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FROM CONGRESSMAN
J. HARDIN PETERSON

OLD-AGE ASSISTANCE—The federal government made a series of grants for public assistance for the current quarter beginning July 1 amounting to \$54,500,000, according to information just released from Washington. This represents \$14,500,000 for old age assistance, \$11,711,000 for aid to the blind and \$6,873,000 for aid to dependent children. Figures issued by the social security board indicate that more than 2,300,000 persons are receiving public assistance at the present time, including 1,650,000 aged, 930,000 blind persons and 600,000 dependent children in 245,000 families. For the fiscal year ending June 30 the states received of others \$208,266,280 in grants for public assistance, including \$178,021,474 for old-age assistance, \$51,164,000 for aid to the blind and \$85,288,846 for aid to dependent children. Total expenditures from federal, state and local funds for public assistance during the year amounted to \$454,000,000, representing \$362,000,000 for aid to the aged, \$11,000,000 for the blind and \$81,000,000 for dependent children. Average payments to needy aged persons during May were \$19.36; \$23.18 to the blind and \$13.00 to families with dependent children. The Washington figures showed that 29,000 aged persons were being assisted in Florida, and 1,500 blind persons. This represented \$657,747.71, including \$617,591 for old-age assistance and \$20,193 for the blind.

FLORIDA RETAIL SALES—The Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the United States has just announced that it will shortly issue the first reports showing the current movement in retail sales for Florida. This service is designed to keep retailers informed of monthly changes in dollar sales for each of the more important kinds of merchandise. The chambers of commerce and retail trade associations throughout the state are cooperating in collecting this information possible. The figures will enable each retailer to compare his own sales with those of the average of other retailers in the state in the same business. These reports will disclose monthly sales activity of the more important cities in Florida. The basic data are based on information obtained from a representative sample of independent retailers throughout the state who furnish confidential reports each month. Participation is entirely voluntary, and the amount of information as well as all information submitted is held in strict confidence. Any businessman can get this service by writing us, and we will be glad to have their names placed on the mailing list to receive these reports.

FARM CO-OPERATIVES—More than half a million members have been added to the ranks of farmers co-operatives in Florida in the last decade, according to figures obtained in a survey of all agricultural co-operatives made by the 12 banks for co-operators of the Farm Credit Administration. Co-operation among farmers and livestock producers is growing rapidly, and the new records show that co-operative memberships amount to 4,270,000 in marketing and purchasing co-operatives. Farmers actively minded farmers belong to more than one association, so the increase in recruits does not indicate entirely new recruits, but also mean that farmers are taking on more cooperative activities, that is joining other purchasing associations, other types of marketing agencies or becoming members in mutual fire insurance companies and similar farm business co-operatives.

NOT SO EASY—Congressman Joe Hendricks has announced that in his weekly news column this week which is worthy of duplicating here. It follows: "Quite a few young people I have met in my office with the explanation, 'I thought it would be easier to get a job if I were here.' (They refer of course to being in Washington). After five weeks of effort on my part and on the part of one of these young people I have failed to give me an account of her experience and here it is. 'Congressman Joe Hendricks has been here five weeks and I have not heard from him. I am just an overcast day in comparison to the many months which I usually spend here. My application is on file in about the same way as in Washington, and I have checked on them so often that even the guards in the building recognize me. I have been interviewed, examined, and given oft-repeated promises of that golden job of the future, which in my (Continued on Page Eight)

CITY SEEKING
POSSESSION OF
VARIOUS HOUSESCity Attorney and Public
Works Superintendent Get
Orders from City Council

City Attorney T. A. McNicholas was ordered by the city council Monday night to obtain possession of the Kellogg house, by court order if necessary. Title to this property was acquired by the city under foreclosure proceedings for delinquent taxes some time ago, but actual possession had not been had. Albert Garrett, superintendent of public works, was ordered to take possession of city owned houses in the quarters, also obtained by foreclosure, and wreck them if necessary and install sanitary plumbing for those to be retained. He will be assisted by the police and city attorney.

The council also authorized the erection of two sanitary toilets at the airport where a new hangar is being erected by the WPA. This action was taken at the request of C. A. Haney, county quartermaster, who stated they would be permanent. He also asked that the city install sanitary privies on property owned by the city where he proposed and added that the city should live up to its own ordinance.

Mayor M. E. Covington suggested a "Clean Up Day" to be staged sometime before fall so as to get ready for the winter visitors. Bids were also asked on the old Roberts packing house on Butler avenue.

A claim of the Townsend Sash Door and Lumber Co. against S. C. Pardee and which he had assigned to the city against funds which he claimed were owing him was denied by council. Councilman Elwell said an auditor's report alleged that Pardee owed the city and motion was made that Winkler and Edwards, attorneys for Townsend, be notified that the city does not recognize liability at this time.

Tourists Flock to
Florida in Summer
As Well as Winter

Deland, Aug. 4.—It long has been contended that Florida is a summer resort as it has been a resort for those seeking winter comfort. This has been one of the points made by the management of the several exhibits of Florida's resources and attractions made at various points throughout the country during the past five or six years.

Now, comes the management of the Gandy bridge to show that surveys made during the past few weeks prove that more out of state cars have passed over that structure during July than passed over it last October, the opening month of the heaviest tourist season ever enjoyed by the state.

General Manager Brown of Florida National Exhibits, points out that the Gandy Bridge survey shows that during July, 29 states were represented and that of the northern states Pennsylvania led with Ohio, New York, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana and Wisconsin following closely in the number of cars passing over the structure. "It will be noted," said Mr. Brown, "that the states said to Chicago, Cleveland and New York City, in which Florida made its outstanding exhibits during the past five years, figured largely in the parade of summer visitors reported by the Gandy Bridge management, proving our contention that the exhibits made by the state at a Century of Progress, the Great Lakes Exposition, Rockefeller center and at the big railway stations of New York and Philadelphia were influential in making the people of those regions Florida conscious. At each of the exhibits we showed the fact that Florida is an all year around state and the results of that educational campaign are now manifesting themselves."

Two Florida Ball
Players to England

West Palm Beach, Aug. 4.—(PNS)—Tommy O'Rourke and Minnie Platt of West Palm Beach were selected to represent members of the 1938 United States baseball team and will sail for England this week to participate in the International Baseball congress.

REVIVALIST



Rev. James A. Brown returns to Avon Park for a series of revival meetings at the Nazareth church. The meetings start Monday, August 8, and continue till August 21 and will be held every evening at 7:45. Rev. Brown is also a bass soloist and is accompanied by his wife also a singer in the choir. The public is invited to attend any and all of these services.

SUMMER BAND
COURSE OVERThirty One Students Worked
Under Direction of
E. L. Roberts

Thirty-one students, many of whom have only had their band instruments two months, just completed a summer band course sponsored by Director E. L. Roberts.

Most of the students lived up to the requirements of two hours practice daily and all of them did exceptionally well as far as attendance and promptness was concerned.

The classes met twice each week and were of an hour's duration. For the past several weeks all the students were asked to come an extra day at the same period. This period was taken up in playing the simple songs and marches suitable for students who have just completed their first two months on a band instrument.

Many of these same students may find a place in the high school band next year if they keep up their interest and practice. Following is a complete list of students taking part in the summer course: B. Flat Clarinets: Sanford Hart, Eric Pabor, John Franklin Lyle, Josephine Brown, Frances Porter, Ruth Pendleton, Arthur Gregory, Johnnie Garber, Jimmy Bradbury, Jimmie Hetherington, Melvin Mann, Vivian Luthy and Mary Townsend.

E Flat Alto Clarinets: Betty Touchton and Frank Karmel.

French Horns: Edward Sherman, Albert Wester and Harvey Hardin.

B B Flat Bass: Jimmy Heim and Fred Touchton.

Trombone: Clyde Jarrette.

Cornets: Marian Foster, Herbert Todd, Felton Causey, Solomon Abrams, Robert Louis and Arthur Crews.

Drums and Cymbals: Bostie Roberts, Walter Mandia, Howard Johnston and John E. Lamb.

Director Roberts has hopes of a 54 piece high school band next school year and this end in view rehearsals will be held one day each week until school starts. The exhibits made by the state as marching formations will be included in the band work next year, Roberts says.

IN RE ESTATE OF G. EDWIN WALKER, DECD.

Any one having any claim or bill against the estate of the late G. Edwin Walker is asked to file the same with C. H. Walker, president of the Avon Florida Citrus Corp. Mr. Walker is endeavoring to get all bills together so they may be liquidated as soon as possible.

CONTINUE FIRE
CONTROL PLAN
IN HIGHLANDSQuestion to Be Submitted to
Voters in Election
Next November

Fire control, why it does not control, how to have it without spending money, and who wants it, was discussed at length Tuesday by a group of about 20 citizens and the board of county commissioners.

The board had decided that since it is about \$3,000 in debt to the fire control board, the millage levied for fire control is not sufficient in the budget, this year it would discontinue fire control until something else grew up to burn and until it caught up with the debt.

C. P. Anderson, Avon Park, secretary of the county fire control board, presented letters from the chambers of commerce and game conservation clubs of both Avon Park and Sebring; the county units of the citrus growers organizations, the cattlemen's association, and from the Consolidated Naval Stores urging the county to continue with the fire control program.

Mr. Anderson stated that a plan had been worked out whereby the fire warden will be a deputy sheriff, with authority to arrest trespassers and protect the groves from fire thieves and keep people off posted land. He will also carry a commission as game warden for the purpose of protection of the game.

A state representative of the fire control board was present to answer questions. In reply to a query by Chairman N. B. Jackson as to how many counties in the state are participating in fire control, the state representative said there are four besides Highlands, which is by far the smallest of the five. He also agreed with Mr. Jackson that the county suffered more from fire during the past year than in a great many years.

The commissioners took the position that any program that is paid for county-wide should cover the whole county, and since so far the county has been unable to raise enough money to give adequate protection to the 75,000 acres now being protected, it is out of the question to give county-wide protection.

Mark Godwin, president of the county cattlemen's association, stated that the cattlemen of the county would like to work a satisfactory method of continuing the fire control program, but he was not satisfied to pay for it as it is. He stated that his land was all burned off this year and that the Sebring Fire Department refused to help him control it. He did not say whether the state fire control board gave any assistance.

Chairman Jackson, who is also a prominent cattlemen, said the place to get relief is from the legislature, since it is the state's greatest problem, and that a small county surrounded with counties not fire-occupied cannot control fires; and furthermore, that most fire is caused by the railroads and the county has no power to tax the railroads for fire protection.

He also stated that most people who had come to the board for help in matters like fire control pay their taxes under the Murphy law, but still expect the county to put up for their pet projects.

After more than two hours of discussion, the board agreed to and adopted the motion of Commissioner Bell to continue with the program and to put the matter up to a vote of the people in the November election.

Just before the board adjourned it adopted a resolution permitting a Western firm to install school bus stations in the county, free of taxation and without cost to the county or the high school board—Highlands County News.

Improvements Made
At Jacaranda Made

Considerable remodeling and improvements have been made at the week at the Jacaranda Drive store. The old vaults which were used by the First State Bank when it occupied the building, have been removed and the space incorporated with the store, giving more room for the display of merchandise.

Facilities have been added for the convenience of bus passengers and other improvements have been made, together with considerable redecorating.

Dilley Home Destroyed by Fire



The lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dilley on the Sebring road and overlooking Lake Lillian was practically destroyed by fire Wednesday evening. The fire is thought to have started from defective wiring and the loss has been estimated at \$4,000, partly covered by insurance.

No one was at home at the time, Mr. and Mrs. Dilley having left to spend the evening in town with friends. The fire was discovered by C. F. Ward, who was passing and he phoned in the alarm from the Earl Hart residence. Another motorist went to Lakemont and called the Sebring fire department, who also responded.

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The Florida Public Service Co. was host at an informal party and buffet supper Friday night at the Jacaranda Hotel, the occasion marking the opening of their new offices and customers' room. A number of company officials and employees were present together with city and county officials. Short talks were made by Mayor M. E. Covington, H. R. Cloud, vice president and general manager, and others.

Company officials and others present included: H. R. Cloud, vice president and general manager; George E. Tanner, general superintendent; L. S. Thornton, assistant treasurer; H. A. Brunning, commercial manager; H. A. Patrell, auditor; E. W. Parrish, superintendent of operations; B. G. Duncan, advertising manager; Miss Billie Nicholson, M. E. Lucille Erickson, Mrs. Lillian Cartwright, Miss Mildred Wicks, Mrs. Ida Waller, all of Orlando, and Mrs. Margaret Pennington of Lake Wales.

Avon Park Golfers Troupe Sebring

The Avon Park golf addi were in fine form Sunday afternoon at the Pine Crest Club course when they beat the Sebring team nine to four. The scores follow:

Charles Sherman and Jack Head, 1; J. W. Duncan and Jack Stephens, 2; C. P. Turner and Carl Lawhorn, 3; Doug Estes and Tommy Whitehouse, 4; Bill Dutton, Jr. and Bob Twitty, 5; J. L. Masters and McKee Elwell, 6; Walter Meyer and Fred Tuckwood, 1.

A. C. Wester and Elwell, Jr., 0; Paul Marchand and C. O. Rogers, 2.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to both the Avon Park and Sebring fire departments and our many friends who assisted in the way at the fire which destroyed our home Wednesday night. If it had not been for the prompt help given much of the furniture and contents of the house would have been lost. We are deeply grateful for all the help given.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dilley.

AUDIT ALLEGES
EXCESS CREDITS
TO S. C. PARDEEFire Engine Notes Involved
In Attorney's Account;
Answers Charge

Excess credits totaling \$7,650 against each account of S. C. Pardee, former city attorney, are alleged in the report of an audit recently made by C. Cecil Bryant, certified public accountant of Ocala. The audit was made at the request of Councilman A. McKee Elwell and was presented to the board of city commissioners Tuesday night. After study of the audit a resolution was passed, following the recommendations of the auditor, instructing the city clerk to make formal demand of the former city attorney for reimbursement of the \$7,650. The audit also showed that the city was being pushed for payment on the notes. Mr. Pardee asked for and was given permission to purchase the notes out of delinquent tax payments, in a letter dated December 16, 1937. In a letter dated December 21, 1937 the former city attorney stated he had purchased the ninth and last note and added that he would not be able to pay the note in its entirety through the usual collection of delinquent taxes and asked authority to apply the same for the benefit of purchasers of property in the city. This letter was also O.K'd by the same councilman, R. F. Applegate, S. J. Pendleton and F. S. Jordan.

In commenting on the letters and his findings Auditor Bryant says: "Under the present collection system of the city it is the duty of the City Attorney to collect all delinquent taxes and turn the funds to the city treasurer. This method was not strictly adhered to, and as a result of your allowing S. C. Pardee to disburse city funds, the apparent excess credit has occurred."

He further states: "It will be noted that three of the councilmen placed their O. K. on the foot of the letter; however, the letter does not give permission to make the settlement with the American LaFrance and Foamite industries at \$1650.00 and take credit for \$3,900.00 as seems to have been done."

Continuing the auditor says: "Mr. Pardee states in his letter that he will not be able to use the note in its entirety through the collection of delinquent taxes; the saving made on the settlement is being passed on to the taxpayers; however, I find no record of where any credit was received credit on account of this settlement."

"Mr. Pardee took credit on December 1, 1937, for \$2,750.00 and according to information furnished by the American LaFrance and Foamite Industries they received \$1,450 on January 16, 1938. I find no account to show that any credit is entitled to the \$2,325.00 difference between the amount paid from city funds for the note and the amount of credit claimed by him."

"Based on the above facts I would recommend that you ask S. C. Pardee, city attorney, to show why he should have credit for \$7,650.00 saving made with the American LaFrance and Foamite Industries inasmuch as payments made by him were made with city funds and no record has been furnished to show that any credit has been passed on to the taxpayers."

"The records show that a great many settlements were made with bond credits, and also discounts have been allowed by the council the record of which appears on the city books, but I find no record of where any person benefited by the settlement which Mr. Pardee made with the American LaFrance and Foamite Industries except he himself, and I, therefore, recommend that you call upon Mr. Pardee to reimburse the city \$7,650.00 and to show that any credit is entitled to the credits as shown."

According to the audit four notes are involved, which, together with the \$2,440.00, total \$12,440.00. The auditor states that information furnished by the American LaFrance Co. shows that the pay-

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PALAKTA TURNS DOWN PRIVATE ELECTRIC PLANT

Voters Decide Against Grant and Loan in Competition With Private Plant

Palatka, July 28.—(FNS)—Palatka voters turned thumbs down on a municipal power plant here today nullifying a \$250,000 PWA grant already authorized in a recent smashing total of 1901 votes cast.

The final tabulation found a majority of qualified voters opposing the ratification of an amendment or ordinance which declared "It is expedient—to construct and maintain—a plant for the manufacture and distribution of electricity—for such of its inhabitants as may require and pay for same."

A total of 832 voters expressed against the ordinance while 768 signified approval.

The vote, the greatest ever cast in a municipal election here, came as a culmination of three weeks of intensive campaigning with the city commission hearing the municipal plant proposal and the Florida Power and Light company opposing it.

The issue in the election was sharply drawn between supporters of Florida Power and Light company, which has a franchise to serve the city with electricity until 1941, and proponents of a municipal power plant headed by Mayor John W. Campbell.

Proponents claimed that a municipal plant would result in a 25 per cent reduction in rates with no debt burden on taxpayers. Opponents stated electric users would suffer from increased rates necessary to pay off government loans by which the new plant would be financed.

They said Palatka's rates were already lower than many municipal ownership towns and cities and cited the record of 42 per cent decrease in company rates since 1935.

Proponents had been assured of a government gift of 45 percent of cost of a new plant. Fifty-five percent of the cost was said to be available from PWA loan to be secured from revenue certificates payable over a long period of years. Voters turned down the proposal because they believed service to be secured from a municipal plant would be inferior to the service they now have, rates were fair, and that competition with the private utility already in the field would be disastrous to the success of the municipal enterprise.

GROUP APPLAUDS WARNING AGAINST FEDERAL AID

Prof. George Strayer, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City, addressed 1,000 teachers attending the conference on educational administration at that institution, held here during the evening, July 11, 1938. His subject was the proposals set forth in the report of President Roosevelt's Advisory Committee on Education, which recommended new Federal grants of \$855,000,000 over a period of six years.

The teachers applauded vigorously Dr. Strayer's adverse comments on the proposals which, he said, would develop "a national system of education that would in time seek to control our public school system in all its detail."

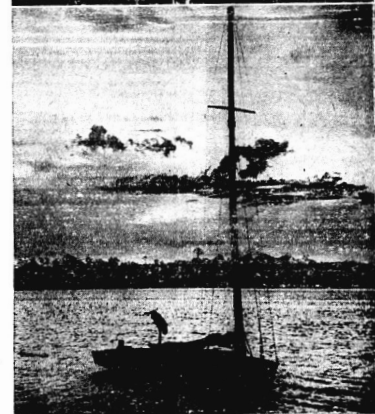
He said that although the report disavowed any intention of controlling the curriculum or processes of teaching, "it is probable that if we become accustomed to the idea of Federal interference and control, in the long run we may move in the direction of a centralized school system."

Professor Strayer attacked two other proposals of the President's Advisory Committee: its advocacy of a National Youth Administration to coordinate the activities of the Civilian Conservation Corps and the National Youth Administration, and the proposal for Federal aid to private and parochial schools at the discretion of the states.

The first of these two proposals, he explained, would set up a national system of education for the youths of the nation under one or two controls. Attacking it, he said, the existing system of decentralization in the nation and control of the schools is "the one absolutely reliable antidote to the easy capture of schools by the purveyors of an economic, social, or political cult."

Dr. Strayer linked the proposal for Federal aid to private and parochial schools at the discretion of the states with the movement under way in many states to remove the Constitutional barriers to the use of public funds for such schools.

"Those who believe in the establishment of a universal system of public education and in the maintenance of the doctrine of the separation of Church and State will find it necessary to resist this movement vigorously and openly," he said.



CAME FROM GEORGIA TO CATCH 'EM



A. L. Pat Crowe of Marietta, Ga., with a nice string of bass which he caught in Lake Arbuckle on a recent visit to Avon Park. Mr. Crowe is a man with a versatile turn of mind, being among other things a farmer, nurseryman and advertising executive.

Work Started on Second Building For Tampa Expo.

Tampa, July 28.—(FNS)—Work began this week on the second building being erected to house exhibits of the Pan-American and De Soto Exposition to be held in Tampa Jan. 31 to Feb. 18 next. Mexico, Cuba and other Latin American countries have made inquiries for space and plans for the great exposition are progressing rapidly, officials said. Nine Florida counties have already made space reservations for county exhibits at the Exposition. Executive Secretary Albert Thornton stated this week.

Invitations will be extended to Post Office departments of 21 Latin-American countries to send official stamp exhibits to Tampa for the building of new bridges on the Overseas Highway to Key West, half this amount would have to be matched by the Florida State Road Department.

JUDGES SELECT FINAL WINNERS OF PHOTO CONTEST: Today the Regional Judges in the Photographic Contest sponsored by the Florida Public Service Company announced the following winners:

First prize of \$50 to O. R. Davis of Orlando for his study of a cypress-draped stream. This picture, a fine example of photographic art, is descriptive of Central Florida. Enlarged, it will be the center photo-mural in the display the Florida Public Service Company will send North to be rotated thru large New England cities. This display is designed to attract hundreds of new visitors to Central Florida.

Second prize of \$30 to T. L. Alexander of Haines City for beautiful photograph of sunset on a Central Florida lake. This attractive camera study will also be featured in the Florida display in a similar fashion. Hundreds of thousands of people are expected to view this display in the large Northern cities.

Third prize, \$15 to Fred M. Smith of Avon Park for photograph of an angler's dream. This photograph will be enlarged and used in the Central Florida Reciprocity Display.

Judges experienced great difficulty in selecting the winners since the competition was so keen. These are photographs which will "sell" New England on Florida as the ideal winter vacationland.

District and prize winning photographs will not be returned. All other entries may be obtained by calling at local office of the Florida Public Service Company.

LARGE MOUTH BASS CAUGHT IN CENTRAL FLORIDA



10 LB. 9 LB. 8 LB. 12 LB. CAUGHT ON A 3 OUNCE FLY ROD

AID TO BLIND IS INCREASING

Seven Blind Persons in Highlands County Now Receiving Aid

Jacksonville, July 28.—(Special)—Fifteen hundred and twenty-three persons were approved for Aid to the Blind during the fiscal year ending June 30, according to announcement today by the State Welfare Board. The Aid to the Blind plan was approved by the Social Security Board in December of last year and initial checks were mailed out in January of this year.

The annual report revealed that of those approved 881 were male and 642 female; that 181 lived alone, 198 with spouse, 355 with spouse and others, 651 with other relatives without spouse, 17 in institutions of various kinds.

The number listed as having no other source of income was 1,307, while only 96 had any gainful employment. Six were attending schools for the blind, seven were receiving education at home, 1,414 were not receiving instruction while the educational status of 66 was undetermined.

No other type of public or private assistance was being received in the households of 1,153 of those accepted. White recipients numbered 887 and colored recipients 635. Three hundred and sixteen were single, 428 widowed, 51 divorced, 170 separated, 560 married. Native born numbered 1,454 and foreign born 69. Of the latter, 23 were born in Europe, 36 in North America. Seven hundred and fifty-four were born in urban territory, almost an equal division.

Only 276 were living in incorporated cities of 100,000 or more, and of these 149 were living in Jacksonville, 83 in Tampa and 44 in Miami. Sixty-two were aged 19 or by death, with six never having received payment.

In Highlands county seven cases were approved and reported. A survey by the former State Board of Social Welfare, on which legislative appropriations were based, estimated the number of eligible blind and near-blind at 1,280. Eight hundred and four applications were pending on June 30.

Roy F. Symes of Sanford was elected president of the Florida State Olerary Growers Association at the annual convention last week.

Atlantic Coast Line Railroad shops at Tampa, closed since last April, were opened again last week, providing an additional payroll for the city of \$30,000.

COLLECTIONS OF STATE LIQUOR TAX SHOW GAIN

Decrease in Consumption of Hard Liquor Seen in Annual Report

Tallahassee, July 28. (FNS)—Recipients of old age assistance will find ample cause for rejoicing in the official report of the State Beverage department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1938, which was released this week by Thomas W. Long, director.

The report shows a net increase in revenue collected by the department of \$838,806.68, and a decrease in operating costs of the department of \$32,818.29, as compared with the preceding fiscal year. The decrease in operating costs was accomplished in spite of the fact the operating costs for 1938 includes 20 additional men allowed by the 1937 legislature, practically all of whom have been assigned to work with the federal government. The revenue of the department, with the exception of operating costs, goes into the old age assistance fund.

A further comparison of the past two fiscal years shows that the cost of collecting each dollar of revenue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1937, amounted to 4.32 cents; which was decreased to only 4.67 cents for the year ending June 30, 1938.

The report shows total collections for 1937-38 amounted to \$3,925,920.38. Collections for 1936-37, amounted to \$3,387,113.70. Operating costs for 1936-37 amounted to \$210,742.50; for 1937-38, they amounted to \$178,742.25.

Temperance advocates will find encouragement in a further analysis of the report which shows an increase of 50 per cent in the cost of liquor stamps, and an increase of only 28.62 per cent in revenue from this source, which indicates that Floridians are drinking less hard liquor but are drinking more beer and wine.

Considering the fact that the 1937 act gave cities an additional 25 per cent of license tax, and the department lost approximately \$100,000 in revenue through the repeal of the 8 cents per gallon tax on out-of-state shipments, the department had to collect \$839,074.84 more money in 1937-38 to show its increase of \$538,806.68 in net revenue.

On the law enforcement side, the report shows that in co-operation with federal officers, sheriffs, constables and local police officials, 614 stills were seized; 161 cars confiscated; 1,477 arrests made; 974 cases tried, and 830 convictions secured. 335,415 gallons of cash and 14,598 gallons of moonshine were destroyed. Total fines of \$24,405.50 were collected during the last six months.

It is estimated that the much destroyed would have made 39,561 gallons of moonshine. The tax due the state on this and the moonshine destroyed would have amounted to \$64,917.60. The value of the cars confiscated and turned over to the federal government in the absence of a state law, is placed at \$35,921.50.

Growers Warned About Rust Mites

Lakeland, Fla., July 27.—A warning to citrus growers to be on the watch for rust mite damage was issued today by the Florida Citrus Commission. W. W. Hubbell, head of the better fruit department of the commission, said today that reports from the commission's field agents, and from growers and shippers, indicated that rust mites were working rapidly, in spite of the heavy rains, and that serious damage to the quality of the coming crop was threatened in all sections of the state. All growers are urged to watch their crops closely, and to spray or dust immediately if this insect is seen in appreciable numbers.

The razor-back hog fanned throughout the South is a direct descendant of hogs brought to Tampa by Hernando Desoto in 1539. It is reported by the De Soto Exposition commission, gathering authentic data for use in connection with the celebration of the 400th anniversary of the landing of that famed explorer, to be held in Tampa Jan. 31 to Feb. 18, next.

Want Ads

ORANGES, \$1.00 per bushel; lesser quantity at same rate. W. T. Hall, 22, 11 pd.

WANTED: Invalid's rolling chair. See W. P. Elder, Avon Park.

LEGHORN FRYERS, 25 cents a pound, Engelmann's Hatchery, 17 tf. e.

TYPEWRITER RIBBONS: a 11 popular makes, good quality, 75 cents each. The Avon Park Times

Before your newspaper is put to bed

●When we talk of putting a newspaper to bed we aren't trying to be humorous. It's shop parlance for going to press—the final step in the production of a newspaper.

Before your newspaper is ready to go to bed there's a long series of steps representing the collective efforts of many minds and many hands. The issue you hold in your hands, for example, involved the gathering of hundreds of news items, editing, putting into type, proofreading, making up the type forms and, finally, printing. It could not be done without trained minds, trained hands and a heavy investment in expensive equipment.

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FROM CONGRESSMAN
J. HARDIN PETERSON

OLD-AGE ASSISTANCE—The federal government made a series of grants for public assistance for the current quarter beginning July 1 amounting to \$54,500,000, according to information just released from Washington. This represents \$14,600,000 for old age assistance, \$11,111,000 for aid to the blind and \$6,873,000 for aid to dependent children. Figures issued by the social security board indicate that more than 3,300,000 persons are receiving public assistance at the present time, including 1,690,000 aged, 39,200 in persons and 602,000 dependent children in 243,000 families. For the fiscal year ending June 30 the states received a total of \$208,266,280 in grants for public assistance, including \$178,021,474 for old-age assistance, \$51,644,000 for aid to the blind and \$52,840,846 for aid to dependent children. Total expenditures from federal, state and local funds for public assistance during the year amounted to \$454,000,000, representing \$362,000,000 for aid to the aged, \$11,000,000 for the blind and \$81,000,000 for dependent children. Average payments to needy aged persons during May were \$19.25; \$20.18 to the blind and \$21.59 to families with dependent children. The Washington figures showed that 29,000 aged persons were being assisted in Florida, and 1,500 blind persons. This represented \$637,784.71, including \$617,591 for old-age assistance and \$20,193 for the blind.

FLORIDA RETAIL SALES—The bureau of foreign and domestic commerce of the department of commerce has just announced that it will shortly issue the first reports showing the current movement in retail sales for Florida. This service is designed to keep retailers informed of monthly changes in dollar sales for each of the important kinds of business. The chambers of commerce and retail trade associations throughout the state are cooperative in making this information possible. The figures will enable each retailer to compare his own sales with those of the average of other retailers in the state in the same business. These reports will disclose monthly sales activity of the major retail cities in Florida. The basis data are based on information obtained from a representative sample of independent retailers throughout the state who furnish confidential reports each month. Participation is entirely voluntary, and the sample of information as well as all information submitted is held in strict confidence. Any business can get this service by writing us, and we will be glad to have their names placed on the mailing list to receive these reports.

FARM CO-OPERATIVES—More than half a million members have been added to the ranks of farmers cooperative associations in the last decade, according to figures obtained in a survey of all agricultural cooperatives made by 12 banks for cooperatives of the Farm Credit Administration. Co-operation among farmers and livestock producers is growing rapidly, and the new records show that cooperative memberships amount to 4,270,000 in marketing and purchasing cooperatives. Many cooperatively minded farmers belong to more than one association, so the increase in recruits does not indicate entirely new recruits, but it does mean that farmers are taking on more cooperative activities, that is joining other purchasing associations, other types of marketing associations or becoming members in mutual fire insurance companies and similar farm business cooperatives.

NOT SO EASY—Congressman Joe Hendricks has an interesting item in his weekly news column this week which is worthy of duplicating here. It follows: "Quite often young people of Florida, ambitious and energetic pop into my office with the explanation, 'I thought it would be easier to get a job if I were here.' (They refer of course to being in Washington). After five weeks of effort on my part and on the part of one of these young people I asked her to give me an account of her experience and here it is. 'Congressman, I have been here for five weeks and I am just an overnight stay in comparison to the many months which I usually spend here. My application is on file in the office of the navy in Washington, and I have checked on them so often that even the guards in the buildings recognize me when I go in. I have been interviewed, examined, and given out-repeated promises of that golden job at the future, which is my only (Continued on Page Eight.)

CITY SEEKING
POSSESSION OF
VARIOUS HOUSESCity Attorney and Public
Works Superintendent Get
Orders from City Council

City Attorney T. A. McNicholas was ordered by the city council Monday night to obtain possession of the Kellogg house, by court order if necessary. Title to this property was acquired by the city under foreclosure proceedings for delinquent taxes some time ago but actual possession had not been had. Albert Garrett, superintendent of public works, was ordered to take possession of city owned houses in the quarters, also obtained by foreclosure, and wreck them if necessary and install sanitary toilet for those to be retained. He will be assisted by the police and city attorney.

The council also authorized the construction of two sanitary toilets at the airport where a new hangar is being erected by the WPA. This action was taken at the request of C. A. Harper, county sanitarian, who stated they would be permanent. He also asked that the city install sanitary privies on property owned by the city where necessary and added that the city should live up to its own ordinance.

Tourists Flock to
Florida in Summer
As Well as Winter

Deland, Aug. 4.—It long has been contended that Florida is destined to be almost as much a summer resort as it has been a resort for those seeking winter comfort. For this reason, the management of the several exhibits of Florida's resorts and attractions throughout the country during the past five or six years.

Now, comes the management of the Gandy bridge to show that surveys made during the past few weeks prove that more out of state tourists have passed over the state since the bridge was opened than in the last October, the opening month of the heaviest tourist season ever enjoyed by the state.

General Manager Brown of Florida National Exhibits, points out that the Gandy Bridge survey shows that during July, 29 states were represented and that of the northern states Pennsylvania led with Ohio, New York, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana and Wisconsin following closely in the number of cars passing over the structure.

"It will be noted," said Mr. Brown, "that the states contiguous to Chicago, Cleveland and New York City, in which Florida made its outstanding exhibit during the past five years, figured largely in the parade of summer visitors reported by the Gandy Bridge management, proving our contention that the exhibits made by the state at a Century of Progress, the Great Lakes Exposition, Rockefeller center and at the big railway stations of New York and Philadelphia were influential in making the people of those regions Florida people. The exhibits made by the state stressed the fact that Florida is an all year around state and the results of that educational campaign are now manifesting themselves."

Two Florida Ball
Players to England

West Palm Beach, Aug. 4.—(PNS)—Tommy O'Rourke and Minnie Platt of West Palm Beach were selected to play as members of the 1938 United States baseball team and will sail for England this week to participate in the International Baseball congress.

REVIVALIST



Rev. James A. Brown returns to Avon Park for a series of revival meetings at the Nazarene church. The meetings start Monday, August 8, and continue till August 21 and will be held every evening at 7:45. Rev. Brown is also a bass soloist and is accompanied by his wife and a singer of note. The public is invited to attend any and all of these services.

SUMMER BAND
COURSE OVERThirty-One Students Worked
Under Direction of
E. L. Roberts

Thirty-one students, many of whom have only had their hand instruments two months, just completed a summer band course sponsored by Director E. L. Roberts.

Most of the students lived up to the requirements of two hours practice daily and all of them did exceptionally well as far as attendance and promptness was concerned.

The classes met twice each week and were of an hour's duration. For the past several weeks all the students were asked to come an extra day at the same period. This period was taken up in playing the simple songs and marches suitable for students who have just completed their first two months on a band instrument.

Many of these same students would find a place in the high school band next year if they keep up their interest and practice. Following is a complete list of students taking part in the summer course:

B. Flat Clarinets: Sanford Hart, Eric Paboy, John Franklin Lytle, Josephine Brown, Frances Porter, Ruth Pendleton, Arthur Gregory, Johnnie Garber, Jimmy Bradbury, Jimmie Heberington, Melvin Mann, Vivian Luthie and Mary Townsend.

E. Flat Alto Clarinets: Betty Touchton and Frank Carney.

French Horns: Edward Sherman, Albert Wecker and Harvey Hardin.

B. B Flat Bass: Jimmy Heim and Fred Touchton.

Trombones: Clyde Jarrette.

Cornets: Marian Foster, Herbert Todd, Felton Causey, Solomon Abrams, Robert Louis and Arthur Crews.

Drums and Cymbals: Boetie Roberts, Walter Mandia, Howard Johnston and John E. Lamb.

CONTINUE FIRE
CONTROL PLAN
IN HIGHLANDSQuestion to Be Submitted to
Voters in Election
Next November

Fire control, why it does not control, how to have it without spending money, and who wants it, was discussed at length Tuesday by a group of about 20 citizens and the board of county commissioners.

The board had decided that since it is about \$3,000 in debt to the fire control board, the millage levied having failed to raise the funds put in the budget, this year it would discontinue fire control until something else grew up to burn and until it caught up with the debt.

C. P. Anderson, Avon Park, secretary of the county fire control board, presented letters from the chambers of commerce and game conservation clubs of both Avon Park and Sebring; the county units of the citrus growers organization, the cattlemen's association, and from the Consolidated Naval Stores urging the county to continue with the fire control program.

Mr. Anderson stated that a plan had been worked out whereby the fire warden will be a deputy sheriff, with authority to arrest trespassers and protect the groves from fire. He also asked for a commission as game warden for the purpose of protection of the game.

A state representative of the fire control board was present to answer questions. In reply to a query by Chairman N. B. Jackson as to how many counties in the state are participating in fire control, the state representative said there are four, besides Highlands, which is by far the smallest of the five. He also agreed with Mr. Jackson that the county suffered more from fires during the past year than in a great many years.

The commissioners took the position that any program that is paid for county-wide should cover the whole county, and since so far the county has been unable to raise enough money to give adequate protection to the 75,000 acres now being protected, it is out of the question to give county-wide protection.

Mark Godwin, president of the county cattlemen's association, stated that the cattlemen of the county would like to work a satisfactory method of continuing the fire control program, but he was not satisfied to pay for it as it is. He stated that his land was all burned off this year and the Sebring Fire Department refused to help him control it. He did not say whether the state fire control board gave any assistance or not.

Chairman Jackson, who is also a prominent cattlemen, said the place to get relief is from the legislature, since it is state school problem, and that a small county surrounded with counties not cooperating cannot control fires; and furthermore, that most fires are caused by the railroads and a county has no power to tax the railroads for fire protection.

He also stated that the board for help in matters like fire control pay their taxes under the Murphy law, but still expect the county to put up for their pet projects.

After more than two hours of discussion, the board agreed to and adopted the motion of continuing the Bell to continue with the program and to put the matter up to the people in the November election.

Just before the board adjourned it adopted a resolution permitting the Wechsels firm to install school bus stations in the county, free of taxation and without cost to the county or the high school board—Highlands County News.

Improvements Made
At Jacaranda Drug

Considerable remodeling and improvements have been made this week at the Jacaranda Drug store. The old vaults which were used by the First State Bank when it occupied the building, have been removed and the space incorporated with the store, giving more room for the display of merchandise. The new building has been added for the convenience of bus passengers and other improvements have been made, together with considerable redecorating.

Dilley Home Destroyed by Fire



The lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dilley on the Sebring road and overlooking Lake Lillian was practically destroyed by fire Wednesday evening. The fire is thought to have started from defective wiring and the loss has been estimated at \$4,000, partly covered by insurance.

No one was home at the time, Mr. and Mrs. Dilley having left to spend the evening in town with friends. The fire was discovered by T. Ward, who was passing and he phoned in the alarm from the Earl Hart residence. Another motorist went to Lakemont and called the Sebring fire department, who also responded.

Water was only obtainable from the lake and failure of the battery on the Avon Park pump delayed getting water on the blaze.

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"COURAGE" WAS
ROTARY SUBJECT

Rev. Minglehoff Spoke Before Avon Park Club on Wednesday

"Courage" was the subject taken by Rev. C. J. Minglehoff, pastor of the Methodist church, for his talk Wednesday noon before the Avon Park Rotary Club at the Jacaranda Hotel. Courage is needed today more than ever before, he said and from the highest to the lowest. It enables one to stand up in any organization and profession.

He cited Columbus as having courage to defy his crew and keep on to discover America, now the world's greatest nation through one man's courage to keep on.

The man with courage has his own opinions and refuses to dance to the music of another. He can say "No" and Rev. Minglehoff cited the case of a lawyer who refused a \$1,500 fee to defend a murderer. Another took the case for \$500 and saved the man from the chair, but he got a life sentence.

Analyzing the word, he said that "C" stands for cooperation, "O" for operation, the cutting out of bad influences, "U" for union, "R" for revolution, "A" for assistance to all, "G" for grit, the intestinal stamina to go forward under the most adverse conditions and "E" for enthusiasm which is needed to do things.

He is sitting down in the face of opportunities and courage is needed to make us outstanding characters, he concluded.

In his remarks, the speaker said when he arrived here six weeks ago he did not think he would know anyone but had found a number of his old hunting friends.

Paul Marchand and C. O. Rogers was noted with the usual rose buds. Visitors were: P. J. Gustaf, Guy Mancy and E. McNicholas, all of Sebring.

WILL PREACH SUNDAY

A. J. Bowman announced this week that his grandson, Rev. Russell Barber of Los Angeles, Calif., will preach at the bandstand in the Mall at 2 p. m. Sunday. Rev. Barber is visiting here for several days and is accompanied by his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Barber.

AUDIT ALLEGES
EXCESS CREDITS
TO S. C. PARDEEFire Engine Notes Involved
In Attorney's Account;
Answers Charge

Excess credits totaling \$7,450 against the cash account of S. C. Pardee, former city attorney, are alleged in the report of an audit recently made by C. Cori Bryant, certified public accountant of Ocala. The audit was made at the request of Councilman A. McKee Elwell and was presented to the council at their meeting on Tuesday night. After study of the audit a resolution was passed, following the recommendation of the auditor, to instruct the city clerk to make formal demand of the former city attorney for reimbursement of the cash account of the city. The audit also showed that the city was being pushed for payment on the notes. Mr. Pardee asked for and was given permission to purchase the notes out of delinquent tax payments in a letter dated July 14, 1937. In a letter dated December 21, 1937, the former city attorney stated he had purchased the ninth and last note and added that he would not be able to pay the note in its entirety through the usual collection of delinquent taxes and asked authority to apply the same for the benefit of purchases of property for the city. This letter was also O.K'd by the same councilmen, R. F. Sappington, S. J. Pendleton and F. Sappington.

In commenting on the letters and his findings Auditor Bryant says: "Under the present collection system of the city it is the duty of the City Attorney to collect all delinquent taxes and turn the funds to the city treasurer. This method was not strictly adhered to, and as a result of your allowing S. C. Pardee to disburse city funds, the apparent excess credit has occurred."

He further states: "It will be noted that three of the councilmen on the note, on the foot of the letter; however, the letter does not give permission to make the settlement with the American LaFrance and Foamite industries at \$1500.00 and take credit for \$3,000.00 as seems to have been done."

Continuing the auditor says: "Mr. Pardee states in his letter that he will not be able to use the note in its entirety through the collection of delinquent taxes, the saving made on the settlement is being passed on to the taxpayers; however, I find no record of where any taxpayer received credit on account of this settlement."

"Mr. Pardee took credit on December 31, 1937 for \$2,975.09 and according to information furnished by American LaFrance and Foamite Industries they received \$1,650 on January 16, 1938. I find no authority whereby Mr. Pardee is entitled to the \$2,325.00 difference between the amount paid from city funds for the note and the amount of credit claimed by him."

"Based on the above facts I would recommend that you ask S. C. Pardee, city attorney, to show why he should have credit for \$7,450.00 saving made with the American LaFrance and Foamite Industries, inasmuch as payments made by him were made with city funds and no record has been found to show that any credit has been passed on to the taxpayers."

"The records show that a great many settlements were made with bond credits, and also discounts have been allowed by the council the record of which appears on the city books, but I find no record of where any person benefited by the settlement which Mr. Pardee made with the American LaFrance and Foamite Industries except the council, and I, therefore, recommend that you call upon Mr. Pardee to reimburse the city \$7,450.00, the amount of the credit he is entitled to."

According to the audit four notes are involved, which, together with the cash account, total \$12,440.00. The auditor states that information furnished by the American LaFrance and Foamite Industries is being passed on to the taxpayers.

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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to both the Avon Park and Sebring fire departments and our many friends who assisted in any way at the fire which destroyed our home Wednesday night. If it had not been for the prompt help given much more of the furniture and contents of the house would have been lost. We are deeply grateful for all the help given. Truly,
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dilley.

