

Round About Avon Park

by W. C. Beckett

Wanted: A "NO" Man
Ex Gov. Dave Sholtz, candidate for the U. S. Senate has come to Avon Park and passed on Senator Claude Pepper and Congressman Mark Wilcox, both running for the same office, are yet to come and be heard by the local voters. We have met and heard Pepper several times but never had the pleasure of meeting Wilcox but what we have heard about him is all to the good.

Sholtz made a good talk, a very convincing talk in many ways. But his boasting of the millions of Federal money he brought to the state while governor did not listen as good to us. To our way of thinking this "treasury raiding" should be frowned on by the voters. It must be stopped some time, so why not start right now.

The United States is the biggest business on earth. We, the citizens and voters, are the shareholders and the senators and congressmen we elect are the directors who run the business. When they spend this money, it is our money, yours and mine, paid by us in the form of taxes. So when they pay out the millions for this and that, they are wasting it for the general thing, it is not their money, but ours. And what good do we get for all this wild expenditures in the long run? Nothing.

Cut out these expenditures, except for the bare necessities of government, fire all the bureaucrats and other parasites infesting Washington, Tallahassee and other state capitals, make them do to work like we have to who are paying their wages, then taxes would come down with a bang and we would be good.

Pepper is another of these spenders and wasters of our money. He has come out wholeheartedly for the cross state canal. To our mind, this is one of the biggest pieces of foolishness ever conceived. More criminal waste of our money, Pepper doesn't care, isn't his money. He is apparently tied hand and foot to north and west Florida and the Jacksonville crowd who might benefit to some extent. Central and South Florida can go to the devil for all Pepper cares.

Pepper may be the "teacher's pet" and the "fair haired boy" of the present administration, but that cuts no ice with us and isn't another "Yes" man and hasn't got the intestinal fortitude to say "No" when he should.

Wilcox apparently has a mind of his own and dares to use it. If he thinks a bill is a bad one, never mind the senator who votes against it and doesn't care who knows it. We believe he will do his dandiest to put a stop to this waste and extravagance which is rampant in Washington and that is the kind of man we want.

There are far too many "Yes" men up there now. We need a whole flock of "NO" men who will vote as their conscience dictates and refuse to be swayed by offers of patronage or threats of the withholding of patronage. We need REAL DEMOCRATS who will vote as their conscience dictates and refuse to be swayed by offers of patronage or threats of the withholding of patronage. We need REAL DEMOCRATS who will vote as their conscience dictates and refuse to be swayed by offers of patronage or threats of the withholding of patronage.

President Roosevelt says the senate "can't be bought." We are glad he has found it out at last and hope more of the members of that august body will get up on their hind legs and vote "NO" on the many pettifol bills that are being offered.

Congratulations to Senator C. O. Andrews for his voting against the bill to reorganize the government. That bill is as bad as the cork packing bill and it is heartening to see that many congressmen and senators are refusing to be led like sheep and are getting rid of the "Charlie McCarthy" complex.

Attended Episcopal Anniversary Service

Mrs. W. J. Burt of Orlando and Mrs. K. W. Minor of Bowling Green attended the 40th anniversary services held at the Church of the Redeemer here Sunday.

Ellis West, Mrs. William King, Mrs. Putney, Charles Everett, Mrs. Burt and Mrs. Minor were the only six present Sunday who were also at the dedication services 40 years ago.

Mrs. Demos Mandis attended informally, Saturday at a luncheon at her home. Covers were set for Mrs. S. S. Taylor and house guests, Mrs. Charles Findlay of Findlay, Ohio, Mrs. Arthur Gregory and Mrs. Mandis.

SHOLTZ SPEAKER HERE LAST WEEK ON CANDIDACY

Pledges Cooperation for Best Interests of Florida; Is Not "Rubber Stamp"

Co-operation for the best interests and development of Florida was pledged by Dave Sholtz, candidate for the United States Senate, as he addressed an enthusiastic audience Thursday afternoon.

Mayor Covington presented M. F. Young, chairman of the Highlands County Democratic Executive Committee, who introduced the speaker.

Sholtz declared that he did not intend to be a "rubber stamp" or a "Charlie McCarthy" and that he would not vote "Yes" just because he was ahead on any bill. He said he would work with the President, federal officials and other members of the Florida delegation for the welfare of the state.

He came out "four-square" in fact of the Florida Avon Park also known as House Resolution 4199, and said he would stand up in the Senate and fight until he was paid. He asserted that "it was high time the old folks received the benefits they deserved."

The candidate predicted that one of his opponents probably would "throw up a smoke screen to try and cover up a failure in the past" and he would be glad to see the old people of Florida.

"The junior senator has had more than a year in Washington but he hasn't made the first effort to repeal that section of the Social Security Law which authorizes the taking of a lien on the homes of elderly persons before they can obtain the assistance to which they are entitled."

"He promised the old folks two years ago that he would help them with the old-age pension but he hasn't made a move up to this very minute."

"The first thing I'll do, when elected to the Senate, will be to introduce a bill to repeal that vicious section of the Social Security Law which takes a lien on the homes of the thirty old folks," Sholtz said.

Citrus growers were pledged every co-operation for the stabilization of their industry as Sholtz said he would help them fight the Canadian market war from California, assist them to secure an orderly marketing agreement and make every effort to re-balance them for losses sustained during the Mediterranean fruit fly extermination program.

He said the government was exacting payment of principal and interest on federal mortgages held on small groves and he advocated the U. S. Department of Agriculture which would furnish inspectors to protect the groves from citrus growers at the market.

"I honestly tried to help the growers while in office and in the legislature," Sholtz said. "I really functioned for the benefit of the growers. Now the commission is hampered by political interference and that stubborn old gentleman in Tallahassee appears more interested in securing advertising commissions for his kind of folks than he does in the welfare of the citrus industry."

Sholtz said he was heartily in favor of tariffs to protect truck, vegetable and citrus growers and that he would work to preserve the phosphate industry in Florida.

He declared against government competition with private enterprise and said he was in favor of the policy of "live and let live."

The candidate warned against the new crop control bill which would take the government out of the business of farming. "They now tell the farmer what he can plant, how much he can plant and how he can plant," Sholtz said. "He said that the acreage for citrus and vegetable crops should be restricted if the people didn't send one up to Washington like Dave Sholtz to look out for their interests."

Discussing the international situation, Sholtz declared that America didn't want to get into the nation against aggression an adequate army, large navy and powerful air force should be maintained.

High School Band Parades In New Uniforms For Baseball Opening



The Avon Park High School Band paraded Monday in their brilliant new red and white uniforms at Head Field for the opening game of the Toronto Maple Leafs with the Boston Red Sox. The above picture shows the formal presentation of the Canadian flag by Donald Ross, president of the Leafs, to W. S. Betts who represented Mayor M. E. Covington.

ROAD HEAD ASKS COOPERATION IN BEAUTIFICATION

Highway Beautification Should Be Approved Before Work Is Started

Tallahassee, March 31 (FNS)—Arthur B. Hale, chairman of the State Road Department, today called the attention of civic organizations, public utilities and private individuals who desire to undertake highway beautification projects to the necessity of consulting with the Road Department before such projects are made or public utility poles erected, as otherwise the money and effort spent on such projects may be wasted.

"The Road Department is anxious to cooperate with all organizations desiring to engage in highway beautification projects," Hale said, "but before such projects are made, they should consult with the Road Department. In this manner the location of plantings is made with the pavement and other work of which only the department is aware."

"Attention is called to the fact that most of today's mileage will in time be recodified and brought to a more generous design; grades eliminated as far as practicable; slopes will be flattened; and pavement and shoulders will be widened. This is done primarily in the interest of safety. However, it materially reduces maintenance costs and adds to the appearance of highways."

"In recent years the department has adopted a policy of endeavoring to secure 200 foot right-of-ways wherever possible. In so doing we are profiting by the experience which has befallen more densely populated states. As population density increases in Florida, highway accommodations will have to be increased; pavements widened and in some cases double lanes built. Right-of-ways wide enough for these improvements is procurable today, whereas if acquisition is put off until the time of actual need, costs will be prohibitive. This is the history in all densely built up countries. It is already obvious in many sections of Florida, especially around the cities of Jacksonville, Tallahassee and Miami."

The department has been given the Palm Room of the Jacaranda Hotel and a large number of Rotary Artators and students of Florida Southern College Conservatory of Music of Lakeland. This program which followed the regular luncheon program, was given in the Palm Room of the Jacaranda Hotel and a large number of Rotary Artators and students of Florida Southern College Conservatory of Music of Lakeland. This program which followed the regular luncheon program, was given in the Palm Room of the Jacaranda Hotel and a large number of Rotary Artators and students of Florida Southern College Conservatory of Music of Lakeland.

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Townsend Will Have FHA Money For Building

C. B. Cannon, manager of the Townsend Sash, Door & Lumber Co., has attended several conferences lately in connection with the new FHA Housing Plan and says that the rules and regulations governing the new set-up are about complete. Mr. Cannon states that they are now ready to go full steam ahead under the new FHA and through ad found elsewhere in this paper the new plan is advertised.

Title 1 of FHA is divided into three classes, 1, 2 and 3. Loan of Class 1, Title 1 for remodeling of building additions to structures already built can be made up to \$10,000. Types of existing structures that are eligible under this class are: Homes, Apartment Houses, Office or Store Buildings, and other similar completed structures for a distinctive functional use.

Title 1, Class 2 Loans (\$2,500 or less) apply to new structures exclusive of those used wholly or in part for residential purposes. Examples of types of new structures eligible for Class 2 Loans which may be erected on improved or unimproved real property are: barns, garages, servant buildings or various type wayside stands, gasoline stations, tourist cabins and various industrial and commercial buildings.

Title 1, Class 3 Loans (\$2,500 or less) apply to new structures wholly or in part for residential purposes. Under this provision homes can be built in towns or in the country, but not more than one new building on a single piece of property.

Title 1 Loans are considered as short term loans. First Mortgage Loans for new structures are made under Title 1 and it is anticipated that this is the type of loans that will be most greatly in demand. Title 2 Loans provide for long term financing of new constructions at a low interest rate.

Rotarians Enjoy Musical Treat At Luncheon Wednesday

Avon Park Rotarians enjoyed a musical treat Wednesday noon when by directors and students of Florida Southern College Conservatory of Music of Lakeland. This program which followed the regular luncheon program, was given in the Palm Room of the Jacaranda Hotel and a large number of Rotary Artators and students of Florida Southern College Conservatory of Music of Lakeland.

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HIGHWAY TAX DIVERSION IS SERIOUS THING

Florida Taxpayers Ass'n. Issues Statement Citing Astounding Figures

Tampa, March 31, (FNS)—Highway tax diversion is blasted in a statement by the Florida Taxpayers' Association, headquarters in Tampa, which latest bulletin cites highway figures that are astounding to those who have not been following the situation.

According to the bulletin, automobile owners pay \$27,597,743 in various kinds of gasoline and motor vehicle tax levies, per year. And, out of this stupendous total, according to the Association, only \$2,106,657 goes into highway construction.

The bulletin points out that the motorists' \$27,597,743 is paid in cash—out of the wallet—on unlike real estate levies, which in only 60% and which in thousands of instances, are cancelled by inept legislators.

The Association's bulletin calls on the motorists to organize and protect their interests—in the hope that the next legislature will halt all gasoline diversion, and make it possible for the completion of Florida's badly needed highway system.

Itemizing the result, the Association's bulletin shows the motorists' taxes distributed as follows: Gas tax 1c goes to General Fund (for 1938 1/2c to General Fund and 1/2c to schools)—\$3,000,224.22.

Gas tax 3c goes to State Road building and maintenance—\$9,268,184.06.

Gas tax 3c goes to buy county bonds. Some monies diverted—\$4,066,687.27.

Auto transportation license tax goes to railroad commission fund—\$24,856.57.

Auto transportation license tax to county school fund—\$5,825.70.

Automobile and truck taxes to county school funds—\$5,560.69.

Tire and tube license goes to principal state school fund—\$422,174.57.

Motor vehicle expense fund—\$353,652.21.

Automobile theft fund—\$228,425.35.

Total paid by gasoline users, \$27,597,743.20 (Paid 100%).

ART CLUB TO MEET
Avon Park Art Club will meet at the Womans club rooms, Tuesday, April 5th at 8 P. M. An election of officers will be held. Roll call, word pictures from each member. A program will include local talent and a talk on Music Appreciation by Miss Faith Wirsching of Chicago.

Merrivether Gets Chance with Toronto; Will Pitch Sunday

Dan Howley is so impressed with the work of C. W. Merrivether, southpaw hurler, that the Toronto manager is going to start the Avon Park high school junior in the Maple Leafs' game against the Louisville Colonels Sunday, he said today.

Howley said Merrivether, who is being given a tryout this spring by the Leafs, is a natural pitcher and an excellent prospect. Merrivether, 19, is a product of the Orange Belt League, and pitched for the Sebring Firemen last season.

Merrivether has just completed a very successful season with the Avon Park basketball team and was named on both the Ridge and district teams.

Highlands Hammock CCC Camp To Hold Open House Sunday

Robert Peckner, Director of the Civilian Conservation Corps, has invited the work of March 31 April 1, 1938 to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the CCC movement in the United States. During the week throughout the nation all the Civilian Conservation Camps will open house and suitable programs will be held in honor of the fine work being done by our youth.

It is the wish of company commander Lt. Wayne O. Jefferson and Project Superintendent A. C. Altavator to extend a most cordial invitation to the public to visit the camp and work project during this open house week. Arrangements have been made to serve refreshments to all visitors to the camp on Sunday, April 3rd. At this time short talks will be given to the men by Mr. Alexander Blair, of Lakeland, Major Amos Tyree, of De Soto City, Mayor M. E. Covington, of Avon Park, Mayor M. F. McGee and Payne Schering of Sebring.

It is hoped that the public will avail themselves of this opportunity to visit the camp and see how the boys live, and drive out to the work project and see what is being done to make their community a better beauty spot.

Important Notice By Assessor Gearing

Tax Assessor P. G. Gearing has issued the following notice that about fifty Avon Park residents have failed to apply for their Homestead Exemption, tomorrow April 1st, is the last day to file this exemption application and failure to do so deprives the taxpayer of the benefits of the law.

April 1st is also the last day to file tax returns both tangible and intangible.

Blanks for filing Homestead Exemption may be had at the City Hall.

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

The Womans club will meet Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the club house. All winter visitors are cordially invited to attend. A board meeting will be held at 7 p. m. preceding the regular meeting.

CASE WALK SATURDAY
Ladies of the St. Margaret's Guild, Episcopal church, will hold a cake walk Saturday night at the Band Stand in the Mall. All cakes will be home made. Mrs. Georgia Seaver is chairman for the affair.

LEAFS PLAYED THE FIRST HOME GAME MONDAY

School Band Paraded in New Uniforms, Adding To Colorful Picture

With the high school band parading in their brilliant new uniforms, a flag raising, the Stars and Stripes and the Canadian flag, the Toronto Maple Leafs played their first home game of the spring training season Monday at Head Field. Their opponents were the Boston Red Sox and the Leafs were defeated 13 to 5.

Previous to the game the band played several selections on the Mall and took part in the parade with the two teams to the flag pole for the flag raising. They were also present in parade formation at the formal presentation of the Canadian flag to Donald Ross, president of the Maple Leafs, by Walter S. Betts, representing Mayor M. E. Covington who was absent from the game.

Boston 13, Toronto 5
The Toronto Maple Leafs lost their initial home exhibition game at Head Field Monday afternoon to the Boston Red Sox by the score of 13 to 5. The International League had everything going its way up to the sixth inning, getting off to a fine start in the second for the first game of the season, and staging six runs scoring once in the fourth making the score 7 to 0 at the three-quarter mark.

Mulligan and Lefrancois held down mound for the Leafs until the sixth, when Sullivan took charge, being relieved by Meola after developing a walking spree in the seventh which was straight. Meola met the same fate when Gaffke slammed his first ball over the fence with the bases loaded. Boston continued to score, adding five more runs in the ninth, topped by a triple from Gaffke.

The Leafs collected 14 hits, while the Red Sox gathered 11.

Toronto 7, Indianapolis 3
St. Louis and the Toronto Maple Leafs were out for revenge Tuesday afternoon when they met and defeated the Indianapolis Indians at Head Field 7 to 3.

Bob Porter and Mayo Smith, outfielders, for the Canadian club both hit homers, which paved the way for their team's victory. The Indians took the lead in the first inning with two runs, which was duplicated by the Toronto boys at their time up.

Tommy Howell and John Borja did a nice job on the mound, allowing only three hits, while the Leafs collected nine out of 11 flykisses, singles and doubles for the Indians.

Newark 13, Toronto 1
The Leafs won their second win over the Toronto Maple Leafs Wednesday afternoon at Head Field when they defeated their bitter enemies, the Toronto Blue Jays 13 to 1. Newark took the lead in the first inning when Schulte walked, Toronto got only four safe hits during the game while the Bears collected 19 hits in the ninth.

The Leafs were held scoreless until the seventh, when Henry hit safely and scored on Gantenbein's single. Toronto got only four safe hits during the game while the Bears collected 19 hits.

Three Army Planes Were Here Saturday; Officers Like Field

Three Army planes landed on the Municipal Air Field Saturday for a short visit, coming here from Saratoga where they were stationed during the air force maneuvers which have just been completed. The planes were piloted by Lt. Col. A. H. Gilkison, Major R. W. Monahan and First Lt. J. A. Bulger and they all expressed themselves as well pleased with the field and the staff here. They were here for about half an hour, saying they wished they had a good field at Saratoga.

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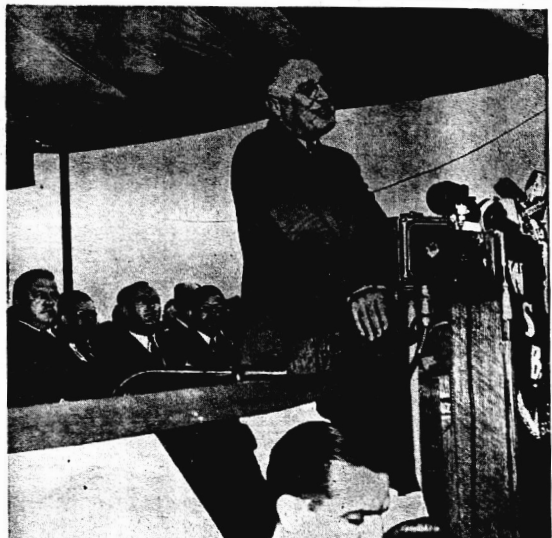
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From the Hearts of a Sturdy People Comes a New and Finer Gainesville



Gainesville Hails Nation's Chief Executive

By ROBERT O'KELLEY

Through Lanier's immortal valleys of Hall's treasured thicket Wednesday to the Queen City of the Mountains to pay tribute to a people who had rebuilt a city "along sounder lines" and chief among them was the president of the United States who smiled his famous smile and praised a fine people for their "courage and selfless co-operation."

The occasion was the dedication of Roosevelt Square, the centerpiece of the New Gainesville, Georgia, rebuilt from the ruins left in the wake of Georgia's most horrible tornado disaster less than two years ago.

The President Speaks

"This celebration, the outward and visible commemoration of the rebirth of Gainesville, is more than a symbol of the fine courage which has made it possible for the city to come back after it was in great part destroyed by the tornado of 1936.

"These ceremonies touch the interest and life of the whole nation because they typify a citizenship which is latent in the American character but which too often remains quiescent and too seldom expresses itself.

"You were not content to clear away the debris which I myself saw as I passed through Gainesville a couple of days after the disaster. You were not content with rebuilding along the lines of the old community. You were not content with throwing yourselves on the help which could be given to you by your state and by the federal government.

"On the contrary, you determined in the process of rebuilding to eliminate old conditions of which you were not proud; to build a better city; to replace congested areas with parks; to move human beings from slums to suburbs.

"For this you, the citizens of Gainesville, deserve all possible praise."

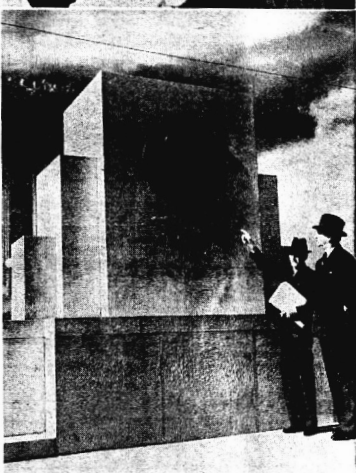
Picturesque Crowd

Never before in the history of Gainesville had such a crowd as this gathered with such a common purpose or with so nearly the same feeling as did this crowd at Gainesville. Down from the mountains of north Georgia came the roughly clad, hardy mountaineers mingling shoulder to shoulder in a heart to heart with the polished gentry from the cities of the state as both stood together admiring the courage and indomitable spirit of a people who could, from the ashes of a fallen city, in two small years rebuild it to stand more firmly and more

ROOSEVELT WARNS OF FEUDAL SYSTEM

Standing in Gainesville's public square, just dedicated to his honor, President Roosevelt on Wednesday accused his political opponents of advocating a feudal system so closely allied to fascism that the ill-fated, ill-led and ill-housed one-third of the American people should never expect any relief if their philosophy prevailed.

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In the top photo is seen a smiling Roosevelt greeting a new Gainesville and congratulating it on its rebuilding. Below—Albert Hardy, Gainesville publisher, is inspecting the new Roosevelt monument situated in the public square and dedicated Wednesday to the President's honor—Photo Courtesy of The Atlanta Journal.

beautiful than ever as the "Queen City of the Mountains."

The celebration in Gainesville, like all large gatherings, drew its quota of vendors who harangued the people to buy their wares which ranged from balloons and climbing monkeys to all the new-fangled gadgets that best the marts today. Slightly more than a hundred feet from where the President spoke, a medicine show was in full swing and enterprising youngsters who had fashioned improvised stands in front yards did a hand city business throughout the day.

Crowd Awaits President's Arrival

All was in readiness at the railway station two hours before the arrival of the President. The official cars were drawn up in line along the parade, military units were ready and cavalry units had been stationed along the line of march ahead of him had been repaid off for the parade.

For several minutes after the train stopped at the depot the crowd waited for the President to appear. Meanwhile secret service men had alighted and spread around the President's coach at the rear of the train. Colonel Marvin McIntyre

promoted of recovery to those who owned the government of the United States from 1921 to 1923," he said. Making a strong plea for his national wage and hour legislation, President Roosevelt on Wednesday accused his political opponents of advocating a feudal system so closely allied to fascism that the ill-fated, ill-led and ill-housed one-third of the American people should never expect any relief if their philosophy prevailed.

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LIBRARY FEATURE

Tragic Diary Of Prisoner Clears Name

By ELIZABETH C. JAMES

HAVE you ever read "Peter Ibbotson," by George du Maurier?

The story is in diary form, supposedly written during Peter's twenty-fifth year in prison. He described his parents, Monsieur and Madame Pasquier, and his pleasant childhood in Paris. Unusually sensitive to beauty, even as a boy he felt the magic of the presence of his lovely mother. His diary relates incidents concerning a little invalid, Mimsey, who was his playmate, and whose imagination idolized Gogo, as she called Peter.

Suddenly the life in Paris was broken by the death of both parents and Peter was sent to London to become the ward of his Uncle Ibbsen, whose name Peter took. The following years were dull and irritating, for Peter was lonely and ill at ease. After he reached manhood he completely broke with his uncle upon learning that he lied about the women of his circle to enhance his reputation as a devil. Peter went down to London and became an indifferent architect.

One evening at a formal entertainment he met the Duchess of Towers, and again he felt the magic of perfect beauty. She reminded him vaguely of Mimsey, the childhood friend. The Duchess of Towers became the dream lady of his life, as far beyond reality as the stars.

Dream Coincidence

In London sometime later, Peter went into the country to submit designs for redecorating a castle, and the duchess was the first person who came out into the garden. Since this meeting was informal, he began to relate his strange dream to her. She interrupted him, then continued the dream herself, finishing it just as he had dreamed it. On the same night they had dreamed an identical dream.

Twice-Famed

George Louis Palmella Basset du Maurier was born in London of French parents, who had fled from Paris during the Reign of Terror. George was versatile as a boy, and developed into an artist of twin skills. His pen and sketchbook, conveying a delicate social satire, were a regular feature of Punch for years. As a novelist he is well known for "Trilby," a story of Bohemian life in the Latin quarter, and for "Peter Ibbotson."

Gogo Pasquier, who you turned out to be Peter Ibbotson."

So the man his Mimsey after all! He then explained the events of the intervening years, relating how he had been adopted by his uncle. It seemed unbelievable that Mimsey could now be strong and well and how lovely! And married to the Duke of Towers! That was a wonderful childhood sweetheart brought together again.

Their meetings continued, and despite the circumstances of the duchess' marriage, they loved each other. In order that they might be together, the duchess explained to Peter a scientific secret revealed to her by her father, the Duke of Towers. This was the secret of spiritual life available while the body is deep in sleep. Thus each night, he and the duchess of Towers met each other in the memories of childhood. Later they became so strong in their spiritual bodies that they could exchange knowledge of present happenings.

Tragedy Strikes

Then Peter killed his Uncle Ibbsen. It was the result of lies that the uncle had told about Peter's mother. At his trial, Peter declined to defend himself, preferring not to bring into court the stories which so angered him. The court sentenced Peter to death by guillotine for life.

Life in prison was not wretched. The intellectual activity of Peter's mind and his mind was at peace so that he was a model prisoner.

Great misadventure then came one frightful night. When Peter's soul left his sleeping body and sought to meet the soul of his lowly mother, Peter awoke, calmed himself, and then fell asleep again. The second time he awoke, he found himself in a state of complete blackness, and a third time. The duchess of Towers was dead. Peter broke the duchess came back to him. She explained that she had come to him in the state of his lowly mother, and to fulfill for him knowledge of many things; that he must not grieve, that in the other world you may see that there is no time, and that his attempts at suicide would never succeed.

To occur his mind the prisoner began to write this account of his life, much of it in code because he disliked the thought of the public reading it.

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DORIS DENE'S COLUMN

Social-Minded Suitor Should Not Marry for Romance Alone

DEAR DORIS DENE: I am a college graduate and come from a good family. Two years ago I met a girl whom I cared for greatly. She is the only girl who ever made me think of marriage, although I am twenty-nine and have been around a good deal. I was happy with her but gradually as I came to meet her family and to see much of her I began to feel towards her. I find that certain members of her family are repulsive to me but I cannot stand alone. Frankly there are not my type and I feel sure my family would object to them. I still love my girl dearly and believe in the right one for me. But can I hope for happiness with her when her family offends my taste? I can't get along with them and don't want to. I have asked the girl to marry me but if necessary am prepared to break the engagement rather than have an unhappy marriage.—T. E. R.

ANSWER—For the girl's sake I should strongly advise you to break off an engagement which binds her to a minor and snub who does not know the meaning of the word "love."

If you can find it in your heart to consider wrecking your life's romance because certain members of your sweetie's family are not qualified to be in the Social Register—you must have leewards in your veins and be an advanced thinker your heart ought to be. For no man worth anything ever turned a girl down because he considered her family's table manners.

Princes have married beggar maid, magicians have married their slaves, rulers, aristocrats, scions of royal families have chosen their brides from the other side of the railroads, and the world has learned to accept the situation calmly.

Only the man aware of himself and bent on social climbing could quail at the thought of what his wife's family might do to his reputation. The man knows that any girl from whatever sort of family he chooses is placed by her husband's will and ease, if she has average intelligence and good sense. This is a special rule of our American girls who are far more independent and self-reliant than the girls of other lands.

It doesn't take long for the chewing-stomach to acquaint herself with the tricks of the trade. She is to be a social asset to her husband. Given a good brain and a ready will she can adapt herself to her altered social position without batting an eyelash. And if the man she marries is pure of heart and of whose she stands in the world he can help her to gain poise. The weakling, the snob, the social coward cannot give his wife a helping hand. He cannot help her to get used to advantages and luxuries she's never known before. He is too busy looking nervously over his shoulder to see whether anyone is ridiculing him.

DEAR MISS DENE: My sister and I were the most popular friends in the world. I dislike the man she married cordially and he feels the same way about me. My sister's happiness depends on me or I would never go near her house. But I must stand by her even though I am sure she is not happy. We are so much alike that I even know each other's thoughts. Would you please take the time to write in-law gives me and stay away from his home?—B. R. H.

ANSWER—Give your poor brother-in-law a chance to run his own marriage. And give your sister the opportunity to find out what she and her husband—and whether he hasn't perhaps just as many good points as you have.

If you stick around, you don't give the couple any time to become acquainted. Furthermore you manage to separate them effectually. For a doing sister will not forgive her new husband for being rude to little brother—and no new husband could possibly be expected to enjoy the continuous society of his brother-in-law.

Most men are as sure as a bruised finger when their brides enter the door that they will have a difficult time. A man likes to feel that he is more or less loved by his girl from the start—that before he can fall along she practically didn't exist. He doesn't want to be reminded by old pals that his little love was breaking hearts and enjoying life long before he knew about her.

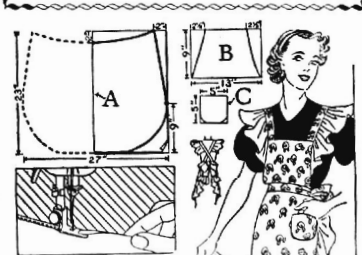
How much more angry is she when she's confronted with his wife's brother who has been her dearest friend and nearest confidant in life. How much more jealous he will be of that brother who has been his girl's constant companion. He will be so sure that she understands her completely, it is any wonder the poor new husband begins to grow lonely every time the favorite makes his appearance?

No, it isn't fair for any brother to mess up his sister's happiness. He may think that by giving her his constant companionship he is comforting her. But actually he is only making life more difficult for her.

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HOW to SEW

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS



THIS pink and white chintz apron with pink gingham frills should inspire anyone to make long strides towards the kitchen. It is easy to cut. The material required is 1 1/2 yards of 36-inch-wide chintz or cotton print and one yard of plain material.

For the skirt of the apron, cut a piece of paper or cloth 27 inches wide and 25 inches deep. Fold this lengthwise through the center, as at A, then measure down from the top of the fold and indicate in the diagram and mark the dots. Along the center line, guide, mark the outline of the apron skirt as you see it in the diagram. The dimensions for shaping the bib are given in the diagram at B. The pocket is a 4-inch square with lower corners rounded as shown here at C. The apron ties are cut 6 inches wide and 36 inches long. The strip for the belt should be cut 2 1/2 inches wide and a facing strip the same width should be cut for it. The shoulder straps are cut 4 inches wide and then creased lengthwise through the center.

The strips of the plain material

for the ruffles are cut 6 inches wide. The ruffle material before it is gathered should be 2 1/2 times the length of the space it is to fill after gathering. Use the machine hemmer foot shown here at the lower left for hemming the ruffles and the machine ruler for gathering them.

NOTE: Mrs. Spears' latest book—Gifts and Embroidery number—is now ready. Ninety embroidery stitches are illustrated, also table settings; crochet; embroidery designing; fabric repairing; novelty gifts and dress accessories. Forty-eight pages of step-by-step directions. Available to readers who will send 25 cents (not prepaid) and enclose 25 cents (not prepaid). Just address Mrs. Spears, 210 So Desplaines St., Chicago.

TIPS to Gardeners

Protecting Flowers

AN EARLY season flower pest is the leaf beetle, a chewing insect whose presence is indicated by holes in the leaves. Found most often on the leaves of geraniums, gold and annual phlox. Remedy: Use stomach poisons in the form of sprays containing arsenicals or pyrethrum.

Snappingdragons, aster, petunia and verbena are the principal victims of the cutworm, a chewing insect which cuts off plants at the ground. It should be combated, says Gilbert Bentley, flower expert of the Perry Seed Institute, by placing about a spoonful of poison bran bait around the base of each plant.

Applauds better almost all the popular flowers except zinnia. They cause wilting, crumpling and discoloration of the leaves. Spray or dust with pyrethrum or nicotine sulphate.

Dusky night shows up white all over a plant and discolors to black, killing leaves and rutting stems. Remedy: Dust regularly, but lightly, with flowers of sulphur.

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NO TELLING what tomorrow's weather may be. It's the best forecast. But we do want clouds for the windows. We do need a carpet sweeper, a new percolator, and a new set-table in the living-room. We do want to wash around rainy streets to bust them. We do want to thwart the weather man. Simple enough! Let's sit down by the fireplace and read the advertisements. Here it is: comfortable and snug. We'll take the newspaper page by page, compare prices, compare brands, names. Tomorrow, rain or shine, we'll be at the store that has what we want, and be home again in a jiffy.

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State Press Comment

CONCENTRATION OF POWER CAN ONLY RESULT IN A TOTALITARIAN STATE

Unthinking applause of the newest governmental
panacea, concentration of power in the hands of
one man or a few men, will do well to weigh care-
fully the words of Dr. George Hermann Derry,
chairman and educator.

Says Dr. Derry:
"Communism is just like Fascism and Nazism, only
more so."

"Both depend on concentration of power in the
executive branch to the degradation of the legislative
branch and the courts."

"Practically all governments are tending toward
totalitarian concentration."
Quite apart from the doctrinaire definitions of
Fascism and Nazism, these words have special mean-
ing to all Americans.

A rubber-stamp Congress is certainly degradation
of the legislative branch. A Supreme Court packed
with yes-men is unquestionably a death blow to the
independence of the bench.

A so-called reorganization of government, allow-
ing one political party or its titular head to do as
he fancies or undisciplined dicta, can only result in a
totalitarian state.

Communist Russia, Fascist Italy, Nazi Germany
are all totalitarian states. They have one political
party, one boss, and no one who can say they may
even question their acts.

The equation is simple, its resolution inevitable.
The concentration of Dr. Derry's statement is clear.

If Americans are to preserve the privileges and
liberty of democracy, they must beware of any
temptation to depend on volunteer. They must
resist the temptation to depend on volunteer. They
must, to neglect or surrender their initiative and
power of self-regulation, and become merely vassals
to an irresponsible dictator.

The princes of privilege in these days are the
politicians—Atlanta Georgian.

A LOBBY COMMITTEE THREAT

Chairman Minton of Senate Lobby Committee is
reported to have made the statement that when ad-
ditional facts are obtained, members of the Com-
mittee to Uphold the Constitution will be called upon
to defend themselves against the charge of "trying
to defeat the objectives of the Administration." It is
also said that the Chamber of Commerce of the
United States and the National Association of
Manufacturers may be called upon the carpet for
their activities toward showing the Nation that the
New Deal program is not designed for the best in-
terests of the United States.

The statement of the lobby committee chairman
makes interesting reading for American citizens. Of
first importance is the trend of thought which it ap-
parently indicates. Congressional and Administra-
tion circles in Washington—the thought that who-
ever honestly holds views different from the views
of those in power, and seeks to convert those views
into action, is a traitor.

There are large numbers of American citizens and
very good citizens they are, too—who seriously
question some phases of the New Deal program as it
concerns the Constitution. This has been voice-
d where by conspicuous a heretofore to the Constitution
as it was framed after long and laborious efforts at
Philadelphia. These adherents hold the opinion that
disaster to the country will follow in the wake of a
breakdown in the Constitution, such, for example, as
destroying the Chamber of Commerce under the
present legislative, executive and judicial functions.

Standing in line with these conscientious citizens
are thousands of the Nation's leading business men,
and equally as many industrial leaders. These men
charged with directing the organizations that form
the economic foundation of America—at least the
majority of them—have repeatedly pointed out the
serious handicaps that the New Deal has placed upon
business and industry, and that such sounder rea-
soning should be exercised in making the restrictive
and regulatory laws that have become so frequent
and drastic during the last few years.

"Can it be possible that the senators and repre-
sentatives in Congress have reached the point that
they consider it a crime for any man, or any group
of men, to criticize the Administration, or to
organize for the purpose of discrediting the New
Deal? If they have, the best thing that can happen is
for the people to displace the entire membership
with new men."

If the Senate Lobby Committee is planning to
make any such use of its powers as indicated by the
statement of Chairman Minton, the most serious
threat against free speech the United States has ever
faced is in the making. And once the people of this
country are denied the freedom of speech, their free-
dom of action will be lost.

The American people have not reached the point
that they will submit to any such program. They will
not submit to a curtailment of their liberties to a de-
gree that will limit individuals to places as mere
cogs in the State machine.—Jacksonville Times-
Union.

NAZI SUBVERSIVE SCHEME

The Philadelphia Inquirer publishes a copyrighted
Washington dispatch describing one of the most im-
portant efforts any foreign government has ever
sponsored in America—a plan on the part of German
interests to establish a chain of 18 pro-Nazi, anti-
Semitic newspapers throughout the United States.
According to the story, the plan proceeded to the
point where 18 newspapers from all sections of the
United States and Canada gathered in the
Austrian Embassy in Washington on Sunday,
March 13, to hear the proposal outlined. Those as-
sembled were to become managing editors of the new

papers in their respective cities.

Among the newspapermen called in for the con-
ference were one from Philadelphia, two from Cana-
da, and others from Detroit, New York, Cleveland,
Beaumont, Texas; California, Portland, Oregon;
Chicago, St. Louis, Milwaukee and Georgia. After
listening to the proposal, 13 of the men walked out
of the meeting, but not before they had attempted,
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TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY BY RUSSELL KAY

There may have been a time when a gubernatorial
proclamation carried some weight, but considering
the character of most of 'em we've had crowded on
us for the last few years, the average official pro-
clamation-to-day arouses just about as much in-
terest and excitement as a pause for "station
announcement."

I've never been afflicted with the disease known
as autograph collecting, but if I wanted the signa-
ture of any governor, mayor, or even the president,
the easiest way I know to be sure of getting it is
to simply drop out some screwy idea for public
observance of a given week, and I'd have not only
their signature but also the official seal along with it.

While the calendar still indicates that there are
but 52 weeks in the year, we find ourselves to-day
in about 5,200 special weeks which we are called
upon by official proclamation to observe. We don't
any more than get "Wild Life Restoration Week"
out of our hair before we are pounced upon by an
official demand that we stop everything else and
turn our time, thought and attention to "Tax Infor-
mation Week."

Anybody, it seems, can get a week set aside for
any purpose any time, by simply thinking up some
new reason, and no matter how nutty or dumb it is,
the Chief Executive with pen in hand
governmental departments, the Mother's Day Club,
Club, Roller skaters' Union, Ministerial Association,
Master-Brewers Local No. 44, and a number of other
public spirited, enterprising groups will promptly
give it their blessing and have their names harn-
essed to the cause of the week.

I don't know whether Mr. Hopkins is in need of
any ideas or suggestions for practical WPA projects,
but if we could just have somebody tabulate, and
arrange in the proper chronological order, the
countless officially designated "Days," "Weeks,"
"Months" and "Fortnights" the poor humble citizen
is supposed to observe, it certainly ought to prove
worthwhile.

New don't get the idea that I am attempting to
belittle any worthwhile movement for which a
"Week" has been set aside. Many are commendable,
but the fact remains that the public has been
"week'd" to death.

The idea of encouraging the average citizen to
give serious thought to the subject of "taxation" is
splendid, but it will take him a lot longer than a
"week" to even start thinkin' along that line. The
legislature takes 60 days and usually makes matters
even instead of better. The Fifth Congress took the
better part of a year and got nowhere.

Instead of askin' the poor taxpayer to spend his
time THINKIN' about taxes, what we ought to have
is a "week" in which legislators, lobbyists and tax
interests would be called upon to THINK about the
taxpayer.

As Colonel Jim Lee told the lumbermen the other
day: if half the time, efforts and money spent by
selfish interests lobbying to keep their taxes off
themselves and put it on the other fellow, were turned
toward a sincere effort to aid in working out a
sane equitable and just tax that would benefit the
state as a whole, the problem could be solved and
everybody—the selfish interests included—would be
better off.

A point these selfish interests miss and everyone
seems to overlook, is that while you may influence
legislation to the extent of not having to pay the
tax collector yourself, you nevertheless must pay the
man who does pay the tax collector, be it the butcher,
the baker or the candlestick maker.

Think about taxes, yes—but think about the fellow
at the same time.

Beauty Of Avon Park And The Hospitality Of Southern People Is Praised By Canadian Visitor

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Church Notes

UNION CONGREGATIONAL

Dr. Alfred C. Elliott, Pastor

Sunday, April 3—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 a. m. with sermon by
Dr. Elliott, who will speak on
"God's Law of Progress." Special
music by the choir. Young Peo-
ple's Pilgrim Fellowship Hour at

6:45 p. m. Marjorie McKnight will
lead the meeting and Jean Correll
will introduce the topic.

Miss Mabel Lee's Bible Class
will meet at the church on Monday
at 8:00 p. m. The Bible is still the
greatest book in the world. No
other book is so widely distributed
or translated into so many lan-
guages. It speaks to the soul of man
as no other book can speak, and
gives counsel on the ordering of
life which is of inestimable value.
Sparingly of the Bible is a great
inspiration to those who attend
this class and they urgently invite
others to join them.

"Quiet Hour" service will
be held on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.
Dr. Elliott will speak on "The Still
Preparation for 1938." To all who seek
fellowship and quiet com-
munion with God are cordially in-
vited to attend this service.
The Senior Choir will meet for
rehearsal on Wednesday, 8:15 p. m.
All members are requested to be
present to rehearse the Easter
music.

Easter is rapidly drawing near.
How are the citizens of Avon Park
preparing for it? To face the ex-
perience of Easter in any other
way than at the end of a period of
preparation is to invite disap-
pointment. Easter, and especially
the events of Holy Week, with
all that they contain in the way of
spiritual instruction, cannot be
rushed into blindly. In it, the
Church and Home together have
re-built the spiritual resources that frequently
are laid waste by the demands of
the day. Let our citizens begin to
get ready for the great Christian
festival of Easter by going to
church on Sunday.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICE

Services at the Episcopal church
of the Redeemer on Sunday will be
Holy Communion at 7:30 A. M.
Church school at 9:30 A. M. and
Holy Communion at 11:00 A. M.
RICHARD L. BROWN, Rector

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Mister Fog Goes to Town



SMATTER POP—Ambrose, the Word Handler

By C. M. PAYNE

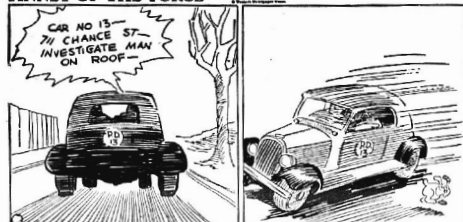


MESCAL IKE By S. L. HUNTLEY



The Party's Waiting

FINNEY OF THE FORCE By Ted O'Loughlin



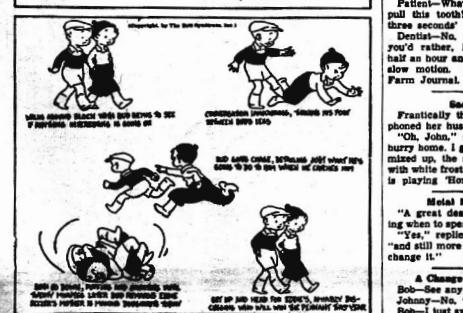
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