.

Miss Mary Turner and Pfc. Bill Keeler were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Tyler in Sebring Sunday evening.

Miss Sara Lucy Trent, Miss Carmen Booth and Miss Elizabeth Rawlings motored to Bartow Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Donaldson, Mrs. Theo. Weishayer and Mrs. M. H. Harter were visiting in Tampa Saturday.

Mrs. W. H. Yates, Mrs. D. B. Parnell, Mrs. C. S. Donaldson and Mr. and Mrs. Raab were in Tampa Monday visiting.

Mrs. George Scott McKnight, Mrs. Phil Lacey, Bill Lacey, Peggy Lacey and Bill Klump were in Tampa Monday visiting.

Mrs. N. H. Trent, Mrs. C. E. Lanier, Miss Sara Lucy Trent and Miss Elizabeth Rawlings were Tampa visitors Monday.

Mrs. John Hood, Mrs. Pearl Spink, Mrs. Milford Dilley, Roland Dilley and Mrs. Harry Dilley were in Lakeland Monday.

Miss Lois Wood of Lomaconing, Md., will arrive Sunday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wood.

Paul McFarland is expected home from Clemson College at Columbia, S. C., to spend the holidays with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Archer and children, Winifred and Billy, spent Saturday in Lakeland visiting relatives.

Mrs. Lula Bass, Mrs. C. Parke Anderson, Mrs. Dorothy Chapin and Mrs. E. E. Melton spent Friday in Tampa.

Mrs. C. C. Dempsey and Mrs. B. B. Scarborough of Frostproof were visitors in Avon Park Thursday.

Mrs. Ella Hargraves was called Wednesday to West Palm Beach on account of the illness of her son Carl.

T. H. Hughes will leave for Delray Beach where he has been transferred by the Seaboard Railway Company.

Mr. and Mrs. John Maxey of Frostproof were the guests of Mrs. Mary's sister Mrs. S. E. Booth and family Sunday.

Mrs. Katherine Wells of Washington, D. C. is expected to arrive Sunday to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Katherine Bristol.

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Hinkle and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Faircloth of Chicago arrived at Pine Crest where they expect to spend the winter month.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawler Wells and daughters Marjorie and Betty Jo made a very interesting tour of the scenic Oklawaha Sunday afternoon.

M. A. Smith of Orlando was a business visitor here Wednesday to see Mrs. J. W. Smith, and they returned to their home the same day.

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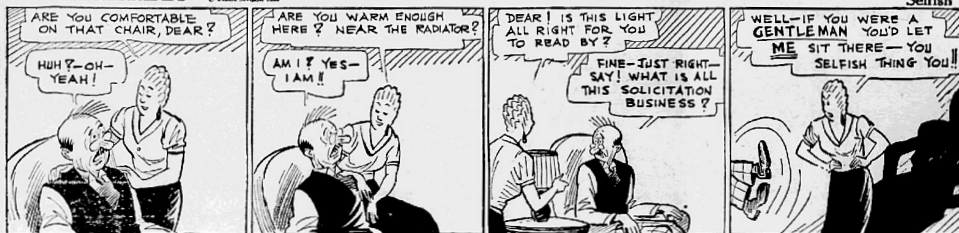
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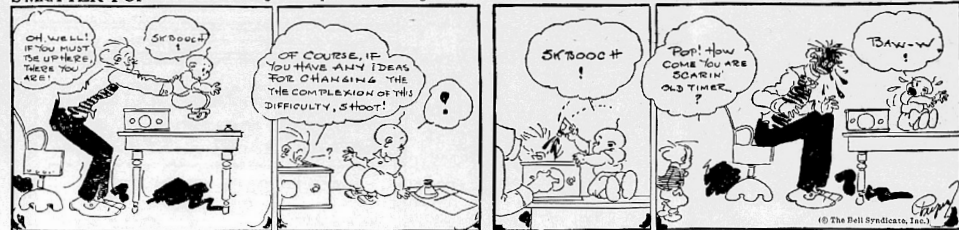
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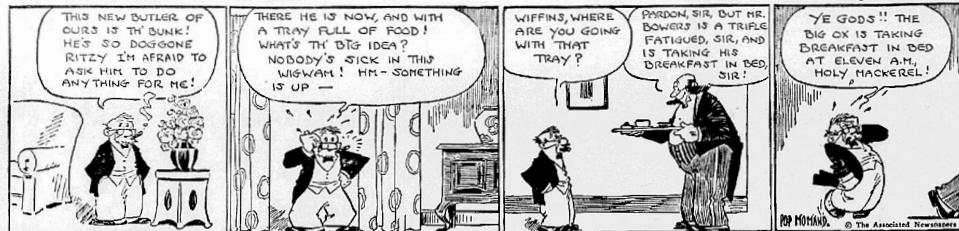
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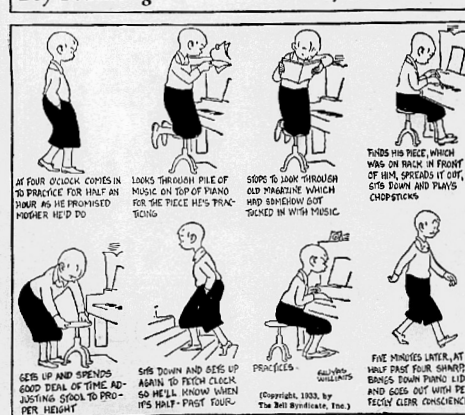
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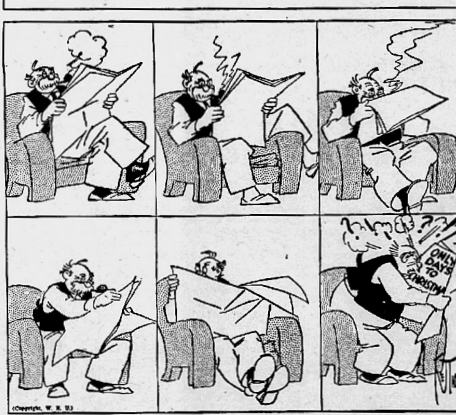
Boy Practicing

By GUYAS WILLIAMS



Our Pet Peeve

By M. G. KETTNER



Scraps of Humor

JUST IN TIME

The aerodrome was crowded with spectators who had come to witness the finish of the big air race. Great was their astonishment when the winning aerodrome landed and an unknown airman stepped out.

"Wonderful. Wonderful!" said an official, coming forward to greet him. "You've broken the record for the race. How did you do it?"

The airman wiped his perspiring brow. "To tell you the truth," he modestly explained, "I think luck had a lot to do with it. I didn't find out until five minutes ago how to stop the engine—Answers.

Reminder
"So you enjoy talking over the radio?"
"Very much," answered Senator Sorghum. "I have a positive affection for a microphone. Its appearance reminds me of earlier eras, as it suggests the facial expression of some of my dimmest listeners."

Shipspace
"Are you going to assist in steering the ship of state?"
"I'll be ready to give a hand, if requested," said Senator Sorghum. "But all the ship of state seems to desire from me at present is to refrain from attempts at back-seat driving."

Hasn't Paid Yet
Neighbor—How is that new incubator doing which you bought?
Mrs. Newbide—I suppose it's all right, but I'm a little worried about it. It hasn't laid a single egg yet.

TWO OF A KIND



"Good morning, Mary! You look as fresh as they make 'em this fine day."

"And you act that way."

A Respectful Skeptic
"Do you believe George Washington always told the uncompromising truth?"

"No, sir," answered Senator Sorghum, with emphasis. "To hold such an opinion would be to cast aspersions on his indisputable attainments as a statesman and a diplomat."

Speed Regulation
"Has Crimson Gulch any speed regulations?"

"Yes," answered Cactus Joe. "When a suspicious stranger looms up we warn him to keep pole and get out of town as fast as possible."

Evolution Two Ways
"Do you believe in evolution?"

"Forward and backward," answered Senator Sorghum. "Although I'll never believe it's as easy to make a man out of a monkey as it is for a man to make a monkey out of himself."

Complete Replacement
Blinks—I'll soon have a new car. Blinks—You're lucky.

Blinks—Hardly. You see I'm simply kept busy replacing the worn-out parts on the old one, and a couple more bumps and it will even have the streamline effect.

Personal Viewpoint
"What are you going to do about the coming election?"

"Not much, I'm afraid," said Senator Sorghum. "The question in my mind is what the coming election is going to do about me."

Continued Story
"What did you say when you stayed out late the other night?"

"He hasn't finished telling it all to me yet."

Tailored Frock for Little Lady

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This is the type of simple but smart dress which any little girl would love. Almost every detail that goes into the making of a well-bred little girl's dress is to be found here. The double collar is "just right," the long, slightly full sleeves, with their narrow cuffs are very practical for cool weather, or if you prefer, the frock may be made with little puffed short sleeves such as all girls adore. The tailored effect is carried out very well by means of the closed pleats running all the way from the cunning half-yoke and opening near



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Address orders to Sewing Circle Pattern Department, 218 West Seventeenth Street, New York City.

SEEKING TO STARTLE

"Have you any new idea concerning an unbalanced budget?"

"Yes," answered Senator Sorghum. "What people like now is something strictly original."

"Have you such a suggestion?"

"I have—if some radical hasn't beat me to it. In order to avoid budget trouble I'm going to make a speech denouncing that all budgets be immediately and entirely abolished."

HE'D FIND OUT



Friend—News comes from abroad that women are giving up powder and paint.

Newlywed—Yes, I hope soon to see whether I guessed right when I married my wife.

Sweeping
Full of enthusiasm, she had gone in for politics and was out of the house most of the day. The other night she returned at nine o'clock and said to an amiable:

"Everything's grand," she said. "We're going to sweep the country."

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SPEARMINT
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The Flavor Lasts



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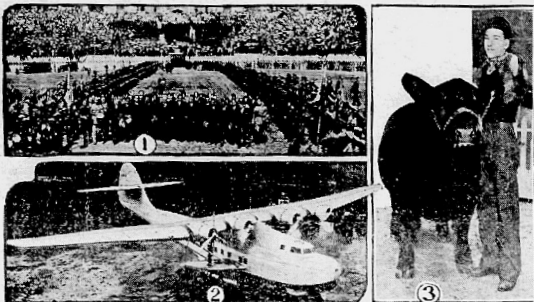
Here's my dollar for the Times for one year. I am an (old)
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Scenes and Persons in the Current News



1—Scene in the National Stadium of Mexico City as Gen. Lázaro Cárdenas arrived for the ceremony of taking the oath as forty-fifth president of the republic. 2—World's largest air liner, built for trans-Pacific service after it was "unveiled" near Baltimore; it will carry 50 passengers and a full crew. 3—Saskatoon, named 411 club grand champion junior steer at the International Live Stock show in Chicago; it is a pure-bred Angus sired by Mary Kinsinger of Chenoa, Ill.

Congressman Fails to Keep His Shirt On



When a hunter shoots at a deer and misses, it is the custom to cut off a piece of his shirt tail. On a recent hunting party in Liberty county, Georgia, Congressman-elect Frank Whelchel of Gainesville, Ga., missed three deer and each time lost a portion of his shirt, with the result that he turned in the remains, declaring that he was not cut out to be a deer hunter. He is shown here losing one section of the shirt.

HIGH PRICED PLAYER



Joe Di Maggio has been purchased by the New York Yankees from the San Francisco Giants in one of the biggest deals ever consummated for a minor league player. Di Maggio is to go to the Yankees next season, for full delivery, in exchange for five players and \$75,000 in cash.

GAVE AWAY A MILLION



A. E. O. Munsell, former millionaire, above, at the government shelter for transients at No. 100 West Fifty-fourth street, New York, where he is living after giving his million dollars to the poor. Munsell, a Harvard graduate, who has studied abroad, says he is happier now than he was when he had plenty of money.

Three Generations Total 47 Years



Here are Mrs. J. H. Noah, thirty-three, of Fort Worth, Texas, her newly born granddaughter, and the infant's mother, Mrs. H. Mullins, fourteen, daughter of Mrs. Noah. The infant's father is also just fourteen years of age.

Model Home in New Deal Experiment



One of the model homes built in Model-shed county, Arkansas, in a project for which \$12,000,000 of government funds has been allocated and a tract of 16,000 acres of cut-over land bought at \$2.50 an acre. The houses have been built at an average cost of \$1,100 each.

Detective's Wife

By MARIE WEST
McClure Newspaper Syndicate
WNY Service

UNDER the glare of the street light Sara saw the man's face as he passed her. The sight of it sent a paralyzing chill down her spine. For the last six months that face had been staring at her from the front pages of the Chicago newspapers. Foxy Fenton; Wanted for a string of bank robberies. Wanted for murder.

And for the last six months she'd been hearing that name over and over. Tim couldn't stop talking about him. That's what it meant being married to a detective.

Foxy Fenton! If only a police man would appear! But that was hoping too much on a quiet street like this. And Tim wouldn't be coming home this way for another half-hour.

Instantly she lengthened her stride. Perhaps it was being Tim's wife that made this feeling sweep through her, this urgent necessity to do something about it. She couldn't just let a criminal walk past her and disappear.

But, being a scant five feet of slim, inadequate strength she shouldered. What she had suddenly decided to do would take all the courage she could summon.

She had nearly caught up with the man.

Stumbling off the curb she fell against him. It could easily have been accidental, the two speeded her an instant, a speculative gleam in his eyes.

"Thanks," she whispered, her arm slowly, mounted an arm's length.

"We seem to be going the same way," the man said finally, his voice calm.

"Yeah, . . . I live a block down the street."

A chilly dame, he noted. Didn't look the type—yet you never could tell.

He grinned down at her. "And you're handsome," he said. "Sure, we're a sister."

They climbed the two flights of stairs.

"Well, here we are," she made her voice gay. "How about a high ball?"

"Now you're talking baby. Make me strong. Not any high potent beer. No, thanks. I'll be right back."

It was a relief to escape from his bright, smiling, high potent beer. For a few minutes, a chance to get a drink for himself. It wouldn't be for long. Just until Tim came.

The man was sitting on the day-cup when she returned. He took the glass she offered and patted the seat beside him. "Here's to you."

He took a long gulp.

She slipped the plain, ginger ale she had poured for herself. If he could just make him talk so she wouldn't touch her. She was afraid she might scream if he did that.

"How about some music," she suggested lightly going over to the radio.

"Get something poppy," he put in. She took as long as she could. "How's this?" Rhythmic emerged from the loud speaker.

"Okey."

She saw that his glass was empty. "I'll get you another drink," she said.

Tim was late tonight. Tonight when she needed him so desperately.

She brought the drink into the living room. With one hand the man took it with the other he drew her down beside him. She held her trembling lips together. Soon he would be trying to kiss her.

Soon—

The key in the lock. At last! And Tim standing there, his mouth agape.

"Oh Tim!"

The man jumped to his feet, his eyes narrow slits.

Tim stared at him. "As I breathe to live," he murmured. "I'd say you were Foxy Fenton, himself. If he hadn't been caught tonight."

"Caught?" Sara's voice was barely a whisper.

"Picked up in Nebraska. Late papers was full of it."

"Oh, I thought," she began weakly. "You thought I was Fenton?" the man asked. "And you were setting a trap. Ain't that a laugh?" He turned to Tim. "If you're the lady's husband, I'm sorry, pal. I didn't know you was married."

As the door closed upon him, Sara burst into hysterical tears.

"Tim," she gulped, "I saw him on the street. I wanted—"

"Sure, I know, honey. A little thing. A glint of humor came into his big eyes. 'But you have been watching to me, haven't you? It's too dangerous for a pint-sized infant like you.'"

Next morning as Sara lit the flame under the coffee pot, she heard the familiar thud as the morning paper hit the back door. She ran out to get it. Spreading it open, she glanced at the headlines: FOXY FENTON SUSPECT FIRED.

Her eyes scanned the column. The man in Nebraska wasn't Fenton after all. Just a suspicious character who looked like him. The police were working on the latest threat that Fenton was hiding in Chicago.

"Tim," she called. "Tim!"

"What is it, Honey?"

"Look—"

Over the pages their eyes met with the same question.

In Rumania



Wedding Procession in Rural Rumania.

From the National Geographic Society, Washington, D. C.—WNY Service.

RUMANIA, East and West are so interested that it is difficult to determine where one leaves off and the other begins.

Some historians attribute the strange blending of the Orient and the Occident within the Rumanian border to countless invasions. Each invader, whether Hun, Hun, or Turk, left his strong imprint on the nature of the people.

Though Paris may be France, Bucharest is hardly Rumania. This capital has almost nothing in common with the country. It is a cosmopolitan city. If not so, it is called the Little Paris of the Balkans.

Its streets are crowded with smartly dressed women, others resplendent in their colorful national costumes, and men and women of the foreign colonies, who contrast strikingly with peasants in native dresses and gypsies in rags and tatters. Its restaurants and coffee houses, always famous for good food, are abuzz with the latest political rumors and gossip.

The great assembly of parliament by the king is a brilliant feature. For several blockaded hours the police guards in their bright uniforms, high patent leather jackets, shining helmets with white horsehair plumes, stand guard by a attention until the members of parliament, the diplomatic corps, the army generals, and the king have passed.

The great moments are the arrival and the departure of the king. In an open landau. Footmen in satin breeches, long coats of brocade, and three-colored hats, and a few nervous coachmen crackling his whip at six white or coal-black stallions, on whose backs ride the members of the royal household in their best evening dress, add to the striking medieval picture.

Step aside in Bucharest.

It is not in winter but in an open plain, where the horses are led with bells and red ribbons, and driven by a coachman in a high top (caucchiuta), a tall astrakhan cap, long velvet coat, and wide girdle of metal.

There still exist a few coaches. In Bucharest they belong to a curious alien sect called Scapiti, now almost extinct. The men were allowed to marry, but at the birth of the first child they were made sterile. One sees them often driving open carriages. They are fat and their skin is like yellow parchment.

The wide avenue leading up to the Arc de Triomphe, past a pretty little race course, and a golf links of the country club, is a miniature suggestion of the Champs Elysees in the French capital. Many of the palaces and houses line the streets. Rumania has gone modern in her new houses and apartments.

There is much music made in the cafes. Bucharest boasts of rather good opera during the winter and a really fine symphony orchestra plays modern music.

The national temple is well patronized and plays by Rumanian and foreign authors are given. Once ornate, the building is now shabby, although an air of faded elegance still pervades the place.

The parliament buildings and the Rumanian Orthodox church stand on the summit of the city hill in Bucharest. Bucharest is a city of churches. From every corner one can see rising the rounded domes of the Rumanian Orthodox church.

Among the Peasants.

Around Bucharest the country is not unlike the agricultural state of Kansas. Here is a tremendous wheat and corn region. Visitors enjoy going through the villages in this part of the district. Crazy little blue-golden houses, whose whitewashed walls are painted in soft pastel shades and decorated with borders of flowers or animals, present an amusingly airy aspect along the streets. Rumania is one of the few countries now left in Europe where peasants usually dress in native costume.

The Rumanian peasant is boisterous. Always gracious, courteous, and good-natured, he is industrious, yet somewhat inefficient. He works hard in his fields and forests, but in ways in a primitive manner, using the crude tools of his forefathers.

Many residents of Bucharest spend their summers in Ploesti, at

Reason for Youngster's Interest in Election

"Pop, are you gonna vote?" "Of course I am. I always vote."

"That's good," said young Sidney. He hesitated a moment. "Do you suppose you'll probably go to vote the same time mamma does?"

"I don't know. It's very likely that we'll go together, though we might have to go at different times."

"Gee, I hope it's that way, 'cause I want to go with you both, especially if you don't go together."

"Why, what's the idea?" asked his father. "I didn't know you were interested in politics."

"Oh, sure," answered Sidney vaguely. "I'd go vote myself if I could and if Mary votes, I'm going to see if she won't let me go down with her." Sidney hurried toward the kitchen to interview Mary. Just then his mother came in to throw some light on the subject.

"He went with me when I registered and found that the polling place was in a candy store kept by a new woman. She gave him a bar of chocolate, so I expect he's figuring on eating it on voting day in a big way."—New York Sun.

Easy for Some People

First easy to summon police is to think about absolutely nothing.

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Otherwise!

Gossip will stick to the truth if it is exciting enough.

FIGARO

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Evidence Enough to
hang a man!

The only person who could save
his life was the defense attor-
ney who wanted him out of the
way!

RICARDO CORTEZ

in
"HAT, COAT
AND GLOVE"

Also—Pathe News, Comedy.

Large Number Want Local Postmastership

There have been 21 applications made for the office of postmaster here it was learned this week. Mrs. C. R. Head's term of office expires in February and the post office department has called for an examination to fill the office. Under a recent ruling made by President F. D. Roosevelt the present incumbent is not eligible to re-apply for the position.

Packing House Party
Employees and their families of the Lake Blvd. Citrus Packing Co. will enjoy themselves tomorrow, Saturday, afternoon with a turkey dinner and a treat for the kiddies.

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PERSONALS

Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson arrived Sunday from Dubois, Pa., and will spend the winter with Mr. and Mrs. A. McKee Ewell and family.

Mrs. B. F. Jackson and Miss Johnnie Lee Jackson of Cross City arrived Saturday for a visit of several days with Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Camp.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Leppert and children of New Orleans, La., are expected to arrive Sunday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Leppert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hart. Mrs. Ella Hargraves and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Coffee are planning to spend the Christmas holidays in West Palm Beach with Mrs. Hargraves' two sons.

Pfc. W. A. Keeter, United States Marine of the ship, U.S.S. Taylor, anchored off St. Petersburg spent the past week-end visiting friends in Avon Park.

Mrs. Margaret C. Meadows of Fort Worth, Texas and Mrs. Margaret Donahue of Columbia, S. C. arrived Thursday to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Latham for several days.

Marshall Jordan who is attending the Northern College for Optometry at Chicago is arriving today to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Jordan.

Anna Beth Skipper will arrive Saturday to be the guest of Willa Pearl McGiboney. Mrs. Skipper will join her next week and they will return to their home in Ocala the latter part of next week.

Mrs. L. D. Voorhes of Chattanooga, Tenn., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Guthrie for the Christmas vacation. Mr. Van Voorhes has returned to his home here after a few days visit with the Guthries.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Pollock and son James, Dr. J. B. Martin and son Lewis, L. S. Liggett and grandson Lee Liggett all of St. Clairsville, O., will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. McFarland for the Christmas holidays.

Misses Virginia and Betty Guthrie will arrive Thursday from Orlando where they are students at the Lake Forest Academy. They will spend the Christmas holidays with their parents Mr. and Mrs. George Guthrie.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Haeber, Mrs. Theo. Weisberger, Denison Baker, Miss Dorothy Weisberger, Miss Agnes Purdy, Miss Anne Purdy, Miss E. Wilkins, Mrs. Ray Wells and George Purdy were visitors in Lakeland and Tampa Monday.

"Brighten Up Tampa"
Is Yuletide Campaign

Tampa, Dec. 20.—(FNS)—The brightest Christmas in Tampa's history is the aim of the Tampa Junior Chamber of Commerce, which is sponsoring the Yuletide "Brighten Up Tampa" campaign.

General Chairman Ben E. Davis announced this week that a total of 75 prizes will be awarded to residents of the city for the most attractive and distinctive displays. Approximately 200 registrations have been received by the committee and indications are this number will be doubled before the close of the contest.

Hundreds of Tampa homes will be brilliantly decorated and lighted for the holiday event. City Garden Clubs, Civic Clubs and Churches are participating in the display.

St. Petersburg, Orlando, Jacksonville, Miami and many other Florida cities are enthusiastic over the outdoor Christmas tree idea, which seems indeed fitting for Florida the outdoor state.



Do you know that: Rich cheese can be sliced without crumbling if the knife is dipped into boiling water before cutting?

2. Potato soup, particularly if thickened with flour and made with a good deal of milk, needs a surprising amount of salt to redeem it from being insipid?

3. Meat stew requires far less salt when they contain only a little vegetable than when they include two or three potatoes or a good deal of carrot and turnip?

4. A piece of stick cinnamon broken into the milk used in making custard while beating the mixture will give a faint brown color without darkening?

5. A little Worcestershire sauce added to soup gives it a piquant flavor.

6. Beef should never be salted while cooking because the salt will toughen the fiber?

7. A pinch of salt added to the white of egg facilitates whipping it stiff and dry?

8. Cake batter should not be beaten after the baking powder has been added because beating is apt to make the cake fall?

School Patrons Urged to Purchase Christmas Seals

Mothers, fathers, teachers and patrons of all schools in Florida are urged to buy Christmas Seals.

The appeal for the 1934 sale of Christmas Seals comes from Mrs. W. Sumner Covey, of Daytona Beach, president of the Florida Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Mrs. Covey's endorsement of the Christmas Seal sale went to Mrs. Murray L. Stanley, of Daytona Beach, president of the Florida Tuberculosis and Health Association, sponsoring with its affiliate groups, the Christmas Seal sale in Florida.

Mrs. Covey said: "The National and State Parent-Teacher Associations have as part of their program of objectives, the protection of the health of the school child. In this connection, tuberculosis testing of school children to ascertain the extent of the tuberculous infection is approved and fostered by the organization."

"I want to recommend to members of the Florida Congress of Parent-Teachers, the purchase of Christmas Seals, so that this work in Florida may go forward for the protection of our children, and to commend the Florida Tuberculosis and Health Association and its affiliated groups for its accomplishments during the year."

Funds from the sale of Christmas Seals in Florida help make possible health education work in the schools and skin testing of school children to seek out those with early tuberculous infections.

"If it is possible to seek out the early case, little children will be saved a great deal of suffering, ill health and possibly death," Mrs. Covey declared.

Cold Wave Has No Effect on Festival

Winter Haven, Fla., Dec. 20.—(Special)—The recent more or less continuous frost visitation will have no effect upon the Florida Orange Festival organization to exert themselves to make the display brighter and better than ever, according to a statement made by John F. May, president of the organization sponsoring the annual citrus show to be held in this city the last week in January.

"In spite of the damage done, and I have no disposition to minimize it," said Mr. May, "there is still much fine fruit on the trees from which to draw exhibits, as well as to ship to the markets of the country."

The world wide publicity given the "freeze" and its effects have aroused keen interest in the state and its fruit crop, and the thought of winter visitors who are here now and the hundreds of thousands who are coming, must be shown that notwithstanding scarce headlines in the newspapers and the sensational reports of devastation sent over the air, Florida is still on top as a producer of oranges and grapefruit.

"As a matter of fact, the statistics of damage have made it absolutely necessary that the management of the Florida Orange Festival endeavor to make the show of this season the best show ever held since the first orange festival was held seven years ago, in order to re-establish the prestige of the state as a producer of oranges, grapefruit and other semi-tropical fruits."

Seal Found Crawling on "Feet"
An explorer from Afghanistan reports the discovery of a seal whose members crawl about on hands and knees.

Eighth Annual High School Music Festival April 25-27

Tampa, Dec. 20.—(FNS)—The eighth annual Florida High School Music Festival will be staged by the University of Tampa April 25, 26, and 27. The contests will be held at the University of Tampa Municipal auditorium. The general public is invited to the final contests which attract great interest in all state high schools.

The annual event was started in 1926 by F. H. Spaulding, president of the Tampa University and M. L. Price, music director. The first festival attracted between 400 and 500 students, representing all sections of the state from Key West to Tallahassee.

Each year the attendance has grown. Last year's festival was attended by 2200 students and the school representatives came from 31 high schools. The event is recognized by the Music Educator's National conference, which conducts national contests.

Inquiries have already been received by Mr. Price, general manager of the festival, from a number of schools concerning the events. A bulletin giving all details is being prepared and will be mailed to all high schools in the state before the end of the year.

Keen competition has marked the orchestra, glee club and other group contests as well as the small group numbers and solo events of the many schools who send their best musical talent to participate in the festival.

Forest Planting Season Now Here

A million and a half tree seedlings growing in the new State forest nursery near Olathe are now ready for transplanting, according to C. H. Schaefer, H. H. Schaefer, forester. With the exception of a variety of experimental species, the trees are slash and long-leaf pine, loblolly, and shortleaf pine.

They will be distributed to interested Florida farmers and landowners during the planting season, commencing December 15, and continuing through February. Shade and ornamental trees are not available since it is not the policy of the Florida Forest Service nursery to compete with private nurseries.

Mr. Schaefer stated that the seedlings would be available this year at a price considerably lower than that of last season due to the increased efficiency of operation and lower labor costs resulting from an increased capacity. As a further encouragement to reforestation, he pointed out that a substantial reduction in the price would be made to individuals who place orders for a large quantity of trees.

A charge of \$3.25 per thousand is made for quantities of less than two thousand. The price is 15 cents per thousand less for each additional thousand up to ten thousand—2 thousand selling for \$3.10 per thousand, 3 thousand for \$3.05 per thousand, et cetera. A quantity of ten thousand seedlings or more may be had for \$1.90 per thousand.

All prices are f. o. b. Olathe, with payment accompanying the order. Farmers and landowners interested in planting seedlings should get in touch with their district forester, the nurseryman at Olathe, or the Florida Forest Service at Tallahassee.

Balki Deeper Fresh Water Lake
Lake Balki, in pepper, is said to be the deepest fresh water lake in the world.

Scalloped Oysters
Place in a casserole alternate layers of oysters, pepper, salt and bits of butter and cracker crumbs until the dish is almost full.

Mix one egg well beaten, with one pint of milk and pour over the oysters and crumbs, lifting lightly so that the liquid will mix thoroughly.

Cover the dish and bake for forty-five to fifty-five minutes in a moderate oven.

Just before removing from oven uncover the dish and allow the top to brown slightly.

Harros
Chop together two medium sized onions, three tomatoes, two green peppers and a little celery and cook in a tablespoon of melted butter in a frying pan for five minutes.

Break over eggs which have been fried on both sides. Serve hot.

RECIPES
Fried Prunes
Soak large prunes for several hours. Dry and remove stones. Wrap prunes in thin slices of bacon sprinkled with cayenne and salt and fry two minutes in hot fat. These make a delicious relish.

Baked Figs
½ pound of figs
½ cup of sugar
Few grains of salt
Few grains of nutmeg
Juice of one lemon

Wash figs and soak overnight in water to cover. Put in baking dish with remaining ingredients, cover and bake in a moderate oven (375 degrees) for about forty-five minutes until tender.

Potatoes Baked With Bacon
Wash and dry potatoes. Make a hole in each with an apple corer; roll a slice of bacon and insert it in the hole; bake in hot oven. These are delicious.

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Daytona Beach Plans Motorcade in January

Daytona Beach, Fla., Dec. 20.—(Special)—Included in the plans for the season's activities, by the Daytona Beach Tourists club, is a motorcade, January 24, to Orlando, for lunch and then on to Lake Wales for the afternoon concert at the Singing Tower.

That night will be spent in Winter Haven and the greater part of Friday, January 25, will be devoted to a tour of the Florida Orange Festival which will be in full swing that city. It is understood that the management of the orange festival, working with the Winter Haven Tourists club, will prepare a special program for the entertainment of the Daytona Beach visitors.

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