A Merry Christmas

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MISS GROOVER NEW RECREATION DIRECTOR HERE

Employed By Chamber Of Commerce and WPA Cooperatively

Avon Park now has a Director of Public Recreation in the person of Miss Sarah Groover, who is already at work, formulating plans for an intensive program of activities for winter visitors. As mentor of the city's recreational activities, Miss Groover will function under the direction of a committee headed by Walter S. Betts as chairman.

Miss Groover's employment was made possible through the cooperation of the chamber of commerce and the WPA, both contributing to her salary. Her headquarters will be in the chamber of commerce and citizens desiring recreation service should contact her there.

Miss Groover comes to Avon Park well qualified for the position she occupies. She received her education in the public schools of Jacksonville and at the Florida State College for Women.

Following her college work, Miss Groover had several years experience in social service work. For the last two years, she has been active in the Jacksonvile Department of Public Recreation, recognized as one of the outstanding departments of the country and one of the oldest.

During her incumbency in Jacksonville, Miss Groover took several courses in recreation leadership, both from the Jacksonville Department and the Recreation Division of the Works Progress Administration. Her duties with the Jacksonville recreation group involved the supervision of a large playground with athletic facilities and special duty as storyteller and institutional game director.

Plans outlined by Miss Groover include a Woman's Handicraft Club for both the visitors and citizens. This will include needlework, crocheting, basketwork and woodwork. Card parties and tournaments are also planned as well as afternoon teas, dances, shuffleboard tournaments and contests and croquet and tennis.

The young folks will not be neglected by Miss Groover and she will assist in planning and arranging entertainment for them also.

At present she is busy completing plans for the Christmas Eve service, sponsored by the chamber of commerce, to be held on the Jacaranda Hotel porch at 9.30 p.m., December 24.

Vesper Services At Jacaranda Hotel On Sunday Afternoon

The Vesper Services originally scheduled for the high school auditorium next Sunday afternoon will be conducted from the porch of the Jacaranda Hotel at 4 o'clock. There will be selections by the band and the glee club and an address by one of the local ministers.

In order that those present to enjoy the service may hear to the best advantage, microphones and loud speakers are being installed and at a rebearsal held Thursday afternoon proved very satisfactory.

A large crowd is expected to be present to hear the excellent program that has been arranged.

ELKS BALL HERE THURSDAY

The annual ball of the Sebring Lodge, B. P. O. E. will be held at the new armory here on Thursday evening, December 23.

McGee Is Re-elected As Mayor of Sebring

In the city election held Tuesday at Sebring M. F. McGee was re-elected mayor, topping his opponent, F. T. Haskins, by 80 votes. For council, the elected candidates were: M. W. Baker, B. R. Burns, and Payne M. Sebring.

For city clerk and treasurer, Edward W. Hasti, incumbent, defeated Milton McManeus and A. M. Wolfe. Mrs. Dollie Cline was unopposed for tax collector. Tax assessors elected were: H. K. Brown, J. Lee Johnson and Joseph Rawsthorne.

The votes polled by the various candidates follow: For Mayor, F. T. Haskins, 298; M. F. McGee, 378; For council, M. W. Baker, 380; B. R. Burns, 358; G. S. Hodil, 307; George E. Sebring, 304; Payne M. Sebring, 455; City tax collector, Mrs. Dollie Cline, 535; City Clerk and treasurer, Edward W. Hasti, 420; Milton McManeus, 109; A. M. Wolfe, 135; Tax assessors, H. K. Brown, 326; J. Lee Johnson, 413; A. L. Marchand, 309; Joseph Rawsthorne, 444 and F. M. Young, 274.

Christmas Program At Methodist Church Sunday Evening

The members of the Methodist church will have their annual White Christmas program Sunday night, December 19, at 7:30 o'clock.

Instead of gifts being given as in previous years, an offering will be taken which will be used for the support of the superannuated ministers of the Methodist Conference.

Each class will present their offering as a gift for this purpose.

A Christmas pageant, Light of the World, will be presented under the direction of Mrs. R. A. Gerrard.

Characters are as follows: Reader, Leona Maxwell, a mother of old Isreal, Mrs. T. H. Hughes; A father, C. H. Pardee; a child, Elizabeth Hall; Mary, Mrs. W. C. Fountain; Joseph, G. F. Smith; The Three Kings, A. C. Wester, S. C. Pardee and Oscar Bridges, Simon, Mr. Smith; Jacob, E. H. Ware; Samuel, George Elwell; Sarah, Retha Mixon, Joel, Jack Rogers; Rachael, Barbara Jean Bridges; David, Fred Montsdeoca.

A chorus composed of members of the choir will chant. (contributed.)

Christmas Eve Program At Congregational

An interesting program has been arranged for presentation by members of the Union Congregational Sunday School on Christmas Eve, at the Church, 7:30 P. M.

The first part of the program will present the true meaning of Christmas. The Christmas story in Art will be shown on the screen, with Christmas carols sung during this showing by members of the Sunday School Choir, under the leadership of Mr. Roberts. Mrs. D. G. Perry will play the accordian for the choir singing. There will be recitations and Christmas songs throughout the program.

The last part of the program will include a visit by Santa Claus, and presentation of candy to the children.

The public is cordialy invited to attend this service.

Barnett Bank Directors Meet

The directors of the Barnett Bank of Avon Park met Thursday and declared the usual semi-annual dividend of three percent payable to stockholders on January 1.

Christmas Service At Jacaranda Hotel On Christmas Eve

Under the auspices of the chamber of commerce, plans are being completed for an excellent Christmas service to be given Christmas Eve at 9:30 o'clock from the porch of the Jacaranda Hotel. Miss Sarah Groover recreational director for the chamber, is making the arrangement and announces a very fine program is in prospect.

It will include selections by the Glee Club, Christmas Carols sung by the audience and scheduled are: Hark The Herald Angels Sing, Joy to the World, We Three Kings of the Orient Are and Silent Night, Holy Night. Mrs. Ted Ward will give the solo, Thy Blessed Man of God by Tours and there will be selections by a combined choir from the Congregational, Episcopal, Baptist and Methodist churches with E. L. Roberts directing.

There will also be short talks by Mayor M. E. Covington and C. E. Crabtree, president of the chamber of commerce and the latter will also act as master of ceremonies.

Microphones and loud speakers will be installed to aid in the audience hearing the program and special lighting, in keeping with the holiday season, is also being arranged.

The service is expected to last about an hour.

Boy Scouts Busy Monday Night Repairing Toys

The Avon Park Scouts were very busy at their last meeting Monday night repairing and painting the numberless toys that were so thoughtfully donated by the children and parents of Avon Park. The various colors that were used can best be described by looking for paint spots on the hands and faces of the boys, of course there being some who not having the Xmas. spirit, found other things more important to do. (We wonder if our boys will ever grow up.)

Patrol two, once more came to the top in their race against Patrol one and the Independent Patrol, by fulfilling their obligations in regard to the Ping Pong tables, but the Imps are still leading in membership. There are nine new boys, Jack Head, James Varnis, Warren Fields, Franklin Lytle, James Cruise, Bud Johnson, Henry Clark, Solomn Abrams and Paul Vilkitis. It is not certain as yet as to how many of these boys will become Scouts, for some of them are not showing true Scout Spirit.

We are sorry to say that four of the older boys had to be sent home because of disrespect to their leader, and the Scoutmaster again urges the parents to cooperate with him as much as possible. (contributed.)

Highland Lakes Golf Course Ready Jan. 1

Col. George E. Hulvey, manager of Highland Lakes Hotel, announced this week that the golf course in connection with the hotel will be ready for play on January 1. Extensive work is being done on the first nine holes and the fairways and greens are being placed in excellent condition. The course will be available for use by both visitors and citizens at reasonable fees, Col. Hulvey said.

COTHRAN BABY OPERATED ON LAST SATURDAY

Margaret, baby daughter of C. E. Cothran, underwent an eye operation at Lakeland Saturday and again on Wednesday. The condition of the right eye is said to be satisfactory but it is feared she will lose the use of the left eye.

Avon Park Stores Have Many Bargains For Christmas Time

With Christmas only a week away the Avon Park stores are filled with a large variety of seasonal merchandise which will appeal to the thrifty shopper and also to those who wish to give more elaborate presents. Most anything you want can be found right here, saving the bother and expense of an out of town trip. And the prices will be found in keepingwith those elsewhere.

The Avon Park Drug Co. is showing a fine asortment of fine candies and Jordon and Son has an elaborate display of jewelry, including many fine watches. Abrams has a store full of fine things for both men and women and R. F. Sappington has toys, electrical appliances and hardware of all descriptions.

The Smith Hardware Co. says that Santa Claus has made his headquarters with them and they have a large selection of toys and other merchandise to delight the eye and pocketbook including electrical goods of all kinds. Ward's Five and Ten has a store full of toys and other articles to please the eye and purse and the Jacaranda Gift Shop has a variety of novel articles from many quarters of the globe.

McFerrin and Smith are showing the G. E. line of refrigerators and stoves and radios, besides many other electrical goods. Ott and Son has a large variety of articles for men and women that will make very fine gifts for friends and relatives. And the Avon Park Motor Co. is offering automobile accesories as pleasing gifts for car owners.

Noted Methodist Evangelist Will Preach Locally

Rev. H. C. Morrison, D.D., president of Asbury College in Willmore, Ky., editor of the Pentecostal Herald and one of the leading evangelists of this generation, will visit this section for some weeks over the Christmas holidays and will preach at the following places and probably at others while here.

Avon Park Methodist church, Sunday, December 26 at 11 a. m. and on Sunday, January 2 at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. and every day through the week following.

Sebring Methodist Church on Sunday evening, December 26.

Dr. Morrison has held meetings in almost every state in the Union and was in recent years on an evangelistic tour around the world. He recently preached a series of sermons at the 41st annual conference by the invitation of bishops. He is doubtless the best known Methodist preacher in the United States and probably the best known one in the whole world.

It is hoped to have him make the address at the Vesper service on Sunday afternoon, December 19 at the Jacaranda Hotel porch as he expects to arrive here on Saturday. (contributed.)

J. J. Still Resigns As Chief of Police

J. J. (Bob) Still anounced this morning his resignation as Chief of Police, effective December 24. Mr. Still states he has accepted another position which will require him to assume the duties at once.

In announcing his resignation he said he is deeply appreciative of the courtesies and cooperation shown him during his four years in office and will be ready at all times to cooperate when called on by the mayor and other law enforcement officers.

First Grade Gave Program Thursday

The children of the first grade sections, Mrs. Mary Myers and Mrs. Ann Johnson, teachers, presented a Rhythm Band program, Thursday afternoon in the school auditorium.

A large number of parents and friends were present to enjoy this interesting program.

A song by the class—Russian Teapot.

Song—Russian Teapot, duet by Betty Dobson and Aaron Howze.

Song—Going down the Street, by the class.

Song—Going down the Street, Arden Anderson, Anne Pabor and Ruth Elder.

Song—Up on the House Top, by the class.

Quartet—Up on the House Top, Theresa Peterman, Lillie Mae Collins, Mary Lou Hansen and Kitty Murray.

Trio—Away in a Manger, Alice Marie Siebert, Gloria Garber Jacqueline Kilpatrick.

Zylophone solo—Away in a Manger, Gloria Garber.

Little Miss Jacqueline Kilpatrick conducted the band.

Mrs. Ted Ward—pianist.

Mrs. Arthur Wagner assisted in directing the band.

Sebring Man Fined For Destroying City Property Here

Walter Hygema, Sebring house mover, was found guilty of destroying city property when arraigned Tuesday before Mayor M. E. Covington in police court. He was fined $100 or 30 days at hard labor and the mayor ordered $50 of the fine remitted after the first $50 had been paid and also ordered that $25 of the fine be used to plant trees to replace the ones destroyed.

It was alleged that men belonging to one of Hygema's crews cut down one old oak tree and trimmed another so severly that the beauty was destroyed. The trees are on the north side of Lake Verona and the damage was done on Friday of last week when the crew was moving a house and damaged the trees in order to get the house by.

Hygema said he was not in charge personally at the time, a man named Brown being in charge. City Clerk Francis Shockley said that Hygema signed the permit to move the house and agreed not to destroy any city property while doing the work.

The fine was paid.

Baseball Schedule For Toronto Team

The schedule of games for the Toronto Maple Leafs who will train here next spring has been announced as follows:

March 28, Boston Red Sox, here.
March 29, Indianapolis, here.
March 30, Newark, International League Champions, here.
March 31, Boston Red Sox, Sarasota.
April 1, Montreal, here.
April 2, Columbus, Winter Haven.
April 3, Louisville, here.
April 5, Louisville, Arcadia.
April, 6 Montreal, Lake Wales.
April 7, Detroit, Lakeland.
April 8, Newark, Sebring.
April 9, Detroit Tigers, here.
April 10, Columbus, here.

The opening game has been positively set with the Boston Red Sox and several other games may be arranged also.

STORES OPEN EVENINGS

The Avon Park stores will remain open every evening all next week in order to assist customers with their Christmas shopping.

ANNUAL PARTY OF ROTARY CLUB ON WEDNESDAY

Entertained 73 Children At School With Dinner And Santa Claus

With 73 school children as guests the Avon Park Rotary Club enjoyed a very happy luncheon Wednesday noon at the school lunch room. The program was very enjoyable and included a visit from Santa Claus who presented the children present and others in the lower grades with boxes of candy.

The fourth grade, under the direction of Miss Alma Harrell, gave a pleasing program with John Garber and Roger Sappington as the leaders. With Mrs. Stanley Reeves at the piano the children sang several songs, Roger Sappington gave a Bible story, Barbara Jean Bridges gave a pianologue and James Bishop gave a reading. Mrs. Garber sang, "Santa Claus is Coming to Town", the children joining in the chorus.

In his address of welcome, President Paul Garber said:

The Rotary Club members extend a hearty welcome to our many guests today, both large and small. As Rotarians we look forward during the year to this meeting with you children and I assure you that we get as much pleasure out of this fellowship as you do. We had a similar meeting last December 16th. and our members voted that the meeting was one of the outstanding meetings of the year. We hope that this will be an annual affair.

As Rotarians we are vitally interested in you children. We realize that you, or many of you, will be the future citizens of Avon Park, and it is our desire, as well as the desire of your teachers that you grow up to be a citizen that all will be proud of. You are fortunate in having an opportunity to attend this school and receive citizenship training from capable teachers and under such fine environment. The opportunity is given to you and how far you go in developing yourself into a worthwhile citizen depends entirely on how hard you work in school and at home.

You have a fine school with capable teachers ever ready to help you. These teachers are supported by the Parent Teachers Association, the Woman's Club, the Rotary Club and other organizations of the town, ever ready to assist in whatever way they can, to help you achieve your goal.

Again I welcome you children and wish you much success in your school work. Our meal today was prepared by members of the P.T.A. and on behalf of the Rotary Club I want to thank this organization and all others whom made this meting possible.

Mrs. C. E. Lanier, president of the P. T. A., spoke briefly and thanked the Rotarians on behalf of her organization for the donations and cooperation in making the party possible. She believed that when the Rotarians got to heaven they would find stars in their crowns.

Members of the P. T. A. and others who helped prepare and serve the meal included: Mrs. D. G. Perry, Mrs. T. A. McNicholas, Mrs. A. E. Gregory, Mrs. J. P. Gar-

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NO FIREWORKS, SAYS MAYOR

Mayor M. E. Covington reminded the youngsters this week that no fireworks will be permitted inside the city limits this Christmas, It is against the city ordinances, he says.

Hugh Bradley Says:

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Here's Some Help for Those Missed by Praise Agents

TENTH annual nominations of the Society for the Protection of Football Players Whose Press Agents Fell Down on the Job:

ALL KINDS OF MAN

Ohman—St. Lawrence	L. E.
Manny—Cincinnati	L. T.
Silverman—C. C. N. Y	L. G.
Doorman—Bates	C.
Troutman—Georgia	R. G.
Speelman—Mich. State	R. T.
Houseman—LaSalle	R. E.
Luckman—Columbia	B.
Glickman—Syracuse	B.
Prettyman—LaSalle	B.
Mangone—Duquesne	B.

ALL COLLEGE

Brown—Notre Dame	**L. E.**
Richmond—Davidson	**L. T.**
Wofford—Furman	**L. G.**
Tufts—Amherst	**C.**
Knox—Upsala	**R. G.**
Marquette—Villanova	**R. T.**
Yale—Hofstra	**R. E.**
Baylor—Susquehanna	**B.**
Fordham—Ohio State	**B.**
La Salle—Oregon	**B.**
Bates—Minnesota	**B.**

ALL WET

Haddock—Harvard Frosh	L. E.
Herring—Princeton Frosh	L. T.
Lake—Colby	L. G.
Fish—Maine	C.
Rainey—Mercer	R. G.
Beer—Detroit	R. T.
Broadwater—West Va. Ees.	R. E.
Flood—Conn. Teachers	B.
Marsh—Lafayette Frosh	B.
Bay—Shippensburg Teachers	B.
Rainwater—Penn Frosh	B.

ALL THAT GLITTERS ISN'T—

Goldman—U. S. C.	**L. E.**
Gelt—New Hampshire	**L. T.**
Goldcamp—Yale Frosh 2ds	**L. G.**
Golden—St. Josephs	**C.**
Goldak—Northwestern	**R. G.**
Goldsmith—Chicago	**R. T.**
Sterngold—Lehigh	**R. E.**
Goldenberg—N. Y. Aggies	**B.**
Goldman—Lafayette	**B.**
Goldberg—Pitt	**B.**
Golding—Cincinnati	**B.**

ALL PEOPLE'S CHOICES

Buchanan—St. Mary's (Tex.)	L. E.
Hayes—Maine	L. T.
Tyler—Yale J. V.	L. G.
Adams—Tulsa	C.
Grant—Purdue	R. G.
Harding—Amherst	R. T.
Wilson—Lehigh	R. E.
Polk—Army Plebes	B.
Coolidge—Mich. State	B.
Jefferson—Northwestern	B.
Washington—U. C. L. A.	B.

ALL OUT OF ORDER

Fitts—Bowdoin	**L. E.**
Aiken—Penn Frosh	L. T.
Payne—Clemson	L. G.
Grief—Rutgers	C.
Akin—Baylor	R. G.
Mopsick—Panzer	**R. T.**
Looney—T. C. U.	**R. E.**
Moan—West Va.	**B.**
Nicksick—G. W. U.	**B.**
Hunsicker—Muhlenburg	**B.**
Belcher—V. P. I.	**B.**

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Red Ruffing probably feels much better now that Tony Lazzeri's no longer a Yank. They didn't talk . . . Three of the Fordhams, Jacunski, a regular end, and Gurske and Zarik, second-string backs, wear glasses when not playing football . . . Mickey Cochrane gets almost as excited about Detroit hockey as he does about his Tigers.

Dale Hanover stands out as the winter book choice for next year's Hambletonian . . . Ranger Cecil Dillon recently became the father of a boy, his fourth child. Frank Boucher is the only other papa among the playing Rangers . . . After weighing in for his fight with Leroy Haynes, Tony Galento devoted the rest of the afternoon to playing pool. When he returned to the dressing room after knocking out Haynes he insisted upon smoking a big black cigar before taking a shower . . . Sports writers err when they use the date line "Harvard Stadium, Cambridge, Mass." The Harvard stadium is in Boston, Mass . . . Pinch hitters won 22 American league games in 1937.

A 6-foot 10½-inch basketball center, who hails from the Pennsylvania coal mining regions and now is reported attending classes at Borough Hall academy, is expected to star for L. I. U. within a season or two . . . Clarence Campbell, National hockey league referee, was a Rhodes scholar at Oxford . . . Pete Prunty, veteran fight announcer, made his first public spiel 50 years ago at the old Madison Square Garden. New York contributed nearly 30 per cent of the major league baseball attendance in 1937 . . . The Yankees drew 1,172,000, the Giants 1,000,000 and the Dodgers 491,000.

NOT IN THE BOX SCORE:

MRS. JO ESPINOSA probably has seen more golf matches than any wife in history. She has followed husband, Al, around the courses for more than 17 years and estimates she has seen him play 433 rounds . . . Willie Harper, the old Fall River Soccer club goalie who also performed so brilliantly for Scotland a decade or so ago, now coaches England's celebrated Plymouth Argyles . . . Jack Hurley's heavyweight, Johnny Erjaveck, is trying to land a boxing coach's job at one of the California colleges. Wants to complete a medical course so that he can specialize in dietetics . . . Charley Goldman, manager of Lightweight Champion Lou Ambers, uses the rubber nipple from a baby's milk bottle as a cigar holder . . . Coaches who have observed them in action testify that former Yale captains Albie Booth and Fay Vincent are football officials capable of working big time games . . . In 1912 Jim Thorpe scored 25 touchdowns and achieved a total of 198 points for Carlisle. This was the same year, by the way, that he proved to be a team all himself in the Olympic games.

The state department of automobile registry in Michigan has set aside No. 7 as the license number for Dutch Clark, coach and backfield star of the Detroit Lions, as long as he drives a car in Michigan . . . Seven has been Clark's playing number since his college days . . . Paul Graham, captain elect of Indiana's 1938 eleven, first reported for football in 1934 . . . Coach Bo McMillin told him he was too little for college football, so Graham returned to his home in Eldorado, Kan., and worked with a road construction gang for a year. He gained 15 pounds and then went back to school. He is rated one of the best blocking backs in the Big Ten conference.

Don Budge Claims He Grew Seven Inches in Year

Don Budge

Don Budge, world tennis singles champion, claims to have grown seven inches between his eighteenth and nineteenth birthdays . . . Between fairways of the Rotorua golf course in New Zealand are a number of boiling mudholes. The club draws annual greens fees of more than $10,000 despite the risk of bringing in a geyser when a deep divot is taken . . . Eddie Meade, who manages Henry Armstrong, featherweight champion, made a fortune directing two boxing headliners of the early twenties, Andy Chaney, the old Baltimore knockout king, and Joe Lynch, former bantamweight title holder. One year the combination earned $385,000 . . . Charley Gehringer is the sixth consecutive infielder to win the American league batting championship.

Joe Gordon, who will graduate from Newark to the New York Yankees second base job next spring, also will graduate from the University of Oregon in February . . . Tony Lazzeri told Jimmy Dykes, when the Sox manager was on the coast a few weeks ago, that three days before he was invited to come to Chicago to confer with President Philip K. Wrigley of the Cubs he didn't know that he had been released by the Yankees. The deal was engineered by the Cubs, Lazzeri told Dykes

Death of H. J. (Derby Dick) Thompson recently, who saddled four Kentucky Derby winners for Col. Edward Riley Bradley, brings to mind the fact that even a trainer sometimes doesn't know the best horse in his barn. Thompson pinned his hopes on Black Servant in the 1921 race, but it was another Bradley color-bearer, Behave Yourself, which won. Thompson figured Bubbling Over was his best bet in 1926, and he was right. But he was wrong again in 1932. Bradley's two derby candidates that year were Burgoo King and Brother Joe. The latter was liked by Thompson, Bradley and the rest of the stable connections. Burgoo King won while Brother Joe broke down after half a mile. Thompson wasn't surprised when his Brokers Tip took the 1933 Derby after a rough stretch battle with Head Play. Incidentally, that was Brokers Tip's first and last win.

Another National league pitcher not long ago told Carl Hubbell that Ducky Medwick of the Cardinals was easy to pitch to after you get two strikes on him . . . "All you have to do," the moundsman explained, "is to throw him a low curve on the outside." . . . "But how and when do you get two strikes on him?" Hubbell inquired . . . . Pittsburgh claims to be the first university to have its football games broadcast . . . The original game was the 1921 contest against Nebraska, first of the present series with the Cornhuskers.

Man o' War weighs 1,375 pounds 300 more than when he was unbeatable on the turf . . . Harold Van Every, Minnesota's star sophomore back, used to caddie for Bill Barrett, Minneapolis pro and father of Beatrice Barrett, one of golf's leading women stars. Van Every's home was opposite the eighth fairway of the Lafayette Country club at the time, and he eventually became the club's caddie master.

What Irvin S. Cobb Thinks about

Prehistoric Lore.

DEL RIO, TEXAS.—According to the scientists, who have a great way of naming earthly phenomena without inquiring into the wishes of the phenomena, we are now living in a terrestrial era known as the Hollocene period.

This will be news to **a lot of people** who rather suspected **we were** living through a stage which might be called Chaos.

Irvin S. Cobb

Still, it's no wonder that the word hasn't got around generally yet, because this present era is quite a young era as eras go. It's merely a few million years old, which, to our true geologist, is the same as yesterday. Mention a few million years to him and he'll say "phew!" and just snap his fingers—like that.

I wonder if the authorities would pardon a suggestion from a poor ignoramus whose acquaintance with geology is largely limited to two of its surface phases, namely: Regular paved roads and those derned detours. When we consider most of the humorous illustrations and the bulk of the humorous text printed in the average smart magazine of today, and the even spicier lines heard in smart modern plays, wouldn't it be more fitting to call it, not the Holocene, but the Obscene period?

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The Law's Long Arm.

THE long arm of the law—it's a grand phrase, isn't it? So mouth-filling, so satisfying to the honest citizen's soul!

It conjures up visions of unrelenting warfare against crime, inevitable punishment for the guilty. It's the bunk!

It's the bunk because of crooked lawyers; venal policemen; complacent prosecutors; soft-hearted or corrupted jurors; witnesses, bribed or intimidated; the law's delays; reversals of fair verdicts on foolish technicalities; a false sentimentality which forgets the widow and orphan of the victim and thinks only of the family of the killer; most often of all, abuse of the powers to commute and to pardon and to parole.

These days, when I see a sentenced offender handcuffed to an officer, I find myself saying to myself, "Chances are that fellow, literally or figuratively, is wearing that decoration only temporarily."

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The Passing Years.

EVERY newborn year is a rosy prospect just as nearly every dying year is a dun-colored disappointment. But without revived hope what could we look forward to except being measured for a shroud?

It seems only yesterday when 1937 was busting in, a radiant, bouncing baby-child, his arms burdened with promises, bless his little soul! After several false starts, happy days were here again. Nobody was aiming to remodel the Supreme court. Senator Ashurst told us so, and didn't he know? He didn't.

Secretary Wallace, slightly assisted by Divine Providence, would immediately have the crop situation well in hand. Grass would grow only in the street leading to the almshouse. The Wall Street boys were expecting two suckers in every pot. And the song of the Bulbul was heard in the land—ah, the bull-bull!

Within the 12-month the Republican party again would be a going concern. Well, if it's a going concern, the question is, where?

And now, laden with future gifts, comes 1938. How time flies! Why, before you know it, Sistie will be old enough to take a job with the radio and Buzzie will be signing testimonials.

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Gambling Houses.

A ONCE famous card-sharp—not reformed, but retired—said to me:

"Show me a professional gambling house where the roulette wheel isn't crooked, where any other mechanical device is on the square, where the operatives from the bosses on down won't skin a customer—call him a sucker, if you want to; the terms are interchangeable—and I'll drop dead from shock, because no such outfit ever existed nor ever will, not so long as games can be tricked, as all of them can, and gamblers are out for the coin, as they naturally are, and the hand is quicker than the eye, which it is."

"But how about the mathematical percentage in favor of the bank—isn't that enough?" I asked.

"How about the mathematical percentage of crooked law-enforcement officers who have to be bribed?" he countered. "There's never enough coming in to satisfy those babies."

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Washington Digest

National Topics Interpreted

By WILLIAM BRUCKART

Washington.—Much has been written and much more has been said concerning the complexities of modern civilization and modern business.

Railroads Face Crisis

Many times have we heard how closely agriculture is related to other industry; how general commerce and industry is interwoven with every phase of our life. There can be no doubt of this condition. No proof is required. Nor is it necessary to argue that when one section or segment of business is on its sickbed, there is a resulting bad reaction upon every other phase of commerce and industry to a greater or less extent.

With these fundamentals in mind, it becomes obvious that probably the most important development of a national character in the last few weeks is the appeal of the country's railroads for the right to increase their rates by 15 per cent. The details of their condition, as presented in hearings before the interstate commerce commission, show they are confronted with a crisis. Since they are under the rigid supervision of the federal government, the federal government is the doctor in the case. They will live or die by the command of the interstate commerce commission.

The case they have presented shows, for example, that they have had to cut thousands upon thousands of workers off of the payroll; that they have been unable to buy more than one third of the customary annual purchases from other businesses, and that more than one fourth of all the railroad mileage in the nation is now being operated as bankrupt property—that is, the property is in the hands of court receivers.

So, adverting to the observations of the first paragraph of this discussion: a gigantic industry can not run at a loss without resulting in a bad heart or partial paralysis in other industry. Higher rates are always opposed for the very human reason that none of us enjoys taking any more money out of our pocket than we must. Many lines of business oppose rate increases on the railroads because of the fear that it will reduce their volume of sales. But it occurs to me that in consideration of a question of freight rates and charges which the railroads make, we ought to think of their situation as we do of other lines of business. Our retail grocer is not going to sell at a loss; the druggist can not subsist unless he makes a profit however small it may be, nor is the farmer going to continue to produce unless he gets a reasonable return from his work. The only difference between these and the railroads is that the railroads can not raise their rates unless the interstate commerce commission, a government agency, says they can do so.

Further, there is a tendency on the part of a goodly number of persons throughout the land to question the accuracy of statements made by business. No doubt you have heard, as I have, the remark that "you can't tell whether so-and-so's business is bad off or not. Big corporations can cover up and make black look like white." Indeed, while I was listening to one of the I. C. C. hearings in this case, a man in a neighboring seat made something of the same observation as I have quoted. My answer to him was in substance that none of the railroad officials would dare lie to the commission, even if they were so inclined, because the commission has access to every item of expense and income, even all actions of the management, of the carriers.

It might be added in this connection that officials of the interstate commerce commission understand there is to be a request by the interstate truck operators for an increase in rates if and when the rail lines are allowed higher rates. The trucks are represented as slowly starving to death—but they can't and won't boost rates until their competitors, the railroads, charge more for their services.

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I believe there is no better way to set forth the plight of the railroads, as presented to the commission, than to include here some excerpts of the statement made officially in the case by Dr. J. H. Parmelee. He is director of the bureau of economics of the Association of American Railroads and, as such, knows the details.

Plight of Carriers

"Today," Dr. Parmelee said, "the carriers are reducing forces and are curtailing their purchases of equipment, materials and supplies. They are forced to do this because of the financial condition in which they find themselves. This retrenchment has a serious economic effect on employment, on the manufacturers of railway supplies and their employees and on all business activity. Such a policy with its unwholesome economic consequences only partially offsets the rising tide of costs.

"The railroads in 1927 to 1930 installed more than twelve times as many locomotives each year, nearly five times as many freight cars, laid nearly three times as many tons of rails and laid nearly twice as many cross ties as they averaged in the depression years from 1931 to 1936.

"Capital expenditures for 1929 and 1930 averaged $863,164,000 a year. During the depression years from 1931 to 1936, the average of capital expenditures was only $206,813,000.

"Similarly, the trend of railway purchases (of things they must use in operation) of fuel, material and supplies declined sharply during the depression years and never has returned to anything like normal. Railway purchases in 1929 and 1930 amounted to $1,184,017,000 in each of the two years. In the five years from 1931 to 1935, the average per year was about $559,000,000. In 1936, the expenditures in this direction were up to $803,421,000. (Figures for 1937 are incomplete but there has been another decline because of necessary curtailment of buying.)"

Dr. Parmelee turned to the question of railroad receipts for their services. He told the commission that the depression years had left the railroads without any reserves. For seven years, he said, the railroads have been barely getting by, and pointed out that at no time between 1931 and 1937 had they earned more than 2.57 per cent on their investment as it is appraised by the commission. In three of those seven years, the records show, the railroads' receipts did not amount to as much as their fixed charges, a term which includes interest on their debts, taxes and required amounts for paying off parts of their debts. In other words, all they earned in those years was just enough to pay the people who work for them and buy the necessary fuel and operating supplies.

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The argument to the commission is predicated, therefore, upon rising costs, general expenses, and the dozen or so railway presidents who testified before the commission stressed the fact that these expenses are out of control by the railroad authorities.

Rising Costs

Dr. Parmelee figured that these higher costs of fuel, supplies, wages and taxes had laid a burden on the railroads that is greater this year by $664,789,000 than it was in 1933. The companies hope to get $567,287,000 of this sum from the 15 per cent increase in freight rates, and the railroads of the East are asking that passenger fares be increased from 2 cents to 2½ cents a mile, which they think will bring in an additional $47,500,000. From this it is seen that the carriers still will fall short of the full amount needed, but their argument, as I understand it, proceeds on the theory that they should not seek more of an increase than is sufficient to keep them from going broke. If the new depression conditions subside, there will be a larger volume of freight next year. That will enable them to make a profit. That is, a greater volume of business with the new rates will provide a profit unless there are new government taxes and other burdens laid upon them. In this connection, I looked up the effect of the social security and carriers' taxing act. Commission records show the rail lines are paying $111,000,000 in taxes annually under these two levies alone, a burden the companies did not have two or three years ago.

So it is evident that the rail lines are in a bad fix. They are confronted on the one hand with mounting costs of operation and on the other by declining receipts from the smaller volume of business. At the same time, it seems to me, the country has more than a passing interest in their plight. This is so because during the last two months, for example, close to 60,000 railroad employees have been laid off—out of work, in the rail industry alone. With the decline of purchasing of supplies by the rail lines, other industry has suffered, has laid off men.

Looking at the thing another way, one might call attention to federal appropriations for relief which have been in excess of three billions a year during the last several years. The figures given above show that the railway purchases—just one industry—have fallen off more than 500 millions, or about one-sixth of the relief appropriations. If the appropriations to aid all unemployed are only six times as large as the drop in railway expenditures, it is easy to see what an influence is wielded and why I have taken the position that it is necessary to consider the railways' petition from the standpoint of the country as a whole. We, as citizens, have a burden to carry whether it is done through the railways or through some other avenue. None of those rail workers wants to be without a job, I am sure.

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Historic Hoaxes

By ELMO SCOTT WATSON

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Propaganda Goes Gruesome

THE World war not only made more people aware of the word "propaganda" than they had ever been before but the use of this instrument in "molding public opinion" reached greater heights—or descended to lower levels, whichever way you wish to look at it—than ever before. One of the classic propaganda stories, broadcast all over the world, was that the Germans were using their dead to manufacture soap. This story was first circulated in China (where ancestor worship is strong) to win that country to the side of the Allies.

The story had its origin in a curious coincidence. One day two photographs were delivered to the office of Brig. Gen. J. V. Charters of the British Army Intelligence staff. One of them showed some dead German soldiers being hauled away to be buried. The other was a picture of dead horses on the way to a soap factory.

Whether or not what took place next was deliberate or accidental has never been definitely established. But the fact remains that the captions on the two pictures were switched and the one showing the dead German soldiers declared that they were "on their way to the soap factory."

Propagandists saw in this picture an opportunity for further exploiting the idea of "German ruthlessness," as well as evidence of the desperate condition of Germany and the picture was reprinted all over the world with that caption under it. Despite indignant denials by the Germans, many people still believe that they did indeed use their dead to manufacture soap during the World war.

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Boomerang

WHEN Eugene Field joined the staff of the Chicago Daily News in August, 1883, and began writing his column "Sharps and Flats," he learned that it was the custom of the News to give each employee a turkey as a Christmas present. Thereupon he wrote a note to Melville E. Stone, the publisher (later famous as the head of the Associated Press) saying that he didn't like turkey but he could use a new suit of clothes.

The day before Christmas, when the other News workers were getting turkeys Field was handed a bundle. When he opened it, he discovered that it contained a convict's suit, resplendent in its black and white stripes. Field gravely thanked Stone for the present and the next day appeared at the office wearing the suit.

In fact, he wore it every day, much to Stone's distress. For whenever the editor happened to have distinguished callers in his office, Field was sure to walk in, attired in his convict's suit, even to the cap, and pretend to be busy attending to the coal stove in the office. Naturally, it caused the visitor to wonder why a "convict" should be working around the News office and it required considerable explaining on the part of the publisher.

It wasn't long until Stone was heartily sick of the joke he had played on his columnist. He tried to get Field to give up the suit but the humorist insisted that nothing could make him part with "Mr. Stone's gift." Finally in desperation, the publisher arranged with one of the News employees to steal the suit from Field's rooms and that ended Stone's joke which had proved to be such a boomerang.

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The Lamplight Funeral

THE late Arthur Brisbane was once unintentionally responsible for circulating a story which turned out to be a hoax but which stirred the whole state of Georgia to the deepest indignation. It was the story of holding the funeral of a young girl in a Georgia cotton mill at night to permit her fellow workers to attend because the mill owners refused to allow its employees to leave during working hours.

The Atlanta Constitution immediately began an investigation and discovered (1) that, instead of a girl, it was a woman of twenty-five whose funeral had been held at night; (2) that she had never worked in the cotton mill; (3) that the funeral was held at night to meet a family exigency; (4) that many of the employees of the mill were present at the burial, which was held next day; and (5) that the man who had given Brisbane his "facts" had admitted being in error.

The famous columnist, however, refused to back down on his story and accused Clark Howell, editor of the Constitution, of trying to "cover up" bad working conditions in the textile industries of the South. Thereupon Howell produced signed statements from the minister who officiated at the funeral, the mayor of Covington, Ga., where it was held, the editor of the News, the local paper, and the president of the cotton mill to prove that the whole story was a hoax perpetrated by some one who wished to damage the textile industry.

AROUND THE HOUSE

For Meringues.—Eggs that are several days old make better meringues than fresh ones.

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Selecting Meats.—Good beef or pork or calves' liver is very bright in color and has little odor. Remember these points when selecting it.

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Preparing Starch.—Stir a piece of lard about as big as a five-cent piece into your starch while it is boiling. Your clothes will take on a nice gloss, and the iron will not stick.

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Caring for Knit Garments.—In wearing and caring for knit garments, beware of rough surfaces, which cause thread breaks. Give the garment rest periods; steam and reblock occasionally.

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Stuffed Celery.—Blend two tablespoons of peanut butter with two tablespoons of butter and one-quarter pound of grated cheese. Work until smooth, then add one-quarter teaspoon of worcestershire sauce and paprika, then stuff crisp celery hearts. This mixture is also delicious as a sandwich spread or to use for stuffing dates or prunes.

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Egyptian Guide—And the stones I'm about to show you are covered with hieroglyphics.

American Tourist—Oh, isn't that too bad. At home we're bothered by grasshoppers.

Most men are easy marks for the girl who aims to please.

What's the Matter, Pop

Father (looking at son's report)—Do you know that George Washington was at the head of his class when he was your age?

Son—Yes, but he was President of the United States when he was your age, pop.

Rising Tide

A new magazine has made its appearance on the newsstands of the country. It is pictorial in character under the name of the "Rising Tide," originally issued in England and now being prepared for distribution in eleven countries under nine different languages. **The magazine is reported to be a non-profit publication carrying no advertising but such matter that is of interest to the people of the world who are seeking answers to their own problems. It is said that these problems are covered without regard to race, class or creed.**

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Orange Festival Poster Contest For H. S. Students

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The students of Junior high schools will not be asked to compete with Senior High students in either contest, though they will have the same themes. Identical prizes will be awarded for first, second and third choices in both poster and essay contests in both Junior and Senior classes.

Special attention is being paid school exhibits by the Festival management this year. A large circus tent has been secured in which to house them and it is hoped that there will be a good showing of the work of manual training and domestic science departments as well as from the several grades.

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Church Notes

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 19—Church School, 9:45 a. m.

Preaching, 11 a. m. Subject, "The Coming of the King". Christmas music.

League, 6:30 p. m.

At 7:30 p. m. "White Christmas Service". Christmas music.

You are given a special invitation to these services.

W. C. FOUNTAIN, Pastor

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bible School, 10 A. M.

Preaching, 11 A. M. and 7:45 P. M.

Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 7:30 P. M.

W. S. Long of Chicago, Ill., will deliver two sermons, subject at 11 A. M. "Acceptable Worship", Subject at 7:45 P. M. "What Must I do to be Saved?"

The public is welcome to each of these services.

H. C. WINNETT, Minister

EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICE

Services at the Episcopal church of the Redeemer on Sunday will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 7:30 a. m. and a second celebration at eleven o'clock.

At midnight of Christmas Eve, the traditional "first mass of Christmas" will be observed at the Church of the Redeemer. This is the most beautiful service of the year and the most popular. At this time the Church uses every resource and all of her centuries old experience to adorn and beautify the celebration of the birth of the Saviour. Lights, music, vestments, ceremonial, choir and acolytes all have their part in this pageant of joy.

This year an augmented choir will assist in the service by singing the following traditional Christmas music.

Hymn, Adeste Fidelis, Traditional; Chant, Kyrie Eleison, Merbecke; Hymn, O Little Town of Bethlehem, Brooks; Chant, Glory be too Thee, O Lord, Merbecke; Hymn, Calm on the listening ear of night, Sears; Anthem, Behold the star of Bethlehem; Hymn, Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, Mendelsohn; Chant, Sursum Corda and Sanctus, Merbecke; Chant, Benedictus Qui Venit, Merbecke; Chant, Agnus Dei, Merbecke; Hymn, Let all mortal flesh keep silence, Traditional; Chant, Gloria in excelsis Deo, Ellwanger; Hymn, Silent Night, Mohr.

We invite everyone, residents and visitors, whether members of the Church or not, to attend this service of worship, and to recapture the spirit of Christmas. Our only request is that you arrive in time to take your seat five minutes before midnight, in order that the service may not be disturbed nor interupted by late comers.

RICHARD I. BROWN, rector

UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Dr. Alfred C. Elliott, Pastor

Sunday, December 19—Sunday school, in charge of superintendent J. P. Garber at 9:45 a. m. with classes to suit all ages. Adult classes taught by Miss Alice Davidson and Miss Mabel Lee. Young Men's class taught by Dr. Elliott. Morning worship at 11:00 with special Christmas music by the choir and sermon by Dr. Elliott, whose subject will be, "The Dayspring." "Anthems, "Gesu Bambino" and "Hark What Celestial Sounds?", by the choir and solo, "In Old Judea" by E. L. Roberts. Young People's Pilgrim Fellowship Hour at 6:45 p. m. Henry Wild will lead the meeting and William Bennett will introduce the topic, "Thinking of Others First". The Semi-Sacred play, "The True Meaning of Christmas", will be presented in the church on Tuesday evening at 7:30 by the members of the Pilgrim Fellowship group. There will be no charge for admission, but a silver collection will be taken.

The Ladies' Aid will meet at the church on Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. to receive the report of the recent bazaar and to discuss plans for the future.

The "Quiet Hour" service will not be held on Wednesday on account of Christmas activities this week. The Sunday school will hold the annual Christmas exercises in the church on Friday at 7:30 P. M. when an attractive program of Christmas music and recitations will be presented by the children and Santa Claus will pay his annual visit and distribute the presents. The Junior Choir and Young People's Orchestra will meet for rehearsal at the church on Wednesday at 6:45 p. m. The Senior Choir will meet on call of E. L. Roberts. The pastor and members of the church cordially invite the citizens of Avon Park and the winter guests to attend the services and social gatherings of the church and share with them the joy of the happy Christmas festival.

News From The First Baptist Church

The social committee of the First Baptist Church gave a surprise Christmas shower for the pastor, Rev. J. P. Dalton, Tuesday night. There were about 75 people present and all brought sandwiches and the committee prepared refreshments. The committee prepared a very entertaining program and for once the pastor didn't know what to say, as a large table was covered with gifts for him.

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Next Sunday, December 19 the choir of the First Baptist church will sing a Christmas Anthem and give other special music. The sermon will be preached by the pastor, Rev. J. P. Dalton. The sermon subject will be "The Masters Manger".

White Christmas will be observed and a large box will be provided for receiving all kinds of gifts, clothing, food and money, all of which will be distrubuted to the needy in the community. Gifts will be received at both morning and evening services.

The evening service will be devoted to special music and a pageant or manger scene after which the pastor will bring a message on "The Best Christmas". Everyone is welcome.

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The First Baptist sunday school has 23 Sunday school classes with twenty three teachers. There is a class for you. There are seven departments with a superintendent over each department. Mrs. C. W. Pabor is superintendent of the Cradle Roll department, ages birth through three years. Miss Audrey Lockett is superintendent of the Beginners Department, ages four and five years. Mrs. W. C. Touchton is superintendent of the Primary Department, ages six, seven and eight years. Mrs. Loca Stuckey is superintendent of the Junior Department, ages nine through twelve having eight classes, four boys and four girls. Mrs. S. F. Longbottom is superintendent of the Intermediate Department, ages thirteen through sixteen. Mr. W. W. McFarland is superintendent of the Young Peoples Department, ages seventeen through twenty-four, and E. Ray Wells is superintendent of the Adult Department, ages twenty-five and up, having three classes, also E. Ray Wels is general superintendent of the whole school. The Sunday school is doing good work and cordially invite everyone who is not now in some Sunday school to come and meet with them. The Sunday school is having it's annual Christmas programs under the direction of Mrs. W. C. Touchton and Christmas tree with gifts for all next Wednesday night at the church.

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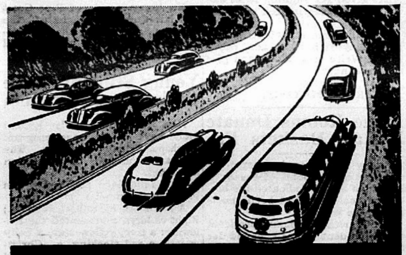

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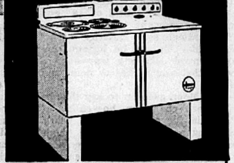

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EDITORIAL

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The staff of the "Red and White" repeats to you the words of that famous Dickens character, Tiny Tim: "Merry Christmas, and God bless you everyone!"

When our Savior was born it was a symbol that the suffering of man had come to an end. With his birth a new era was begun.

We believe that Christmas is not just a day of giving and receiving, but a day of homage to our Lord.

So it is with these thoughts in mind that we wish you a wonderful Christmas, in which we hope you find happiness and faith in God.

It is the usual custom of everyone to give Christmas greetings to others. Some of them are sincere and some are not. When we give you the simple words of Tiny Tim, we mean it with all of the sincerety at our command.

LOST—TYPING PAPER

Some people, it seems, feel that this school has adopted a communistic policy where typing paper is concerned. Their motto seems to be, "The one who gets to the locker first gets the typing paper.' This does not mean the one who gets to his own locker, but the one who gets to anyone's locker, just so long as it has typing paper in it.

We really feel that something should be done about this. There are not many students who like to buy paper everyday, especially when they haven't even had the pleasure of using that which they bought the day before.

THE NEW LIBRARY

A great improvement has been made this year in the library. The appearance and cleanliness has greatly improved over the last several years.

Last year and years before that the library came close to being a disgrace to the school. The books were scattered along the shelves in any order. When one wished to read a book he would have to search through all of the books to find the one wanted.

This year the books are kept in order according to the alphabet and under headings of the different types of books. The librarian, who was greatly needed, has made an effort to make this library one of the best in the state or a school of this size.

BOOK OF THE WEEK

Main-Travelled Roads — Hamlin Garland, Publishers, Harper and Brothers.

Main-Travelled Roads is a group of stories that reveal the farmer's life as the author lived and studied it. These stories tell of the hardships of the men and women who subdued the midland wilderness and prepared the way for the present Golden Age of Agriculture.

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Red Devils Outplayed In Season Final With Pahokee

The Avon Park Red Devils travelled to Pahokee Friday, where they went down in defeat at the hands of the powerful Blue Deviis team, 26-6.

Lynn kicked to the Pahokee 35, where Boynton gathered it up and brought it back 20 yards to the Avon Park 45. Boynton then crashed straight through the middle of the Red Devil line on the first scrimmage play of the game and picked up 25 yards and a first down on the 20.

The Blue Devils then made it a first down on the 9 on a beautiful plunging. The Devils held until the fourth down, but the Blue Devils were not to be denied their touchdown.

Boynton dropped back and heaved a pass into the end zone that was completed for the initial score of the game. The try for extra point was good on a line plunge.

The Devils fought hard to prevent being scored on again during the first half. Pahokee showed power, along with fleet feet to make things tough for the Red Devils.

Meriwether's punting was an important factor in the ability of Avon Park in preventing the Blue Devils from scoring more. The half ended with Avon Park in possession of the ball and trailing 7-0.

Meriwether received the kick-off starting the second half and brought it back to his own 35. The third quarter saw both teams threaten their opponents' goal, but no scoring took place. The fourth quarter was an aerial circus, with four touchdowns being scored. Shortly after the fourth quarter opened Pahokee was across the Red Devil's goal line. The extra point failed and left Avon Park on the short end of a 13-0 score.

Shortly after receiving the kickoff Avon Park scored its lone touchdown. It all came about when Meriwether threw a beautiful 40 yard pass to Touchton.

This put the ball on the Pahokee 30. Another pass from Meriwether to Touchton provided the Devils' six points. The extra point failed. With five minutes remaining the Pahokee team unleashed a series of tricky forward-laterals and scored a pair of touchdowns that ended the game.

Nature Study Trip Made By 4 Avonites

When a certain little green Ford creeps out of town on Saturday morning at 5:30 o'clock we know that something is in the air.

The occupants of this car last Saturday were Miss Erress Arant, Mrs. Chester Yates, Ralph Garrett and Ray Garrett. Later they picked up Mr. Baynard, the park naturalist at Highland Hammock, where they were served a delicious breakfast of pancakes and coffee.

After breakfast they left Highlands Hammock for Okeechobee City equipped with field glasses, ropes and kodaks to study an eagles nest.

The eagle had straightened and mended her nest, but had not laid any eggs. On the trip the Avonites observed fifty or more birds.

Mr. Baynard has visited over 200 eagles' nests and made pictures of each. He is expected to show the slides in chapel in the near future.

Music Dept. Presents Christmas Vespers

Avon Park band and glee club will present a Christmas vespers at the Jacaranda hotel porch at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The program will consist of Christmas music and a Christmas devotional by Rev. W. A. Fountain, of the Methodist church.

The band will play the march, "Gateway City," "Overture Arcadia", and "Gypsy Festival".

Following this the mixed glee club will sing a group of songs which will include the following: "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light", by Bach, and "Song of Praise", by Mendelsohn.

The Girls' glee club will then sing "Legend", by Tschowesky, and the mixed glee club will sing "Listen to the Lambs".

To conclude the program the band will play America, while the glee club and audience will sing.

Xmas. Play By Grade Seven Given In Chapel Friday

A Christmas play, "Elmer's Christmas Eve," was presented in chapel Friday morning by the students in Miss Sara Rutledge's section of the seventh grade.

The setting of this play was in the average American home and the time was Christmas Eve. The story of the play is as folows:

Susan Collier, who is the heroine of the play is treated very mean by her twin sisters. They are a bit older than she is and they feel that they should have all the new things while Susan gets their left-overs. Susan's only consolation is in her brother Elmer. Elmer knows that his sister Susan is treated badly and does not hesitate to say so.

When Mrs. Collier comes home with a lot of Christmas packages all the Collier children want to open them, but they are told that they must wait until their father comes home on Christmas day. Then a package is discovered that is already open. It is for Susan and is from her father.

It is a beautiful new coat. Jeanie and Janie are envious, naturally. Janie has a date with Hubert and asks if she may wear the coat. Susan is broken hearted when she finds her mother insists that she let her sister wear her new coat first. Elmer thinks that is the limit.

When Janie is dressed and goes to get the coat she discovers it is gone. Every one is alarmed. They think burglars have been in the house, so Mrs. Collier goes next door to call the police. Then Elmer becomes a detective and makes a through investigation.

Finally everyone is quieted and Janie goes off with Hubert wearing her old coat. Elmer's purpose is completed. He saved the new coat for Susan to wear first—and the curtain went down on Mrs. Collier giving Elmer a spanking.

The following students took part in the program:

Paul Vilkaitis as Elmer Colier, 14 years old.

Mary Alice Powell as Susan Collier.

Josephine Brown and Betty Moffett as Jeanie and Janie Collier the twins.

Lois Shirley as Mrs. Collier.

Helen Jarrett as Miss Luisa Pinney a dress maker.

Violet Stewart as Fannie Bell, a colored girl.

Ray Maddox as Hubert Brown.

Arthur Crews as Johnny Philips.

16 Make Honor Roll On First Speed Test

Out of one of the largest typing groups ever to take typing in Avon Park high school, 16 students stand out as the speediest and most accurate, with Dorothy Hughes and Tommy Lou Greene leading the way.

In the first period class, Betty Sherman, Lucy Wolverton, Jane Hartt, and Marion Foster made the typing honor roll for this week.

Helen DeLaney, Elsie Visel, Cynthia Kolburne and James Bailey were the representatives from the third period class.

Included in the fifth period's honor roll were: Christine Lofton, Margaret Raulerson, Max Mathis and John Edwin Wilkes.

The last period class placed Odean Bishop, Lucille Bishop, Ruth Fields and Frances Cloud.

With 47 net words as her record, Dorothy Hughes is the speediest of the group, with Tommy Lou Greene following close behind with 46 net words.

Students Of Speech Run For High Offices

"Now, here in Grunt-um County hogs grow as big as bears and fierce as tigers," stated George Moon, "and the sound of a gun makes them want to fight worse. They trample and destroy crops! Hogs like this can be brought under control only one way—by a voice that a hog likes to hear, and I have it!"

Mr. Moon goes on to say that he has been champion hog-caller of Virginia for the past five years, and that's the state where "hogs are hogs". With a reputation like this Mr. Moon should go places.

George was running for appointment for hog catcher in Grunt-um County, Virginia, when he made this speech in Mr. Chester Yates' class Tuesday. All the members of the speech class have given political speeches this week.

Ray Mathis would like to go to Georgia with Bud during the holidays, but he says he's too young to fall in love.

Bud Belin says, "Yes sir, I'm going to Georgia during the Xmas. holidays." What is the attraction, Bud? Blond, Brunette or Red Head?

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE FOR '37 - '38

A complete schedule was worked out at a Ridge meeting last week for the basketball teams.

Avon Park has scheduled 14 games, two open dates which will probably be filled soon and the Ridge and District tournament.

* denotes boys and girls.

Dec. 17—Lakeland, Here
Dec. 28—Lakeland, There
Jan. 7— Open
*Jan. 10—Brewster, Here
*Jan. 14—Haines City, Here
Jan. 18—Open
*Jan. 21—Plant City, Here
*Jan. 25—Sebring, There
Jan. 28—F. M. I., Here
*Jan. 31—Sebring, Here
*Feb. 4—Haines City, There
Feb. 8—F. M. I., There
*Feb. 11—Ft. Meade, Here
*Feb. 15—Plant City, There
Feb. 18—Lake Wales, Here
*Feb. 22—Brewster, There

February 24 and 25 Conference Tournament at Haines City for both boys and girls.

March 4 and 5, District Tournament.

Devils Land On All - Ridge

Four Avon Park Players were voted on the All-Ridge team at a coaches meeting held at Ft. Meade last week.

Touchton, Sherman, H. Wild and Meriwether ranked as top players, with Meriwether being the only man on the Ridge to receive votes for the fullback position.

Avon Park and Lake Wales tied for placements on the Ridge team with Sebring making second. Both the Red Devils and the Highlanders placed four men on the team with one honorable mention apiece. Sebring put three men on and one honorable mention.

The All-Ridge squad was named as follows: Ends—Alexander, Lake Wales, McDonald, Sebring, Touchton, Avon Park, Sherman, Avon Park; Tackles—Bowen, Ft. Meade, W. Bolden, Lake Wales, H. Wild, Avon Park; Guards—Polk, Mulberry, Lamb, Frostproof, Hancock, Sebring, Tyson, Frostproof; centers—Gillispie, Ft. Meade, F. Warson, Brewster; quarterbacks—Bittle, Haines City, Weaver, Lake Wales, Ray, Mulberry, Chollet, Sebring, Smith, Frostproof, Petrey, Lake Wales; fullback—Meriwether, Avon Park; honorable mention—Brown, Fort Meade, Sloan, Albritton, Sapp, Brewster; Bryan, Lake Wales; Cribbs, Mulberry; Bradbury, Avon Park; Butler, Sebring; Petrey, Lyle, Haines City.

The final standing was also decided and is as follows: Sebring, Ft. Meade, Brewster, Haines City, Avon Park, Lake Wales, Frostproof, Mulberry and Auburndale.

Fourteen Students Home for Vacation

Fourteen students are spending the holidays at home. They are: G. D. Godwin, Jr., Marcus Covington, Johnny Vilkaitis from University of Florida; Patsy Loomis, Mary Coen, Morris McCord from Stetson University, Deland.

Sara Lucy Trent from Brenau College, Gainesville, Georgia; Darween Morrell from Florida State College for Women, Tallahassee; Carmen Booth, Florida Southern college, Lakeland; Evelyn Clements from Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Alabama; Cecil Clements, from Marion Institute, Marion, Alabama; Margaret Bailey from Canton Actual Business College, Canton, Ohio. Billy Martin and Harold McClelland from the University of Tampa, Tampa, Florida.

Devils Hold 46 Points Lead On Opponents

With the end of the gridiron season, we find that Avon Park has scored a total of 142 points and has held the opposition to 96.

Point scoring for the Red Devils has been divided among these boys Meriwether, 55; Lynn 30; Bailey, 18; Touchton, 16; Tuten, 8; Ward, 6; C. Wild, 6; Foster, 3.

Fred Kipp was operated on last Friday by the Junior class and Dr. Reeves.

School Council Receives Aid

The student council had charge of the chapel program Wednesday morning. Each home room was asked to decide on some suggestion that would benefit the school as a whole. These suggestions was presented to the council by the representatives in the classes.

The seniors presented the following two suggestions: the home rooms should be included in the beautification project; and all agents connected with the school should lend their influence towards purchasing a new curtain for the stage in the auditorium.

The eleventh grade suggested that a new indoor scenery should be bought for the stage.

Miss Pearson's section of the tenth grade suggested that the home rooms conduct a home room beautification contest to make the home rooms more attractive and home like.

Mrs. Freed Peden's section of the tenth grade suggested that the home rooms be properly lighted to improve conditions for study on dark days.

The ninth grade suggested new flags be placed in each room, while Miss Crago's section of eighth grade suggested that benches be placed on the school grounds for students.

Miss Key's section of eighth grade suggested that new stage furniture be obtained.

Miss Rutledge's section of seventh grade suggested: That the desks in school that have no bottoms, those that are pulled loose from the floor, and those that are deeply cut on top be mended.

Mr. Smith's section of seventh grade sugested that the home rooms be properly lighted.

Grade Four Presents Program At Rotary

Miss Alma Harrell's fourth grade gave a Christmas program at the Rotary club Wednesday, which was held in the school lunch room.

The following program was presented by the pupils:

"The Christmas Bible Story" by Roger Sappington; a pianologue by Betty Jean Bridges; reading by James Bishop; a tap dance, by Betty Jo Wells; a clarnet solo, by John Garber.

Mrs. Myer's and Mrs. Johnson's first grades Rhythm Band had their first program Thursday afternoon at the school lunch room.

The following songs were sung by pupils and played by the Rhythm Band: "The Russian Tea Pot," "Going Down the Street," "Up On The House Top," and "Away In A Manger."

"d" Abbreviation for "Penny"

The sign "d" in English money is the abbreviation for "penny." It stood originally for the Latin denarius, a coin of value equivalent to the Anglo-Saxon penny. Medieval money changers continued its use as an abbreviation for the penny and gave it a fixed place in English custom. A penny is approximately equal in value to 2 cents. The half penny is therefore about the equivalent of our cent.

PUPIL'S MOLARS IN LIMELIGHT WHEN MASTICATING GUM QUID

(By RUBY BENNETT)

Young Mr. Average Student looks in his pocket for a nickel; if he isn't lucky enough to find a nickel and sees a loose penny he makes for the sandwich stand for a stick of gum (Gum, gum, we all want gum!)

He chews, pops and blows bubbles almost at the same time. One would think the poor fellow had the mumps if he wasn't forever moving his jaws up and down. (Gum, gum, we all want gum!)

Boy looks around to see if he can see girl friend. Boy sees girl friend. As he approaches, he gives her a stick of gum. Girl friend begins chewing, making a noise like a horse eating corn, varying the sound by popping it.

The next day boy gives girl friend some blow gum, this kind doesn't make as much noise as the first stick she had, but girl friend blows bubbles—and becomes the center of attraction. (Gum, gum, we all want gum!)

Some folks chew fast and hard. (Evelyn Martin is in hog heaven when she is bearing down on her taste will remain in the gum gum instead of her tongue.)

Some people chew slow and easy. (Betty Sherman thinks the slower and easier she chews her gum the less she will have to buy since the tast will remain in the gum longer.)

George Washington liked to chew gum, but since it took a little leisure time to do so, he refrained from it. The generations that followed Washington didn't follow his example. Some people say they can work better if they have a wad of gum to be chewing on, although psychologists state it reduces the power of the brain to think. (Gum, gum, we all want gum!)

W. P. A. Players Present Two Plays

"Everyman" and two scenes from a Christmas pageant were presented last night in the high school auditorium by the W. P. A. players.

The scene from the Christmas cycle took place in a hillside clearing where the shepherds gathered at night. The shepherds were startled by the rays of a star which nearly blinded them and an angel appeared and told them of the birth of Christ.

The other scene was the adoration of the Wise Men. The Wise Men presented their gifts and the scene closed with Mary reading the benediction.

The other play, "Everyman", was a morality play. The characters who played were: Death, Everyman, Fellowship, Kindred, Cousin, Goods, Good-deeds, Knowledge, Confession, Discretion, Strength, Five-wits, Beauty and an Angel. Death delivered the message to Everyman that he was faced with a journey to the grave which he could not escape.

Everyman called upon friends to go with him, but they would not. "Good-deeds" was the only one who followed him to speak for him before the highest tribunal.

Letter Is Received From Irish Student

Pupils of Miss Rosalie Clausen's section of the fourth grade are still communicating with students in foreign countries.

A letter addressed to Leslie Laflam from North Ireland follows:

Dear Leslie:

I received your letter on 22nd Oct. and thanks for sending the nice cards. I am in sixth standard and my teacher is Mr. Morton he is very easy. The school I go to is Derryhillagh P. E. S.

I live in the country on a large farm we have a shop also and my big brother attends it, I live three miles from the nearest town it is Enniskillen it is built on an island surrounded by lough Erne and is noted for it's beautiful scenery it is the capitol of Co. Fermanagh.

I was eleven years of age on the 24th June 1937. I have a greyhound dog and I take him out to hunt. He often catches rabbits for me. I call him Prince.

We have a car and my brother Tommy drives it. A few Sundays ago we went for drive around Lough Erne and I enjoyed it very much.

The weather here is getting very cold and it is expected we might have some snow, but it is never very deep.

Our king is George VI. He was crowned on the 12th May this year. We had a great time at Coronation in the schools, there were prizes given for running races and our friends were invited to a tea party.

My full name is Robert Samuel Bruce Mayers but I am called Bruce. Write soon again and give me more news.

Your New Friend,
BRUCE MAYERS.

Home Rooms Donate Xmas Baskets Fri.

Friday afternoon in chapel the different home rooms of the Avon Park high school dedicated the baskets of food that had been made up for the poor.

As Charles Sherman, president of the student council, called for the baskets from each room, a committee from each room brought forth the basket and placed it on the stage.

Another committee from each room was appointed by the president of the room for the distribution of the baskets.

The baskets were judged and the biggest and best decorated baskets were recognized.

Mary Clements and Marjorie Wells gathered enough food from each girl scout to fill a Christmas basket for some family in our community. June Gough decorated the basket with moss, autumn leaves and palmetto fans.

The girl scouts helped lighten the burden of the boy scouts in repairing the toys for the poor children in our community by taking all the dolls and dressing them up.

The boy scouts were very busy at their meeting last Monday night painting and reparing the toys that were donated by the children and parents of Avon Park.

"A Roland for an Oliver"

"A Roland for an Oliver" means a blow for a blow, or tit for tat. The reference is to Roland and Oliver, paladdins of Charlemagne, whose exploits were so similar that it was difficult to distinguish between them. At length the two met in single combat and fought for five days without either gaining the least advantage.

Devil Cagers And Lakeland To Play Here

Strongest High School Team In South To Play Here

Decked out in their new red and white uniforms, the Avon Park Red Devils' quintet will take the floor Friday night against the Lakeland Dreadnaughts in the first game of the season.

The Lakeland basketeers will hold an advantage over the Red Devils since they have played four games already this season.

Last year the Dreadnaughts were district basketball champions, in their games this season they have shown plenty of offensive as well as defensive power.

With only one week of practice under their belts, the Devils will be at a disadvantage, but members of the team have all played together before and this should be a great help.

Although the local boys may not win the game, they will give a good account of themselves.

It was recently announced that the state tournament will be divided into an A and B class. Avon Park will be in the B class thus giving them a good chance to go to the state tournament.

The Ridge tournament which will be held in Haines City will decide the championship.

Lake Wales has built a new armory and will compete with the other teams this season.

The probable starting line-up for the "A" team wil be Lynn and Touchton as the forwards, Jordon at center and Bailey and Meriwether at the guards.

Plans To Beautify A.P.H.S. Campus

Student Council has charge of the beautification of the school grounds. In front and on the south side of the school they intend to plant petunias, gladiolas, snapdragons and a few shrubs, lilies and nasturtiums around the trees near the sidewalk.

After Christmas the beautification committee plans to work out an A. P. H. S. in shubbery in front of the school building.

William Bennett donated the snapdragons. J. C. Halsema donated the gladiolas. Student Council brought the nasturtiums and petunias. The petunias are blue, an unusual color for petunias, and will look well against the school building.

Mr. Harry Morris, of Pine Crest and Mr. Currie, manager of the city mall, are helping the committee on beautifying the school grounds.

Young Students Give Christmas Program

Miss Mildred Myer's second grade gave a Christmas program in chapel Friday morning. The program consisted of recitation and songs.

The following program was given by the pupils:

A recitation by Robert Johnson; Eight children represented the following: a tree, yellow star, a holly wreath, a red stocking, a Christmas bell, a Christmas candle and a Santa Claus; A recitation by Betty Jo Dickinson; Ten children represented Christmas greeting cards that brought greetings to the pupils and their parents; A recitation by Billie Craney.

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"He Confessed a Murder"

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HELLO EVERYBODY:

Meet James B. Doyle, boys and girls, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who tells us a yarn today about a terrific adventure that happened to him while he was a member of a CCC camp in Long Island back in '34.

Jim was sleeping soundly, after a hard day's work, when he was awakened by the bright rays of a flashlight in his face. It was still pitch dark in the bunkhouse and, he knew, not time to get up.

"What's the matter?" he growled.

The light flashed off and Jim recognized the hushed voice of a buddy of his who occupied a bunk near him. The voice was shaking with suppressed emotion.

"Sh-h-h," it warned. "Don't make any noise. I want to tell you something—something important."

"Well, go ahead," Jim answered, "but I don't see why you wake a fellow up at this time of the night to tell stories."

"I can't tell it to you here. Someone might be listening. Slip into your clothes and come to the washroom."

Told of Killing Infirmary Attendant.

The washroom was a separate building. It was raining outside and Jim didn't feel like getting wet. It was nice and warm in bed, too. But something in the voice of his excited buddy made him obey. He was sure something terrible had happened and dressed quietly.

Silently both men made their way through the rain to the washroom. The flashlight showed them the way through the darkness.

"What's the big mystery?" he asked.

Jim's buddy looked about him carefully. He paced up and down the floor as though hesitating to tell what he had on his mind.

"I'm in trouble," he said finally, "a lot of trouble. I want your advice. But first I want your promise that you will never breathe a word of this to a living soul."

"I promise," Jim said wearily, "what's the trouble?"

"I've just murdered a man!"

Jim's eyes nearly popped out of his head. Murder! He hadn't thought it would be as bad as that. He couldn't quite figure it out. He remembered seeing his buddy in bed earlier in the night and said so.

"I've Just Murdered a Man," He Said.

"I know it," the excited man went on, "but I got up in the night and went down to the infirmary. The attendant and I got into an argument and I shot him dead."

Jim understood now and recoiled in horror from the speaker. Face to face with a murderer he felt a feeling of revulsion. With a sickly smile he told the other he must be kidding.

"I wish I was kidding," was the answer; "if you don't believe me go down to the infirmary and see for yourself. He's lying on the floor in a pool of blood. I put two bullets in him."

Jim's Turn Was to Come Next.

Jim, still unable to associate his friend with such a cold-blooded killing, studied his twitching face carefully. In the dim light of the lantern it gleamed pale and set. The self-confessed killer stood—hands in his raincoat pocket—trying to read Jim's thoughts. Jim thought he detected a threatening gleam in his eyes.

"What did you do with the gun?" Jim asked casually.

Before he answered the other man suddenly stepped quickly before the door and stood, back to the door, facing Jim. His hands were still in his pockets; his eyes narrowed to two thin lines. Something in his expression sent the cold chills down Jim's spine.

"The gun is right here in my pocket," he sneered, "and I was just thinking you know too much. You're the only man who knows I did it and I know what's on your mind. You're going to tell the state troopers. I was a sucker to tell you I killed a guy, but I'm going to kill you now and play safe. One more won't matter."

And with that the self-confessed murderer came after Jim. Jim backed away, stalling for time. He talked fast and told the determined man that he was his friend.

"Don't kill me," he pleaded. "I won't say a word. Run away now and they will never know who did it."

Jim promised anything to get away from that menacing bulk in the raincoat pocket. But his words fell like water on a duck's back. He was backed, hands in air, into a corner of the washroom. There was no pity in those eyes that stared—cold as ice—into his. In another second Jim expected to hear the explosion that would send him hurtling into eternity. At the thought of this courage seemed to come to him.

All the Result of Shell Shock.

Wham! Jim braced himself and let fly a haymaker! It landed full on the other's jaw. Jim didn't stop to give him the count but tore out of the washroom into the night.

Well, sir, Jim wouldn't risk going back to the barracks. He hid all night, instead, in a pile of lumber. From his shelter he could see his erstwhile buddy slinking back and forth in the darkness, searching for his escaped victim. Not until daybreak did Jim make his way to the mess hall. The mess sergeant glanced at his haggard, pale face. Over a cup of hot coffee that shook in his hand Jim told the sergeant his story.

The sergeant listened intently but at the finish broke out into a roar of laughter. As he laughed he pointed outside.

And up the path—alive and smiling—came the murdered infirmary attendant and his arm was around the man who had confessed to his murder!

Jim heard the whole story then. It wasn't a joke. His poor buddy, he learned, was suffering from shell shock, and, although he often had wild hallucinations he was, in reality, harmless as a baby!

And that, boys and girls, is what I call an adventure!

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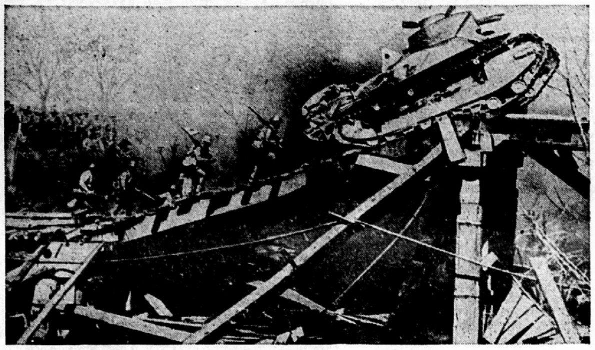
"None But Americans on Guard"

There is a tradition that during an especially critical period of the Revolution General Washington issued the order, "Put none but Americans on guard tonight." There is no record that such an order was ever issued, but that it might have been issued is suggested by a circular letter which Washington sent to his regimental commanders in 1777 regarding recruits for his bodyguard: "You will therefore send me none but natives." A few months before Thomas Hickey, a pretended deserter from the British army, had tried to poison Washington and had been convicted and hanged. "Put none but Americans on guard" was one of the mottoes of the Know Nothing party which was organized about 1852.

Legend of the King

Here is an old legend of the eagle: "Alfred, king of the West Saxons, went out one day a-hunting and, passing by a certain wood, heard, as he supposed, the cry of an infant from the top of a tree, and forthwith diligently inquiring of the huntsmen what the doleful sound could be, demanded one of them to climb the tree, when in the top of it was found an eagle's nest and lo! therein a pretty sweet-faced infant, wrapped in a purple mantle, and upon his arm a bracelet of gold, a clear sign that he was born of noble parents. Wherefore the king took charge of him, and caused him to be baptized, and because he was found in the nest he gave him the name of Nestingum, and in after time advanced him to the dignity of an earl."—London Tit-Bits Magazine.

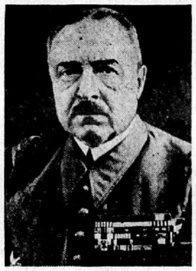
Over the Top Means Rickety Ride for Japs



A partially demolished bridge on the Chinese front provides the setting for this unusual picture. A Japanese tank followed by soldiers rumbles cautiously over the unstable structure as the army moves forward to a new fighting position on the way to Nanking.

General Billotte Takes Post of Governor of Paris

Many-medaled General Henri Billotte, new military governor of Paris, pictured shortly after he had taken over his important post to succeed the veteran, one-armed General Giraud, hero of the World war.



World's Tiniest Ocean Spanners

Probably the world's tiniest ocean voyagers are these four-month-old twins, Helen and Hertha Coelln who sailed on the Europa for Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, recently. Until their destination is reached, they will be entirely in the hands of traveling agencies. Their mother died recently and their father is sending them to relatives in Germany.

Machine Tells Sex of Eggs

Dr. Willard P. Funk, (sitting) of Los Angeles and his assistant Jack Davenport shown demonstrating the operation of his new machine which can determine immediately whether a newly laid egg will hatch a pullet or a cockerel. Dr. Funk claims he can change the sex of eggs with the new device. In the past 80 per cent of chickens hatched were roosters. When the contact is made with the egg, the instrument gives off an audible male or female signal indicating its sex.

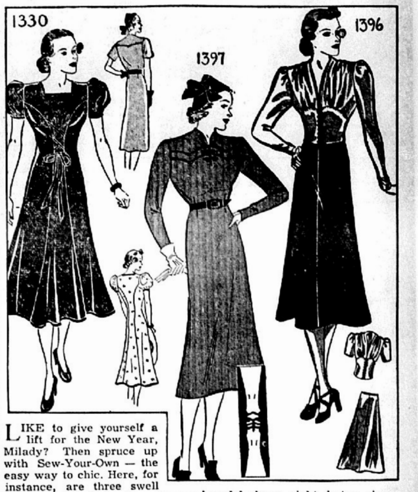
Cousin of Italian King Is Made Ethiopia's Viceroy

The duke of Aosta, cousin of King Victor Emmanuel of Italy who has been appointed viceroy of Ethiopia, succeeding Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, who was relieved at his own request. The duke is married to the daughter of the duke of Guise, pretender to the throne of France. They have two children.

Russian Cathedral Observes Anniversary

The robing of his eminence the archbishop of North America and the Aleutian islands was one of the ceremonies in the services commemorating the thirty-fifth anniversary of the erection of the Russian Cathedral of St. Nicholas in New York, mother church of the Russian Orthodox Greek-Catholic faith in the United States.

Niftiness for New Year's



LIKE to give yourself a lift for the New Year, Milady? Then spruce up with Sew-Your-Own — the easy way to chic. Here, for instance, are three swell swing models that will make you modern as tomorrow and put you in the running for the title, "best dressed woman." Right now it's parties you're thinking of, so pick a pair of eligibles from today's trio and you'll be groomed to hobnob with the smart young set.

Will You Dance?

The New Year's Party will be festive and so will you in the model at the left in black moire. This is a very young frock and not a little flattering to the debutante figure. It has a skirt that's built for dancing, and the oh, so slender waist is no drawback (take it from one who knows). Be sure, young lady, to have your version ready to go when the invitation to celebrate comes flashing over the wire.

Spic 'n' Classic.

There's always a "morning after," and that's when you'll be glad to have a spic and classic frock like the one above, center. It is suitable to take back to school to rouse the roommate's envy and, pleasantly enough, it's so easy to cut and stitch, a freshman can't go wrong. Make one version in flat crepe and a carbon copy in sheer wool—it is superb both ways.

Ah, My Friends.

How about a two-piecer of lame and velvet for that rousing family reunion over the holidays? The model above, right, is two pieces, but it's one with chic and figure flattery. You'll have your aunties making ohs and ahs and the bright young cousins calling you "the duchess"! What's more you'll look the part—a stunning compliment to your family as well as to the New Year.

The Patterns.

Pattern 1330 is designed for sizes 12 to 20 (30 to 40 bust). Size 14 requires 4⅜ yards of 39-inch material plus 6 yards of grosgrain ribbon to trim as pictured.

Pattern 1397 is designed for sizes 12 to 20 (30 to 40 bust). Size 14 requires 3½ yards of 39-inch material.

Pattern 1396 is designed for sizes 32 to 44. Size 34 requires 1⅞ yards of 39-inch material for the blouse; 1⅞ yards of 54-inch material for the skirt.

Send your order to The Sewing Circle Pattern Dept., Room 1020, 211 W. Wacker Dr., Chicago, Ill. Price of patterns, 15 cents (in coins) each.

New Pattern Book.

Send 15 cents for the Barbara Bell Fall and Winter Pattern Book. Make yourself attractive, practical and becoming clothes, selecting designs from the Barbara Bell well-planned, easy-to-make patterns.

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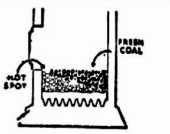
Home Heating Hints

By John Barclay
Heating Expert

Don't Shake Down Low Fire— Give Fresh Coal Good Start Then Shake Grates Gently

THERE'S a little fault with the firing method of quite a few home-owners that I should like to correct. They have a mistaken idea that when a fire is low, all they have to do is to shake the grates vigorously and the fire will flare up again.

Nothing could be further from the fact. A shallow, half-burned-out fire cannot be revived by shaking most of the remaining coals into the ashpit. The simple way to revive it is to add a sprinkling of fresh coal, giving it time to ignite. When it is burning well, shake the grates gently, stopping when the first red glow shows in the ashpit.



Then refuel the fire, remembering to fill the firebox to the level of the bottom of the fire door. This will provide a deep fire, which is considerably more economical than a shallow one, for it burns less coal and lasts a longer period of time. Also, it minimizes the attention you have to give a shallow fire in trying to revive it.

Seeking Your Will

You are seeking your own will. You are seeking some good other than the law you are bound to obey. But how long will you find good? It is not a thing of choice. It is a river that flows by the path of obedience. I say, again, man cannot choose his duties. You may choose to forsake your duties, and choose not to have the sorrow they bring. But you will go forth; and what will you find? Sorrow without duty—bitter herbs, and no bread with them.—George Eliot.

Millions to Billions

There was paid to factory wage earners in America in 1869 the comparatively small total of $620,467,474. Because of an increased demand created by advertising for factory products the amount paid to workers had grown to $11,620,973,254 in 1929.

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Ease the tightness and pressure of your chest cold tonight with the thorough counter-irritant and vaporizing action of Penetro, the only salve which has a base of old-fashioned mutton suet together with 113% to 227% more medication than any other nationally sold cold salve. Rub with stainless, snow-white Penetro—both children and adults. Large jar Penetro, 35c.

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State Press Comment

PAPER PRICE JUMPS JANUARY 1

Print paper takes another jump the first of January.

This time it will be an increase ranging from 20 to 35 per cent, depending on whether it is rolls or sheets, and to some extent on the section of the country. The differential as between roll and sheet print is increased 60 per cent.

And what are you, Mr. Publisher, going to do about it?

The paper jobber is going to pass that increase along to you. He must, or go broke.

Are you going to pass it along to your patrons, your subscribers or your advertisers? Or are you going to absorb it and go broke?

Not only print paper, but everything you buy is costing you more. The merchant does not absorb the increased prices on food and clothing you buy from him. He passes them on to you. If he did not, he would be out of business.

If you do not pass your increased costs on to your customers, you will be out of business.

Remember print paper goes up from 20 to 35 per cent the first of January. Your prices will go up with the price of print, or, in time, you will close up.—Publishers' Auxiliary.

$700,000 BEHIND

(Pensacola Public Record)

For the first time in many years the State of Florida is unable to pay its bills for general operating expenses. Unofficial but reliable information is that approximately $700,000 in unpaid bills have accrued—and there is no prospect but of the deficit growing.

The bills are unpaid because of Comptroller J. M. Lee's refusal to approve the transfer of money from special funds to the general fund, a practice that has frequently been resorted to in the past but a practice that is contrary to the principles of the Constitution.

What the outcome will be remains to be seen. Lee could remedy the situation by relenting from his stand but if he did more serious difficulties might arise in the future with regard to the special funds affected.

The blame will in all probability be laid to the Legislature. All county and state officials, when they get into trouble, blame the Legislature. And in a sense the Legislature is to blame—because it did exactly what Governor Fred P. Cone wanted to do with regard to taxation policies.

In all events, it is to be hoped that the high-salaried state officials can solve their own problems without any extra sessions of the Legislature.

NEVERMORE—State Superintendent Colin English has made friends of the members of the Parent-Teacher Association groups all over the state. He refused to permit Jefferson county to divert $25,000 of school money, alloted on the unit basis, to pay old obligations. Use it as the law directs, says the new Superintendent, or you don't get any more. And that "anymore" threat is something that pap-sucking counties can understand.—Leesburg Commercial.

Says the Eustis Lake Region: "A neighboring editor tells that in the lobby of his local bank one morning recently there were ten people. Four of them were on the public payroll, federal and local, and two others were waiting to cash federal checks. The writer presumes that the other four were there to borrow money with which to pay their taxes." No comment necessary.—Florida Times-Union.

PUBLIC FORUM

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

"Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have, give I thee."

From now until Christmas all hearts are filled with a warm enthusiasm to give something that will make another heart happy. All hearts and doors are opened on this day to celebrate His birthday.

A beautiful thought.

A thought that melts even the most selfish heart. A thought that should be harbored and entertained the other 364 days of the year. But to enable that spirit and enthusiasm to endure long after the music of "Christmas Bells" and "Silent Night" have died away, a little thought should be given to the enticing "charge it, or dollar-down" cordialities that are such a temptation these days.

Every child yearns to have a part in the festive gayety and they should, but they should be taught that there are gifts to be given other than those which must be purchased with money. A loving note enumerating the recipients qualities that are loved and appreciated most in the givers own wording and writing, will bring a rich joy and Christmas cheer that far exceeds all the fancy gadgets to be bought.

There are lovely baskets of fruit and other edibles for the needy folks. The telephone that reaches every corner of the world is another means of carrying a personal cheer that goes straight to the heart. What could have a more lasting thrill than for a loved one to make a Christmas telephone call saying "I love you, or I miss you?"

It isn't the price of the gift, it is the sincerity that the thought carries from the giver that has the lasting qualities.

Every well organized and planned household has on the first of the year, insurance, winter clothing, a payment on a car instalment with numerous other miscellaneous pending bills to meet, and knowing this, everyone should endeavor to so arrange that the lovely Yuletide spirit can extend at least to the New Year's celebration.

Old Omar's philosophy was, "Ah, take the cash and let the credit go!" Could he have known that the credit system wrecks harmony and happiness often before New Years day?

What could be more gratifying than having a Merry Christmas enthusiasm once a month the year round and learn that the greatest gifts money cannot buy. That there is a joy that cannot be tied up in Christmas tinsel and holly paper. It is the same "I wish you happiness" combined with a substance of magic that the human family is fast ignoring, but it is a sure key to happiness.

It's name is Tolerance.

A gift that the great Giver brought us all. Such a magnificient gift it is.

It is a contagious gift that will vibrate into every being just as unending as the air we breathe, or the sunshine we bask in. It is a gift that will enable mankind to have a "Merry Christmas", in love, in business, in every walk of life.

This majestic gift, Tolerance, will also bring an added happiness when the January 1st, bills arrive.

—SUBSCRIBER

Lake Placid, Fla.
December 10, 1937

Dear Editor:

I should be grateful if you could allow me a little space in which to make an explanation of the method of distribution of the Christmas Tuberculosis Seals.

So many people have written to me, asking why I have sent a double quantity of seals this year, or why I have sent them to people whom I was well aware had passed away during the year, or why I had sent separate packages of seals to a husband and wife in one family.

The explanation is that I personally have nothing whatever to do with sending them out, for this is all done from headquarters in Jacksonville and the lists are made up from last year's returned envelopes.

Each time I receive a correction I pass it on to Jacksonville with the request that they see that their lists are corrected accordingly.

I trust that this will make clear the reason for my apparent carelessness, but those receiving seals can check up by noticing that the envelopes are all postmarked from Jacksonville.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking you, and those who are helping in this most humane cause, for their very welcome assistance.

The returns are coming in fairly well so far—the total for the County to date being something in excess of $100.

I am hoping that those who have not yet responded will do so as generously as they are able, and that the street and school sales will reach those who have not been reached by mail.

Yours very truly,

MRS. ALEXANDER BLAIR

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PERSONALS

Mrs. Harold Epps and baby daughter of Athens, Ga. are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Langford for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Patsy Loomis, a student at Stetson college, Deland will arrive this week end to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Loomis.

Miss Sarah Groover of Jacksonville has accepted a position as recreational director for the Chamber of Commerce. She is staying at the Jacaranda hotel.

A. W. Overstreet of Adel, Ga. was the guest of his daughters, Mrs. Harold Guerndt and Mrs. Edna Shaw on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Firman Church and baby of Detroit, Michigan have arrived to spend the winter in Avon Park with Mrs. Marjorie Church and Mrs. J. E. Brick.

Mrs. Oliver White of Pierce spent last weekend in Avon Park. She was accompanied home by Mrs. Harold Guerndt and son Freddie who were her guests for several days.

Mrs. C. R. Peregrine, Mrs. Helen Taylor and little Miss Alice Taylor of Alpena, Mich. stopped in Avon Park for several days this week enroute to Delray, where they will spend the winter.

Miss Mable Crosby and Miss Charlotte Darby of East Falls Church, Va. arrived Wednesday to spend the winter in Avon Park. They are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Melton and sons Eston and Donald of Morrelton, Ark. former Avon Park residents, were visiting friends here Wednesday. They are spending the Christmas holidays in Bartow with relatives.

Miss Vondelle Osborne who has been visiting Mrs. Mell Bass returned to her home in Lakeland Sunday. She was accompanied by Mrs. Bass and son Mell, Mrs. Jack Head and daughter Yvonne, who were her guests for the afternoon.

Miss Sara Lucy Trent, a junior at Brenau college will arrive this week end to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Trent. She will drive down with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Conner of Knoxville, Tenn. who will spend the holidays in Winter Haven with their daughter, Mrs. A. M. Smith.

New Bus Service Starts To Tampa

A new bus service between Avon Park, Tampa and St. Petersburg went into operation this week and makes connections with Jacksonville and other northern points. The bus leaves here every morning at 7:15 and arrives at Tampa at 10:00. for the return the bus leaves Tampa at 4.45 in the afternoon, reaching Avon Park at 7.35. Full details as to fares and connections may be obtained at the local ticket office in the Jacaranda Drug Store.

Gifts for the AUTO

Here are gifts that will prove much more acceptable than the common run of Christmas Presents . . . Gifts that will surprise and delight the receivers.

GUARANTEED FORD Auto Radio (Installed)	$48
30 HR. CLOCK AND GLOVE Compartment	$4
Road Light	$5
Side Mirror	$4
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GAS TANK LOCKING Cap	$1.25
Oil Filter	$3.25

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AVON PARK, . . . FLA.

HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEW 1938 FORD CARS?

Miss Ruth Kempton Expected Home For Holidays from Ohio

Wooster, Ohio, Dec. 16—The Christmas holiday recess at The College of Wooster will begin at 5 p. m. Friday, December 17 and end Tuesday morning, January 4 at 8 a. m.

With the dismissal of classes, most of the students are expected to return home for at least a part of the holiday vacation.

Wooster's enrollment of 1,003, the highest in Wooster's history, includes seven students from Florida. They are Miss Jane Neel and Hunt Myers of Rockledge, Miss Carol Wilcox of West Palm Beach, Frank Thatcher of Vero Beach, Miss Ruth Kempton of Avon Park, Fred Harrington of Hialeah, and William Highberger of Long Beach.

The "Holy Grail"

The "Holy Grail" was the cup supposed to have been used by Christ at the Last Supper.

Want Ads

ROSE BUSHES: Guaranteed 2-Yr. old fieldgrown everblooming varieties. Fall planting best. Free catalogue. TYTEX ROSE NURSERIES, Tyler, Texas. 39,-4t pd.

TYPEWRITER RIBBONS: all popular makes, good quality, 75 cents each. The Avon Park Times office.

WANTED: Man for Rawleigh Route this winter. Route will be permanent if you are a hustler. For particulars write Rawleigh's Dept., FAL-7-103, Memphis, Tenn. 42. 1t. pd.

PANSY PLANTS, giant type, ready to bloom, 25 cents per dozen. Pine Crest Lakes Nursery. 42, 4t. pd.

Pine Crest Lakes Nursery, annual plants ready now, 25c and 50c per doz. H. M. Morris, mgr. 42, 4t. pd.

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$1.98 "LITTLE MISS MOVIE" for	$1.69
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DOLL BEDS, (maple)	50c
RED CHAIRS	50c
TEA SETS, all kinds 10c to	40c
BLACKBOARD, picture top	29c
PULL TOYS	25c
STREET CARS	69c
CHINA CLIPPER	25c
RED SCOOTERS	50c
RED WAGONS	69c
5 CAR WIND-UP TRAINS	$1.00
PISTOLS and RIFLES	25c

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LEGAL NOTICES

BILL TO FORECLOSE

(Case No. 4060)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA: IN CHANCERY.

AVON FLORIDA CITRUS CORPORATION, a Florida Corporation, Complainant,

vs.

GUY F. MORRIS and ELIZABETH H. MORRIS, his wife, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

In pursuance of a final decree entered by the Honorable W. J. Barker, Judge in 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, Florida, for the purpose of satisfying said decree, the following described property lying in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:

Tract Numbered Sixty-Three (63) in Section Seventeen (17), Township Thirty-Three (33) South, Range Twenty Eight (28) east, containing five (5) acres of citrus groves, more or less, together with tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, together with every right, title and interest of every nature and kind, legal or equitable, that the said Guy F. Morris and Elizabeth H. Morris, his wife, 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. Said sale subject to contract rights.

Said sale to be held between the hours of Eleven A. M. and Two P. M., Eastern Standard Time, on the 3rd day of January A. D., 1938, the same being a legal sales day.

T. A. McNICHOLAS
As Special Master in Chancery.

G. EDWIN WALKER
ATTORNEY AT LAW
AVON PARK, FLORIDA.
Dec. 10, 17, 24 and 31.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Laws of 1933

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

Re Estate of:
J. W. C. BOONE, Deceased.

TO ALL CREDITORS, LEGATEES, DISTRIBUTEES AND ALL OTHER PERSONS HAVING ANY CLAIM OR DEMAND AGAINST SAID ESTATE.

You, and each of you, are hereby notified, required and directed to present any claim or demand of any nature whatsoever, against the estate of J. W. C. Boone, deceased, late of Highlands County, Florida, to the Hon. S. C. Ives, County Judge of Highlands County, Florida, at his Office in the Court House in Sebring, in said County and State, within twelve (12) calendar months from the date of the first publication hereof.

You are further notified that such claim or demand must be presented in writing, contain the place of residence and Post Office address of the Claimant and be sworn to by the Claimant, his Agent or Attorney.

Date of first publication, November 26, 1937.

(SEAL)
RICHARD T. BOONE, Executor of said Estate.
9 times, Nov. 26, Jan. 21 inc.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY; IN CHANCERY.

NO. 4109

NOTICE

[illegible] OF AVON PARK, a municipal [illegible] of the State of Florida,

Petitioner,

vs.

THE STATE OF FLORIDA, Defendant.

TO THE TAXPAYERS AND CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF AVON PARK, A MUNICIPALITY OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AND ALL OTHERS IT MAY CONCERN:

Please take notice that a petition has been filed in the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for Highlands County, for the purpose of obtaining a decree of said Court validating and confirming City of Avon Park, Florida, Refunding Bonds, in the sum of ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED THIRTY - FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($1,234,500.00), subdivided into three series as follows: Series "A", FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY - ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($471,500.00), Series "AA", FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ($40,000.00), and Series "B", SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY - THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($723,000.00), to be dated July 1, 1937, as fully described in said petition for validation; and that the Honorable W. J. Barker, one of the Judges of said Court, has issued an order requiring that cause be shown, if any there be, at the Courthouse in Bartow, Florida, at 10.00 o'clock A. M., on the 6th day of January, A. D. 1938, why said bonds shall not be validated and confirmed; and you are hereby notified to show cause, if any you have, at the time and place specified in said order, why said bonds should not be validated and confirmed.

This notice shall be published in The Avon Park Times, a newspaper published in Avon Park, Highlands County, Florida, once each week for three (3) consecutive weeks prior to said hearing, the first publication thereof to be at least eighteen (18) days prior to the date of said hearing.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Court at Sebring, Florida, this 16th day of December, A. D. 1937.

(SEAL)

W. Z. CARSON,
Clerk of the Circuit Court Tenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for Highlands County.
By Leona A. Jordon.

S. Colquitt Pardee,
Attorney-at-law,
Avon Park, Fla.
Dec. 17, 24 and 31.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MASTER'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that under and in pursuance of a Final Decree rendered out of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for Highlands County, Florida, in Chancery, on the 14th day of December, A. D., 1937, in that certain cause therein pending wherein City of Avon Park, a municipal Corporation, is Complainant, and Glenada Hills Land Company, and others, are Defendants, I shall offer for sale to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the front door of the Court House at Sebring, Florida, between the hours of eleven o'clock A. M. and two o'clock P. M. on the 3rd day of January A. D., 1938, the same being the first Monday in said month and a legal sales day, the following described property, to-wit:

Lots 1 to 14, 18 to 27, 31 to 33, Blk. 5; Lots 28 to 30, Blk. 5; Frac. Lots 58 to 65, Blk. 5; Lots 1 to 6, 48 to 53, 98 to 125, 127, 129 to 148, 155 to 174, Blk. 6; Lots 15 to 23, Blk. 6; Lots 54 to 59, Blk. 6; Lots 126 to 128, Blk. 6; Lots 1 to 3, 41 to 46, 50 to 61, 10 to 34, Blk. 7; Lots 4 to 6, Blk. 7; Lots 7 to 9, Blk. 7; Lots 10 to 12, Blk. 8; Lots 1 [illegible] 32, 39 to 46, Blk. 8; Lots 33 to 35, Blk. 8; Lots 36 to 38, Blk. 8; Lots 4 to 8, Blk. 9; Lots 13, 14, 17 to 19, 38 to 41, 45 to 51, Blk. 9; Lots 42 to 44, Blk. 9; Lots 1 to 6, 38 to 54, Blk. 10; Lots 29 to 37, Blk. 10; Lots 55 to 70, Blk. 10; Lots 4 to 6, Blk. 13; Lots 1 to 3, 7 to 9, 13 to 21, 25, 28 to 36, 41 to 140, 159 to 169, Blk. 13; Lots 26 to 28, Blk. 13; Lots 31 to 33, Blk. 13; Lots 1 to 39, Blk. 14; Lots 1 to 71, less 66, 67, 68, Blk. 15; Lots 1 to 15, Blk. 16; Lots 1 to 33, 55 to 61, Blk. 17; Lots 50 to 54, Blk. 17; Lots 1 to 10, 18 to 34, Blk. 18; Lots 1 to 16, Blk. 19; Lots 9 to 20, Blk. 20; Lots 21 to 24, Blk. 20, Lots 1 to 8, Blk. 21; Lots 1 to 34, Blk. 22, Lots 26 to 36, Blk. 23; Lots 1 to 9, Blk. 36; Lots 22 to 24, 28 to 34, 39, 82 to 87, Blk. 36; Lots 40 to 42, Blk. 36; Lots 43 to 81, Blk. 36; Lots 10 to 18, 35 to 38, Blk. 36; Lots 1 to 69, Blk. 37; Lots 1 to 35, 44 to 53, Blk. 38; Lots 36 to 43, Blk. 38; Lots 1 to 31, 35 to 63, Blk. 39; Lots 32 to 34, Blk. 39, Lots 1 to 78, Blk. 40; Lots 82 to 84, Blk. 40; Lots 1 to 4, Blk. 41; Lots 5 to 11, 16 to 102, Blk. 41; Lots 1 to 78, 90 to 148, Blk. 42; All in Glenada Hills Sub. Sections 34 and 35, Township 33 South, Range 28 East, Highlands County, Florida; Frac. Blks. 2, 3; All frac. Blks. 5, 6, 7; West half of lots 2 and 3, Blk. 8; W½ Lots 2, 9; Frac. Blk. 10 (Lots 1 and 2); Lots 3, Frac. Lots 1 and 4, Blk. 12; All frac. Blk. 13 All in section 34, Township 33 South, Range 28 East, Highlands County, Florida,

said sale being made to satisfy the said decree and costs.

Dated this 15th day of December A. D., 1937.

THOS. A. McNICHOLAS,
Special Master.

Dec. 17, 24, 31.

SOCIAL and Personal News

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MRS. JACK HEAD
Society Editor
Phone 144

Art Club Enjoyed Fine Program

The December meeting of the Avon Park Art club was held in the Woman's club house on December 9 at 8 p. m. After the rountine business was disposed of, a most interesting program was enjoyed.

Mrs. G. S. McKnight, music chairman, presented two of Avon Park's young artists in several musical numbers.

Herbert Todd as guest cornetest accompanied by Miss Jane Hartt on the piano, played, "Consolation" by Mendelsohn; a march, "Salute to the Colors", by Anthony and "Auld Lang Syne." His playing was so well received that he was call upon for an encore and he rendered the National Airs of different countries.

The coming of these young people to the Art club was very much appreciated.

Mrs. Fred Stevens introduced Major Amos Tyree, a retired army officer, now living in DeSoto City, who gave a most interesting talk on Hawaii.

L. H. Park was called upon to give a chalk talk and gave three sketches, drawing rapidly on an easel with colored chalk; the first was two faces, "election returns", the second was a lesson in perspective-called lessons learned in his old home. It consisted of a picture of the Bible and how you could turn its leaves with a stroke of the chalk and later he added a whip, which his father said, "hurt him more than it did the son." He last drawing was prefaced by Bible quotations, as, "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red". A wine glass was drawn half filled with red liquid and after the quotation "at the last it biteth like a serpent"—a veritable serpent appeared coiled in the top of the glass—which no one saw him draw —as real as life. Mr. Park's dexterity surprised his most optimistic friends. If this is his first effort, we predict a brilliant future for him, along this line. A social hour followed, when the hostess committee served doughnuts and hot coffee.—(contributed.)

Mrs. Earl Ware, Mrs. Carl Jolly and Mrs. S. S. Thayer were visitors in Tampa Tuesday.

CIRCLE THEATRE
PHONE 190 SEBRING, FLA.

SUNDAY, DEC. 19th.
MARTHA RAYE
— in —
"MOUNTAIN MUSIC"
with BOB BURNS
(Family)

MON. and TUES., Dec. 20-21.
LORETTA YOUNG
— in —
"SECOND HONEYMOON"
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E. C. Wever, Jr. Birthday Party

Mrs. E. C. Wever entertained with a surprise party at her home Saturday afternoon, honoring her son, E. C. Jr., on his ninth birthday.

The party rooms were decorated with garlands of Christmas greenery.

Games and contests were enjoyed by the children. Arthur Gregory won the boys prize, playing Bingo and Ludean Gregory won the prize for girls.

The birthday cake was iced in white and topped with nine red glowing candles. Ice cream and cake were served later in the afternoon.

Popcorn balls wrapped in red cellophane paper were given as favors.

E. C. received many pretty gifts from his little friends attending the party.

Present were, Barbara Jean Bridges, Ludean Gregory, Yvonne Head, Helen and Elizabeth Bradbury, Betty Koch, Frank Camp, Doris Gay, Carol Peterman, Jeanine Crews, Arthur Gregory, Donald Ford, Sam Longbottom, James Bishop and Roger Sappington.

Circle Two Met With Mrs. Ford

Circle Two of the Baptist Missionary society met at the home of Mrs. I. H. Ford Monday afternoon.

The meeting opened with prayer.

Mrs. B. F. Martin presided over the business session.

The last chapter of the Mission book, "The Life of Basil Lee Lockett", was read and an examination was given by Mrs. S. J. Pendleton.

Delicious refreshments of pumpkin pie and coffee were served.

Members present were Mrs. Otto Skipper, Mrs. J. B. Coen, Jr., Mrs. Milford Dilley, Mrs. L. D. Lockett, Mrs. M. M. Foster, Mrs. Ernest Spencer, Mrs. B. F. Martin, Mrs. L. D. McGiboney, Mrs. J. D. Sherman, Mrs. S. F. Longbottom, Mrs. S. J. Pendleton and Mrs. J. E. Crosby.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones and sons Bud and John visited friends in Avon Park, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Williams of Arlington, Va. will arrive this week end to spend the Christmas holidays in Avon Park, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wright of St. Joseph, Mo. arrived Tuesday to spend the winter at the Jacaranda hotel. They have been spending the past month in Ft. Lauderdale.

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Mrs. Yates Hostess To Bridge Club

Mrs. W. H. Yates was a charming hostess on Tuesday afternoon, when she entertained the members of her bridge club and additional friends.

The rooms where bridge was played were lovely with bouquets of red poinsettias and Christmas greenery.

The refreshment table was covered with an importer linen and lace cloth and centered with a silver Christmas tree placed on a reflector, flanked by red candles in crystal holders.

Assorted sandwiches, fruit cake, candies and tea were served later in the afternoon.

Mrs. W. H. Kempton, received the prize for high score and Mrs. Alexander Gilmour won the second high award.

Guests were Mrs. W. H. Kempton, Mrs. Alexander Gilmour, Mrs. G. S. McKnight, Mrs. Lula Bass, Mrs. J. B. Hart, Mrs. S. Y. Hartt, Mrs. C. H. Pardee, Mrs. J. E. Brick, Mrs. Marjorie Church, Mrs. A. C. Elliott and Mrs. C. S. Donaldson.

Junior Social Club Party and Dance

The Junior Social Club is planning a party and dance Tuesday night at the Highland Lakes Casino. The party will be from 8.15 to 9.30 and dancing will be from 10 o'clock until 1 a. m. The affair will be by invitation and admission will be 25 cents a person.

Prizes will be given and refreshments served at the party and soft drinks sold at the dance.

The program includes spot dances and a mystery song contest.

The entertainment committee consists of Miss Sarah Groover, chairman and Blanche McCord, Mary McCarthy, Mary Lydia Stebdins, Donald Todd and Peyton Covington.

Bridge Club Met At Johnson Home

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Johnson entertained the members of their bridge club Thursday evening at their home.

White and yellow chrysanthemums decorated the rooms where bridge was played.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dilley received the prize for high score, Mr. and Mrs. John Hood won the second high award; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Armstrong won the floating prize.

The hostess served delicious cherry tarts with whipped cream and coffee later in the evening.

Those enjoying this pleasant club party were, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Milford Dilley, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dilley, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Armstrong, Mrs. J. L. Wells and Mr. and Mrs. John Hood.

Mrs. Able Hostess . . . To Bridge Club

Mrs. A. H. Able delightfully entertained the members of her bridge club Tuesday afternoon at her home at Highland Lakes.

The party rooms were decorated with seasonal flowers.

Mrs. R. R. Brown received the club prize, a luncheon set and Mrs. Stella Frey won the high guest award, Christmas candles.

The hostess served delicious congealed fruit salad, toasted cheese crackers and hot coffee to her guests who were Mrs. Parke Anderson, Mrs. Mell Bass, Mrs. O. C. Wilkes, Mrs. Arthur Gregory, Mrs. R. R. Brown, Mrs. Francis Shockley, Mrs. M.E. Covington, Mrs. A. M. Morgan, Mrs. Stella Frey, Mrs. L. I. Nichols and Mrs. L. Kohlburn.

Bridge Party At Jacaranda Hotel

The lobby of the Jacaranda hotel was the scene of another party Saturday night, when Mrs. N. E. Stewart entertained the guests of the hotel at bridge.

Miss Jean Crago received the ladies prize for high score, a box of stationery. Douglass Elliott won the men's prize for high score, a novel box of matches.

Guests were: Mrs. Stella Frey, H. J. Mummau, Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Stern, Dr. Adolph Stineer, Mrs. Samson, Miss Helen Pittman, Miss Iva Phillips, Douglass Elliott, Miss Jean Crago, Miss Betty Ellen Smith, Mrs. N. E. Stewart and Mrs. C. E. Crabtree.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Tomlinson and children of Brainerd, Minn. visited friends in Avon Park for several days this week. Mr. Tomlinson was formerly a barber here and left for Minnesota 15 years ago.

San Souci Club Christmas Party

Members of the San Souci club enjoyed a seven course dinner and Christmas party, Tuesday evening at Highland Lakes hotel.

Tables for bridge were placed in the lounge, a large Christmas tree stood at one end and each person present received a gift.

In the bridge games, Miss Millie Pearson won the high score prize a scrap book with the words, San Souci, engraved on the cover, Mrs. Raymond Dilley received the second high award, a box of home made candy. Miss Hettie Hundertmark received the consolation prize, a box of Christmas cards.

Members present were, Miss Helen Pittman, Miss Hettie Hundertmark, Miss Elizabeth Green, Mrs. Wilna Peden, Mrs. Charles Sherman, Miss Iva Phillips, Miss Erres Arant, Miss Mary Key, Mrs. Raymond Dilley, Mrs. C. R. Ginn, Mrs. Bill Carter, Miss Millie Pearson, Miss Alma Harrell, Miss Mildred Myers, Miss Jean Crago and Miss Betty Ellen Smith.

Recently Married Couple Honored

A group of friends entertained with a surprise party Thursday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cloud, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carter, who were recently married.

The rooms were decorated with seasonal flowers.

Games were played and a delicious supper, consisting of ham salad, crackers, cheese, olives and pickles was served at midnight.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carter received many atractive gifts from their friends attending the party.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Francis Shockley, Mr. and Mrs. Harry McFerrin, S. C. Pardee, Jr., Miss Hazel Cameron, Mrs. Edgar Koch, Nelson Smith, C. B. Martin and Miss Gwendolyn Wever.

Bridge Club Met At Hunnings Home

Mrs. S. V. Hunnings entertained the members of her bridge club at a dessert bridge, Thursday afternoon at her home on Lake Vigo.

Yuletide decorations decked the party rooms and gifts in gay wrappings were given each guest by the hostess.

In the bridge games Mrs. A. E. Hollingsworth received the prize for high score.

Members were Mrs. Lula Bass, Mrs. Ola L. Head, Mrs. J. B. Rodgers, Mrs. Norton Smith, Mrs. A. E. Hollingsworth, Mrs. W. Hauptmann, Mrs. W. H. Kempton, Mrs. Georgia Voorhees and Mrs. L. H. Park.

Mrs. Walter Betts, Mrs. H. J. Pratt, Miss Barbara Betts and Miss Mary Jane Sundstrum were visiting in Tampa Tuesday.

Mrs. Ivor Farnell, Mrs. Ray Wells, Mrs. M. G. Heubner and Mrs. Theo Weisheyer were shopping in Lakeland Monday.

Births—

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Spurlock announce the birth of a 12 lb. son, Monday, December 13. He has been named Robert Raymond.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Jackson were the parents of twins, a boy and a girl born Tuesday night. The boy died the next day but the girl is expected to survive.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Giddens announce the birth of an eight pound girl, born on Friday night of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Edwards announce the birth of an seven and a half boy born last Monday, December 13.

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Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish and a gift for the tree.

Mrs. A. C. Wester is in charge of tables and decorations and Mrs. Hayes Maxwell in charge of entertainment.

Circle one will meet at the armory, Mrs. R. A. Gerrard hostess on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Circle two will meet with Mrs. Hayes Maxwell on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. Koch Hostess To Bridge Club

Mrs. Edgar Koch entertained the members of her bridge club Monday night at her home.

Bouquets of red roses were placed at vantage points about the partry rooms.

Delicious refreshments of lemon pie and coffee were served after the bridge games.

Mrs. Harry McFerrin won the floating prize and Mrs. Francis Shockley the prize for high score.

Guests were, Mrs. Arthur Wagner, Mrs. Bill Sachsenmaier, Miss Hazel Cameron, Mrs. Francis Shockley, Mrs. Roland Droit, Mrs. Walter Cloud and Mrs. Harry McFerrin.

Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Lawhon spent Tuesday visiting in Tampa.

Mrs. J. B. Gaster and Mrs. A. F. Helms spent Friday in Lakeland.

C. E. Lanier and W. J. Head attended a Ford meeting in Tampa, Monday.

Miss Mattie Tompkins and Mrs. Overton were visiting in Tampa Tuesday.

W. T. Coates of Ft. Lauderdale was a business visitor in Avon Park Thursday.

Mrs. Stella E. Sonneman is spending a few days in Orlando visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Garber and Mrs. Stanley Reeves were visiting in Tampa Tuesday.

George Hutchins and Mr. Hale of Tampa were business visitors in Avon Park Wednesday.

Mrs. Parke Anderson, Mrs. Olive Anderson and Mrs. Lula Bass spent Friday in Tampa.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Freeman of Tallahassee are visiting friends and relatives in Avon Park.

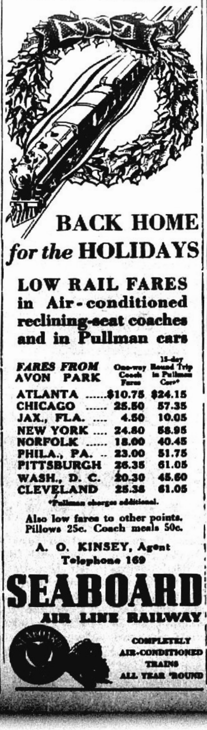
Mr. and Mrs. Neal Trent, Mrs. H. E. Keller, and Mrs. Jack Head were visitors in Tampa Tuesday.

Miss Frances Hires of Dayton, Ohio, will arrive December 23 to spend the winter at the Jacaranda hotel.

Mrs. Lucy Crumley, Mrs. Mell Bass and house guest Miss Vondelle Osborne were in Tampa Saturday.

Mrs. Stanley N. Reeves will leave Monday to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Vidalia, Ga.

Dr. and Mrs. George Q. Holland and children of Haines City and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hart and son of Frostproof visited Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McCord Sunday afternoon.



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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fossum spent Thursday in Tampa.

Mrs. Roscoe Bass returned home Monday after a weeks visit in Okeechobee with her father, L. M Raulerson.

Mrs. Francis Roberts of New Symra is spending the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Glenn Spink.

Mrs. C. S. Donaldson, Mrs. H. G. Bygate, Mrs. A. C. Elliott and Mrs. W. H. Yates were visitors in Tampa Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fossum of Green Bay, Wis. have arrived to spend the winter in Avon Park. They are guests at the Jacaranda hotel. Mr. Fossum is golf pro. at the Pine Crest Lakes country club.

Mrs. William Yancey, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Moore, Dixie Moore and Miss Louella Yancey spent Sunday in Sarasota.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maderia of Branford, Conn. arrived Saturday to spend the winter at their home on Lake Lotela.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Armstead left Wednesday for Miami, where Mr. Armstead will be employed by the State Racing Commission.

Miss Helen Pittman will leave Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays in Marianna with her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Pittman.

Mrs. H. J. Pratt of Highlands, N. Y. has arrived to spend the Christmas holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Walter Betts and family.

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CHAPTER I

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Joyce sat on a leather puff beside her small-paned window looking out and down at the turning maple leaves. She was nineteen—tomorrow she would be twenty. Nobody living knew it but herself—nobody. She had lied about her true birthday since she was eight and owing to a single overwhelming catastrophe it had been easy enough to confuse her father. Twelve years—twelve years in Elsinboro, six of them without him, terribly alone with her stepmother. Yes, you could be alone with somebody else—far lonelier than if you were by yourself. She was alive—tremendously alive inside. That was the trouble; it had to stay inside. She palpitated with dreams of what might be—the secret dreams of a young girl who longs to believe in life as something warm, something you can hold in your arms. But when she looked outside herself she stared at a wall.

Elsinboro has its counterpart in Olean or Elmira but not in Wilkes-Barre, Scranton or Pottsville. Forty thousand strong, it has known no overpowering foreign infiltration and presents a cross-section of the American scene, old style, from a miniature Tammany to an elite who read French, talk liberalism and discriminate between one dollar and another. There are plenty of dollars, gathered by adventurous sons from the four corners of the earth, but there were no fabulous fortunes until Bolivar Smith got an idea 15 years ago. Six roughnecks believed in it and became multimillionaires almost overnight. They took over the section now known as Platinum Hill and built their incongruous chateaux in a huge circle.

But Joyce Sewell was not of them; in fact she had no part or parcel of Elsinboro, new or old. She was pure North Shore, descended from generations of the Sewells who christened more clipper ships when the American merchant marine overtopped the fleets of the world than any other tribe. Her presence in the town was an accident—one of those tragic accidents that leave their mark for the whole of life. The scene—so far away, so long ago—lived in her eyes, shut or open. She would listen too, her ears trembling lest they hear. But memory is silent, part of its terror lies in silence.

No crash of guns reached her now, only the remembered flash. No thud of bullets on stone, wood and flesh, no choking scream—only the indelible, the unforgettable scene. Her mother unspeakably murdered. A pause—the eternal pause that had lasted but a second. Her father snatching her up under one arm, a petaca under the other, to rush along interminable corridors, followed by shots and the derisive jeers of the marauders who believed he could not possibly escape. Stairs—wooden stairs, stone steps, the secret door and the garden, black beneath towering cypress and spreading ash. Hurry! Hurry! The postern, unlocked, then locked. The starlit open night, immersion in the icy lake, a dugout and finally refuge in a humble peon hut. No—not finally. Followed days in a pannier on the back of a mule, hours in a crowded train, a week on a refugee ship bound for New Orleans and on that ship Mrs. Irma Thorne, of Elsinboro, New York.

Irma Thorne, then three years a widow, believed it was her mission to do people good whether they liked it or not. She was not a refugee but a returning traveler with a well-filled pocketbook. She had soft tobacco-colored eyes, but there the softness ended; though the truth would have surprised and wounded her, her chin, her stocky body, her will and her conscience were as tough as rawhide. The mere sight of Cutler Sewell's lackluster eyes, gone dead in his head, staring at his little daughter but eternally seeing something else, was a supreme challenge to her peculiar aptitude for service and abnegation. She took charge. She gave Joyce her first bath in ten days and made her a frock out of her own best skirt. She rushed father and daughter to her home in Elsinboro. She was undoubtedly a good woman and by every rule in the copybook Joyce should have loved her. Gently admonished by her father she tried pitifully to do so and failed. It was no use. She was too young to think things out; all she knew was that a barrier of ice stood between her heart and her benefactress.

"Daddy, let's go away."

"We can't, Joyce; not just now. At present I haven't a cent."

"Please, papacito. I don't like her."

"You mustn't say that. She's a good woman—a very good woman."

"I know," quavered Joyce, bewildered by her own detestation but face to face with a fact. "Oh, please, papacito, please!"

He compromised, yielding to the endearing pet diminutive that had never yet failed her. On the excuse she ought to keep up her Spanish as a possible asset for the future he took her into his study for an hour every afternoon. That hour had been sacred, proof against any form of interruption from the day when a knock on the door had thrown Joyce into a paroxysm of screams followed by prolonged sobbing. Yet she was no cry-baby; that one convulsive protest was her last, but it had been enough. She and her father talked Spanish in peace, not always for the full hour. Sometimes, quite content to be at his side, she watched him write letters—long painstaking letters—always to one of two addresses.

When the answers came he filed them away, ever more and more sadly, in the petaca. It was a funny little trunk covered with rawhide stretched on the frame while still wet. The hair was mostly worn off but there were still arabesques of brass-headed tacks to which he had added a card bearing the following signed inscription: "Upon my death this box and contents become the property of Joyce Sewell, my daughter and sole heir." With each addition to the dossier he weakened, became less the man of property and more the chastened sacrificial goat. The day came when Irma Thorne married what was left of him for appearances' sake and for his and for Joyce's—not for her own. Perhaps he knew the surrender would kill him, but at least his orphaned child would have a roof over her head. She was sixteen when he died.

"What's the Matter With Joyce?"

Helm Blackadder was a rock of a man, forty-nine and virile, with bushy brows, steely eyes and crisp gray hair. He was a native son, a product of Elsinboro so interwoven in the town's pattern it had never occurred to him to consider any other place as a base. Yet in his capacity as an excellent engineer and a daring promoter he had burrowed in South Africa, combed Korea and lived in Chile with varying degrees of profit. In the intervals he had known Irma Bostwick, Irma Thorne and finally Irma Sewell. Part of him frankly admired part of her; she had a bulldog quality and so had he. Now she had sent for him and as he entered her very comfortable living room he wondered why.

"Well, Irma, what's on your mind?"

"It's Joyce, Helm; but do sit down. Take that big chair. It looks as if it had been made for you."

"What's the matter with Joyce?"

Mrs. Sewell frowned and then substituted a look of patient resignation. "You know all I've done for her. Don't think I mean I begrudge it since it was my duty and there's no greater satisfaction in life than seeing one's duty and doing it. But can you believe in spite of everything she actually dislikes me? She does, though; I think she always has." She waited, but since Blackadder refrained from comment she continued. "But that's not the worst of it; she's harming herself, deliberately destroying her great chance."

"How?" he asked bluntly.

"Oh, all this extra-curriculum studying she's been doing. She's kept up her Spanish so you'd think she could teach it anywhere but now she wants to take a business course."

"Secretarial?"

"No; she doesn't give it any fancy name—just plain stenography and typing."

"What's wrong with that?" demanded Blackadder. "It's the way several of the highest paid women in the world got their start and I can name half a dozen cases where it's been a royal road to marriage. So I don't see how it could hurt Joyce."

"You don't?" said Mrs. Sewell. She edged forward on her chair. "Listen, Helm; I wouldn't tell this to anybody but you. Howard Sempter, Emil Schaaf and Michael Kirkpatrick have all proposed to her over and over again."

"Half of Platinum Hill!" said Blackadder, scowling. "Well, she's no business woman and never will be."

"Why? Why do you say that?"

"Because if she were she'd marry them all, one after the other, and retire."

"Oh!" gasped Mrs. Sewell, truly shocked.

"Which one of the three do you think she'd find it easiest to fall for and to handle?"

"That's what I wanted to ask you. It's got to be one pretty soon or none."

"Why? What's the hurry?"

"Can't you think it out for yourself? If Platinum Hill goes after a girl with no money it's largely because she isn't a stenographer."

Blackadder's scowl deepened. "I hate to agree with you but I guess you're right. It's a shame one town should be saddled with three of that brand of snob, but if she's so attractive, what about a boy or two of the good old stock? Aren't any of them hanging around?"

"They would if they could afford it, but they know they can't. The nice boys she knows are all in college with years to go before they'll begin looking for a job. They're too young. I have enough income to manage on and wait, but I know Joyce—she won't stay with me much longer and she hasn't a penny."

"What about her father? I remember hearing he owned one of the show places in Mexico. Do you know what that means? A hacienda that doesn't run over 20,000 acres would be at the foot of the class."

"He lost it—everything he had. He wasn't even compensated for the murder of his wife though his lawyer assured him he would be. Cutler used to speak of it as blood money and wouldn't have thought of taking it except for Joyce. And it's she that matters now. She's got to be saved from herself and you must help."

"I? Why me?"

"Because you're real, Helm, and the only man I know well enough to turn to. There's something in her frightens me. Sometimes she's a burning bush and the next instant she's quicksilver. Please, Helm. This child was put in my charge by a direct act of God. Whether she loves me or not it's my duty to guide her life along the lines of common sense. Which do you want her to do—go around looking for a job at $15 a week or be the first to bring a little culture to Platinum Hill? Which gives her the best chance for a full life?"

"A missionary, eh?" said Blackadder, his lips quirking oddly. He lifted his heavy shoulders and let them fall. "Well, Mike oughtn't to be so bad. I remember his father as a ditch-gang foreman with a laugh and plenty of punch besides."

Mrs. Sewell sighed resignedly. "I would have chosen Howard Sempter, but trust a man to pick a man is a good rule though we women seldom follow it. So it's to be Mrs. Michael — not Mike — Kirkpatrick. Anyway it sounds a lot better than Mrs. Schaaf." At that moment there was a sound of somebody entering the hall. "Joyce, is that you?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"She's never once called me mother," whispered Mrs. Sewell to Blackadder, a hurt and bewildered look in her liquid brown eyes. Then she raised her voice. "Come here, dear; we want to talk to you."

Blackadder disliked being rushed and felt he was being drafted without his consent, but immediately Joyce entered he was conscious of an odd reaction as though all his gears had gone suddenly into reverse.

She nodded to him and turned to her stepmother. "Well?"

"Oh, do sit down, Joyce. Can't you sit down and talk reasonably for once in your life?"

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Fuel Oil for Use on the Rolling Ships Can Now Be Stored Aboard Large Vessels

Oil has been poured on raging seas to calm turbulent waves which threaten shipwreck. Now comes Edward R. Carroll of Brooklyn, N. Y., with an invention which is intended to do the same thing, but keeps the oil in the ship's tanks, notes a writer in the Kansas City Star.

The invention provides an ingenious control of the swishing of the oil inside the tanks, which counteracts pitching and rolling of the ship. Used on battleships, it would keep the ship steady so that the aim of its guns would not be spoiled.

Carroll's invention, described in a patent (No. 2077143) recently granted to him, is designed for ships with engines that burn oil for fuel, such as Diesel engines. The ships would be provided with a double bottom and wing tanks built in the sides. In these the oil is stored.

Unlike conventional storage tanks, these tanks and the double bottom are divided up into long cells by iron plate-like partitions. Valves in the partitions can be controlled from a central station. By opening and closing the valves, flow of oil from one cell to the other is controlled.

Whenever the ship begins to roll, the valves distribute the flow of oil so as to act as a counterweight to the roll. Thus, when the ship tips to starboard, all the oil cannot move instantly toward that side. It is held on the portside and helps to right the ship.

Similarly any synchronism between waves and motion of the ship which leads to violent rolling would be broken up. Such synchronism increases the roll to the point where it endangers the ship. It is brought about by the same principle involved in swinging. Just as a slight push at the proper moment sends the person in the swing higher into the air, so waves in synchronism with the roll of the ship, can cause it to roll and pitch more and more steeply.

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By George Agnew Chamberlain

STARTS IN THIS ISSUE!

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Lesson for December 19

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

LESSON TEXT—Luke 2:8-20.
GOLDEN TEXT—For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.—Luke 2:11.
PRIMARY TOPIC—When Jesus Came.
JUNIOR TOPIC—When Jesus Came.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—The Birth of Our Saviour.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—God's Gift of a Saviour.

Few indeed are the stories that will bear retelling or the books that are worth re-reading. Rare is the song that we care to hear more than once. How significant then that we come to the observance of Christmas each year with hearts full of delight in the story of the birth of Jesus, eager again to hear the account from God's Word, and to listen with attentive souls for the sound of the angel's song in the Christmas music.

The birth of our Lord as the incarnate Saviour of men is still front page, headline news, even in 1937. The glad tidings of his coming still color the thinking and living of a world that has gone far from him, that lives today in hatred and enmity, even while outwardly recalling the coming of the One who was to bring peace on earth. We have even gone so far that men feel that the way to promote peace is to use the sword. Until the Prince of Peace himself shall reign there may be no other way. But let us be certain at this Christmas time that the tender baby hand from the cradle at Bethlehem has reached out hearts and lives, bringing us peace with God and good will toward men.

The first seven verses of our chapter relate the coming of Mary with Joseph to God's appointed place at his appointed time, for the entrance into this world of the Son of God as the "Word" that "was made flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). Our lesson opens with the proclamation of the blessed good news to the shepherds in the field. Three thoughts are suggested for consideration. The announcement of the coming of the Saviour; the personal response of the shepherds to the glad tidings; and their immediate activity in making it known to others.

I. "Unto You Is Born . . . a Saviour" vv. 8-14).

Christ was a great teacher, one whom the common people heard gladly, "for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes" (Mark 1:22). He was a leader among men, and lived a life which was an example beyond that of any man. But mark it well, this was not the central and essential purpose of his coming. He came as a Saviour. His mother was told before his birth that she should "call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21).

It is not enough to be among the countless thousands who superficially observe Christmas with greetings and gifts. We must with the shepherds go and present ourselves in personal devotion to him. If you have not met the Lord Jesus as your own personal Saviour do it now. And if you know him, make this a Christmas in which Christ shall be supreme.

II. "Let Us Now Go . . . and See" (vv. 15-16).

Their fear changed to assurance by the words of the angel, the shepherds at once "go" and "see." Would that all those who heard today did likewise. The shepherds might well have found all manner of excuses for not going. They had sheep to care for, they were not prepared for a journey. No, the divine urge was upon them "and they came with haste . . . and found" Jesus.

Let us follow the example of the shepherds lest any of us be like the guests who were bidden to the great supper (Luke 14:16-24), who "all with one consent began to make excuse" so that none of them ever entered into the supper chamber.

III. "When They Had Seen . . They Made Known" (vv. 17-20).

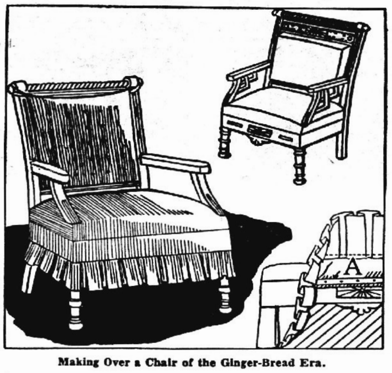
Mary the mother of Jesus had special reason to ponder these things in her heart. But the shepherds "returned, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen."

"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so" (Ps. 107:2). When we have found the Lord Jesus we must not simply rejoice in the satisfaction and peace that has come to our own souls. We are saved to serve. The normal expression of the new life in Christ is the proclamation of the gospel to the ends of the earth. Only in that spirit do we truly keep Christmas!

To every one that sees these lines—whether editor, typesetter, or proofreader—whether a reader in the midst of the clamor of the great city or in the quiet of a distant countryside, whether old or young, whether well or on a sickbed, whether alone, far from family and friends, or in the bosom of your family, the writer of these lines extends in the name of Christ a most hearty good wish for a blessed Christmas.

HOW TO SEW

by Ruth Wyeth Spears



Making Over a Chair of the Ginger-Bread Era.

To modernize the old walnut chair at the right the pieces under the arms were removed and most of the carving covered up. The padding at the back was removed entirely and replaced by a fiber board which was covered by a loose cotton filled cushion tufted like an old fashioned bed comfort except that the tied thread ends of the tufting were left on the wrong side.

This back cushion was fastened in place with tapes that slipped over the knobs at the ends of the upper carving. If the knobs to hold the cushion had been lacking it could have been tacked in place along the top on the under side by using a strip of heavy cardboard to keep the tacks from pulling through the fabric as shown here for tacking the box pleated ruffle around the seat as at A. A plain rust colored heavy cotton upholstery material was used for the covering.

Every Homemaker should have a copy of Mrs. Spears' new book, SEWING. Forty-eight pages of step-by-step directions for making slipcovers and dressing tables; restoring and upholstering chairs, couches; making curtains for every type of room and purpose. Making lampshades, rugs, ottomans and other useful articles for the home. Readers wishing a copy should send name and address, enclosing 25 cents, to Mrs. Spears, 210 South Desplaines St., Chicago, Illinois.

National Prosperity

What constitutes national prosperity? Not wealth or commerce simply, or military achievements, but the greatest possible number of happy, noble and graceful homes, where the purest flame burns brightest on the altar of Family Love, and Woman, with her piety, forbearance, and kindliness of soul, is permitted to officiate as High Priestess.

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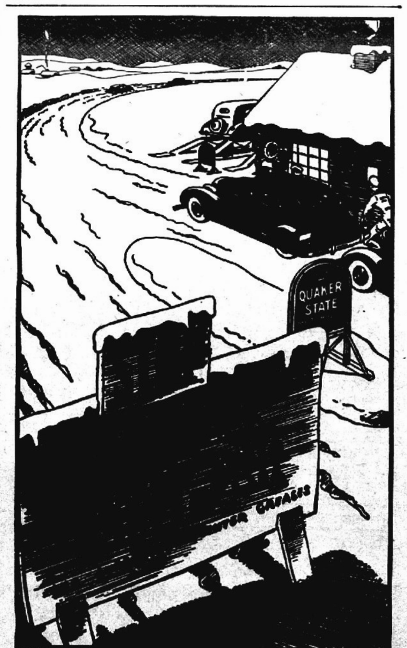
For a Happy Life

Remember this—that very little is needed to make a happy life.—Marcus Aurelius.

Belief Necessary

You have to believe in happiness or happiness never comes.—Douglas Malloch.

CHEW LONG BILL NAVY TOBACCO 5¢ PLUG



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Uncle Phil Says:

See What It Led To

Adam and Eve had but one fault—curiosity; a small one to lose Eden for.

A statistician in listing the common causes of fatigue in men, overlooked a waistline of 46 inches.

The "man of few words" doesn't realize how tiresome they become.

There are some admirable people who never let it be known that they are unhappy because they are too proud to.

Alone They're Insufficient

Memories are all right to live on provided you have something else.

A sharp tongue has a bitter mind behind it.

Never bestow real criticism of the faults of your friends when they ask it. Sidestep it, somehow.

In youth, we follow the fads for the fun of being in the crowd; but they really take no hold on anyone.

A few men in the audience who laugh uproariously in the right place are a great asset to the speaker.

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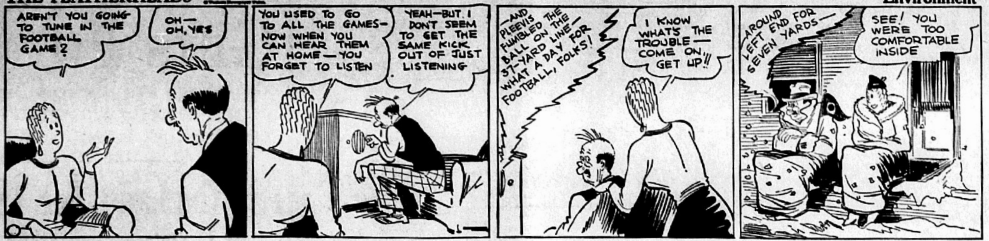
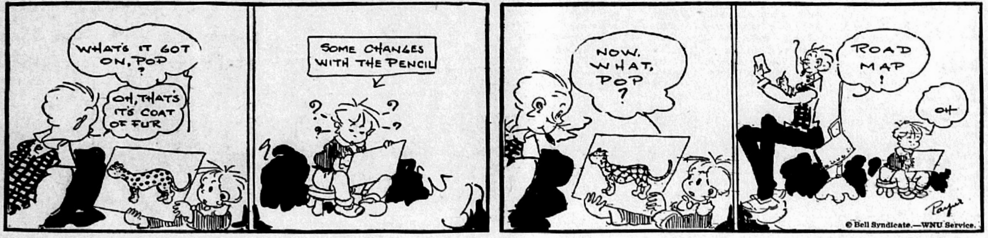

AREN'T YOU GOING TO TUNE IN THE FOOTBALL GAME?
OH— OH, YES
YOU USED TO GO TO ALL THE GAMES— NOW WHEN YOU CAN HEAR THEM AT HOME— YOU FORGET TO LISTEN
YEAH—BUT I DON'T SEEM TO GET THE SAME KICK OUT OF JUST LISTENING
—AND PLEEVIS FUMBLED THE BALL ON THE 37-YARD LINE— WHAT A DAY FOR FOOTBALL, FOLKS!
I KNOW WHAT'S THE TROUBLE— COME ON, GET UP!!
AROUND LEFT END FOR SEVEN YARDS—
SEE! YOU WERE TOO COMFORTABLE INSIDE

S'MATTER POP— Have You Thought of Changing the Old Coat?

By C. M. PAYNE


WHAT'S IT GOT ON, POP?
OH, THAT'S IT'S COAT OF FUR
SOME CHANGES WITH THE PENCIL
NOW. WHAT, POP?
ROAD MAP!
OH
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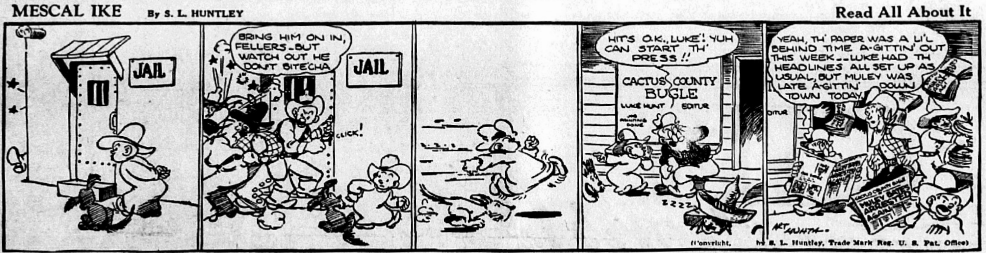
MESCAL IKE

By S. L. HUNTLEY

Read All About It


JAIL
BRING HIM ON IN, FELLERS—BUT WATCH OUT HE DON'T BITE'CHA
JAIL
CLICK!
HIT'S O.K., LUKE! YUH CAN START TH' PRESS!!
CACTUS COUNTY BUGLE
LUKE HUNT EDITUR
YEAH, TH' PAPER WAS A LI'L BEHIND TIME A-GITTIN' OUT THIS WEEK—LUKE HAD TH HEADLINES ALL SET UP AS USUAL, BUT MULEY WAS LATE A-GITTIN' DOWN TOWN TODAY
MULEY GETS ARRESTED
ZZZZ
ART HUNTH

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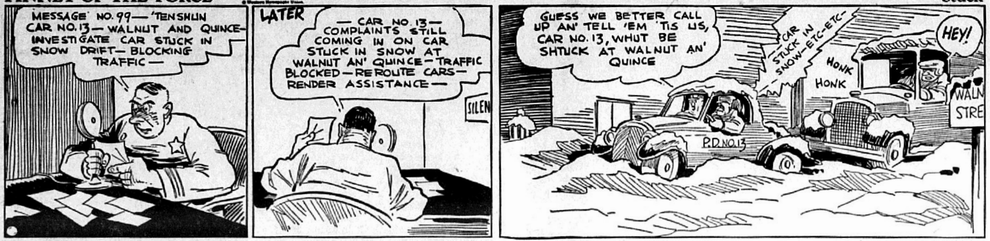
FINNEY OF THE FORCE

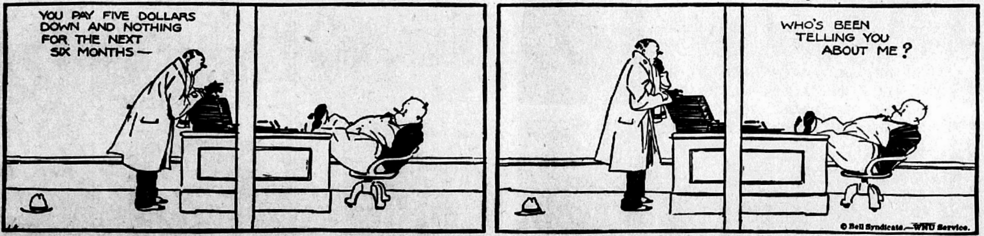
By Ted O'Loughlin

Stuck


MESSAGE NO. 99—'TENSHUN CAR NO. 13—WALNUT AND QUINCE—INVESTIGATE CAR STUCK IN SNOW DRIFT—BLOCKING TRAFFIC—
LATER
—CAR NO. 13— COMPLAINTS STILL COMING IN ON CAR STUCK IN SNOW AT WALNUT AN' QUINCE—TRAFFIC BLOCKED—REROUTE CARS—RENDER ASSISTANCE—
SILEN
GUESS WE BETTER CALL UP AN' TELL 'EM 'TIS US, CAR NO. 13, WHUT BE SHTUCK AT WALNUT AN' QUINCE
CAR STUCK IN SNOW-ETC-ETC—
HEY!
HONK
HONK
P.D. NO. 13
WALN
STRE

POP— Pop Knows the Gossipers Have Been at It Again

By J. MILLAR WATT


YOU PAY FIVE DOLLARS DOWN AND NOTHING FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS—
WHO'S BEEN TELLING YOU ABOUT ME?

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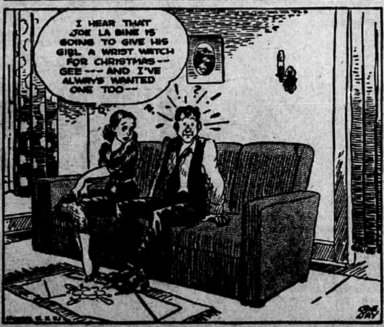
The Curse of Progress


I HEAR THAT JOE LA BINE IS GOING TO GIVE HIS GIRL A WRIST WATCH FOR CHRISTMAS— GEE—AND I'VE ALWAYS WANTED ONE TOO—

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"How's that?"

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Large Gathering

Little Carrol was eating ice cream on the porch of her aunt.

She dropped a bite and her aunt told her to clean it up or the flies would gather.

Little Carrol looked down and said:

"There is already one fly a gathering."—Indianapolis News.

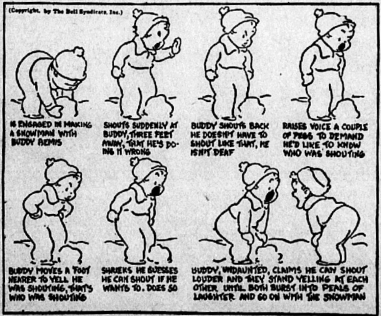
Without a Doubt!

Hotel Clerk (to guest from the country)—Of course, you'll want running water in your room?

Guest—Why? Do I look like a trout?—London Tid-Bits Magazine.

LUNG POWER

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS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IS ENGAGED IN MAKING A SNOWMAN WITH BUDDY BEMIS
SHOUTS SUDDENLY AT BUDDY, THREE FEET AWAY, THAT HE'S DOING IT WRONG
BUDDY SHOUTS BACK HE DOESN'T HAVE TO SHOUT LIKE THAT, HE ISN'T DEAF
RAISES VOICE A COUPLE OF PEGS TO DEMAND HE'D LIKE TO KNOW WHO WAS SHOUTING
BUDDY MOVES A FOOT NEARER TO YELL HE WAS SHOUTING, THAT'S WHO WAS SHOUTING
SHRIEKS HE GUESSES HE CAN SHOUT IF HE WANTS TO. DOES SO
BUDDY, UNDAUNTED, CLAIMS HE CAN SHOUT LOUDER AND THEY STAND YELLING AT EACH OTHER UNTIL BOTH BURST INTO PEALS OF LAUGHTER AND GO ON WITH THE SNOWMAN

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Ask Me Another

A General Quiz

1. What are the freezing and boiling points of mercury?
2. Which is larger, the United States of Brazil or the United States of America?
3. What do the designs and colors of Scotch plaids indicate?
4. What were the first messages sent by telegraph and telephone?
5. Does the use of veneer on furniture imply poor quality?
6. How much torn and defaced money is sent to the United States Treasury for redemption?
7. Is there a law which permits the United States government to withhold and conceal the existence of treaties between itself and foreign powers from its citizens during the time of peace?
8. Who first referred to the Lost Battalion by that name?

Answers

1. Its freezing point is —37.96 degrees F., and its boiling point, 675 degrees F.
2. The United States of Brazil, which is 272,000 square miles larger.
3. The clans or regiments to which their wearers belong.
4. The first by telegraph was, "What hath God wrought," and by telephone, "Mr. Watson, please come here: I want you."
5. It does not. It is the only method by which the grain or figure in some rare and beautiful woods can be displayed to advantage.
6. Approximately three billion dollars a year in mutilated currency is turned in for redemption.
7. The United States cannot have secret treaties with other countries.
8. The name was given by Harold D. Jacobs, who at that time was cable editor of the United Press in New York city. Mr. Jacobs now is editor of the Santa Barbara (Calif.) Morning Press.

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Sentinels of Health

Don't Neglect Them!

Nature designed the kidneys to do a marvelous job. Their task is to keep the flowing blood stream free of an excess of toxic impurities. The act of living—*life itself*—is constantly producing waste matter the kidneys must remove from the blood if good health is to endure.

When the kidneys fail to function as Nature intended, there is retention of waste that may cause body-wide distress. One may suffer nagging backache, persistent headache, attacks of dizziness, getting up nights, swelling, puffiness under the eyes—feel tired, nervous, all worn out.

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DOAN'S PILLS

Annual Party Of Rotary Club On Wednesday

(Continued From Page One)

ber, Mrs. R. I. Brown, Mrs. H. E. Keller, Mrs. A. M. Morgan, Mrs. C. R. Ginn, Jr., Mrs. E. G. Todd, Mrs. C. E. Lanier, Mrs. E. E. Melton, Mrs. Parke Anderson, Mrs. Charles Clements, Mrs. W. B. Archer and Mrs. Charles Moffett.

Visitors included: E. Hammond of Washington, D. C. and Avon Park, president of the Winter Guest Club, Miss Sarah Groover of Jacksonville, social hostess for the chamber of commerce, Major Ed. Keenan of Frostproof, and E. H. Perkins of Frostproof, the guest of E. G. Todd, E. E. Melton of Morrelton, Ark., Charles Madeira of Branford, Conn, and Mayor M. E. Covington.

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SUBSCRIPTION RATE TO TIMES IS TO ADVANCE

Due To Large Increase In Paper Costs Price To Be $2.00 Year

For more than three years the cost of print paper, ink and other expenses connected with the publication of a weekly newspaper have constantly advanced, but the management of the Avon Park Times has persistently held to the idea that somewhere along the line a "leveling off" would come which in the average would make it possible for us to maintain the $1.50 subscription rate that has prevailed.

Within the past few months other advances in paper and ink have arrived and now we are faced with the latest increase in the price of print paper which amounts to $10.50 per ton and becomes effective January 1st. Even with normal conditions it is often difficult to keep the subscription department of any newspaper out of the "red" and with costs as they now stand it becomes impossible to issue fifty-two copies of the Times without a most decided loss.

Desiring to keep up the standard of the paper and give a complete coverage of the news of this section we are compelled to raise the subscription rate of the Times and beginning January 1st it will be $2.00 per year for delivery in Highlands county and $2.50 per year outside the county. The present rate of $1.50 per year will be applicable until January 1st and up to that date renewals and new subscriptions will be accepted at the $1.50 rate.

Christmas Play At Congregational

A Semi-Sacred play, "The True Meaning of Christmas" will be presented by the Congregational Young People's Fellowship Group in the Congregational Church on Tuesday, December 21st at 7:30 p. m. The play is in three acts. The first act is supposed to take place a week before Christmas at the time the real preparation for the great holiday commences. The second act on Christmas Eve and the third act on Christmas morning. The time of the play is the Yuletide season in recent years, and the setting for the play is the living room of the home of a poor working-man in a small town of the middle West. The following is the cast of characters:

Mrs. Thorne, grandmother — Jean Correll.

Mr. Thorne, the father—J. C. Halsema.

Sue Thorne, the eldest daughter—Ruth Wild.

Dorothy Thorne, the second daughter—Claire Vandewende.

Emily Thorne, the youngest daughter—Lillian Bennett.

Jimmy Thorne, the only son, a true "thorn"—Jack Head.

Tom Mason, Dorothy's sweetheart—C. W. Meriwether.

An old beggar woman—Elsie Visel.

Aunt Ellen, a rich aunt—Lucy Wolverton.

In act one, the curtain rises to show Grandmother seated before the fireplace with a large Bible in her lap. As the curtain rises she reads, then closes the Bible and begins speaking to herself. As the curtain rises on act two Sue is seated at the table working on a piece of fancy work. Dorothy enters with a jewelry catalogue. She seats herself on the settee and gets very interested in the catalogue. In act three a well decorated Christmas tree is seen. Mr. Thorne **is alone in the room ready to call the family. He stands by the fireplace and the beggar is seen eavesdropping from time to time, giving the impression to the audience that she hears all that is said. The play is by Mrs. Olive McGaugh and is very appropriate for the Christmas season. There will be no charge for admission, but a silver collection will be taken.**

SCENIC HIGHLANDERS ADOPT NEW PROGRAM

Road Program Adopted; Will Promote Air Service For Ridge

Twenty members from Highlands and Polk counties met with John D. Clark, president of the Scenic Highlanders, at a called meeting of the Board of Governors last Friday night at the Jacaranda Hotel in Avon Park.

In opening the business session Clark stated, "A strong united membership from Lake Placid to Haines City will assure definite progress to the people of the Ridge section on a program that is vital to all of us."

G. P. Ruhl, Frostproof, submitted a report from a committee on the proposed program for the Scenic Highlanders. The following program was adopted and will be the basis for future action of the Scenic Highlanders:

"As the interests of all of the communities in The Scenic Highlands are identical and not competitive, and since it seems likely there is another great movement into Florida about beginning, it is proper that these communities should unite to promote their interests in the following program:

1. Resurfacing, with a lime rock base, surface treated, straightening and maintaining the Scenic Highway, State Road No. 8, from Haines City to Lake Annie, except those portions which will be adequately served by Route No. 19, and locating and building Federal Highway No. 19.

2. Working to secure better freight and passenger service through railroad, bus, and truck lines, and the establishment of an airmail, and air passenger route through the Scenic Highlands through co-operation with the United States Post Office Department and established air lines.

3. Co-operating with communities that seek better outlets east and west from the Scenic Highlands."

Clark announced that a meeting of the Membership and Publicity committees would be held in Frostproof City Hall at 7 p. m. on Friday night, December 17th. He also named the personnel of the organization Publicity who will be: C. V. Rahner, chairman, Haines City; W. R. Brewster, Babson Park; George Westervelt, Frostproof; C. E. Crabtree, Avon Park; C. F. Saunders, Sebring; J. E. Sims, Lake Placid, and the following representatives of the newspapers: M. J. Lee, Haines City Herald; E. R. Chandley, Lake Wales Highlander; O. A. Brice, Lake Wales News; W. M. Hetherington, Avon Park Sun; W. C. Beckett, Avon Park Times; N. A. Broking, Sebring News; and Rod Arkell, Sebring American.

The Board of Governors set January 12th as a membership drive day through the Ridge Section of Polk and Highlands counties. The governors felt confident that because there was such a strong sentiment in the Ridge Section for the program that a large membership would be enrolled.

Highlands Chapter Elects Officers

Highlands Chapter, 42, RA.M. met Monday night at the Masonic Temple.

The following oficers were elected for the coming year; Demos Mandis, High Priest; J. Lee Johnson of Sebring, King; Tom Brown of Frostproof, Scribe and D. G. Perry Secretary.

Appointive officers will be named by the High Priest, Demos Mandis later.

Where a King Married

Still standing in Limassol, Cyprus, is the old castle visited by King Richard I of England and Berengaria, princess of Navarre, just before they were married in the Twelfth century.

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