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State Press Comment

WHAT OUR GOVERNMENT COSTS

In a very interesting article, published in the Atlantic magazine for April, Senator Harry F. Byrd, of Virginia, tells what government is costing us, and makes it seem very clear that the cost is too high. Senator Byrd was governor of Virginia for four years before being sent to the Senate, and now, as chairman of the Committee on Investigation of Executive Agencies in his case for some time been engaged in a study of the ways and means by which a greater measure of economy could be achieved in Governmental operations; this, of course, without detriment to any of our very public services.

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Wilcox Spoke Here Wednesday A. M.

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"I denounced this measure and voted against it," he said, "and I also denounced it, voted for it."

Declaring that Pepper had admitted that he was "rubber stamping," Wilcox said, "if we are to have a 'rubber stamp congress,' we are wasting approximately \$12,000,000 a year to maintain it in Washington."

The speaker said he had supported all legislation sponsored by the

total of expenditures close to eight billion dollars. Senator Byrd does not approve of this double budget system because it results in juggling the expenditures from one set of books to another and enables the Administration to claim that it has effected apparent economy, whereas there has been no reduction in total spending.

Senator Byrd declares more forcibly even against the making of lump sum appropriations—fifteen billions he says have been made in the last four years—this against a billion and a half in all the previous history of the nation. Then the Senator discusses, and dislikes the way in which the twenty-five government-owned corporations are managed. They are not required to make clear and candid statements of their financial condition. He says they run their finances as they please, disregard Congress in the expenditure of funds and refuse government audit. A bill introduced in Congress recently providing for the cancelling of \$2,500,000,000 of the so-called assets of these corporations, and \$33,000,000 in interest.

As to who pays the bills, Senator Byrd says the wealthy do not pay them, although the Administration has done its best to create the impression that all the money is to come from the rich people. What the people don't know is that nearly half of all the government's revenue comes from miscellaneous taxes, which rich and poor alike pay at the same rate. Concluding, Senator Byrd says that "a mandate for progress and welfare without a mandate for economy is a mandate impossible of fulfillment and very likely a mandate for disaster."—Jacksonville Times Union.

HIDDEN TAXES

(From Orlando Morning Sentinel)

Tax Information Week is doing a great deal of good this country. In showing the expense of government, local, state and federal; and from the statistics presented which show hidden, unseen taxes. Hidden taxes for a family receiving \$100 per month are as follows: Rent, \$6; food, \$10; clothing, \$2.40; general household expenses, \$1.37; miscellaneous, \$1.05; amusements, \$0.75; insurance, twenty-one cents; social security tax, \$1. Taxpayers cost \$10.11 or 10.11 percent of each and every \$100.

On monthly revenue of \$150 the hidden taxes are \$30.30 or 20.2 percent; on \$300 per month, \$50.74 or 16.9 percent. Hidden taxes on automobiles for \$150 income per month are \$4.62; on \$300, \$8.80. The State committee on Finance, which has been set up to reduce the cost of law-making, to the Legislature who will reduce taxes by:

1. Consolidating the State's excessive number of boards and commissions into not more than twelve well organized departments, eliminating duplicating functions and excessive expenses.

2. Revising budget laws to require that all departments operate on definite itemized budgets fixed by the Legislature biennially.

3. Reducing State expenditures for State purposes (not including Social Security) to the level of 1935 or below.

4. Enact civil service laws for all public employees, eliminating our present extravagant system of political patronage.

5. Restrict, thru laws of State-wide application, the tax levying authority of local boards and commissions.

Certainly, the people are getting wise to government costs. Some day they will become so smart that they will demand shorter sessions of Congress, less lawmaking expense, unicameral legislatures, and strict business procedure as practiced by private business.

There is a limit to tax levying mania but the limit will never be fixed unless the taxpayers get wise and demand tax reforms.

Administration when he thought it good, and had no objection to proposing those measures, which he thought to be against the best interest of the people of his state. "Now could I support the Supreme Court packing proposal, because it struck at the very foundation of our government as we know it in America, but, where was Senator Pepper when the liberties of the people were under attack?" he asked.

Wilcox said he had voted for all relief measures because he thought of the responsibility of government to give every citizen a chance to earn a decent living, "but I did not vote relief money for political purposes." He charged that hordes of "politics parasites" had been given political appointments, whose salaries came out of relief money, to discontinue for one of the senators.

The speaker explained his amendment to the Social Security Act to discourage any participation in proceeds from liens levied by the state on property of those citizens who are old and infirm.

He warned against the constant concentration of federal power in Washington, declaring that if this trend is not halted, representative government in America will soon be a thing of the past.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICE

Services at the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer on Easter Sunday will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 7:00 A. M. A second celebration at 11:00 A. M. with processional and sermon. At 3:00 P. M. there will be a service for children.

Everyone is invited to attend these services. Members are requested to make their Easter Communion at the early service if possible.

Easter Day is the greatest and most joyful of all the feasts of the year. Celebrating, as it does, the Resurrection of our Lord, its importance cannot be overestimated. Every Christian should attend church on this day, and if possible receive the communion. It is our hope that every person in Avon Park will attend this, or some church.

RICHARD I. BROWN, Rector

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. McGibbons and daughter Wills Pearl were visitors in Tampa, Saturday.

THE MAGICIAN



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FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

To the Democratic Voters of District 1

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of County Commissioner for the Democratic primary, May 3, 1938.

I feel I am fully qualified for the office and can give the citizens full return for the votes they give to whom they are entitled. I have had considerable experience in county affairs and if elected, will do my utmost to give everyone a square and honest vote and support will be appreciated.

Your vote and support will be appreciated.

M. R. GRICE

FOR REPRESENTATIVE

To the Democratic Voters of District 1

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Representative from Highlands County for the Democratic primary, May 3, 1938. If elected I intend to per-

sonally visit the people and will do my utmost to give everyone a square and honest vote and support will be appreciated.

Your vote and support will be appreciated.

P. L. VINSON

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BYRUM SHOCKLEY

FOR COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

To the Democratic Voters of Avon Park District

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Member of Board of Public Instruction for the Democratic primary, May 3, 1938. If elected I intend to per-

sonally visit the people and will do my utmost to give everyone a square and honest vote and support will be appreciated.

Your vote and support will be appreciated.

BYRUM SHOCKLEY

BYRUM'S COLUMN

Some "practical" politicians

look askance at my strategy in

using a column. Well, I know be-

fore I began that it might be classed

as poor strategy, especially in a

commissioner's race.

Barnum used to keep an elephant

plowing in sight of the trains on

his farm alongside the N. Y. N. H.

and H. R. R. When asked if it paid

to plow an elephant, he'd reply

"It does if you run a circus. Now

that's the way I figure about us-

ing a column; it may be if you're

running a show.

However, it wouldn't have paid

Barnum long if he hadn't had a

good circus and won't have paid

me to use a column unless I put on

a good show.

Now, I'm not the whole show as

yet by a long shot but the other

two guys in this three part act

can't still figure out whether I'm

C. & O. kitten or a catamount

and as long as I've got 'em guess-

ing I'm still O. K.

For me, the real circus began

last Monday when I started what

I believed may be the most sys-

tematic house-to-house canvass a

candidate has ever made in this

community. I'm leaving my folder

and limiting myself to five minutes

at each home.

I've contacted this community

before for others but I'm doing it

now for myself. I'm taking Pris-

cilla's advice when she said: "Why

don't you speak for yourself,

John?"

BYRUM SHOCKLEY

FOR

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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Mrs. Hartt Club Hostess Tuesday

A delightful affair of Tuesday afternoon was the party given by Mrs. S. Y. Hartt at her home, guests being members of her bridge club.

Bowls of roses decorated the rooms where bridge was played.

After several interesting progressions of bridge, high score was presented to Mrs. S. C. Pardee.

Delicious refreshments of raspberry sherbert and Angel Food cake were served.

Guests enjoying this pleasant occasion were, Mrs. Georgia A. Vickery, Mrs. C. H. Pardee, Mrs. S. C. Pardee, Mrs. Olive Anderson, Mrs. J. B. Hartt, Mrs. W. H. Yates, Mrs. Alexander Gilmore, Mrs. Lula Bass, Mrs. W. H. Krompton, Mrs. J. E. Brick and Mrs. Marjorie Church.

Legion Auxiliary Meeting Monday

An interesting meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary was held Monday evening at the home of the president, Mrs. A. M. Morgan.

The Auxiliary decided to contribute to the fund for a drinking fountain at the crippled children's home in Umatilla. It was decided also to send checker boards to the veterans hospital at Bay Pines.

After the business session the hostess served delicious refreshments of cake and coffee.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Charles Sherman.

Mrs. Fountain Hostess

Mrs. W. C. Fountain entertained at an informal party at the parsonage Tuesday evening, guests being younger members of the church. Games and contests were played during the evening after which Mrs. Fountain served delicious refreshments of frosted ginger ale and cakes.

CIRCLE THEATRE

Sunday, April 17
IRENE DUNN
CARY GRANT

"The Awful Truth"
—with—
RALPH BELLAMY

Monday & Tuesday, April 18-19
DICK POWELL

"Hollywood Hotel"
—with—
ROSEMARY LANE
HUGH HERBERT
TED HEALY
BENNY GOODMAN'S BAND

Wednesday, April 20
MARY BOLAND

"Mama Runs Wild"
—in—
WILLIAM POWELL

There & Friday, April 21-22
WILLIAM POWELL

"The Baroness and the Butler"
—with—
ANNABELLA

Saturday, April 23
THE JONES FAMILY

"Love on a Budget"
Chapter 3 of "LONE RANGER"

COMING:
"THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN"
(Will Rogers)

"ROSALIE"
(Eddy-Powell)

"I'LL TAKE ROMANCE"
(Grecia Moore)

"IN OLD CHICAGO"
(Tyrona Power-Alice Faye)

Misses Phillips and Key Hostess

Miss Mary Key and Miss Iva Phillips entertained the members of the San-Souci club Tuesday evening at the balcony of the Jacaranda Drug store. Colorful bouquets of early spring flowers were used in decorating the room.

Delicious refreshments of raspberry ice cream with potato chips were served.

Mrs. Stanley Reeves received the high score prize, Mrs. C. R. Gunn, Jr., won the second high award, and Mrs. Raymond Dilley received the floating prize.

Members sharing this pleasant affair with Miss Key and Miss Phillips were, Miss Millie Pearson, Miss Alma Harrell, Miss Helen Pittman, Miss Betty Ellen Smith, Miss Jean Sundstrom, Miss Hettie Hundertmark, Mrs. C. R. Gunn, Jr., Mrs. Raymond Dilley, Mrs. Charles Sherman, Mrs. J. R. Toague, Mrs. Fred Peden, Mrs. Stanley Reeves, Mrs. W. B. Carter, Miss Mildred Myers, and Miss Elizabeth Green.

Mrs. Mandis Hostess To Bridge Club

A most delightful affair of Friday afternoon was the luncheon given by Mrs. Denos Mandis who entertained the members of her bridge club and a few additional friends at her home on Pleasant St.

The rooms were beautifully decorated with lovely bouquets of spring flowers, including roses, peonies and gladioli.

Guests were seated at small tables for the delicious two course luncheon.

At the close of several progressions of bridge prizes were presented to Mrs. J. K. Brick and Mrs. Paul Rumpson.

Those enjoying the afternoon with Mrs. Mandis were, Mrs. A. M. Morgan, Mrs. Karl Hartt, Mrs. East Ware, Mrs. S. S. Thayer, Mrs. Paul Rumpson, Mrs. J. E. Brick, Mrs. W. H. Head, Miss Marjorie Coen and Miss Grace Wagg.

Hendry-Schweigart Wedding Announced

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Schweigart of Wauchula announce the marriage of their daughter, Helen Elizabeth to Paul Wesley Hendry on Friday, April 15, 1938 at Pinetta, Florida.

Mrs. Hendry is a former Avon Park resident, a graduate of the Avon Park high school, class '31, and Florida State College for Women, Tallahassee, 1935. She has taught school in Pinetta for the past two years.

PARK THEATRE

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Sunday, April 17 (Only
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HEART STORY.

"Thoroughbreds Don't Cry"
—with—
JUDY GARLAND
MICKY ROONEY

Selected Short Subjects

Monday & Tuesday, April 18-19
WILLIAM POWELL

ANNABELLA
"The Baroness and the Butler"

Wed. & Thurs. April 20-21
WILL ROGERS

"THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN"
NEWS & COMEDY

Delightful Party Tuesday Afternoon

In compliment to her guest Mrs. Karl Berry of Monessen, Pa., Miss Hettie Hundertmark entertained very graciously at a desert bridge in the Palm room of the Jacaranda hotel Saturday afternoon.

Beautiful bouquets of roses, snapdragons, gladioli and other spring flowers were used in decorating the room.

The color scheme of pink, yellow and green was observed in all details, including the tables, score pads, prizes and refreshments.

Guests were seated at small tables for the desert courses, nut-chocolate and vanilla ice cream, individual cakes, food in green and yellow, pastel colored mints and coffee. Small baskets of nuts were placed on each table.

At the conclusion of the bridge games, high score prizes were awarded to Mrs. Fred Peden, an Easter box of candy and to Mrs. O. C. Wilkes. Mrs. Sofia Frey, Miss Elizabeth Green, Mrs. G. P. Thayer and Mrs. W. B. Carter for high score at each table. Pastel colored, hand drawn handkerchiefs, Mrs. Berry was presented a beautiful white chiffon evening handkerchief with a tulip design.

Guests enjoying this pleasant affair were, Miss Alma Harrell, Miss Millie Pearson, Miss Jean Sundstrom, Mrs. Fred Peden, Mrs. Charles Sherman, Miss Helen Pittman, Miss Mildred Myers, Miss Iva Phillips, Miss Elizabeth Green, Miss Mary Key, Mrs. W. B. Carter, Mrs. C. R. Gunn, Jr., Mrs. O. C. Wilkes, Mrs. Sofia Frey, Mrs. G. P. Thayer, Miss Elsie Allen, Mrs. H. E. Goldwin, Mrs. George Scott McKnight, Mrs. J. E. Brick, Mrs. Alexander Chandler, Mrs. Elizabeth Chandler, Mrs. Charles Lee, Mrs. Olive Anderson, Mrs. Douglas Annson, Mrs. C. H. Pardee and Mrs. S. C. Pardee.

Recent Bride Honoree at Shower

Mrs. Charles Shepherd and Helen Tomlinson entertained at a shower at the home of the former Wednesday afternoon, honoring Mrs. G. L. Peoples who before her recent marriage was Miss Helen Delany.

A color scheme of pink and white was observed in all the decorations. Bouquets of early spring flowers were placed about the party rooms.

Games and contests were played during the afternoon. In a musical contest, Miss Betty Ellen Smith was the prize winner, Miss Blanche McCord won a prize in the Picture contest.

Gifts were presented to Mrs. Peoples in a large basket decorated with pink and white paper. Presents were opened and admired by all present.

Delicious refreshments of strawberry short cake with whipped cream, mints and punch were served later in the afternoon.

Guests invited to share the afternoon with Mrs. Peoples were, Mrs. Fred Peden, Miss Betty Ellen Smith, Mrs. J. R. Toague, Miss Millie Pearson, Mrs. Charles Sherman, Mrs. Harriett Stoddin, Miss Mary Jane Sundstrom, Miss Frances Cloud, Miss Dorothy DeShon, Miss Jane Hartt, Miss Ruby Bennett, Miss Lucile Bishop, Miss Allie Harden, Miss Leola Holton, Miss Margaret Loomis, Miss Evelyn Martin, Miss Mary McCarty, Miss Blanche McCord, Miss Mary Lynn Stebbins, Miss Barbara Betts, Miss Josephine Brooker, Miss Jean Correll, Miss Elsie Dickerson, Miss Faye Gordon, Miss Dorothy Hughes, Miss Christine Lofton, Miss Grace McConnell, Miss Dorothy McNichols, Miss Letha Young, Miss Carrie Pearson and others.

Medames Stuckey and Adams Hostesses

Mrs. David Stuckey and the members of the Philanthropic class of the Baptist church Tuesday evening at the home of the Mrs. Adams.

The rooms were beautifully decorated with vases of vari-colored petunias.

Mrs. Briscoe Willis, president, presided over the business session. Mrs. J. P. Dalton led the devotional, after which games and contests were played.

Later a delicious salad course with food to eat was served.

Members present were, Mrs. J. B. Coen, Jr., Mrs. J. L. Wells, Mrs. Irvin Ford, Miss Evie Camp, Mrs. S. F. Longbottom, Mrs. D. H. Bowman, Mrs. R. L. Lawhon, Mrs. Blackburn, Mrs. J. M. Crosby, Mrs. W. W. McFarland, Mrs. Briscoe Willis and Mrs. J. P. Dalton.

M. G. Conomos of Franklin, Pa. and Pete Carvaisious of Miami were business visitors in Avon Park Tuesday.

Future Avon Park Citizens In Pre-Views Of Their Easter Clothes



(All Photos by Avon Park Times)

Here are some of Avon Park's up and coming future citizens as they appeared this week exhibiting their Easter togs. At the top, from left to right are: Bill Beckett, Jr.; in the group are Yvonne Head, Betty Jo Wells, Barbara Lawhon and Jeanine Crews; at the right is Arden Anderson. At the bottom we find little Jimmy Ware and in the center are Mel Bass, Jr. and Mickey Ware. Then at the right is Jane Maxwell.

Mrs. Wells Hostess To Circle One

Mrs. J. L. Wells delightfully entertained the members of Circle One of the Baptist Missionary society, Monday afternoon at her home.

Mrs. W. C. Touchton presided over the business session. Mrs. J. P. Dalton led the devotional and refreshments of fruit juice and cookies were served during the social hour.

Members present were, Mrs. J. P. Dalton, Mrs. David Stuckey, Mrs. H. E. Goldwin, Mrs. Anna Lawhon, Mrs. Dolly Skipper and Mrs. W. C. Touchton.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Abrams, Miami, have announced the birth of a daughter, Carol Diane, April 7th. Mr. and Mrs. Abrams have many friends here who join in extending congratulations. Both mother and daughter are reported to be doing very nicely.

Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Elliott spent several days this week on a business trip to Virginia.

Mrs. H. E. Goldwin, Mrs. C. B. Noland, Mrs. Irvin Ford and Mrs. J. L. Wells spent Wednesday in Tampa.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Alvey and Mrs. J. H. Melton of Washington, D. C. will arrive Wednesday for a visit of several weeks. The guests of their sister Mrs. Roland Droitt and family.

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Senior Class Play Picnic

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CHAPTER XV—Continued

"Yank off bridle and saddle and turn him loose!" Suddenly Joyce began to sob. "What are you crying about? There's simply nothing else to do."

"Oh, it's not that!" cried Joyce, still weeping as she unbuckled throat latch and girth. "It's Tro- nido. I'm—I'm crying about Tro- nido."

"Don't," said Dirk, "please don't, or you'll have me so I can't do a damn thing. Don't you suppose—He'll!" Then he continued quietly, "Joyce, hold on a bit, we may both have to ride Rayo. The battery's run down."

"Oh!" she gasped, grief forgotten in the face of fresh disaster.

Suddenly Dirk started tearing out the front cushion. "Here it is, thank God—the crank. Get in, Joyce. Take the throttle and work the choke. Hurry!"

He leaped out and in a moment was cranking with all his might. No use. Not a spark. Then he began using reason and judgment, giving Joyce time enough to do the same. They teased the motor—leaved it into a first gear of life. Then more teasing. Then a roar, so sudden, so mighty that it seemed the old car would shake itself to pieces before Joyce could shut off the throttle. The backfiring was deafening, more like a machine gun than a motor.

"Oh, Dirk!" she screamed though he was already at her side. "I can't make it stop!"

"Who's a fool now?" he yelled at the top of his voice. "Take your foot off the accelerator and push forward!"

Then he was at the wheel, pushing, turning cautiously for fear of the spikes of niggerheads, but finally straightening out in a wide lane, shifting into second and at last into high. Joyce turned, knelt and the seat and looked back. The riders were closer now, quite close; some of them were already dismounting. The car was shaking and running to knock on the farther edge of the barranca.

"Never mind the bumps, Dirk," she called over her shoulder, "give her gas and take everything that comes. The shooting is about to start."

"How far off are they?" asked Dirk.

Then and there Joyce was stumped, for there is a woman alive who knows by sight the difference between a hundred yards and a mile! "I don't know," she said; "I haven't the least idea."

"Oh course you have!" he shouted impatiently. "How far is it to your corner?"

"I don't know," said Joyce. "I'm not being subtle, but I just don't know." Then she cried, "Never mind—here it comes!"

The first bullet struck in line with well behind the car, it ricocheted and passed over with a screaming hiss. That was enough for Dirk, he opened the throttle wide and sent the flivver careening across the prairie, making note of the direction he was taking and trying to bring it back to the abandoned trail. More bullets followed but none so threatening as the first and presently there was silence. Joyce sat down and sank back, sighing her relief.

"I guess we're safe, Dirk. Hadn't we better raise the tires a bit? They must be pretty soft."

"You're right," said Dirk, slowing down. "How long has this soap been poked in that gully?"

"Let me see," said Joyce cautiously. "Is it a year? No, it can't be. I'll give you a chance to figure it out for yourself, Dirk. How many days have you been at La Barranca?"

"Nine," said Dirk promptly.

"Then add three to that," said Joyce. "It doesn't seem possible. Twelve days, less than two weeks! I was away twelve years. I've been back twelve days. Somehow it doesn't make sense."

CHAPTER XVI

At the first crossroads they were lucky enough to get a gas and a poor old flivver, faithful to the last, limped into Toluca a little before noon. Abandoning it in a back street to avoid unnecessary complications, they walked to the San Carlos and before long were in the main street, proud fresh from the Lernas and certain equally famed accessories. More than once they saw their heads to look at each other across the table, then dropped them because their hearts were too full of content for words.

But the moment the meal was over Dirk said without warning, "Joyce, will you marry me? I've got to know."

"Yes, Dirk. When?"

"This afternoon. As soon as we get to the city."

"Oh! Why wait till then?" asked Joyce.

But Dirk was in no playing mood. "Because there's no American con-

sul in Toluca," he answered gravely.

"Does there have to be a consul?" "Either that or some authorized officer from the embassy. Any preacher in good standing can do the trick, but the presence of an American official as witness is what makes it legal at home."

"I see," said Joyce slowly; then she raised her eyes to his face.

"Dirk, I'm yours. I do whatever you want me to do."

He reached out to lay his hand on hers. "I love you, Joyce."

"And I love you, Dirk. Is that why we must hurry so? You'd think it would make us willing to wait."

He frowned. "You haven't told me your reason for rushing to Mexico City, but I think I guessed it."

"To attend to General Onelia," said Joyce, also frowning.

"I thought so," said Dirk, "and that's why we're going to marry to-day. When you take Onelia or

then looked up and grinned. "I admit it's pretty bad, sir, especially since I come as a private citizen."

"What do you mean? I haven't fired you yet."

"I was merely anticipating," said Dirk, looking around.

"What are you hunting for?"

"Two things. A chair with a wash-bow enough to do some important business."

"Forgive me, my boy. Sit anywhere you like; there's nobody to look about since I'm in dollars and cents with salary omitted. Yet there was no confusion. When they got through to the point where either of them didn't know about the inner and outer workings of Dirk Van Suttart."

"Let's see where we stand," said the ambassador, summing up. "You want to marry Miss Sewell. Well, she's certainly of age and her operation is concerned, so stopping you by getting her stepmother to sign her definitely out. Then you state you can't wait until she's ready to phone your people because of the urgency of securing Onelia's aid, because what they say would make any difference anyway, and finally because they're probably in Europe." He scowled. "The first of those three reasons is what's bothering me—trouble heading straight this way."

"You needn't worry on that score," said Dirk. "As a matter of fact, Miss Sewell's father is here. I won't wait the aid of this establishment. She says she can get along a whole lot better without it. Her idea is that ever since em- barys have been run for trade and to sell with the trader they've become more stumbling blocks to the seer—also a constant pain, an eye-sore."

"Oh!" exclaimed the ambassa- dor, astonished; then he asked with genuine solicitude, "Are you sure she isn't making a mistake?"

"Quite," said Dirk confidently. "The truth is, sir, I'm inclined to agree with her. Give her a chance and she'll make a monkey out of Onelia—which is more than we have ever been able to do."

"Dirk—I'm calling Dirk because I want you to think me as sitting here in place of your father—in less than two weeks this girl was a married woman. I'm not saying things to your mind, so much so that I beg you not to trust it until you've heard the other side. I'm capable of judging her with impartial eyes."

"You mean to that," said Dirk promptly. "What about your? Do you think they're impartial?"

The ambassador frowned, then said, "I'll be do extra money by my best to make them so. When can you bring the paragon around?"

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She smiled. "Again I love you, Dirk."

Going out in search of the finest car available, he walked on air. He was glad to be alive, glad to be relieved of the strain of driving and to sit in the back with his arm around Joyce, both of them wrapped in the glow of their love. Arrived in the city they drove straight to his little house and from her first glimpse of it she knew it was the place where they had lived. Even Pablo, making amusement, all but chok- ing with surprise at the return of his missing master, seemed of its wamp and woe.

"What a lovely home, both of it with a hot bath and to start with," said Dirk.

"Splendid," she answered quick- ly, then her lips dropped. "I haven't anything to say about it."

"Don't worry," said Dirk, "search the world and you couldn't find a costume more becoming than what you're wearing to a person of your particular looks, size and adorable build."

"Silly-head!"

"I can furnish you a soft shirt for a blouse and by the time you're ready for them the jobbers will have been brushed and pressed as sweet as a flower." He turned to Pablo. "Pablo, this is the sonnetta Joyce Sewell, from whom you may take orders as coming from my- self more so. Give her the best of the charge of Paulina. As for the rest, I leave it to her since she takes Spanish better than either of you."

Dirk had not dismissed the hired car and without bothering to inform Joyce or even waiting for the hands he started for the embassy proper, passing the chancellery by. The great iron gate was opened by a strange porter but the man on the door was an old friend.

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the ambassador. "Let's go—the quicker the better."

"Do you mind if I have a wash- bath?" begged Dirk.

"Have time later on."

"Help yourself; you certainly need it and you know why."

Dirk washed all he could reach without undressing, then paused and looked around. He was alone; consequently several minutes elapsed before he found himself in the ambassador's car and only then did he feel a first twinge of trepidation. Almost an hour had passed since he had abandoned his prospective bride without warning. How would she react to such cavalier treatment? How to the surprise he was about to spring on her? Absurd as it might appear, Joyce thought about anything seemed to him a lot more important than what the ambassador was going to do about Joyce.

Even so he was in for a shock, for the moment Pablo opened the closed door of the living room and stood back that his master and his master's chief might pass they crashed in upon an astonished scene. Before them, back to the door and with hands thrust in her breeches pockets, stood Joyce in an unmistakable picture of battle. Be- yond a veritable lioness of a hatless woman not only in appearance but by virtue of her attitude. Be- yond a veritable lioness of a hatless woman not only in appearance but by virtue of her attitude.

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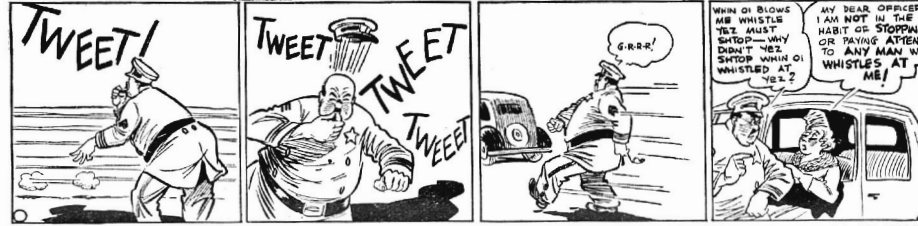
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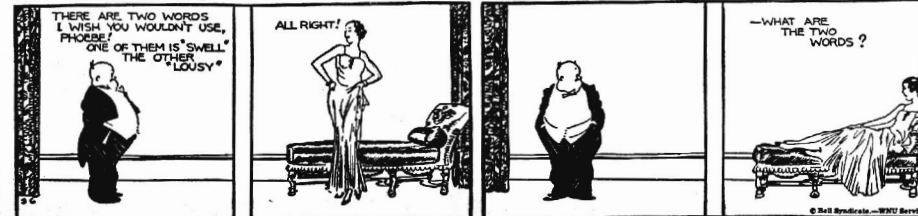
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Judge—And not satisfied with stealing a baby's banks, you took a her coat and a diamond bracelet. Defendant—Let me explain, your honor. From childhood up I was taught in Sunday school that money alone does not bring happiness.—Farm Journal.

No Home Work

By GUYAS WILLIAMS

She—My sister is going to marry the cashier in a bank. Is it a steady job? He—Yes if he doesn't start bringing home samples.

NOT WHAT THEY SEEMED

By GUYAS WILLIAMS

Customer—Here, what you mean by selling me these ivory carvings yesterday—I now find they are nothing but the cheapest of imitations. Dealer—I can't understand it. Maybe the elephant they came from had false teeth.—Farm Journal.

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LITERARY GEMS

Franklin Book Reveals Keen Colonial Mind

By ELIZABETH C. JAMES

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN was born in Boston in 1706, of immigrant parents. His father was a candle and soap maker, and Benjamin was one of 17 children. With only two years of schooling, he set out on a career later chronicled in his "Autobiography."

First he worked as a printer, finally owning his own shop. At one time in his youth he was sent to London by a merchant to buy a new printing press, but things went wrong and he was stranded in a foreign country. Months of manual labor were necessary before he was financially able to buy passage home. At forty-five he sold his shop for 18,000 pounds, and lived the rest of his life on the income from this sum. Statecraft became his chief interest in life. His influence in the American cause during colonial and revolutionary strife was extensive, revolutionizing personal correspondence with men of the 13 states and with England.

If there is a secret for the great success of Franklin it might be ascribed to the one word: attitude. In the first place, he enjoyed life; but not in a dilatory manner. He appreciated and valued life and took advantage of every new situation that came to him. Yet he did not strain after new opportunities.

Franklin believed in himself and in the application of the ideas that came to him. For that reason the list of his accomplishments is a long one. Time to him was not money, but time and money were both elements for the enjoyment of life; so he was thrifty with both.

Was Self-Educated. His education was without the help of teachers and schools. To learn to write well he read the "Spectator" papers and tried to imitate Addison's style. He and Collins, his friend, wrote letters on current topics and critiqued each other. In order to learn to speak

FRANKLIN—THE DIPLOMAT. The life of Benjamin Franklin spans both the Colonial and Revolutionary periods. His writings were in the form of, for example, essays occupied the latter time. He was colonial agent to France and in England, carrying the weight of foreign relations for the fighting colonies.

Yet along with a busy political life, Franklin wrote four rich-ards Almanacs and his own biography, and established the Pennsylvania Gazette, which has come down with a continuous history and lives today as the Saturday Evening Post. This Franklin was the first great man of letters, in addition to being first in many other enterprises.

to a group of people and to think on his feet, he organized the Junto, a club of young men who had the same desire. This club was the laboratory for self-expression.

Many incidents are included in his autobiography that reveal a keen analysis of people. One story relates how he won the friendship of an enemy. He wanted to overcome the man's dislike, so he wrote a note and requested the man to lend him a special book, much discussed at the time. The book came at once, and Franklin read it and in a week returned it with an expression of appreciation. He was applying the fact that a person who does you a favor likes you, for you have made him feel that he is kind.

"I Believe" Habit. Franklin needed tactfulness very badly, for he was positive by nature. He observed that university men had enemies as a result of their attitude of "I know," so he cultivated the "I believe" habit, and always asked the opinion of his conversationalist. He applied this formula to the business of getting subscriptions for the first public library in this country, that of Philadelphia, and instead of saying, "I have an idea that I think will benefit the city," he said, "Some men, book lovers, the city, have decided that this plan is a good one," and there was no personal antagonism toward the idea or toward himself.

Public Spirited Citizen. The contributions to progress made by Franklin are too many to name; but he is given credit for establishing the first fire department, the first public library, and the University of Pennsylvania, and the Saturday Evening Post; he wrote "Poor Richard's Almanac" inventing many useful household utilities, and experimented with electricity. Of all the great statesmen of the American revolutionary period, Franklin is the only one who signed all four of these documents: the Declaration of Independence, the treaty of alliance with France, the treaty of peace with England, and the Constitution.

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THERE'S no spring tonic in the world like having a pretty new dress that makes you look slim and smart. And there are so easy to make, that you'll enjoy finding them for yourself. The patterns are carefully planned so that even beginners will have no trouble following them, and each is accompanied by a detailed sew chart explaining just what to do. In addition to having something individual and very much your own, you get this dress in a few hours. Cheerful percale print,

Comfortable House Dress.

It's wonderful how much more one can do in a new, fresh house dress that's becoming as well as comfortable. This design is distinctly slenderizing because it's so straight and simple. You can make it in a few hours. Cheerful percale print,



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NERVINE

Counties Receive Larger Returns From Race Tracks

Miami, April 14 (FNS)—Record breaking play at the horse and dog tracks this season will give each county in the state an increase of \$2,500 from racing funds over the amount received last year according to a release issued by the State Racing Commission this week.

More than four million dollars was added to the fifty million bet last season, the report shows, and the attendance was also considerably larger than that of last season.

The figures released show that Florida received a total of \$1,069,735 in tax from the racing plants this season, compared to \$1,810,231 for the preceding season; an increase of \$159,231.

Expense of supervision this season was \$129,505 as compared with the \$217,971 cost last season; an increase of \$18,376.

Summing up the whole matter, Florida's 67 counties will each receive a total of \$26,250 track revenue this season as compared with the \$24,000 received last season.

Officials attribute the increase in revenue from the racing plants which is shown by the considerable jump in amount of gasoline consumption as disclosed by official reports.

This proof of the value of the Florida National Exhibits at Chicago and Cleveland in attracting tourists to the state is encouraging to those forward-looking citizens who are promoting the Florida Exhibit at New York World's Fair to be held next year.

Freedom of Worship
New York—A statue dedicated to the right of freedom of religion will be an imposing feature of the decorative scheme of the New York World's Fair 1939.

House Kills Reorganization Bill



WASHINGTON, D. C.—President Roosevelt last week suffered his bitterest defeat of the session when the House of Representatives killed the Government Reorganization Bill by sending it back to committee. Photo shows Representative John J. O'Connor, (center) who led the fight to kill the bill, receiving the congratulations of two of his colleagues who aided him in the victorious struggle. Left to right: Representatives Thomas O'Malley, John J. O'Connor and Arthur P. Lamneck.

Round About Avon Park

(Continued from page one)

on the market by the village people fails to convince me that Avon Park would have anything to gain by trading horses in mid-stream, all so since we have a sit-down strike in progress how such action might interfere with the situation.

I would not like to be considered in the light of taking any action that would be detrimental to the interests, my dear Mr. Gross, for I realize that you have quite an investment in First Consolidated Mortgage, Senior A Victories and there is some room for a default.

Be that as it may, I cannot permit my personal feelings and my high regard for your judgment to influence my loyalty to the Administration. The Democratic Party can do no wrong, and as chief spokesman for the Party in Avon Park, it is necessary that I release the enclosed statement to the Associated Press. I trust that you will appreciate my position in the matter.

Sincerely,
M. E. COVINGTON, Mayor

The A. P. Dispatch:

Covington Defends Federal Out-Housing Administration

Avon Park, April 13, 1938—Official wrath of Avon Park's Mayor Covington is being poured forth this week upon the heads of those critics who have pointed the finger of scorn at the seeming lack of originality manifest amongst W.P.A. architects and constructionists. His honor took time off from shortlisting to issue a statement late Friday night.

"As a city official, I always welcome constructive criticism but when the selfish interests seek to destroy the peace of mind and the pursuit of happiness of the people of Avon Park, I consider it my duty to take official cognizance of such efforts. I refer particularly to the unfounded charges hurled by the economic royalists at government regulation and the work of the Federal Out-Housing Administration. Agencies for relief have been set up at our very back doors and the hungry wolf has been driven away. Yet the capitalist class would condemn the work because the purple painted privies might not harmonize with the surroundings."

"The Federal government has assembled in Washington the best brains in the country to engineer this project. Many of these experts have been trained in the Civil Service School of Designing, and they have produced a sturdy, comfortable privy, and one not altogether lacking in architectural beauty. The type selected for local use is designed along conservative lines and is truly symbolical of Avon Park and its citizens—staunch, upright and four-square. They are indeed—"a thing of beauty and a joy forever" I hope."

"I resent too, both as a citizen and as a city official, the aspersions which have been cast in the direction of Avon Park by a few unthinking individuals. I cannot too strongly denounce the present day custom of referring to these privies "dookeys," "jakes," "doo-nicks" and other terms of derision. Our old American institutions should be surrounded with a certain dignity as well as morning glory vines. When I was a boy even Republicans did not refer to the "Coon" without the proper amount of respect, and I view with alarm the growing tendency of our people to crack wise at the expense of good taste."

"I have no desire to pose as a connoisseur, but in all my travels, from the rock bound coast of Maine to the sun kissed shores of California, I have never seen a "Can" which surpassed in sheer beauty the Avon Park type. The day is not far distant when the winter guests will not consider a Florida tour complete until they

have gazed in rapture upon these W.P.A. masterpieces, reflecting the glory of the setting sun or bathed in moonbeams, standing in majestic splendor, silent monuments to the vision and courage of one man, Franklin D. Roosevelt."

The Legal Opinion:
City of Avon Park,
Avon Park, Florida

April 14, 1938
Hon. Marc E. Covington,
Avon Park, Florida.

Dear Mr. Mayor:
In re: Sanitation, W.P.A. Project:

I have examined the files in this matter, as well as the objections expressed by Mr. Gross, and after consulting all authorities on the subject, I find that the pronouncement heretofore made by the commission in all respects to the opinions expressed by authorities on the subject.

Mr. Gross has, undoubtedly, some selfish motive in advocating the erection of "models" manufactured by his company, in preference to the Rooseveltian style of architecture. He overlooks the fact that the project is entirely one of relief, and while his company may produce models which are more in keeping with a beautification program and more fitting for Avon Park's general outline, nevertheless relief is what the people want, and if the Rooseveltian Models furnish this relief in reasonable comfort then no criticism of their use is justified.

Chic Sales in The Country Plumber, page 8, sustains the proposition that reasonable comfort, rather than architectural splendor is more to be desired. Also the same authority in his work "The Specialist" (page 14) lays down the proposition that adherence to the traditional form, which we all remember so dearly from the days down on the farm, conduces to "fond" memories and thereby furnishes a pleasant state of mind.

However, since the matter has become an issue, it occurs to me that the vox populi should be heard and I recommend that a plebiscite be called—just as Mr. Hitler recently called one—and have Mr. Gross's company furnish and place in the Mall the various models which his booklet so eloquently describes, so that the people themselves may determine whether Chic Sales or Mr. Gross is correct. Yours very truly,
T. A. MICHAELS,
City Attorney.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 24th
VISITORS WELCOME

FROM 10 A. M. TO 8 P. M.

Federal Theatre Players Coming In Belasco Play

Jacksonville, April 12—Already the second season of a full month's tour which will bring them to the stage of the Avon Park high school on Tuesday evening, April 26 at 8:15 p. m., the Federal Theatre players are scoring new triumphs at every engagement.

Representing production at St. Augustine, Miss Adelaide Sanchez, city editor of the Record, stated: "David Belasco's epoch-making melodrama, 'Forty-Seven Hours,' 'The Girl of the Golden West,' thrilled a St. Augustine audience last night as it must have thrilled theatre-goers when originally produced in 1905.

Splendidly enacted as always by this popular troupe of professional actors and actresses now on their fifth triumphant tour, the famous Belasco classic as revived by the FTP group memorably illustrates the outstanding trend to realism in the drama history of the periods.

"Individual triumphs," the Record continued, "were registered by Marydella Green and Francis Stringfellow, the former playing the role of 'The Girl,' the 'only daughter' of Cloudy Mountain mining camp, and the latter as Dick Johnson, the handsome stranger (whose role in the film version of 'The Girl of the Golden West' was strikingly regenerated through love."

The play will be presented in Avon Park under the sponsorship of Dr. Stanley N. Reeves.

To Test Tampa's Minimum Wage Law

Tampa, April 14 (FNS)—The right of a city to legislate a minimum wage will be tested this week when Walter Lewis, arrested by the police for failing to pay his clerk girls a minimum of six dollars as required by Tampa's minimum wage ordinance, faces Judge Watkins in the municipal court.

City detectives Gray and Williams charged Lewis, operator of a place at 1507 South Twenty-second street, paid only \$4 a week to each of two girls. He posted \$50 bond for his appearance in court.

This is the first arrest to be made for violation of the city's "jook" ordinance since its enactment several months ago, and its outcome will be watched by the entire state as numerous other cities are interested in similar control legislation.

Three Toronto Visitors Killed Enroute Home

Word was received here Wednesday that Pat Downing, of Toronto, manager of amateur baseball teams, his wife and Bill Greer, a baseball player, were instantly killed Tuesday at Tilbury, Ont., in an automobile accident.

They were returning home from a visit to the Toronto spring training camp here.

Scout News
The meeting started at 7:30 o'clock Monday evening. Two patrol leaders resigned and the Scoutmaster elected another and disbanded patrol three. Senior patrol leader explained there will be a new contest and a Rally held here in about six weeks. He told us what to do to get ready for it.

At the end of the meeting the patrol points are: patrol one 73, patrol two 41. The meeting closed at 9:00 o'clock.

WALTER MANDIS
Scout Reporter.

Every Second Year a Menace One
For some mysterious reason, every second year is a "menace" year, with many more cases than in the previous year.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Williard and Mrs. C. E. Crabtree spent Monday in Tampa.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Thayer and baby Thomas spent Sunday in Winter Haven the guests of Mrs. Thayer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Ward and children Teddy and Jack will leave Monday for Tolono, Ill. Mr. Ward will return to Avon Park in about a week. Mrs. Ward and children will visit relatives in Tolono for a month.

Mrs. Stella Frey moved Monday to her new home on the Sebring road, overlooking lake Lotella. The house has been renovated throughout and the grounds landscaped, making it one of the most attractive homes in Avon Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bradbury and children Helen and Elizabeth spent Sunday in Plant City the guests of Mrs. Bradbury's sister, Mrs. E. C. Johnson. They were accompanied home by Mrs. L. L. McDonald who will be their guest for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Moachem of Miami Beach and Mrs. O. L. Luker of Alexander City, Ala. were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Williard.

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of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McCord at their home at Highland Lakes over the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Meachem returned to their home Sunday night. Mrs. Luker returned for a longer visit.

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