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Round About Avon Park

By W. C. Beckett

Advertising

We wish to supplement the remarks of J. S. Francis Wednesday at the Rotary Club and commend C. E. Crabtree for the amount of publicity he has given Avon Park. Of course "Crab" is interested in getting guests and patronage for the Jacaranda Hotel but what helps him and the hotel also helps Avon Park and everyone living here. So keep up the good work, "Crab" and may your billboards never be little ones.

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Signs

We are inclined to agree with R. A. Hales and the remarks he made at the council meeting Tuesday night regarding advertising signs on the Mall. The beauty of Avon Park's show window should not be marred by signs and they should be removed from the parkway outside of the strictly business section. There is evidently an advertising battle on between the makers and distributors of two popular soft drinks and they are using signs instead of bullets. But they should not use the Mall for a battle ground. There are plenty of wide open spaces at their disposal.

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Band Uniforms

The high school band is going to be uniformed. Fine and dandy and now the question is to raise the funds. Everyone interested in the good of the school and fine music should do their bit and contribute. We will give half of all subscription money received during February to the cause. It's all for the good of Avon Park and a good, well uniformed band will be a big help in publicity.

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Bond Refund.

The hearing on the refunding bond validation has again been postponed in the hopes that a better settlement can be reached. We hope the city council can do something along this line but we do not want to see the present contract postponed so long that the bond holders come down like a flock of buzzards and blanket the city with mandamus suits, forcing a high millage. We want to see this bond question settled and settled soon as we firmly believe that as soon as it is permanently settled we will see Avon Park make rapid strides, considerable building will be under way, putting money into everyone's pockets.

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The Glee Club

We did not hear the broadcast of the High School Glee Club last Friday night. We were too busy working. But from all accounts the boys and girls went over in a big way and were given a very high rating. Mention must also be made of the directing of Prof. E. L. Roberts and Dr. Stanley N. Reeves who proved a very efficient announcer. The Glee Club went over the top and are a credit to Avon Park, the schools, the director and everyone concerned.

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Junior Rotary

We like the idea of a Junior Rotary Club in connection with the schools. Starting here in Avon Park it should spread to other schools in the state, the country and finally, like Rotary, all over the world. The idea has undreamed of possibilities and great credit is due Rotarian Stanley Reeves for getting it started. It should "catch on" and the movement go places in a big way. We hope so.

P. T. A. Founder's Day Meeting Will Be Next Thursday

The Avon Park P. T. A. will celebrate Founder's Day next Thursday afternoon and the meeting will be held in the school cafeteria in the grammar school building. Refreshments will be served and will include a birthday cake. Mrs. W. B. Archer is in charge of the program which will include the devotional, led by Rev. J. P. Delton and a playlet given by Miss Iva Phillip's fifth grade section.

The meeting is scheduled for 3:30 o'clock and all members and friends are urged to attend. The meeting will be preceded by a board meeting at 3 o'clock.

GUILD MEETING

A meeting of St. Margaret's guild was held Wednesday at the Parish house. The morning was spent in sewing, followed by luncheon. A business meeting was held at 3 o'clock. About twelve members attended.

Miss Bootie Roberts, Miss Lillian Boot and Assistant Coach Smith spent Saturday at the Florida Fair in Tampa.

Is Democracy To Endure Here

Rotarians Told Of Needs Of Adult Education Along Economic Lines

If Democracy is to endure depends on the enlightenment of the "man in the street" and this must be done with adult education dealing with citizenship, economic and other present day problems, J. C. Peel told Avon Park Rotarians at their regular luncheon Wednesday noon at the Jacaranda Hotel. Mr. Peel is head of the Department of Education at Southern College, Lakeland, and was introduced by Stanley N. Reeves, principal of the Avon Park schools who had known him when connected with schools at Tarpon Springs and elsewhere on the Gulf Coast.

The present day businessman must be educated, Mr. Peel said and the average adult can learn better because of his background. Sociology, the science of government, economics should be learned, he said and mentioned adult schools in connection with English factories in which college subjects are taught.

The high school graduate of today has little or no knowledge of business, economics or similar subjects, he said. Every community needs men who understand these things so they can be intelligently discussed and legislators and law makers influenced and told what the people want.

Democracy is derided in Europe today and the question is will it endure in this country. The present government is just temporizing, Mr. Peel said, with conditions and going on from day to day, lost as to what to do.

He predicted more unemployment due to technology, machines requiring fewer men to do the work. Family discipline has broken down and there is a speculative trend, people wanting something for nothing. The spirit of conservation is on the decline and the man in the street is bewildered. He does not know which to prefer, security or liberty, and wants both if possible.

The automobile has upset the financial structure of the country, Peel claimed, with installment buying and long distance power distribution, the radio, moving pictures and the press all have big influences over present day living. He noted an apathy on the part of citizens during the elections and added that present day psychology is upside down.

The people must be informed and refuse to let politicians and legislators exploit them. Listen in on the radio, Peel said. Listen to all sides, never mind what your politics are and form your own opinions. Public forums are fine where public questions can be discussed. He also suggested several publications that give all sides of a question.

The American factory system is the finest in the world for producing goods, foods and such like, he said, but we have to learn how to live together. Shall we retain our civil, social and other liberties or shall we lose them, he asked. Democracy, to endure, depends on the enlightening of the "man in the street".

C. R. Ginn, Jr., was welcomed as a new member, second active to J. S. Francis.

Visitors were: O. V. Love of Michigan, representing the Winter Guest Club, Dr. Chas. E. Claylor of Bluffton, Ind., V. G. Watters and Gene Sebring of Sebring, Ross McGregor of Swissvale, Pa., Pat Crow of Marianna, Ga. and Rodney L. Durrance of Stetson University, Deland.

Winter Visitor Died Sunday

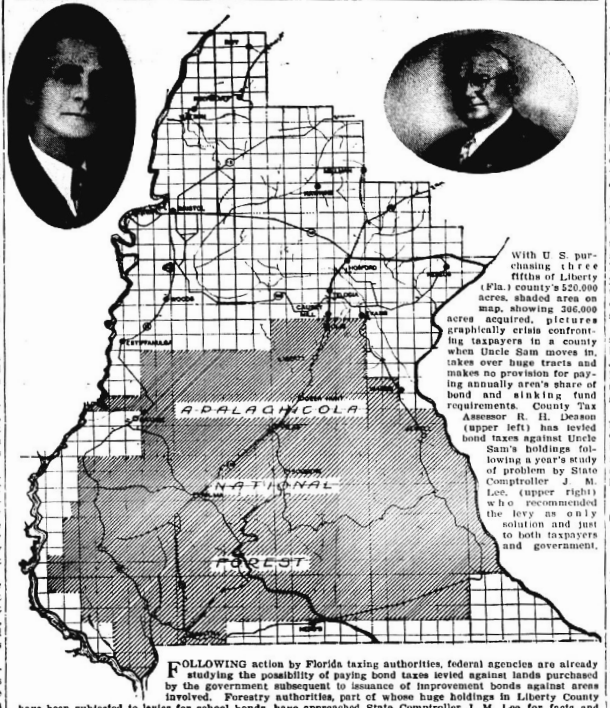
A. Dean Owens, 77, winter visitor from Rome, Ga. died suddenly of a heart attack in his room at the Penn-Carol hotel, Sunday night, at 10 o'clock.

He has been a winter visitor here for a number of years and had many friends. He is survived by several brothers, all living in Georgia.

His nephew, A. D. Owens of Rome, Ga. arrived Monday to make arrangements for the funeral and accompanied the body to Rome for burial.

St. Catherine's church, Sebring, held a benefit card party and dance at the Sebring hotel Thursday evening, February 3 at 8 o'clock. A number of Avon Park people attended the affair.

MAY MAKE UNCLE SAM PAY TAXES TOO



With U. S. purchasing three fifths of Liberty (Fla.) county's 520,000 acres, shaded area on map, showing 306,000 acres acquired, pictures graphically crisis confronting taxpayers in a county when Uncle Sam moves in, takes over huge tracts and makes no provision for paying annually area's share of bond and sinking fund requirements. County Tax Assessor R. H. Deason (upper left) has levied bond taxes against Uncle Sam's holdings following a year's study of problem by State Comptroller J. M. Lee, (upper right) who recommended the levy as only solution and just to both taxpayers and government.

FOLLOWING action by Florida taxing authorities, federal agencies are already studying the possibility of paying bond taxes levied against lands purchased by the government subsequent to issuance of improvement bonds against areas involved. Forestry authorities, part of whose huge holdings in Liberty County have been subjected to levies for school bonds, have approached State Comptroller J. M. Lee for facts and figures, the result of a year's study of the problem, upon which he based his recommendations and County Tax Assessor R. H. Deason based his tax levy. Data will be supplied by Comptroller Lee.

Should federal agencies not be able to work out a plan and have congress enact legislation to provide for payment of such bond levies, the levy will eventually reach the U. S. Supreme Court where that august body will be called upon to upset at least one of its two most notable "golden rules" and decide whether collateral behind bond issues can be impaired by the mere act of federal purchase of lands in bonded areas or shall Uncle Sam pay taxes to state and local authorities under certain circumstances. Danger possibilities facing bond holders eventually might reach a point where Uncle Sam would buy all the land in a bond district except one man's farm and thereby not only bring confiscation of the farm — a doubtful expedient — but also practically wipe out the bond holders. So the irresistible force meets the immovable object — at law.

Refusal of the government to assume its share in the area above shown means that in one bond district of 225,000 acres owners of half the acreage left in private ownership would have to assume the entire burden, or more than $1 per acre aggregate potential levy against lands assessed at 50c per acre except in a few exceptional cases. The entire county is rural with not a dozen business buildings in the county.

Highlands County Wins Many Prizes For Exhibits at the Florida State Fair

Highlands county has again put itself in the foreground by winning some of the top prizes in the important prize winning group, the Florida State Fair which is being held at Tampa the remaining part of this week.

The county has again come to the front by winning third place in the citrus group, the outstanding and coveted prize of the entire Fair. When one realizes that Highlands County ranks fifth in citrus producing, but is able to place third in competition with the other larger and better counties in the state, much credit is due. A beautiful citrus temple has been erected entirely of citrus fruit with the mammoth oil painting of Highlands Hammock in the background. The base is made entirely of grapefruit and shows the quality of fruit the county has produced this year.

That Highlands County is a cold protected area is shown to advantage by the gorgeous array of colorful tropical fruits, in which the county placed first. Another feature of the county booth is the chemically preserved fruits which have been prepared by County Agent Louis Alsmeyer in his laboratory in the basement of the court house. Special lighting effects show this display to advantage. Over 150 varieties of tropical and sub-tropical fruits have been preserved in chemicals. These fruits have been grown in the Mall, Avon Park, Highlands Hammock, the yard of Rex Beach, and dozens of other cold protected areas in the county. This chemically preserved fruit exhibit won its second blue ribbon at the Fair.

The sugar cane industry was well represented at the Fair this year, and Highlands County again won first place. Most of the cane was grown around Venus and Lake Istokpoga. Many beautiful stalks of various varieties (nineteen different varieties) of cane have been shown to advantage in our exhibit.

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Red Devils Lost To Titusville

Hard Luck Game Ends In Score 42-39. B. Team Also Loses, 20-9.

Avon Park's Red Devils basketball team played their first Saturday night game of the season here last week, at the new Armory, which proved to be a "hard luck" game; losing to the Titusville high schoolteam by a close score of 42-39, while the "B" team also lost by the unusually close score of 20-9.

As the old saying goes, the Devils had a "crip" during the first half of the game, staying out in front until the last part of the fourth quarter, when the boys started trying to "freeze" the Big Apple, which proved to be very disastrous, for while they were passing to each other the Titusville boys were collecting a few baskets for themselves, tieing the score with but two minutes to play. This was Avon Park's Waterloo, when Tindall sank a long shot from near the center of the court, giving the east coast boys the deciding points.

Touchton, forward for the Devils was high point man with 15 points. Jordon, second with 12, Lynn, 8; Bailey and Martin with 2 each. Meriwether, one of the Devils outstanding players did not play the entire game due to uncontrolable circumstances, his presence was missed very much in the closing minutes of the game.

For the Titusville team, Tindall and Brockett tied for high point man with 11 points each. Shepherd and Bass tied for second with 8 each, Griggs made the remaining 4 points.

"B" Game—Score 20-9

Ward, took first honors in the B game with 5 points, while Todd was in the remaining 4. Other boys playing and showing good form were Meriwether, Moore, Elder and Bryant.

Keeping in line with this tieing episode of the Titusville boys, Linder, Diamond and Shepherd took first honors with 4 points each, while the remaining four boys, Sapp, Griggs, Tindall and Hudson each gathered 2 points.

Plane Crash Fatal To Flyer Saturday

Charles Tellner died in a Sebring hospital Saturday night from injuries received the same afternoon when the plane he was piloting crashed just outside the municipal airport on the Wauchula road. Although licensed, Tellner was not an experienced pilot and had taken one of the planes belinging to the air show. He was coming in to land and according to Wayne Maynard, assistant airport manager, the motor started to miss and Tellner attempted to lift the plane into the air. It went into a spin and crashed just beyound the west fence of the field. The plane turned upside down and Tellner received a fractured skull and both legs were broken, besides other injuries.

The plane was a Curtis Wright, Jr. and not suitable for regular flights. It had been used by Capt. Grenere for comedy work in the air show he was connected with.

The body was shipped Tuesday to Tellner's home at Lansing, Mich.

PENN-CAROL GUESTS

Guests registered at the Penn-Carol hotel are, Mrs. Estelle B. Clink, South Bend, Ind., Mrs. Teckla Hency, Elkhart, Ind., Mrs. A. M. Kingsley, Elkhart, Ind., Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Albertson, Toledo, Ohio, Mrs. Ella Kipp, Alhambra, Calif.

High School Band To Get Uniforms

The Avon Park high school band will blossom out in new uniforms in the near future. This was the decision made at a meeting of the High School Music Association held Thursday night last week and a meeting of the uniform committee held Tuesday.

The uniforms will have red coats, white trousers and Sam Browne belts and 44 of them will be ordered at present. The proceeds of the forth coming Federal play will be used to finance the purchase and donations are also being solicited. Parents able to do so will be asked to buy the uniforms for their children.

It is also planned to rent the uniforms to the musicians at $6.00 a year. A uniform is expected to last three years and the three years rental will just about cover the cost, Mrs. E. G. Todd, president of the Music Association says.

The uniform committee consisting of Mrs. Walter Betts, Mrs. Earl Hartt, Mrs. T. A. McNicholas, J. M. McCord and Prof. Stanley Reeves will canvass the parents of the band members to enlist their aid.

The finance committee is composed of C. E. Lanier, C. H. Walker and Earl Hartt and those wishing to donate to the uniform fund should contact members of the committee or Prof. Reeves at the high school.

Change School Luncheon Club

Reorganized Along Rotary Lines; Big Possibilities Seen For Movement

With the reorganization of the High School Luncheon Club along Rotary lines a start appears to have been made towards organizing a Junior Rotary, and if it clicks Avon Park will have the honor of originating the idea, first conceived by Stanley N. Reeves, school principal. The idea has already received international recognition through the Rotary magazine and Prof. Reeves and Avon Park Rotarians have been commended for the idea which seems to have great possibilities.

The school club has made song books and used Rotary songs, making changes where necessary and the new constitution, by-laws and committees are being modeled after the Rotary set-up. Charles Sherman is president and the club is progressing very well.

Paul Garber, president of the Avon Park Rotary Club, was speaker at the school club meeting Monday noon. He told the club of the interest taken by the Rotarians and the fame they has achieved through the publicity given in the Rotary magazine and by Rotary District Governor Roland E. Horton on his visits to clubs throughout the state.

Mr. Garber defined a luncheon club and the why and wherefore for such organizations. He gave them a brief history of Rotary and how it was organized by Paul Harris, a Chicago lawyer, in 1905. He told of the growth of the movement throughout the world until now there are more than 4499 clubs in more than 70 geographical regions of the world with a total membership of approximately 187,000.

He outlined the ideals of Rotary and said he felt sure these same principles and objects will be carried out by the school club, with the necessary changes. "There are great possibilities in the future for your club", Garber said. "If your club is successful, and I see no reason why it should not be, I can see other school luncheon clubs coming into being, not only in Florida and other states in our country but also in other countries, and who knows but what some day there will be an international school luncheon club, perhaps bearing the name of Junior Rotary Club, and they will look back to Avon Park, Rotarian Reeves and you students as being responsible for the first club".

BALL WELL ATTENDED

Over 75 couples attended the President's Ball in the Armory, Saturday night. Music was furnished by Robert Horton's orchestra from Tampa. Billy Martin an Avon Park high school graduate, and a student at the University of Tampa was a member of the orchestra. D. G. Perry was local chairman for the ball.

Mrs. E. A. Delaney and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Delaney spent Monday in Ft. Myers.

Council Orders Bank Night Ban

To Enforce Anti-gambling Ordinance; Bond Needed To Move Houses.

"Bank night at the theatre is a nuisance" president Earl Hartt said at the council meeting Tuesday night and the other members agreed. So it was decided to enforce the ordinance against bolita and other forms of gambling in the City of Avon Park, L. D. McGiboney making the motion to this effect and Will Bennett seconding. The motion carried without a dissenting voice and City Attorney T. A. McNicholas was instructed to so inform the theatre management. No mention was made of punch boards and similar devices which are said to be banned under this ordinance.

A resolution authorising bids on property owned by the city under foreclosure action was passed. Under this resolution when a bid is made on a piece of property it must be accompanied by a deposit of 10 percent or a minimum of $10 and the property will then be advertised and other bids may be made. The council can accept or reject any bid and the deposits on bids rejected will be returned.

Another resolution requires that suitable bond be made before houses or other structures can be moved. The bond is to cover any damage to streets, trees and other city property and will be set by the superintendent of public works after investigation and before the removal permit is issued.

A settlement of money owed the city by county district one for road work was held over for further consideration. Commissioner J. L. Wells preferred bond coupons, of the face value of $450 and a check for $100 had been previously paid, he said. He asked that the coupons be figured at par but the council objected to this. A credit of $50 on steam roller repairs also appeared in the settlement, Wells saying the city had agreed to stand half of this expense. Under the law half of the road money received by the district from taxpayers inside the city limits has to be returned to the city and it was this money that was under discussion.

The use of the old Roberts packing house for a moss factory was again up for discussion. Mr. Miller and his associate, Mr. Saldberg stated they are planning to buy machinery for the plant if a settlement with the city is made. It was reported that work had already started on tearing down that part of the building on railroad property and this was ordered halted until a committee could again look over the matter and work out a solution. President Hartt named Supt. of Public Work., Garrett., Will Bennett and Attorney McNicholas on the committee.

"Uncle Bob" Palmer said he wanted to buy the building to wash fruit in and was told to submit a bid.

In answer to a question by R. A. Hales it was reported that bonds and other retired securities burned last week amounted to $531,187.-55. Bonds, certificates and notes totaled $194,336.55, coupons on same were $11,640.00 and coupons detached from other bonds amounted to $325,211.00.

Answering further questions, President Hartt told Hales the bond refunding hearing had been again postponed until February 14. The council is waiting for further conference with R. G. Lassiter of the Crummer Co. and hopes were entertaining that a better settlement could be obtained and some features of the contract modified.

Hales also protested the placing of advertising signs on the Mall. Some of the signs are on city property, he said and this was referred to Police Chief McCarthy.

C. E. Lanier asked for tax exemption for the camp meeting site on the shores of Lake Isis recently donated by him and Dr. Taylor of Sebring. A committee consisting of A. B. McKee Jewell, R. F. Stoppington and Attorney McNicholas was named to investigate the cancellation of back taxes.

SUFFERS HEART ATTACK

B. C. Allen, manager of the Triangle Filling station, suffered a severe heart attack Monday and has been confined to his home for the past week. Mr.and Mrs. Louie Marlin of Tampa arrived Monday night, Mr. Marlin returned to Tampa Tuesday but Mrs. Marlin remained to be with her uncle during his illness.

Ferry Boat Passengers Cool Their Heels

An ice jam which formed in the Hudson river off Newburgh, N. Y., trapped the ferryboat Dutchess with 20 passengers aboard for five hours. The ferryboat was bound from Beacon, N. Y., and only a change of tide allowed it to work free and dock.

"Chinese" White Boy Comes Home

Fung Kuok Young, aged Chinese restaurateur, of New York greets his white foster son, Fung Kuok Young, Jr., (left) on the latter's arrival from China, where he has spent the past 17 years. The boy was born Joseph Rinehart, son of an American soldier. He was signed over to the Chinese when a baby and sent to China, where he was educated and brought up a Chinese. He speaks no English yet.

NEW BEACH WEAR

Something new in beach wear is this imported bongay in which pretty Miss Connie Krane is seen on Tahitia beach at Miami, Fla. The wide-brimmed hat is made of hand-woven straw in two colors. Many innovations in beach costumes are being seen at this winter resort in the 1938 season.

Supreme Court Appointee Cracks a Smile

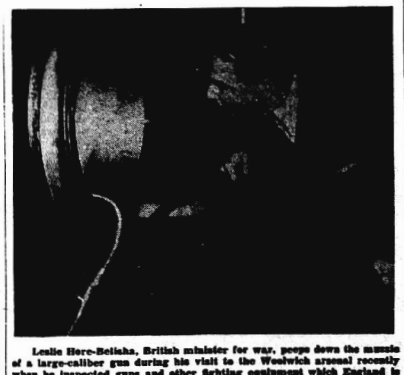
Pictured above are three studies of a man who has fast learned the price of fame—as far as being photographed is concerned. The gentleman is former Solicitor General Stanley Reed, appointed by President Roosevelt to succeed retiring Justice George Sutherland on the Supreme court bench. At the left his profile is formal, but in the center he is beginning to loosen up. At the right the complete smile.

Poodle Selected New King of American Dogs

This arrogant-looking canine is "Ch. Pilliroc Rumplestiltskin, C. D." a black standard poodle owned by Mrs. Milton Erlanger of New York

city which was selected as the new king of America's pure-bred dogs at the recent American Kennel club show in New York city.

War Minister Inspects Guns



Leslie Hore-Belisha, British minister for war, peers down the muzzle of a large-caliber gun during his visit to the Woolwich arsenal recently when he inspected guns and other fighting equipment which England is rushing to completion in its rearmament program. The program costing many billions of dollars includes the strengthening of all branches of Britain's arms—navy, army and air forces. It includes also the training of civilian population to protect itself against attacks.

Washington Digest

National Topics Interpreted by William Bruckart

National Press Building Washington, D. C.

Washington.—The month of January, 1938, has come and it is now gone with the wind. Dozens of big business men have been called to the White House for conferences with the President on means of solving the depression problem. And dozens have gone away from the White House after those conferences without any announcement from the head of the government as to what is to be done. Much conversation and much noise—totaling much conversation and much noise. That was January at the White House.

Getting Nowhere

A new session of congress started with the opening of January. The house and the senate appear actually to have no definite program; certainly no program for a constructive course that will lead the country out of the terrific business decline. Instead, the senate has been debating and debating a bill to punish any community where a lynching takes place and the house has been indulging in its annual sport of passing appropriation bills, voting money without knowing too much about the items for which it votes. Southern senators filibustered against the anti-lynching bill because of the problems, the burdens, such legislation would load on them and the northern Democratic senators seemed willing to let business die, unemployment increase, etc., in order to gain a few negro votes. That was January in congress.

An analysis of the situation, therefore, would seem to be in order. To do that, we have to go back to 1933 when President Roosevelt took office. The nation was in chaos. There is no need to review those conditions. The new President came in with an overwhelming majority to support him. His majority was so large that he needed only to express his view and it was translated into action. The country liked the aggressiveness thus shown. Members of the house and senate, however, developed a habit—not all of them, but a majority of them. That habit was one of waiting for the word from the White House.

While this habit was growing, business interests were pushed and kicked around and generally given to understand that they did not know what the shooting was all about. Like a country school boy, the business man was sent to his seat and told to stay there. Otherwise the hickory stick would be brought into use. Indeed, the hickory stick in the form of several pieces of legislation was laid onto the business of the country, not as a pat on the back, but much further down toward the end of its spine. So business, too, got the habit of standing in the background. It was afraid to venture forth.

Things began to look up. There was something approximating good business and it looked as if Mr. Roosevelt's policies were correct in every sense. But something happened; the boat struck a snag.

For several months last year the administration refused to admit that conditions were alarming. It was just temporary, officials said. The country would pull out of it—and it will some time if there is anything left. But the problem is immediate and January has gone into history, as did December and November. It was in this circumstance that the results of the habit formed in 1933 began to show their worst phases. Business interests have gone to the White House to tell their side of the story, at the President's request, and nothing has come of those conferences.

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Some Exceptions

In the criticism of congress, I did not intend to indict all of the membership. There are those who see their mistakes and are willing to do something about them. Unfortunately, they are in minority. Blind followers of the President, generally speaking, constitute the majority. So that those who want to take constructive action haven't had an opportunity.

Lately, I heard Worth Clark, a Democratic member of the house from Idaho, make a radio speech on this fact; or rather he touched on this fact. Mr. Clark is a pretty hard-boiled Democrat, but he believes he was elected to represent his people and not to throw them down simply because his party leadership wanted to do something else. In the radio speech that I mentioned, Mr. Clark referred to mistakes that had been made in the last five years and asked: "What is the remedy?"

"First," he continued in his answer to that question, "we must squarely face the problem. We must realize that we have done some things wrong. We must retrace our steps where necessary and start anew.

"One of the difficulties involved here is the lack of independence of thought and courage among us in congress. The worst injustice that can be done a great leader is to blindly follow his every suggestion. That frequently causes him to make more mistakes than he otherwise would. A man's best friends are not those who crouch at his feet with blandishment, flattery and subservience. His real friends are those who disagree with him when they think him wrong and who give him their utmost in support when they think him right."

Well, That's Something

There are many others in congress who feel as does Mr. Clark about the present situation. They recognize, I think, that Mr. Roosevelt must assume his fair share of responsibility, as President, for the current depression. It is apparent, too, that he must assume responsibility for the failure of some of his policies in that he turned to "yes" men for advice instead of recognizing that there could be honest disagreement with him on the part of many who desired to be helpful. It is, in other words, another result of the type of leadership that he has assumed, a leadership that worked without halt when everything was hunky dory but a type that obviously will fall when the tide runs against you.

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Perhaps I was a bit unfair when I said Mr. Roosevelt's conferences with business men had yielded nothing. It is true that he has "persuaded" the automobile manufacturers and finance companies to tighten up the strings somewhat on installment buying. It is likely that hereafter an automobile finance company will grant credit only for 18 months instead of 24 months on the sale of a car where deferred payments are used. I do not know how that will solve the current depression, but that was the reason given for the change in business practice. As a matter of fact, experts in the Department of Commerce said in published reports in May, 1937, that a majority of the finance companies were holding to the 18-month limit even then.

There can be no doubt that installment buying is a dangerous thing because of the abuses that accompany it. My objection to it is the same as I have often stated in these columns respecting other types of debt. Any time debt is made easy, there has been created a fresh danger that the very same thing will be done. Installment buying has been generally used and the general result is, as it was bound to be, that hundreds of thousands of people put themselves into debt. When their income from wages or otherwise was reduced, their installment obligations became a burden that had first call on whatever money was available. In the case of the automobile finance companies, it seems clear that there have been abuses. High pressure salesmen, anxious to get commissions, drove hard to sell cars "and you can pay in two years." The companies found out long ago, however, that the dangers existed and they were trimming their commitments accordingly. Since these sales are comparatively small in ratio to the whole country's business, I think the White House announcement will not result in immediate restoration of prosperity.

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Housing Problem

And then its importance is further minimized by the President's course in another field, namely, housing. We all recall the housing legislation that was proposed as a panacea for what was called a "recession" last fall. That legislation is approaching conclusion now and will soon go to the President for his signature. So let us take a look at its principal features and find what they mean.

The heart of the legislation was a provision to permit the construction or the purchase of small homes without much money as a down payment. In fact, only 10 per cent of the total cost of the property is required as a down payment. Private money lenders will finance the other 90 per cent, and the federal housing administration will insure that amount with government bonds to back the insurance. So, it is soon to be provided that I can buy a house with a value up to $6,000 if I have $600 to pay down. Anybody can get himself into deep debt with as much ease as the man on the flying trapeze, and instead of obligating himself for 18 months (as in the case of the automobile) the buyer is hooked for about 15 years. It is definitely unsound and will make not the slightest bit of improvement in general business.

Stewart MacDonald, the federal housing administrator, ought to be a good witness on the soundness of the plan. When hearings were being held in the house appropriations committee, Mr. MacDonald was asked about the idea of government insurance of as much as 90 per cent of a debt.

"Do you think that that is good business—to have a man build a home without any more equity than 10 per cent?" asked Representative Houston, Kansas Democrat.

"I don't think it is good business; no," replied Mr. MacDonald.

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Improved Uniform International SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Lesson for February 6

CHALLENGING THE SOCIAL ORDER

LESSON TEXT—Mark 2:13-22.

GOLDEN TEXT—I came not to call the righteous, but sinners—Mark 2:17.

PRIMARY TOPIC—When Jesus Had Dinner With Matthew.

JUNIOR TOPIC—When Jesus Passed By.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Helping by Being Friendly.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Crusading for a Christian Society.

"Crusading for a Christian Society," is one of the topics assigned for consideration today. Everyone who is right thinking would be glad if the social order of which we are all a part might be made Christian, for it is far from it now. But foredoomed to failure are the attempts to Christianize society by some great program of "social regeneration." God's way is to save the individual who makes up the social order. When a man is right with God he will be right with his fellow man. When a man is clean inside he will be clean outside, and that is true mentally and physically, as well as spiritually.

The Scripture lesson for today is full of outstanding spiritual principles of the greatest practical import to both Christians and the unconverted. It should be studied by the guidance of the Holy Spirit and taught in his power.

I. One Sinner Becomes a Servant (vv. 13, 14).

Capernaum was so situated that it provided an excellent location for the collection of the Roman taxes which the Jews so hated. There at the "receipt of custom" sat a Jew named Levi, who was no doubt despised by his neighbors because he had joined in this distasteful business. To him came the gracious Lord with the invitation, "Follow me." How different would be the history of the cause of Christ on earth if every other man who thus was called had done likewise. To follow the Master means sacrifice and breaking with the old life, but it also means peace and glory.

II. Many Sinners Meet the Lord (v. 15).

Levi, who now becomes Matthew, showed his love for the Lord by desiring that his friends might also meet him. So he prepared a dinner for them in his own house, to which he also invited Jesus.

It is always dangerous for a Christian to maintain social contact with his former companions in sin, if he does so for his own enjoyment or advantage. But to be their friends that one may win them to Christ, that is most desirable.

III. Some Righteous Folk Miss the Lord (vv. 16, 17).

Sin is an unspeakably horrible thing that separates men from God, but it is not an insuperable barrier, for the moment a man confesses his sin and calls on the Saviour he is saved. But self-righteousness—that is the impassable barrier. God can do nothing for the man who rests his hope of salvation on his own good character, high morality, and respectable position in society.

IV. Fasting and Feasting—When and Why (vv. 18-20).

God established one fast day for Israel. They established many, especially the Pharisees. Religion that loses its spiritual life and power clings with tenacity to outward observances and symbols.

Should one never fast? Yes, to the true follower of Jesus there come times when the urgency of soul concerning the problems of one's own life, the lives of others, the needs of the world, shuts the door of interest to anything as ordinary as food for the body.

Feasting and rejoicing—are these spiritual and uplifting? Christianity is a joyful faith. It is not to be hidden in damp, dark cloisters; it thrives in the sunshine, in the happy laughter of a child, in the cheerful shout of the saint. The Church is the Bride of Christ. If the friends of the bridegroom were to rejoice (v. 19), should not the Bride shout for joy?

V. New Things versus Old Things (vv. 21, 22).

The Pharisees wanted the gospel of grace to conform to the narrow channels of their interpretation of the law. Was not the law good? Yes. Jesus said he came not to destroy it, but to fulfill it (Matt. 5:17). He bore the curse of the law that we might be free (Gal. 3:13, 14). But he also brought in the new covenant of assurance and grace. The mixing of grace and law, or the effort to do so, has continued even to our day. Let us be clear on that point—we are saved by grace, not by the works of the law (Eph. 2:8, 9). We work because we are saved, not in order to be saved.

The striking figure of the foolish one who attempted to patch an old garment with new cloth, thus spoiling his new material and failing to mend the old, is also a warning to us that there is utterly no use attempting to fix up the old man who lives in sin by "turning over a new leaf" (where are the "resolutions" of a month ago?), or by polishing up a particularly bad spot. The need of man is to be born again. Nothing else will suffice.

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AROUND THE HOUSE

To Bake Potatoes.—Potatoes will bake more quickly if cut in halves. Melt a little butter in a baking pan, place halved potatoes cut side down in it and bake.

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Ironing Linens.—When ironing ecru linens always iron them on the wrong side. Ironing them on the right side makes them look faded.

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A Winter Salad.—Chopped raw cabbage, apple and raisins, served with mayonnaise, make a delicious winter salad.

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Preparing Oysters. — A little baking powder added to the flour in which oysters are rolled before frying will make oysters light and fluffy.

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Nut Cakes.—One-half cup of butter, three-quarter cup sugar, one-third cup milk, two eggs, one and one-third cups flour, two teaspoons baking powder, one-half teaspoon salt, one cup almonds, blanched and cut in pieces. Cream butter, add sugar and continue beating. Add well beaten yolks and then milk, sifted dry ingredients and nuts alternately. Fold in stiffly beaten whites. Bake in individual tins 20 minutes in a hot oven. Plain icing, sugar or nuts can finish off cup cakes with the proper touch.

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Hanging Out Clothes.—Before hanging clothes on the line in freezing weather, put pins on clothes in the house, then snap on line with double clothes pins.

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Judging Cod.—Cod should be judged by the redness of the gills, the whiteness, stiffness and firmness of the flesh, and the clear freshness of the eyes. These are the infallible proofs of its being good. The whole fish should be thick and firm.

A Better Thing

It is a good thing to be rich, and a good thing to be strong, but it is a better thing to be beloved of many friends.—Euripides.

CHANGE OF LIFE

Raleigh, N. C.—Mrs. L. H. Simms, R.F.D. Swain St., says: "At middle-life my nerves were bad. I could not eat or sleep and became weak. I took Dr. Pierce's Prescription and it stimulated my appetite, and thus strengthened me; in no time I was enjoying life again." Buy it in liquid or tablets from your druggist. See how much calmer and stronger you feel after taking this tonic.

Not Deeds Alone

It is not alone what we do, but also what we do not do, for which we are accountable.—Moliere.

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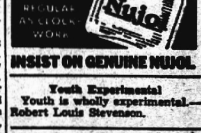

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Famous Headline Hunter

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You all know what happens when the lions get loose. Here's something that can be just as deadly as a full grown, man-eating lion. Its a doggone sight more common than lions, too. You've got 'em in your own house, and they travel along every street in the city you live in. It's volts I'm talking about—those little electrical sledgehammers that pack such a terrific wallop.

The more of those volts you get together in one place, the more of a wallop they pack. A hundred and ten of them—the number in your lighting circuit at home—will knock a man flat on his back if he gets in the way of them. But this story is about a lad who was fooling around with eleven thousand of those ornery things—and that's three or four times as many as they run through the electric chair up at Sing Sing.

Richard Flushing of Jamaica, N. Y., is today's Distinguished Adventurer, and he wins the honor with the story of how it feels to see the volts come hopping out of the cable eleven thousand strong. Dick is an electrician, and he says he's had plenty of close calls of one sort or another, but this one with the galloping lightning was the biggest thrill he ever had or ever expects to have.

The date was February 7, 1933. At that time Dick was working for the Long Island railroad. It takes a lot of current to run those electrified trains that run out of New York on the Long Island, and Dick's job was in the road's key sub-station, where the voltage came through in large quantities.

Thought It Was a Simple Job.

Dick came to work at four o'clock that February day. He and his partner worked the four to midnight shift. They had only been on the job for five minutes when they got an order over the telephone to put

Eleven Thousand Volts of Current.

into service an eleven thousand volt feeder that had been taken out by the day men while some tests were being made.

Both of them started for the cellar of the sub-station where the disconnecting switches are located. They took along their switch sticks, but they didn't bother about rubber gloves, for their job was a simple matter of throwing a switch and letting the juice ride on through.

At least, that's what they thought. But when they reached the cellar they discovered that something was wrong. Ground wires—high tension cables—were dangling in the air when they should have been hanging on brackets. The two men laid aside their switch sticks and proceeded to put those wires where they belonged. The wires were dead, for the switches were still open, and Dick and his partner figured there'd be no need for gloves or any such precautions.

Dick's partner put one set of wires on the brackets and in doing so he passed within a few inches of the open switch. Dick thought he went a little TOO close to it for comfort. He hung his own set of wires on the brackets and, in passing the switch, took care to be farther away from it than usual. The cable in Dick's hand was at least eight inches from the switch when, suddenly, things began to happen.

Eleven Thousand Volts Hit Them.

A back-feed was what did it. An extra load of power was suddenly shunted back from another station. It hit that switch, but couldn't get through it because it was open. If there had been no other metal in the neighborhood that current would have stayed where it was. But there was that ground wire in Dick's hand—eight inches from the switch. That current—eleven thousand volts of it—streaked out toward that wire with all the force of a thunderbolt.

Dick felt himself being picked up off his feet and hurled through the air in one direction, while his partner, standing near by, was hurled in the other. Each of them landed twenty feet away, on opposite sides of the switch. Dick's eyes had been seared by the terrific blast of the power. He felt the floor come up and hit him, and then the next thing he remembers is staggering to his feet and seeing his partner, forty feet away, doing the same thing.

His face was scorched and burned from the terrific heat. He put his hand to his head—and it was bald! Every bit of hair was burned, not only from his head, but from his arms as well. "That current," he says, "had given me a heat shave, cleaner than any barber could have done it, and all in a fraction of a second."

Dick walked back to the switch from which those deadly volts had broken loose. His partner came over and joined him. The switch was nothing but a mass of molten metal. Lumps of hot copper lay on the floor. The big insulators were gone. There wasn't so much as a sign of them. They had been blown to dust.

Lucky to Escape With Their Lives.

Says Dick: "Even the fireproof barrier had whole bricks burned out of it. Both my partner and I considered ourselves mighty lucky to get out with our lives. I don't believe either one of us had taken much of the voltage through our bodies. I escaped because I was holding the ground wire at a place that was well insulated. Had my hand been in any other place, or had there been a slight leak in the wire, I would unquestionably have gone up in a cloud of smoke."

So, if you were to give Dick a choice between a bunch of loose lions and ten or fifteen thousand loose volts, I have a hunch that he'd take the lions every time. There may not be much left of you when a crowd of lions get through looking you over, but there'd be a darned sight more than the volts would leave.

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Air Used by Normal Adult

The quantity of air used by a normal adult varies considerably with his activity. For every 100 cubic feet consumed while lying down, says Collier's Weekly, a man will inhale 118 cubic feet while sitting, 170 while standing and 364 while walking.

Cacti in Coat of Arms

Cacti are used in the coat of arms in Mexico. When men in the early Fourteenth century told the Aztecs to build their cities where they would find the cacti, the eagle and the snake. In 1312 the Aztecs reached a point where Mexico City is now located. One of the myths of the period was, that, if an image of a person who was to be punished was made of clay and jabbed with cacti needles by the tribal voodoo doctor, that person would be afflicted with serious illness or would die.

Discovered Sugar Beet

The discovery of sugar in the beet was made by a German chemist, Marggraf, as early as 1747. Little progress was made until 80 years later when another German chemist, Dr. Achard, succeeded in extracting sugar from the beet root on a comparatively large scale.

Pot, Native Hawaiian Dish

Hawaiians, in their native dish or pot, discovered the real source of good teeth and bones long before modern science. Research into the dental superiority of Hawaiians reveals that poi, which has long been a leading native dish in the islands, contains an unusually large quantity of calcium and phosphorus. This coupled with the sunshine of the islands, which furnished the necessary vitamin D element, resulted in the fine teeth and bones of the island race.

As to Brocades and Embroideries

By CHERIE NICHOLAS

IF YOU happen to have a bit of choice brocade or rare embroidery perhaps treasured for years among wrappings of tissue paper, the psychological moment has arrived in which to make use of it. You will be right in fashion if you wear a dress, a wrap, a waistcoat mayhap, a hat or carry a bag that is made of rich brocade or if not brocade then try a touch of Oriental embroidery to give high-style accent.

The best of it is if your fair ancestresses failed to will you their brocades or embroideries you can be in vogue regardless of their sins of omission, for the craze for these feminine vanities is flourishing to an extent that you can find the most exquisite weaves and in endless variety throughout the silk showings now on display.

Perhaps one of the most interesting chapters that has to do with the story of brocades relates to their importance as a medium for handsome evening coats. The model portrayed above to the right in the illustration is typical of the wraps best-dressed women are wearing to formal midwinter dinners and theaters, the opera and other gala events. This princess evening wrap is of black and silver brocade with silver fox collar. A black sequin and red feather ornament is worn in the hair.

For party frocks brocades are ever so fashionable. In order to emphasize the exquisite beauty of the fabric the styling is simple at all times. For their coming-out parties many debutantes chose to wear brocade this winter and for mid-season festive occasion brocade is an outstanding favorite. Shown below to the left is a very charming gown of luxurious blue metallized weighted silk brocade in calla lily pattern with bouffant skirt and the new camisole and halter decolletage.

There are endless ways in which brocades are being used other than for entire gowns and wraps. One of the smartest fashions that we know is the tailored waistcoat of upholstery brocade done in tiny neat colorful design.

Volumes could also be written about the handsome embroideries that are playing so spectacular a role in current fashion. Perhaps the most exciting news is in regard to the perfectly charming little hats turned out for midseason wear. These hats are "darling" to wear with winter coats and they also stress the trend to Chinese influence in resort millinery. The hats pictured are representative types of this new trend, by Louisander. The one above is a gold velvet-surface knitted silk jersey draped turban with band of antique Chinese silk embroidery said to be from a lord's coat over a hundred years old. The gloves are gold colored to match the hat. Note the silver Gerli collar. The other model is of white velvet-surface knitted silk jersey with high front cuff of antique Chinese silk embroidery. The Chinese bracelet which adds such an effective note is wide in accordance with fashion's demand.

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"AT HOME" IN LACE

By CHERIE NICHOLAS

House coats, or hostess gowns, have been steadily increasing in importance in the feminine wardrobe, and it is not enough these days to have just a negligee. The idea of the house coat has taken vast hold in the realm of "at home" fashions. The lace itself, which makes this delectable garment, is so luxurious looking it calls for simplest-cut lines sans superfluous trimming. The model pictured is cut on fairly tailored lines, with zipper fastening from neck to hem and little turnback collar.

BLUE WILL LEAD AS COLOR FOR SPRING

By CHERIE NICHOLAS

From a study of fashion trends here and abroad, a group of stylists and merchandise executives from department stores and buying offices, has decided that blues will be the most prevalent volume color in coats and suits purchased in retail stores next spring. After the blues, feminine shoppers are expected to buy their coats and suits in these colors, named in order of their anticipated popularity: beige, tans and browns; black, rose tones, gray, violet tones, gold and green.

In strictly dress coats and suits, black is predicted as the most popular color for spring, with navy, beige, brown and gray obtaining customer acceptance in that order. Beiges and tans are looked upon to be the leading volume shades in casual coats and suits, with blues, black, gray, gold, violet tones and green following in that order. Beiges, tans and coppers are expected to be seen most frequently in sports type coats and suits, but blues, rose tones, violet tones, gray, and green will also lead in customer demand.

Navy is singled out to be the predominant volume color in spring silk dresses. Next to navy, women's preferences in silk dresses will run to black, blues other than navy, beiges, rose, copper and lilac. Colors for wool dresses are listed for consumer acceptance in this order: blues, beigas and tans, black, violet tones, gold and green.

Pleats and Stripes

Pleats and stripes are fashion-right regardless of whether they appear alone or together.

Short Jacket

A short jacket that deviates from the rule of boleros resembles a brief tuxedo.

Historic Hoaxes

By ELMO SCOTT WATSON
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Many Ladies' Man

EUGENE FIELD took special delight in tormenting Edward B. Bok, because Bok, who was a bachelor, was editor of the Ladies' Home Journal. That apparent inconsistency was amusing to the poet and humorist.

One day he inserted in the news columns of the Chicago Daily News a notice of Bok's engagement to Miss Lavinia Pinkham, granddaughter of Mrs. Lydia Pinkham of patent medicine fame. The story went out over the Associated Press and was reprinted in papers throughout the United States. A few days later there was a story about Miss Pinkham's departure for Paris to buy a trousseau.

Soon letters and inquiries began to pour in upon Bok, who pleaded with Field to put a stop to such stories. Field obliged him by printing a denial of the Pinkham engagement but at the same time linked Bok's name with that of Mrs. Frank Leslie. Again there was a flood of letters to the unfortunate editor of the Journal, also some caustic comment about the fickleness of his affections. Shortly afterwards Bok's engagement to the daughter of Cyrus H. K. Curtis, publisher of the Journal, was officially announced and Field was very contrite for the joke he had played on the Philadelphia editor.

But that didn't stop him playing jokes on Bok. His next was a fake interview "at quarantine" with Bok upon his return from a trip to Europe. Since the interview dealt with changes in women's fashions in Paris it was widely copied by fashion papers all over the country and it even fooled Bok's office in Philadelphia. The people there believed that he was still in Europe and there was much scurrying around to prepare for his arrival before they learned that it was another of Eugene Field's jokes.

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John Wilkes Booth Mummy

IF, AT some county fair or in a "museum," you were told you could see the "mummified body of John Wilkes Booth" upon payment of a certain fee, it is to be hoped that you took advantage of the opportunity. For if you had, you would have gazed upon one of the greatest hoaxes in American history.

Around the turn of the century a house painter in Enid, Okla., known as John St. Helen (his real name bwas David E. George) convinced Finis L. Bates, a Tennessee lawyer, that he was in reality John Wilkes Booth. He asserted that he had escaped from the burning barn in Maryland a few days after the assassination of Lincoln, and now, struck with remorse over his deed, had to confess to ease his soul.

Bates tried to interest the United States government in his discovery, so he could collect the $100,000 reward offered for the slayer of Lincoln—this, despite the fact that that reward had long since been paid to the captors of Booth. But the federal authorities weren't interested.

In 1903 St. Helen (or George) committed suicide and the Tennessee lawyer claimed the body. In 1908 Bates published a book, "Escape and Suicide of John Wilkes Booth," to bolster up his claim. For a time the mummified body of his "Booth" was exhibited in Memphis, Tenn., and in 1929 it was said to have been sold "to parties in the West." Where it is now is unknown but wherever it may be, this is true: it is NOT the body of the man who killed Abraham Lincoln!

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Wedding Story

DURING the winter of 1929-30, Robert Quillen, editor of the Fountain Inn (S. C.) Tribune, printed a story about a wedding in his community which wasn't complimentary to either the bride or groom. As a climax, it insinuated that this had been a "shot gun wedding" and then added: "This may be the last issue of the Tribune but my life ambition has been to write up one wedding and tell the truth. Now that is done, death can have no sting."

This story was widely reprinted throughout the country, because even an editor, no doubt, had often wished to write just such a story and was glad to know that one of their number at last dared to do so. Some of them suspected that it was a dish o' yarn, but others believed it was genuine and criticized Quillen for "exposing and treating people so cruelly."

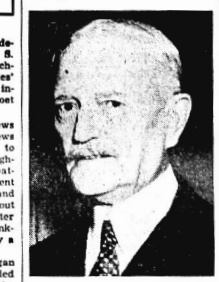
It was a hoax, all right, but it is still often reprinted as a real wedding story, perhaps the most famous one ever written.

Settlers Started Forest Fires

So dense were many of the woods in early Ohio that the settlers started forest fires to wipe out some of the trees in order to plant crops. A method of eliminating the top foliage to permit the sun to smile upon the crops was called deadening. Tree trunks were girdled tightly to kill them, and before long the foliage disappeared. This was done where trees were spaced far enough apart to permit the planting of crops.

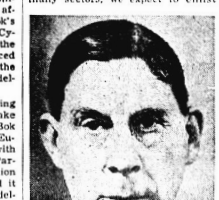
CALL RECRUITS IN SYPHILIS WAR

Call for "recruits" in the "War Against Syphilis" by Gen. John J. Pershing and Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur will be heard throughout the country. General Pershing is chair-



Gen. John J. Pershing.

man and Doctor Wilbur is vice chairman of the National Anti-Syphilis Committee of the American Social Hygiene association. "Aided by state and city committees in many sectors, we expect to enlist



Ray Lyman Wilbur.

broader interest in the fight on syphilis and the conditions which favor its spread with a war fund of $500,000 contributed by volunteers," says Doctor Wilbur, who is also president of the association.

Several Colleges Join War to Check Syphilis

Stimulated by the national campaign to control venereal disease, a few colleges and universities are making syphilis tests a part of the routine examinations required of incoming students. Judging from a survey made by the Chicago Tribune, serological diagnosis for syphilis is not a common regulation among student health services, however.

Instruction on the sexual and social hazards of the disease is far more common. Many universities, in fact, require their freshman men and women to take courses in health or hygiene revealing the character of the disease. Others confine this instruction to medical and sociological courses beyond the reach of most students.

University presidents, deans, and health directors questioned were unanimous in declaring that syphilis does not constitute a major health problem on American campuses.

Most of them agreed that students found to have syphilis and gonorrhea should be kept in school where they could have adequate treatment. Prep school leaders, dealing with younger boys, were just as certain that all syphilities should be barred.

The University of Chicago, University of Iowa, and Dartmouth college are schools which have elected to give Wasserman or Kahn tests to all newcomers. New York university offers free tests to all students, but does not require them.

Testing began on the Midway with the winter quarter this month, taking advantage of the Chicago board of health's program of free and secret examinations, since the university health service lacked funds for this purpose.

Dartmouth college began routine Wassermans last fall and found one case of congenital syphilis among 650 incoming students.

The University of Iowa started serological testing of freshmen in 1924 and continued until 1930, reported Dr. M. E. Barnes, head of the department of hygiene. It ceased, he said, because of many objections. The university then confined its testing to food handlers, employees and others.

Sound Waves Find Fish

Fishermen of Loch Fyne, Scotland, are catching their herring by means of electric sound waves. The electric waves cannot be heard on land or sea, but are produced by quartz crystal in an echometer. The instrument has been fitted to a Scottish west coast trawler. Waves sent out from it are echoed back from a shoal of herring, the fish having in their bodies sufficient air to react to the electrical charge transmitted. The echometer tells first when a shoal is near, secondly where it is.

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THE GOVERNOR CAN DO IT
(From Tampa Tribune)

Publication of the Florida Tax Revision League's report on the state payroll, showing that expenditures have mounted 28 percent in 19 months, has brought forth general comment throughout the state. Naturally, the reaction on the part of the average taxpayer has been anything but favorable. Hope and belief that substantial economies had been effected have been blasted by the cold figures of the report.

It is pleasing to Governor Cone's friends to note that he has effected worthwhile economies in the administration of his own office, although not so successful in other departments more or less under his supervision. It is, perhaps, not generally known that the last Legislature gave the Governor authority to adjust or reduce the expenditures of any state department. That authority was conveyed in Section Nine of the general appropriation bill of 1937, which reads:

All appropriations provided for by this act are maximum appropriations, based upon the collection of sufficient revenue to meet and provide for such appropriations. If, in the opinion of the Governor, the revenues to be collected will be insufficient to meet the appropriations herein provided for, he shall so certify to the Budget Commission, and the Budget Commission shall adjust and or reduce the budget of any Department or Board by the consolidation of positions or duties to the end that efficiency and economy may result therefrom, and the appropriations kept within the revenues of the state. In the event the Budget Commission shall fail to adjust and or reduce the budgets of the several Departments after the Governor has certified that the anticipated revenue will not permit of the maximum appropriation herein made, the Governor is hereby vested with power and authority to effect such changes by executive order, it being the intent and purpose of this Section to prevent any deficit in any Department of the state government, and that the revenues available shall be used in the most efficient and economical manner. Provided, however, that this section shall not be construed to mean that the Governor or the Budget Commission has the power to eliminate any Department of government.

That Section vests the Governor with ample authority to reduce the expenditures of any department, simply by "executive order", in order that the public revenues "shall be used in the most efficient and economical manner."

If the Governor feels that the state payroll is too large and that it should be reduced rather than increased (as it has been) he has only to use the power granted him by Section Nine—the only limitation placed upon him being that he cannot entirely abolish any department.

NEEDED: A SALES TAX
(From Melbourne Times)

Fairly frothing at the mouth in his oratory against the sales tax, a spell-binder told an audience of applauding people that such a tax "snatches the bread from children's mouth, bends the back of humble workers until they must creep and beg for alms. . ."

It was one of the usual diatribes against the rich and the powerful, the usual cry against the "plutocrats and plunderers maintained by entrenched wealth"; and the pity of it was that the fellow's ignorant listeners believed his every word.

They believed him and went their ways convinced that the sales tax is a way of increasing the cost of living of the poor man, a way to shift more of the burden of taxation upon the defenseless poor.

And there was no one to follow that agitator on the soap-box to tell those people that they are already paying a sales tax—paying vastly more than they would have to pay, if hidden taxes were removed, and an honest system of open and above-board taxation installed.

Under the Caption, "How to boost business sky high," Bernarr MacFadden published an editorial in the January 8 "Liberty" magazine that says the things the soap box orator's audience ought to hear. He says that everybody that buys shoes, clothing, groceries, or merchandise of any kind pay these hidden taxes. He says "Bring them out in the open . . . . . make the consumers pay them in the sales tax—there would be no change in prices. Every consumer would know then what he had been paying in hidden taxes."

This country needs orators, needs sincere, earnest men who can tell the people the truth—tell it with the fiery zeal of the agitators. And make their subject matter the inside facts of this taxation business. We are hearing too much about the blessing of government spending. Let us have the truth about where the money comes from that finances this spending. It comes in hidden taxes. Abolish HIDDEN taxes and replace them by sales taxes. Let a loaf of bread be labeled to show how much of the ten cents it brings goes to the government. Let the consumer be told how much he contributes to the government in every sum of money he spends. As Bernarr MacFadden puts it:

"Throw aside the nauseating hypocricy and the pretense that the workers do not pay taxes. Tell them the truth."

NO MONEY FOR FLORIDA ROADS
(Miami Herald)

As a prelude to the annual budget meeting of the state road department, Chairman A. B. Hale has pointed out that there will be no money other than federal aid funds for new construction.

Since requests from all parts of the state for new highways may total as much as $30,000,000 this year, the chairman is placing himself on safe ground when he pleads department poverty. On that basis he can refuse all, and later the department can make its own selection without stepping too violently on too many toes, if tax income exceeds the estimate.

But whether the department actually is without promise of funds, for new construction or not, the fact remains that Florida is failing to replace its highways, and is using two-thirds of the taxes levied for road purposes in other ways. This is a tourist state. People are not going to put expensive automobiles over worn out roads, when there are so many other places to tour. If Florida expects to hold its principal business, it must soon begin investing more of its money in new and rebuilt highways.

As it is, the schools take all the license tag money. The state general fund uses half of the proceeds of 1 cent of gasoline tax, and the schools get the other half. County road and bridge bonds and general county road work absorb all the revenue from 3 cents of the tax. Highways get the remaining 3 cents, but must use at least a fourth of it to match federal aid funds. The remainder should all be used for maintaining the highways and the rights of way.

The reason motoring taxes are diverted is because they are the easiest taxes to collect. Consequently, the motorist is soaked for more than half the state's income and gets in direct road benefits about one-sixth. Disastrous results of this impractical planning already are evident on every main highway. Continued much longer, Florida may have to penalize itself heavily to make up at once the construction budget it should have provided year by year.

GASOLINE TAX REVENUE
(Ocala Star)

The report of the comptroller showing that during the twelve months of 1937 the seven cents gasoline tax produced over 22 million dollars, two million dollars above the collections for the year 1936, serves to draw attention again to the recent three-three ruling of the state supreme court on the controversial tax division laws now in the court.

Under the general statute sending three cents of the revenue to the counties during the year 1937 the 67 counties of the state received more than nine million dollars, in repayment for roads built and later taken over by the state.

This is a sizeable sum and its distribution in the counties, to be used for the retirement of road and bridge bonds, spells the difference between a prohibitive county tax rate or default on county obligations. For that reason the counties which want to see the gasoline distribution pool preserved and administered under the general act of 1931 have a vital interest in the litigation now in the courts pertaining to the constitutionality of special gasoline diversion acts which permit payments to certain counties under what has been described as the "gas tax grab."

The supreme court having divided three-three on the constitutionality of these acts, the litigation now goes back to the circuit court for Leon county, and Judge Johnson is expected to rule, as he has already ruled in similar cases, that the special acts are unconstitutional.

For the time being it appears that the gas tax grab will be stopped, as Comptroller Lee has refused to pay out money under such acts unless ordered to do so by the courts. But the matter will not end there. The whole issue will be taken into the legislative session of 1939, when an effort will undoubtedly be made to change the gasoline allocation or re-write the statute altogether.

The temptation is great in some counties to dip into the gasoline tax monies for financing general county expenses, and especially is there a keen desire to change the allocation in those counties which have already been paid out for roads taken into the state system. Some of the special acts now being challenged were passed because of that situation.

When we realize how little new road building can be done with present funds going to the road department, and how unfair it is to the motorist to take the tax monies levied on him for the privilege of use of the roads and divert them to county expenses entirely foreign to the gasoline tax principle, the injustice of the special gas grab is plainly seen.

There is another thought that should be kept in mind. With the total revenue from the gas tax increasing year by year, it having climbed from 14 millions in 1933 to 22 millions last year, the motorist has a right to expect a reduction in the high levy now imposed. Previous attempts to monkey with the gasoline allocation have failed, but unless there is an aroused electorate the general act may be torn to pieces in the 1939 session.

"CAKE AND ROADS"
(Florida State News)

"Now there is no doubt that many of the state roads that were petitioned for are urgently needed," said the Florida State News, in discussing last week's budget meeting of the Florida State Road Department, "but Chairman Arthur Hale had the same answer for each delegation:

'When the Road Department has sufficient funds available, the Department will be glad to give definite consideration to the projects that are covered by your requests'.

"It has been aptly said 'you cannot have your cake and eat it', so you cannot pass the gasoline tax monies on to sources that should be supported by other methods of taxation and have money to build roads.

"The state of Florida narrowly escaped losing nearly all of the federal aid for highway construction by reason of the diversion of the gasoline tax money to county purposes by means of 'special population laws' that were passed during the recent session of the legislature. I believe that had it not been for the prompt action of Comptroller J. M. Lee, in refusing to pay the gasoline tax monies so diverted, the state of Florida would have lost practically all of the present federal aid that the state is receiving this year.

"We are now entering into the campaign for the primary elections and the voters in the 67 counties will nominate Democratic candidates for members of the house and senate in the 1939 session of the legislature. It is up to those who believe in the construction and maintenance of our state highway system to see that citizens who believe in keeping the gasoline tax money where it belongs should be nominated and elected to these offices."

EYE OPENERS—by Bob Crosby

In former days, barbers practiced bleeding and leeching, hence the meaning attached to the red and white stripes on their barber poles.

It is hard to believe that this elusive spirit—named "Geest" or Ghost by John Baptist van Helmont when he accidentally discovered it in 1609, is now so easily controlled. Clock controlled gas ranges, automatic gas water heaters, gas refrigerators, and thermostatically controlled house heating equipment now add to the joy of living in millions of American homes.

TWITTERINGS of TIMOTHY TWIG
By R. H. BENNETT

Go To Sweden.

Get Sweden in your European trip next summer. For with travel cheap you can go abroad almost as cheaply as you can stay at home.

Sweden, the fair land of lakes, rivers, waterfalls, forests, mountains and rich meadows, the land where cream, butter and electric current can be had for a song. Result, they use the dairy products freely in their cooking, where other nations use lard, and their cooking is equal to that of France. And with electric curent from their numberless waterfalls and dams, priced at proper figures, every variety of electric convenience is found in high and low homes. See Stockholm, Venice of the North, clean, quiet, royal, mighty Stockholm, city of beauty and wealth, easily a rival of Paris and Vienna. They laugh at the world's idea of them. "Tell the Doctor", said my host with a twinkle in his eye, to our interpreter, "that polar bears are not allowed the freedom of the streets in Stockholm". What could I reply except, "Tell him we have also stopped the Indian ambuscades on Fifth avenue, New York".

They Eat.

And Oh, the hors d'ouvres! How they do go for them! When you enter a Swedish hotel or restaurant dining room, you select your seat and then go to the hors d'ouvre table (they call it the Smorgasbord) take up a plate, spoon, knife and fork from a pile, and help yourself to appetizers and go back to your seat and eat them. And these are not simply sliced tomatoes, pickles, etc. Oh no. There is before you a bountiful repast in advance of your regular meal. I counted twenty six of these appetizers on a great table in Gothenburg. Among them were sliced tomatoes, pickle, celery, raw fish, raw fish roe, boiled fish, sardines, oysters in various styles, jellied veal, omelettes of various kinds, sliced ham, etc. I asked a Swedish gentleman, "Is one supposed merely to taste these hor d'ouvres, or to really eat of them?" "Oh," he said cordially, "You are supposed to help yourself liberally to them. The Swedish people like to see one eat heartily". After you get through with all these (and they are delightfully cooked), you are brought by a waiter your regular dinner of soup, fish, roast, steak or fowl, 4 vegetables and dessert.

What A Language!

The Swedish tongue is cousin to English and German, but differences in spelling give startling results. On an express wagon you read "Gods-Expedition", and are startled until you remember that "Gods" means "goods". That sign on that building there "Godsmagazine" is not the claim of a divinely inspired publication, but means merely a storage warehouse. "Buljong" on a bill of fare makes your appetite falter until you remember that "j" in Swedish has the sound of "i", and you conclude it must be our old friend "bouillon". In a railway station over a door is "Dam Rum". In hotels it is even more emphatic, "Dam Bad Rum". This is not to be taken as a hint that "mine host" is wavering on the temperance question and is reflecting on the quality of his own liquor, but only that that is a "Ladies' Bath Room". Their word for lady or woman is Dam, our "Dame" of course. Crabbed bachelors may say what they choose about the appropriateness of terms. But you do jump a little as you read over a female hairdressing shop, "Dam Friser", or "Dam Frisering." Look at the big sign in that department store, "Dam Confektion". That doesn't mean bad candy, but "Ladies' Ready to Wear". But the funniest of all is "Dam Trickeri" in that same store. That means, "Ladies' Underwear". The aforesaid old bachelor may have his comment on that also.

We tried to properly chaperon the adjectives of several clerical gentlemen in our party, but one Doctor of Divinity broke loose Sunday morning. Hurrying from his hotel andlooking up and down the street, he asked, "Does anyone know where I can get a Dam bootblack? I suppose all the men bootblacks are busy this morning".

ART CLUB MEETING

The regular meeting of the Art club will be held Tuesday, February 8, at the Woman's club house. All members are urged to attend. Winter visitors are invited.

LEGAL NOTICES

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, IN CHANCERY.

SALLIE LOU ALEWINE, Complainant.
vs.
J. P. ALEWINE, Defendant.

It appearing by sworn Bill of Complaint filed herein that you J. P. Alewine, are a non resident of the State of Florida, that your place of residence is the Town of Elberton in the State of Georgia, that your Post Office address is general delivery in said Town and State, that you are over the age of twenty one years and that there is no person in the State of Florida service of a Summons upon whom would bind you.

This is therefore to notify you, the said J. P. Alewine, that a Bill of Complaint has been filed in this Court by Sallie Lou Alewine, the Complainant, seeking a Decree of Divorce and you are therefore commanded to be and appear before this Court on Monday the seventh day of February A. D. 1938 to answer said Bill of Complaint and you are notified that in default of such appearance, the Bill of Complaint will be takened as confessed by you.

It is further ordered that this notice be published once each week for four consecutive weeks in the Avon Park Times a newspaper of general circulation published in said County and that a copy hereof be mailed the Defendant at the address above stated.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE and the Seal of said Court at Sebring, Florida, this the 4th day of January A. D. 1938.

(SEAL) W. Z. CARSON,
As Clerk of said Court.
By LEONA A. JORDAN, Deputy Clerk.
Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4.

Church Notes

UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Dr. Alfred C. Elliott, Pastor

Sunday, February 6—Sunday school, in charge of superintendent J. P. Garber, at 9:45 a. m. with classes to suit all ages. Adult classes taught by Miss Alice Davidson and Miss Mabel Lee. Young Men's Class taught by Dr. Elliott. Morning worship at 11:00 with sermon by Dr. Elliott; subject, "Observing the Wind." Young People's Pilgrim Fellowship Hour at 6:45 p. m. Leader, Claire Vanderwende. The topic will be introduced by June Gough.

Miss Mabel Lee's Bible Study class will meet at the church on Monday at 8:00 p. m. All who are interested in Bible study are invited to join and will receive a cordial welcome.

The Ladies' Aid will serve a chicken dinner at the church on Tuesday at 6:00 p. m. and on Wednesday they will hold a business meeting at the church at 3:00 p. m. The Quiet Hour service will be held on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. when Dr. Elliott will speak on "The Lost Christ." All who desire to spend a short period in quiet meditation are invited to attend this service.

The choir will hold a rehearsal at the church on Saturday at 7:30 p. m.

Union Church desires to be a spiritual home to the winter visitor and strangers in our midst, a helpful friend to those in need, a retreat for those weary of labor and a glorified inspiration to every follower of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Pastor and members cordially invite all such to attend the services and share in the fellowship of this friendly church.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICE

Service at the Episcopal church of the Redeemer on Sunday will be:

Holy Communion at 7:30 A. M.
Sunday School at 9:30 A. M.
Holy Communion and Sermon at 11:00 A. M.

RICHARD I. BROWN, Rector.

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICE

Church school 9:45 A. M. Classes for all ages.

Preaching, 11 A. M. Sermon by pastor, "Communion Service".
Special Music.
Leagues, 6:30 P. M.
7:30 P. M. "Winter Visitors Service". Subject for sermon, "Righteousness". Visitors to take part in the services. Special music.
Wednesday, 7:30 P. M. Prayer meeting.
Wednesday, 8:30 P. M. Choir rehearsal.
All winter visitors urged to be present.

W. C. FOUNTAIN, Pastor

W. M. Hetherington's Father Passed Away Sunday At Lakeland

Michael F. Hetherington, 70, pioneer newspaper publisher in Miami and Lakeland, died at his home in Lakeland Sunday morning at 8 o'clock as a result of a heart attack suffered a month ago. He had been a resident of Florida since 1900.

A native of Kentucky, where he published the Lebanon Enterprise and the Marion Falcon, Mr. Hetherington moved to Miami in 1900. He was associated there with B. B. Tatum in publication of the Miami Metroplis, a weekly newspaper which later became the city's first daily. He moved to Lakeland in 1904 and purchased the Lakeland News, which he converted in 1911 into the Evening Telegram, Polk county's first daily paper. He owned and edited the paper until 1920.

Active in county and civic affairs, he also had served as president of the Florida Press association. He had been a member of the Polk County advisory board; a former chairman of the Lakeland advisory board, was a charter member and past president of Rotary club, a past exalted ruler of the Elks club and active in the chamber of commerce even after his retirement from business. He compiled a comprehensive history of Polk county in 1928.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock from the St. Joseph's Catholic church, of which he was a member. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Lilian Derieux Hetherington, a daughter, Mrs. A. W. Smith of Lakeland, and three sons, Eugene Hetherington of Jackson, Miss.; William Hetherington, Avon Park newspaper publisher; and Marion Hetherington, who is connected with the federal power commission in Washington, D. C.

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Society Editor
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Miss Arant Hostess To San Souci Club

Miss Erress Arant delightfully entertained the members of the San Souci club, Tuesday night at the Highland Lakes hotel.

Bridge tables were placed in the lobby and guests kept their scores on attractive "spatter print" Valentine tallies and score pads, the work of the hostess.

Miss Jean Crago won the high score prize, a box of stationery and Miss Helen Pittman held low score and received a cellophane guest apron.

Delicious refreshments of fruit parfait, cookies and coffee were served later in the evening.

Members enjoying this delightful club party were Miss Alma Harrell, Miss Elizabeth Green, Miss Hettie Hundertmark, Miss Helen Pittman, Miss Jean Crago, Miss Betty Ellen Smith, Miss Mildred Myers, Mrs. Charles Sherman, Mrs. Raymond Dilley, Mrs. C. A. Clark, Miss Millie Pearson, Mrs. Wilna Peden, Mrs. Bill Carter, Mrs. C. R. Ginn, Jr., and Miss Mary Key.

Charles Cannon Birthday Party

Mrs. J. C. Cannon entertained Monday night at a surprise birthday party honoring her son, Charles on his 11th birthday anniversary.

The children were invited for 7 o'clock. Games were played and refreshments of fruit juice, cookies and ice cream were served.

Charles received many attractive gifts from his friends attending the party.

Those present were, Winifred Archer, Tabby Brown, June Saratt, Marjorie Henderson, Faye Lake, Betty Jo Dickerson, Freda Garrett, Annie Merle Abrams, Peggy Jo Smith, Arthur Crews, Jean Clark, Walter Martin, Billy Archer, Henry Clark, Jack Foster, Teddy Ward, Bunny Brown, John Giddens, Jimmie Barrington, Sonny Montedeca, William Rutherford, Powell Skipper, Charles Smith, Junior Englemann, Buster Garrett, Arthur Carrott and Mackie McVicker.

Mrs. Christensen Bridge Hostess

Mrs. Paul L. Christensen entertained the members of the Monday evening bridge club at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hall, Monday night.

The rooms were beautifully decorated with bouquets of colorful flame vine.

Mrs. Harry McFerrin received the high score prize, Miss Gwendolyn Wever won the second high award and Mrs. McFerrin also won the floating prize.

Refreshments of cake and coffee were served after the bridge games.

Members present were, Mrs. Bill Sachsenmaier, Mrs. Marry McFerrin, Mrs. Frances Shockley, Miss Hazel Cameron, Miss Gwendolyn Wever, Mrs. Ben Stewart, and Mrs. Roland Droit.

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Enjoyable Party At Jacaranda

Another enjoyable bridge party was held Saturday night in the Palm Room of the Jacaranda hotel.

Early spring flowers decorated the room.

Mrs. Harold Fossum and C. E. Wright were hosts for the evening.

Mrs. B. M. Stubblefield won the high score prize, a box of note paper, G. H. Sawyer won the high score prize for men, an ash tray.

Those enjoying the bridge progressions were, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fossum, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Emery, Mrs. Marcia Ackley, Mrs. A. H. Sabin, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wright, Mrs. Olive Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Phelps, Mr. H. E. Coles, Miss Hettie Hundertmark, George Lohm, Miss Alma Harrell, Mrs. Knight, Miss Iva Phillips and Guy Smith.

Mrs. Betts Honors Sister At Bridge

Mrs. Walter Betts, was hostess last Thursday at a bridge luncheon honoring her sister, Mrs. LaGrande Haviland, of Highland, N. Y., at her home on Pine Crest road.

Guests were seated at small tables in the living room which was beautifully decorated with bouquets of roses, orange blossoms and poinsettias.

The table in the dining room was overlaid with an embroidered linen and lace cloth and centered with a low bowl of sweet peas, statice and baby breath. Three progressions of bridge were enjoyed, during the afternoon, Mrs. Neal Trent received the prize for high score, Mrs. Earl Hartt, the second high award and Mrs. T. A. McNicholas third high prize.

Mrs. Haviland and little daughter Rosalie left Saturday for their home in New York.

Winter Guest Club Has Party

Members of the Winter Guest club enjoyed a party Tuesday night at the club house in Donaldson Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Montague and Mr. and Mrs. William Montague were hosts for the evening.

George Kohler was master of ceremonies.

Several selections were played on the accordion by George Kohler and Miss Lucy Wolverton on the harmonica.

Games were played and refreshments were served. About 75 members enjoyed the affair.

Baptist W.M.S. And Sunbeams Met

The Womans Missionary Society of the Baptist church and the Sunbeams held a joint social meeting in the basement of the church Monday afternoon.

The Sunbeams celebrated their third anniversary. A program of recitations and songs was presented and games were played.

Refreshments of cake and coffee were served later in the afternoon.

Thos present were Mrs. J. D. Sherman, Mrs. M. M. Foster, Mrs. W. Renniger, Mrs. Fred Weatherbee, Mrs. C. Belin, Mrs. Bob Adams, Mrs. R. H. Lawhon, Mrs. Anna Lawhon, Mrs. J. B. Coen, Jr., Mrs. J. B. Coen, Sr., Mrs. Irvin Ford, Mrs. Milford Dilley, Mrs. Kilpatrick, Mrs. S. F. Longbottom, Mrs. J. H. Dean, Mrs. B. F. Martin, Mrs. W. W. McFarland, Mrs. Will Bennett, Mrs. F. L. Siebert, Mrs. David Stuckey, Mrs. Frank Costine, Mrs. C. W. Pabor, Mrs. Briscoe Willis, Mrs. Otto Skipper and Mrs. J. P. Dalton.

Miss Florence W. Sampson who is spending the winter at the Poinsettia hotel is leaving Friday for a Havana cruise, after which she will return to Avon Park to remain until the season is over.

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Mrs. Rumpsa Hostess To Bridge Club

Mrs. Paul Rumpsa delightfully entertained the members of her bridge club at luncheon, Wednesday, at Pine Crest Lakes country club. The luncheon table was centered with a bowl of vari-colored sweet peas. Covers were laid for Mrs. Earl Hartt, Mrs. S. S. Thayer, Mrs. Earl Ware, and house guest Mrs. Richard Brown of Orlando and Mrs. Rumpsa.

Births—

Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Frey of Grand Rapids, Mich. announce the birth of a seven pound daughter on Thursday morning, February 3 in Grand Rapids, Mich. The young lady is the grand-daughter of Mrs. Stella Frey of Avon Park.

Mrs. Bill Sachsenmaier and baby spent Wednesday in Lakeland.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Park were visitors in Babson Park, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Visel and family attended the Fair in Tampa Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hood and family attended the Fair in Tampa Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Luthye and family attended the Fair in Tampa, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Droit attended the South Florida Fair in Tampa Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moffett have rented the Dorminey house on the Sebring road.

Mrs. K. W. Minor of Bowling Green was the weekend guest of her brother, Ellis West.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Keller, Bobby Keller and Jimmy Hetherington spent Monday in Tampa.

Dr. and Mrs. D. G. Perry and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lanier attended the Fair in Tampa, Monday.

Mrs. Lula Bass, Mr. and Mrs. Mell Bass attended the South Florida Fair in Tampa Saturday.

T. R. Demery of Keystone Heights was the weekend guest of Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. Cobb Lumpkin of Mobile, Ala. are spending several months at the Jacaranda hotel.

Mrs. Roscoe Bass left Tuesday for Okeechobee where she will spend a week visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Nichols have returned to the Jacaranda hotel after spending two weeks in Miami.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bock of Garrettsville, Ohio, were visiting friends in Avon Park Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Christopherson of Green Bay, Wis. are spending several weeks at the Jacaranda hotel.

Mrs. C. E. Crabtree, Mrs. Marcia Ackley and Mrs. J. T. Christopherson spent Thursday in Orlando.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Yates, Miss Mary Key and Holland Stebbins attended the Fair in Tampa Saturday.

Mrs. Ida Butler of Cumberland, Md. arrived Monday to spend several months with her sister-in-law Mrs. Ola L. Head.

Mrs. E. G. Todd, Donald, Herbert and Howard Todd and John Edwin Wilkes attended the Fair in Tampa, Thursday.

Mrs. Neal Trent, Miss Mable Crosby, Mrs. Jessies Wells and Mrs. Mary Steele Swearingen spent Sunday in Sarasota.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Burdick and daughter, Joan of Lakeland were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Archer and family.

Miss Dorothy Shoemaker, Miss Florance Jane Cope of Sebring, J. T. Williford and Woodson Sadler attended the Fair in Tampa Monday.

Mrs. Jack Head and children Yvonne and Jack, Mrs. C. E. Crabtree and Mrs. Nathan Stern attended the Fair in Tampa, Monday.

Mrs. S. E. Booth and Mrs. E. P. Loomis accompanied by Miss Carmen Booth and party of friends from Southern college, Lakeland, spent Monday in Tampa attending the Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Lackey of Oak Park, Ill. are spending a month with Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Turner at their home in Highland Lakes.

Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Staples of Cleveland, O. arrived Friday and plan to spend the balance of the winter the guests of Mrs. Lena Blumenthal.

Mrs. Leslie Daniels and Miss Martha Adams of Havre de Grace, Md. are the guests of their sister, Mrs. Jean Ricketts, at her home on Pine Crest road.

Cyril Baldwin of Tallahassee spent the weekend in Avon Park. He returned Wednesday, accompanied by Mrs. Baldwin who will visit there for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Sachsenmaier who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sachsenmaier at their home at Pine Crest, left Sunday for their home in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cain, Miss Phylis Cain, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Strickland of Economy, Ind. were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Colon Deshong several days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hunter and daughters, Edith and Doris of New Jersey are spending several weeks with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Estelle Sonnemann.

Mrs. Georgia A. Vickery, who has been spending several months in Miami, returned Thursday to Avon Park. She is staying at the home of Mrs. W. A. Davison at Highland Lakes.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Kipp and children, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stevens, Mrs. C. D. Douglass, Mrs. H. F. Wirsching, Mrs. A. C. Clark, Mrs. D. Peck and Fred Grant were in Tampa Monday attending the Gasparilla parade and the Florida Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Pendleton and children and Miss Minerva Perry spent Friday and Saturday in Tampa. J. L. Green and Robert Moore, students at Stetson University, accompanied them home and were their guests until Tuesday, when they returned to Deland to resume their studies.

Mrs. J. W. Mercer, Sport Mercer and Junior Stebbins of Miami spent the weekend in Avon Park. Mrs. Mercer and Junior Stebbins returned to Miami Sunday night. Sport remained over for a visit with friends for several days, after which he left for Gainesville to resume his studies at the University of Florida.

Former Salvation Army Head Will Be Vesper Speaker

H. J. Malsberger, director of State parks, announced today that the Highlands Hammock vesper service scheduled for Sunday, February 6, will be addressed by General Edward J. Higgins, former world head of the Salvation Army. General Higgins, who is now a resident of Sebring, spoke at the hammock two years ago and made one of the most outstanding talks ever given on a vesper program.

General Higgins became active in the Salvation Army when 18 years of age and served for 52 years, retiring in, 1934. During that time he was active in every rank and served as its world head for more than 5 years. During his period of leadership he visited 22 countries, traveled 250,000 miles, and spoke to crowded audiences in all parts of the world. On one occasion in Sidney, Australia he spoke to 100,000 people. Among the churches in which he has spoken is the Canterbury Cathedral in England. During the war he served at the front in charge of the Salvation Army work and was decorated by King George V of England. He is the only head of the Salvation Army who has not borne the name of Booth.

Mr. Malsberger indicated that there will be free admission to Highlands Hammock State Park from 2:00 to 2:30 p. m. to persons wishing to attend the vesper services.

Plant City Plays Here Wednesday

"No, we did not have cold feet, we just got the dates mixed" said Coach Bissett of the Plant City Planters in explaining their failure to show up for the basketball game recently. He has definitely set a date for next Wednesday night and both the girls and the boys will show their wares on the Armory court.

Coach Wagner says he expects the Devils will be out of their slump by then and he promises Bissett and the Planters a tough battle.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. Ben Hagan who has been a patient in a Sebring hospital following a major operation several weeks ago, returned to her home Sunday. Her many friends will be glad to hear that she is recovering rapidly.

COST OF STATE GOVERNMENT UP

Tax Revision League Gives Figures On Many Departments

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 3 (Special)—The Florida Tax Revision League said in a statement released here today:

" 'Believe it or Not', the payroll of the major departments of the State Government have increased more than one-fourth in less than two years. During the same period Governor Cone, in line with his campaign pledge of economy has cut the payroll of his office 48%."

The Tax Revision League has compiled a list of state employees for the month of November 1937. This is compared with list of employees published by the Comptroller's office for March 1936.

The League's statement shows an increase "In a period of 19 months of approximately 25.5% in the number of state employees and approximately 28.2% in the total payroll."

"It is estimated, on the basis of the November payroll, that the state employees total more than 8,000, including seasonal employees and labor on an hourly or daily basis, and the total annual payroll is more than $10,000,000."

"The 28.2% increase in the departments listed represents the tidy sum of approximately $1,500,000 per year."

It is of interest to note that the list compiled by the League shows "That while some departments have decreased both their number of employees and the amount of their payroll, this is more than offset by heavy increases in other departments."

"The payroll of the Governor's office shows the largest decrease of any major state department. A decrease of 68% in number of employees and 48% in total compensation. Several departments directly under the Governor show a decrease but some departments under his control have made substantial increases in both the number of employees and the amount of their payrolls."

"It is reasonable to assume that increases are probably justifiable in certain isolated cases, but an average increase in the total of these department of 28.2% in 19 months is unpardonable. It is positive proof that some of those entrusted with state affairs, the people's business, are unworthy of that trust and are using their positions to pad the state payroll for personal gain or political expediency. It is also proof that the only thing that will stop our orgies of public spending—federal, state and local—is a thoroughly aroused citizenship."

Congregational Musical A Success

Lovers of music who attended the Musical at the Union Congregational Church on Tuesday evening were rewarded by hearing the finest organ recital ever given in Avon Park, and were highly pleased with groups of songs sung by Mrs. Butterfield, mezzo-soprano of Tampa. Ed. Sterling, organist, of Tampa presented the following fine program of organ music: Suite for organ by Rogers, a. Prolouge, b. March, c. Intermezzo, d. Toccata. Adoration—Rockwell, Chanson Du Soir—Becker, Miserere Il Trovatore—Verdi, Toccata—Kinder, Sextette from Lucia—Donizetti, Meditation—E. D. Evry, a. La Paloma—Yradier, b. La Golondrina—Serradell, Toccata—Duboris. This varied program gave Mr. Sterling abundant opportunity to show his ability as an organist and also revealed the quality of the organ. From soft dulcet tones to thunderous diapason, under his skillful hands, the organ sent forth its sweet and majestic music, thrilling and inspiring the audience, who showed their appreciation in loud and continued applause. Mrs. Butterfield, a graduate of the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, N. Y. sang with great feeling and effect, and the audience would fain have heard more songs from her. If these two talented artists appear in Avon Park again, they are sure to be heard by a large and appreciative audience.

CHESS CLUB MET

The Chess Club met Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Park. Those playing were, Mrs. T. P. Turner and her sister, Mrs. T. A. Lackey of Oak Park, Ill., C. W. Pabor, G. C. McConnell, Clifford Craft and Mr. and Mrs. Park. A tournament will be held in the near future.

Liquids Reflect Light

When light strikes the surface of a liquid a small part of it is completely reflected. Liquids in the forms of lathers, foams, and mists present a very large amount of surface and consequently reflect most of the light that strikes. Since light is white, foam or mist appears white.

Times Subscriptions To Help Swell Fund For Band Uniforms

In order to help the fund being raised to provide uniforms for the High School Band, the Avon Park Times will donate half of the money received from subscriptions during the month of February to the uniform fund. This makes it possible for old and new subscribers to keep up their subscriptions and also contribute to a very worthy cause.

The regular subscription price in Highlands county is $2.00 per year and a half of every subscription received will go to the uniform fund. For subscriptions to go outside of the county the price is $2.50 per year.

DR. NORTHEN FAIR EXHIBIT

Justifies Title Of "Miracle Man" With Agricultural Research Work.

Tampa, Feb. 3 (FNS)— When Dr. Charles Northen won four grand prizes out of a possible five, in stiff competition with nearly 4,000 entries in the poultry show at the Florida Fair, he justified again the title of "Miracle Man" which Rex Beach bestowed upon him in an article in the Cosmopolitan magazine in June, 1936.

"Unusual" would ordinarily be the proper word to describe the success of Dr. Northen if it were not for the fact there is nothing unusual about such attainments by this world-famous expert on diets for plants and animals.

Visitors at the display of Soil Builders, Inc., Orlando, in the main agricultural building at the Fair, are able to learn the amazing story from Dr. Northen or from his capable assistants. This Florida business organization is developing some of the state's raw products through scientific research and is creating values which in turn will develop the state.

Dr. Northen, the scientific director of this work, is internationally known as an expert along those lines, and the display of all Florida phosphates he has arranged includes the magic product which made this record possible. He calls it Mineral Colloids.

It may surprise some of our people to know that Florida has five different kinds of natural phosphates. Every type is on display and the proper use of each is explained in detail by trained assistants.

Mineral Colloids have been developed of a kind suitable for all kinds of crops and which can be adapted to every kind of soil. Dr. W. R. Hill of Toronto, attending the Fair for several days, says that new scientific feeding of vegetables and animals is receiving an enthusiastic welcome in Canada.

In addition to soil mineral colloids, Dr. Northen has developed poultry mineral colloids and animal mineral colloids. Data on feeding tests indicate that producers of poultry and animal products can increase their products and their income by the use of these mineral colloids.

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FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

TIPS to Gardeners

Soils Flowers Prefer

GARDENERS will have better success with their flowers if care is taken to plant them in the most suitable soils available, for certain flowers have rather peculiar soil preferences.

Even though you may have beds of good, rich soil, there are some flowers that will not do as well in it as they might in poorer soil, according to Gilbert Bentley, flower expert.

The most satisfactory flowers for soil that is generally poor are nasturtium, love-lies-bleeding, Joseph's coat, celosia, alyssum, California poppy, calendula, love-in-a-mist and hollyhock.

Zinnia, petunia, portulaca, snapdragon, stock, heliotrope, marigold and salvia do best in a rich soil.

Soil that is heavy and contains clay is good for sweet peas, pansies, snapdragons, and most of the popular perennials. In general, a heavy soil retains more moisture and is cooler than a light soil. Plants that like a heavy soil also like cool, moist weather.

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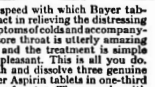

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China Is Still China

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Under Pressure

By George Agnew Chamberlain - -

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SYNOPSIS

Joyce Sewell, on the eve of her twenty-fifth birthday, rebels at her lot, dependent on her detested stepmother, Irma, and full of tragic memories of her mother's murder twelve years before and her father's death six months ago. Irma calls in Helm Blackadder, an admirer, to help her persuade Joyce to marry rich, young Michael Kirkpatrick. Mike, sent up to Joyce by Irma and Blackadder, demands a showdown on his proposal and is rejected. Joyce realizes that La Barranca, a Mexican hacienda which her father had owned, legally belongs to her. She receives a warrant on the United States Treasury for $10,000 compensation for her mother's murder at La Barranca. She confers with Mr. Bradley, a banker and only remaining friend of her father's. She confides that she wants to make a secret journey to Mexico. Bradley arranges all details for her. She departs by plane undetected. Dirk Van Suttart, second secretary of the American embassy in Mexico City, gives Joyce a chilly reception and she loses her temper. She finds a Mexican woman lawyer, Margarida Fonseca, who takes her to General Onelia, right-hand man to the Mexican minister of war. Margarida reminds Onelia that the usurper of La Barranca is his dangerous enemy, General Dorado. The two make plans to send Joyce with a few picked men under Pancho Buenaventura to drive Dorado out. Adan Arnaldo, a young man who runs El Tenebroso, a night club, knows Dorado's present whereabouts, so they take Joyce there. That night, where she notices Dirk, General Dorado arrives and in the course of sudden gunplay, the lights go out and Joyce is left alone. Adan Arnaldo whisks her out and takes her home. The following morning Joyce drives off to Toluca with Pancho. Back in Kissnboro, Joyce's disappearance has been discovered. Blackadder upbraids Irma, but succumbs to her helpless charm and plans to marry her. Blackadder gets the secretary of state to wire the embassy at Mexico City to locate Joyce. Dirk is delegated for the search. He goes to El Tenebroso and interviews Arnaldo. Arnaldo bids Dirk follow him. Meanwhile Joyce and Pancho reach La Barranca. Pancho and Eusebio, one of his band, leave her and at dawn climb the wall. Suddenly shots ring out and at sight of a surely wounded man, Joyce runs inside and finds the dread Dorado there, tormented by Pancho and Eusebio. Dorado escapes. Running out again, Joyce is caught by a murderous hand and cries out. "Luz!" Dirk and Arnaldo go to Margarida's apartment, where they are told Joyce's destination and Dirk makes ready to follow alone. Meanwhile at La Barranca, Joyce's cry brings Luz and the other old servants of her childhood, led by Don Jorge Maximilian, now blind.

"Permit me to help you to it myself since our privacy is such that no servant is in attendance."

The ambassador, though a diplomat of the first water, felt enough time had been wasted on preliminaries. "I take note of the privacy, Mr. Minister, and see no reason why you should postpone telling me what is troubling you."

The minister's eyebrows went up. "It doesn't trouble you also, Excellency?"

"I must know what we're talking about," said the ambassador, startled. "Forgive me, Mr. Minister, but it happens I haven't done my usual reading of the news this morning."

"Ah!" said the minister and pushed forward a newspaper, folded and marked.

"Raid at La Barranca," he read. "We give space to an extraordinary rumor from our correspondent in Toluca not by reason of its fantastic interest but because should it prove true it may develop into an event of colossal import. Some years ago General Dorado, whose services to the republic require no epitome, took possession of the abandoned hacienda of La Barranca and has been doing his best not only to restore it to usefulness but to put into effect the fundamentals of agrarianism on which the future happiness of our people depends. Now word has come to us from a reliable source that a certain Joyce Sewell, said to be the daughter of the deceasing former owner of La Barranca, suddenly appeared on the scene accompanied by 18 of her fellow countrymen, popularly known as gringos. Disguised to look like our own campesinos, by artifice these men introduced themselves into the innermost recesses of the hacienda. Opening fire without warning they are reported to have massacred the few Doradistas on hand and even the general himself into the nearby hills. That he should have escaped is only one more proof of the astuteness and bravery with which—"

The ambassador read no more. "A bad business," he murmured. "I can see various complications."

"They are innumerable," said the minister in a tone of exasperation. "No sooner do I estimate them from one angle than another slant presents an entire new crop. I doubt whether you can mention any aspect we should consider before all others."

"I certainly can," said the ambassador promptly. "The matter of the 18 Americans supposed to have accompanied the girl. I don't believe it. I don't believe there was even one American with her."

The minister threw out his hands and let them fall in a despairing gesture. "Excellency, please! It is of no consequence whatever whether they were Americans or not. Personally—strictly as between friends —I'm inclined to agree with you. But the public has been led to believe there were Americans—18 of them—and as long as it continues in that conviction it's exactly as if there had been."

"I admit it," said the ambassador grimly. "Nevertheless I intend sending a declaration to the papers that no American accompanied Miss Joyce Sewell. Her disappearance has been causing considerable commotion not only in my country but throughout the English - speaking world. It was thought she was penniless, consequently her parents were mystified as well as worried."

"Her parents? Are you speaking in the Spanish or the English sense of the word?"

"The English. She has a stepmother and a prospective stepfather who is expected to arrive here today."

"Ah," breathed the minister, "one more aspect, but perhaps encouraging. What is his mission?"

"I'm not sure but I gather he is determined to take the girl home at once."

"Good. If she still lives we must help him by every means in our power."

"Mr. Minister," said the ambassador gravely, "I wish to assure you that if disaster overtakes Miss Sewell it will shake the present pleasant relations between our two countries to their very foundations. Don't misunderstand me. I'm not implying that Miss Sewell's life is of greater importance than that of any other American living abroad. I'm merely taking into account that for the last ten days every man, woman and child in the United States has been reading about her and in my country such a flood of publicity automatically transforms her into a colossal bomb."

"At last!" murmured the minister, sinking back in his chair. "Now we can talk."

"In my opinion she should be rescued at once."

"An excellent idea—but how?"

"By sending a government force."

"To do what?"

"Bring her back to Mexico City, hand her over to her stepfather and bid them both farewell and good-riddance."

"Excellency, have you ever visited any of our major haciendas—especially La Barranca?"

"No; my duties—" began the ambassador vaguely.

"Of course," interrupted the minister. "La Barranca happens to be a fortress more easily defended than any castle existing in Scotland today. At this season it has stored within its walls enough provisions to keep a small army for five years to say nothing of unlimited water. With six high-powered rifles and plenty of ammunition I would guarantee to hold it indefinitely against a force of a hundred regulars. The only answer to La Barranca on its guard is artillery. Now let's see what your dream amounts to. You suggest that the Mexican government send a battalion against a young girl in whom your whole people happens to be particularly interested in order to kick her off her own property!"

"I withdraw the suggestion," said the ambassador gloomily. "I admit I spoke hastily, but the possibility of resistance had not occurred to me. The whole thing is fantastic. Are you convinced all this has really happened? Remember the papers speak of it as a rumor."

"I happen to know it isn't a rumor at all," said the minister promptly. "My source of information is unimpeachable. There are certain elements of mystery which threaten my official neck, but the facts themselves are unalterable. The story is so true I regret I happen to be minister of war at the present juncture."

"Strange," murmured the ambassador with a wan smile. "I was thinking the same thing about my ambassadorship! What is your plan, Mr. Minister? I listen."

"Subterfuge and cash. I have no illusions about the senorita Joyce Sewell. I consider her as a fortress. The question now arises how shall she be taken? The answer is so simple it's classic. By an emissary bearing gifts, preferably a sack of gold. We'll find the gold, you find the emissary."

"I have it," exclaimed the ambassador. "My second secretary of the embassy."

The ambassador reached for the telephone, called his own chancellery and a moment later was asking the counselor of embassy what explanation Van Suttart had given for his late arrival.

"None, sir. He hasn't arrived."

"What!" cried the ambassador. "Telephone him at once. Send around to his house. Tell him—" Interrupted in the midst of his instructions he leaned forward, gripping the apparatus tighter and tighter.

When the murmuring voice at the other end finally ceased he hung up and turned to face the minister. "I regret the young gentleman I had in mind is not available since we don't know what has become of him."

"No clue?" asked the minister, frowning.

"Unfortunately there is," said the ambassador, "and I'm ashamed to be obliged to mention it. He was last seen at about two in the morning in the most questionable night club in town seated alone before a magnum of champagne. Needless to say, my first action upon returning to the embassy will be to recommend his immediate dismissal from the service."

The minister, who had knotted his fingers together, began to crack his knuckles one by one. "Be patient, Excellency."

"There's still this Blackadder fellow," the ambassador muttered hopelessly.

The minister was thinking of certain matters he had not voiced. Somebody was out to get him—perhaps had already got him! A phrase used casually by the ambassador hovered in his thoughts. What was the most questionable night club in town? El Tenebroso. A gleam lit in his eyes.

"Ah," he half sighed with relief, "you can put your trust in stepfathers, Mr. Ambassador; I'll send a young friend of mine."

"Who?"

"His name is Arnaldo—Adan Arnaldo."

The shots which had so astonished Dirk Van Suttart stirred Joyce Sewell to swift action. She rushed down into the patio, ascertained they had been fired from the two eastern towers, dispatched Luz to the northern one with a categorical order to lay off and hurried herself up the spiral stone steps of the bastion overlooking the southeastern gate. There she found Leonardo with head and shoulders thrust into an embrasure, looking out.

"We stopped a car in its tracks," he announced, "and it's almost a kilometer away!"

"That's fine, Leonardo," said Joyce, her face white, "but we'll have no more shooting until I say the word. Let me look, please."

Almost at once she discovered the distant car, a shining mark under the rays of the morning sun. It was a roadster and presently she saw emerge from its single seat a huge bear-like figure. Instantly Helm Blackadder came to mind, for who else could it be? Well, she was ready for him. What could he do besides talk? Let him come, and the sooner the better. The man stood for a moment as still as a pillar staring at his car, then he opened the rumble, dragged out a duffle bag and what looked like a gun, threw them over his shoulders and started to walk toward the hacienda.

He had gone less than a hundred yards when he came to the barranca and the rope bridge and he hastened his steps. At that juncture her attention was diverted to a cloud of dust moving across the prairie far to the east. She saw it had been caused by a troop of horsemen and the next instant she realized they had dismounted and were emitting strange puffs of smoke. What could they be shooting at? At her? She was about to draw back instinctively when she saw the bear-like figure leap into the air, come down on all fours and scurry for cover. Leonardo wedged himself into the embrasure next to hers.

"Dorado!" he yelled. "Dorado y su genio!"

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Her Attention Was Diverted to a Cloud of Dust.

CHAPTER VII—Continued

"Then the thing becomes simple," said Don Jorge slowly. "I don't mean I can fathom the thought back of Onelia's action, but at least I know where we stand—you and I and all our people. You're here, Luz?"

"Si, Senor."

"Call Leonardo."

"What are you going to do?" asked Joyce as Luz slipped from the room.

"I'll tell you, chica," said Don Jorge, sitting very straight with his hands clasped over the head of his staff. "I'm told five or six of Dorado's followers lie dead. Owing to the suddenness of the attack no doubt his private arsenal is still intact. That gives us plenty of rifles and ammunition, and all the rest becomes easy."

Leonardo entered the room. "Senor, al servicio deusted."

"We stand a siege, Leonardo," said Don Jorge, "certainly for weeks, perhaps for months. Call in all our people, corral them, close the gates and man the towers with your best shots. You will find the necessary rifles and ammunition where they lie. At present the moon is at the full. Shoot anybody who comes within range by night or by day whether it's friend or foe."

"Oh, Maxie," interrupted Joyce, "why?"

"Since we ourselves are our only friends," said Don Jorge, "whoever comes from without must be a foe."

CHAPTER VIII

Years of peace and months of inaction had caused routine to lay its grip on the American embassy. Routine decreed that the second secretary's waking duty was to epitomize the local papers and lay before his chief by ten o'clock all such items as were worthy of his attention. But fate ordained that on this morning at the said hour Dirk van Suttart should be contemplating with astonishment one bullet hole through his radiator, still another through a front tire and a third that had shattered his non-shatterable windshield, fortunately on the side away from the driver.

Coincidentally the embassy butler murmured in the ambassadorial ear: "The minister of war on the telephone, sir—the minister in person."

Ten minutes later the ambassador was being shown into the most private room of the very private residence of the minister of war. It was strictly an unofficial visit—so unofficial that the minister had done the necessary telephoning without bothering to mention the matter to his secretary. Furthermore the invitation was for dessayno, a meal without food, certainly the last word in informality.

"Excellency, how can I express my gratitude that you should condescend to come to my humble abode for a mere sip of coffee?"

"Mr. Minister, I am delighted to be here. I've already had my coffee, but I'll gladly accept another cup."

Age Limit of Earth Fixed at 3,000,000,000 Years by U. S. Chemistry and Soils Expert

Ever since it was discovered that the heat emitted by radio-active substances in the earth was sufficient in amount to have an important geological significance, efforts have been made to calculate the effect of these substances and to use them as a key to determining the age of the earth. The study of the effects of uranium and radium, the heaviest radio-active substance, gave ages of the earth ranging from 1,300,000,000 to 3,000,000,000 years. Dr. A. Keith Brewer, of the bureau of chemistry and soils, Department of Agriculture, has studied the effect of potassium, one of the lighter elements which is also radio-active, and has found that it has played an important role in the history of the earth.

The amount of radio-active potassium varied during the succession of periods of the earth's processes of change, and when the earth was 1,000,000,000 years old it produced sixty times the heat produced by the heavy radio-active elements uranium and thorium. Calculating the age of the earth on the basis of the potassium index, Dr. Brewer fixes the limit of the age of the earth at 3,000,000,000 years. This calculation is based on the amount of calcium of atomic weight 40 which exists today, because potassium of atomic weight 40 changes into that isotope of calcium. Dr. Brewer expresses the belief that the power of potassium, which is extensively used as a fertilizer, to promote germination of seeds and growth of plants is due to its radio-activity, and suggests that a period of abundance of the element may have been the cause of the carboniferous age, when the earth was covered with a lush growth of vegetation which became the coal deposits in use today.

Orioles Called "Hangnests"

Orioles are called "hangnests" because they place their nests on limbs in such a manner that they hang down. As the nests sway in the wind, we may imagine that the baby birds are being rocked to sleep.

Something for Everybody

SEW-YOUR-OWN spells economy and a better wardrobe for all the family, as these patterns indicate. You can sew at home during brisk winter days and have a new dress for all the family in no time at all and at very little expense. When you sew, you spend only a fraction of what you would usually pay for dresses of this character. Enlist the family's enthusiasm, and you can make winter days cheery for all of you by planning something new to wear.

A charming Princess frock on trim and tailored lines. Note that it buttons from neck to hem and that the waistline is belted to add a snug line. This is a young-looking dress with plenty of swish for the most fashion-knowing college girl. Make it up for Spring in thin wool, alpaca or print crepe. You'll like its clean-cut lines.

For Little Sister.

A copy of the popular Big Apple frock with the same flaring skirt, fitted basque and short, puffed sleeves. The dress that your little girl will adore wearing, for she likes these copy-cat fashions. Make it for Spring school days of chambray, percale or cotton broadcloth. For immediate wear, try it in serge or flannel. It is a dress that has flaring, graceful lines.

For Mother.

This slenderizing coat frock is one which you will find becoming and comfortable to wear. Designed on Princess lines with long surplice collar and two button closing at waistline, it is as easy to get into as a coat and as easy to wear. Make it up in rayon crepe, alpaca or one of the better cottons. You'll use it again and again throughout the coming season.

Pattern 1347 is designed for sizes 14 to 42 (32 to 42 bust). Size 16 requires 4¾ yards of 35 or 39 inch material plus ⅜ yard contrasting.

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

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"Quotations"

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Wars are childish things, if they are not more horrible than anything childish can be. They must become horrors of the past.—*H. G. Wells.*

Youth should be less concerned with what it's going to do, more absorbed in what it's doing.—*Mary Lewis.*

None of us like to think that we are soft, but if we compare ourselves with what we know of our ancestors, I think we will have to agree that the adjective applies to us.—*Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.*

It is foolish to say that today woman is weak because she does not do the things her grandmother did.—*Leopold Stokowski.*

Don't take needless risks with CHEST COLDS

Relieve Their Misery This Proved Way

WHEN there's a cold to treat—especially if it's a chest cold—that's no time to experiment. Relieve the misery with the treatment that has been doubly proved for you.

Here's What To Do: It's best to stay in bed and get lots of rest. Eat lightly, drink plenty of water, and keep elimination regular. And use your dependable Vicks VapoRub without delay.

VapoRub has been proved by everyday use in more homes than any other medication of its kind—*further proved* by the largest clinical tests ever made on colds. (Full details in every VapoRub package.) Only Vicks give you proof like this.

VapoRub is direct *external* treatment. No "doctor"—no stomach upset. Just massage it on throat, chest, *and back.* Then—to make its long-continued double action last even longer—spread a thick layer on the chest and cover with a warmed cloth.

No Long Waiting for Relief to Begin...

Almost before you finish rubbing, you begin to feel warm and comfortable as VapoRub goes to work *direct* through the skin like a poultice. At the same time its medicated vapors, released by the warmth of the body, are carried *direct* to the irritated air-passages *with every breath.*

This double action loosens phlegm—relieves irritation and coughing—helps break local congestion. And long after restful sleep comes VapoRub keeps on working.

VICKS VAPORUB

Clue to Happiness

An eastern potentate, afflicted with boredom, was advised that an exchange of shirts with a man who was perfectly happy would cure him. After a long search for such a man he found the perfectly happy fellow had no shirt!

CHEW LONG BILL NAVY TOBACCO 5¢ PLUG

The Twilight

Laughter is day; sobriety is night; and a smile is the twilight that hovers gently between both, and more bewitching than either. —Henry Ward Beecher.

Calotabs Help Nature To Throw Off a Cold

Millions have found in Calotabs a most valuable aid in the treatment of colds. They take one or two tablets the first night and repeat the third or fourth night if needed.

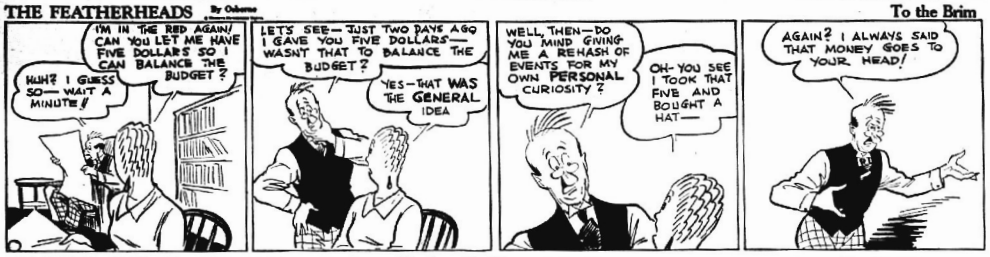
How do Calotabs help nature throw off a cold? First, Calotabs are one of the most thorough and dependable of all intestinal cathartics, thus cleansing the intestinal tract of the virus-laden mucous and toxins. Second, Calotabs are diuretic to the kidneys, promoting the elimination of cold poisons from the blood. Thus Calotabs serve the double purpose of a purgative and diuretic, both of which are needed in the treatment of colds.

Calotabs are quite economical; only twenty-five cents for the family package, ten cents for the trial package.—(adv.).

THE SUNNY SIDE OF LIFE

Clean Comics That Will Amuse Both Old and Young

THE FEATHERHEADS By Osborne — **To the Brim**



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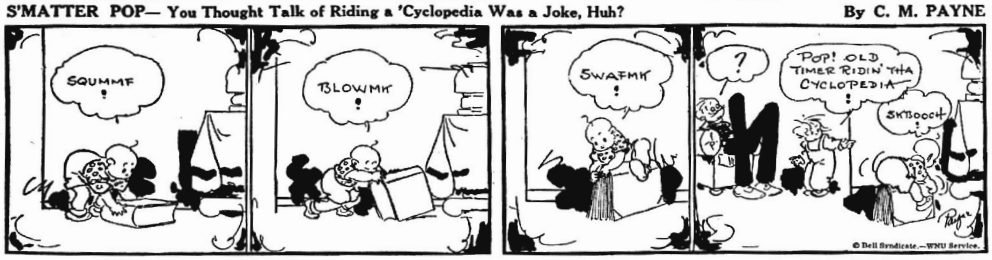

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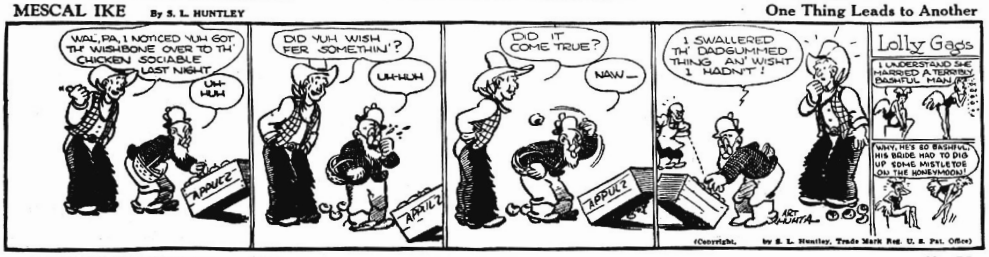


FINNEY OF THE FORCE By Ted O'Loughlin — **Slip Up**

POP— Protecting the Vegetarian on His Diet — **By J. MILLAR WATT**

FINISHING TOUCHES By GLUYAS WILLIAMS

HELP WANTED

"I want a man to do odd jobs about the house, run errands, one who never answers back, and is always ready to do my bidding," explained a lady to an applicant for a post in the household.

"You're looking for a husband, not a servant!" said the applicant.

Everywhere

Jimpson—Does your wife drive all over now?

Simpson—I'll say she does—all over the sidewalk, lawn and everything.

The Perfect Servant

"These rules you have hung in the kitchen are rather stringent."

"No harm done. Cook can't read."

RAISED HIM ONE

"They say Jones is devoted to golf, and his wife is equally fond of auction sales."

"Yes, and the funny part about it is that they both talk in their sleep. The other night the people in the next flat heard him shout 'Fore!' and at once his wife yelled 'Five!'"

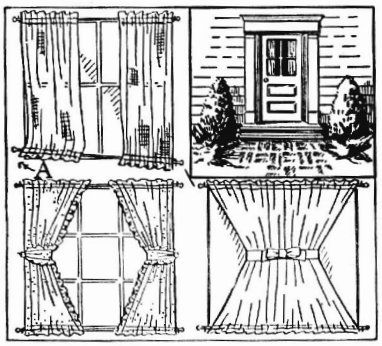
Pepsodent with IRIUM makes ugly surface-stains go

Irium contained in BOTH Pepsodent Tooth Powder and Pepsodent Tooth Paste

● There are dentifrices and dentifrices on the market, but there's only one dentifrice that contains that marvelous new tooth cleanser IRIUM—and that's PEPSODENT... So what? So this! Irium is so remarkable in helping Pepsodent *safely* brighten teeth—in helping Pepsodent gently brush away stubborn surface-stains—that Pepsodent containing Irium has taken the country by storm!... Why not at *least* try PEPSODENT, and learn what Irium can do for you? Remember—it works SAFELY, contains NO BLEACH, GRIT, PUMICE!

HOW to SEW

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS



Curtaining Your Front Door.

YOUR front door greets your friends before you do. Is it dressed to look its best? Here are some simple rules that will be useful in selecting the material and style for front door curtaining.

Choose a fabric that looks well on both sides and that harmonizes with the outside color of your door as well as with the color scheme of the hall or room into which it opens. A simple net curtain material or plain silk are good to use but if your door is white on the outside think twice before you choose the usual ecru or pongee color. White net or silk of a color to match the shutters or the trim of the house will look infinitely more attractive and will not be too conspicuous. The curtains may be made double with a different color on the inside if need be. Pale yellow is another color that is always safe to use as it gives the effect of light shining through the door.

These curtains should be firmly anchored both top and bottom so that they do not blow about and catch in the door when it is opened and closed. Both bottom and top rods may be fastened over hooks as shown here at A.

Every homemaker should have a copy of Mrs. Spears' new book, SEWING. Forty-eight pages of step-by-step directions for making slipcovers and dressing tables; curtains for every type of room; lampshades, rugs, ottomans and other useful articles for the home. Readers wishing a copy should send name and address, enclosing 25 cents (coins preferred) to Mrs. Spears, 210 South Desplaines St., Chicago, Ill.

Does a Big Job

Advertising of canned fruits and vegetables created demand, produced competition, made large and economical production possible, provided markets for the farmers and owners of orchards, and jobs for many thousands of people. The consumer profits by better quality and lower prices. Without advertising, these things could not have happened.

Favorite Recipe of the Week

Baked Peaches for Garnish or Dessert.

CANNED peach halves baked in their own syrup with the addition of sugar, butter and a suspicion of cinnamon make an ideal fruit to feature with the meat course or they are equally delicious to have for dessert. Serve them hot or cold but hot fruit during the winter months is especially good.

Baked Peaches.

1 No. 2½ can peach halves — 2 tablespoons butter
¼ cup brown sugar — Cinnamon

Pour the peaches and the syrup into a shallow pan, a cake pan is convenient to use. Turn the peach halves so the cut side is up. Sprinkle the sugar over the peaches, place a piece of butter in each peach where the pit was removed and sprinkle them ever so lightly with cinnamon. Bake in a hot oven (450 degrees) until the sugar on the edges of the peach begins to brown, or about 30 minutes. If you wish a more pronounced brown edge, set the pan of peaches under the broiler for a few minutes.

Canned pear halves are delicious prepared in this same manner.

If the fruit is served as a dessert, plain cream is nice to serve with it.

MARJORIE H. BLACK.

Uncle Phil Says:

Give Us Action

Rather a man who calls a spade a spade, give us one who calls a pitchfork a pitchfork and uses it in a good cause.

If children were taught the national anthem in the public schools, they could sing more than one verse of it when they grow up.

How did it happen that the dodo was so called when all the other fossils have seven-syllable names?

As Discipline

Besides performing at least one good deed every day, each of us should perform one unusual disagreeable duty each day.

Silence under oppression fosters a lot of rancorous malice.

Facts are of no account if you don't reason from them.

GREAT— GREAT— GREAT— GREAT— GRANDCHILDREN

Pedigreed Ferry's Seeds are often developed and improved for six, eight, and even ten generations before they are sold. Year after year, at the unique Ferry-Morse Seed-Breeding Institute, the best flower and vegetable plants are selected from each year's experimental crops, and their seeds planted for still another improved generation. By this process, desirable characteristics are strengthened, weaknesses eliminated.

And Ferry's Seeds must *prove they will grow*. So the Institute makes 50,000 tests for growing ability each year before packeting—and tests each variety for *trueness to type!*

Ferry's Seeds have grown the finest flowers and vegetables in your locality for years. Assure *your* garden a perfect start this year—choose pedigreed and tested seeds from the Ferry's Seeds display in your favorite store. 5c a packet and up. 1938 NOVELTIES too! Ferry-Morse Seed Co., Detroit, San Francisco.

FERRY'S SEEDS

No Standing Still

All that is human must retrograde if it does not advance.—Gibbon.

One good cook tells another . . .

● *All* good cooks know that Jewel makes *more tender baked foods*, and *creams faster*, than even the costliest types of shortening.

It's a *Special Blend* of fine vegetable fats and other bland cooking fats . . . used by more fine cooks than any other shortening in America! Get Jewel in the familiar red carton for better cooking results!

FAVORITE OF THE SOUTH

SAYS COST STATE GOVERNMENT LOW

Pinellas Man Derides "Myth Of Increasing Cost Of State Government"

Tallahassee, Feb. 3 (FNS)—Believe it or not, total governmental costs, state, county and city, were approximately $50,000,000 higher in 1925 than they were last year under Governor Cone.

Walter P. Fuller, representative from Pinellas county and well known tax expert, explodes what he terms the "myth of increasing cost of state government". In an article to the St. Petersburg Times he shows the unfairness of comparing the 14 million dollars expenditure for state government under Governor Hardee with the 50 millions spent by the state last year, and shows that service for service costs are considerable less now than then.

Of the 50 millions the state collected last year, Fuller states, 22 millions were distributed back to the counties and therefore did not represent cost of state government at all. Another three million was given by the Federal government and spent on new gadgets of governmental service not existing at the time of Governor Hardee. Another seven million represents increased costs of state road construction which in reality is merely a transfer of costs from county to state government.

That leaves approximately 18 millions spent under Cone against 14 millions under Hardee for approximately the same governmental services rendered by the state for its people. But there were about a million people in Florida when Hardee started governing as compared with more than 1,600,000 under Cone. This gives a $14 unit cost under Hardee as compared with a $12 unit cost under Cone.

Total government in Florida—state, county, city—cost in 1925 approximately $140,000,000. Last year the cost was approximately $90,000,000.

Discussing arguments for the abolishment of "useless boards and commissions" which do all the "wasting" of public funds, Fuller says that they exist because our simple and elemental constitution of 1885 did not provide for them. As new duties and responsibilities of government have grown up, it has been necessary to provide for them by legislation creating a "board" to administer duties not allocated to some constitutional officer.

There are all together 58 boards—maybe 60—depending on what is called a board. Of that number 12 are merely the cabinet officers on whom is saddled additional duties such as the internal improvement board which administers state lands; board of administration which handles gasoline money; board of education, etc. They cost no money except trivial office expense, so abolishing them will save no money for the taxpayers.

Another large group of boards are for various branches of the medical arts, beauty culture, etc., all of which are supported by fees from those benefited. So there is no saving there. Another large group are honorary or minor in character. They perform worthy or important functions but cost little or no money. The only boards subject to debate, he states, are the Board of Health, Plant Board, Board of Control, Highway Department, Liquor Board, Conservation Board, Labor Board and Marketing Board. Which of these, he asks, should be abolished?

Just as private life grows more complicated, he concludes, the tools and ways of industry, domestic science, pleasure, occupations and science grow more numerous and complicated; just so does political and public life grow more involved. More and more do the people demand of government. And inevitably, the total cost rises.

Sought Votes At Florida State Fair

Tampa, Feb. 3 (FNS)—There is an old adage that "If you want to get votes, you get to go where the votes are". Eugene S. Matthews of Starke has been a member of the state railroad commission for the last 14 years and knows the truth of the adage. So, realizing that he could contact more voters at the Florida Fair than in any other one place, he has been a prominent and active visitor at the Fair.

In a frank statement, he said: "I came here to see the Fair, and naturally I have been seeing many of my old friends. Of course I am campaigning. But I am running for my own job again, and I am looking after Matthews and no candidates in other contests."

Sounds Break Glass

It is possible to break a glass by making certain sounds near it. Caruso was able to break glasses by singing to them—but he used a certain note which he knew the glass could not stand. Glasses have actually been broken by sounds coming over the wireless.

Exhibit Wildcats At Fla. State Fair

Tallahassee, February 6—Executive Secretary I. N. Kennedy of the Commission of Game and Fresh Water Fish has had two large wildcats in a cage, taken on the lower East Coast by Conservation Officer Hilliard, placed near the pen of wild turkey, quail and chukor partridges shown in the Commission's exhibit at the State Fair, Tampa. These are two of the 52 which Hilliard has trapped on following the plan of the Commission to reduce the number of cats in that area. Predatory control is one of the difficult problems in game management. Everything has its place in the scheme of life, wildcats are good mousers, but it is doubtful if their work in keeping down rodents, many of which feed on birds eggs, particularly the eggs of ground nesting birds, offset their depredations on quail, turkey and young fawn. Wildcats where numerous can well be trapped down says Kennedy.

TORONTO LEAFS PLAYERS YOUNG

Maple Leafs Notable For Having Youngest Team In Age Last Season

When the Toronto Maple Leafs started the 1937 International League season, the team was notable for being one of the youngest in average age that ever played in Double A class baseball. The average age of the players was a fraction over 23 years. Manager Howley is a strong believer in the old adage that youth will be served. He likes the youngsters and gives them every chance to make good. Last year, this youthful aggregation electrified the league by starting off the season with a seven-game winning streak. That the team didn't perform as well in the last month of the season, and dropped from fourth to seventh place, was due to a combination of circumstances beyond its control which was climaxed by a 10-game losing streak.

Although Howley has made a number of changes in the Maple Leafs since the close of last season, the players who will report for Spring training here at Avon Park in March include several of the youngsters who aroused Toronto to a high baseball pitch by their brilliant showing in the early months of the previous campaign. The outfield trio of Ted Petoskey, Mayo Smith and Bobby Porter is intact. Smith is a Florida boy, residing at Lake Worth. Porter is Toronto born and Toronto bred. He is the baseball pride of the Queen City for he made good in International League company in his second season after deserting the ranks of Ontario amateurs for the professional game.

The pitching staff of the Leafs is well sprinkled with youth and there will be at least five youngsters around 20 years of age who will be working hard to catch on with the team. Two of these, Pete Rehkamp, of Covington, Ky., who goes by the nickname of "Turtle Joe," and Art Calheun, a Toronto boy, have had no previous professional experience.

Coach Passengers Increase On S.A.L.

New York, N. Y.—Coach travel on the Seaboard Railway from New York, New England, Pennsylvania and intermediate points to Florida and the South, was 40% higher during 1937 than in 1936, C. E. Bell, Passenger Traffic Manager said today. He attributed this large increase to the fact that the coaches of his Line are air-conditioned and equipped with the latest type of de luxe reclining seats.

The Southern States Special, popular year around Seaboard limited reports the largest number of coach passengers, in this respect leading the Seaboard fleet of completely air-conditioned trains, the Twin Orange Blossom Specials, the New York-Florida Limited, Robert E. Lee and the Florida Sunbeam.

Over the last weekend, coach and Pullman business from New York to Florida and the intermediate resorts in Gergia and the Carolinas, on the Twin Orange Blossom Specials was 20% over the corresponding weekend in 1937, Mr. Bell said.

More Florida bound travelers than ever are shipping their automobiles via Seaboard's expedited freight service, he added. Since the first of January, 102 autos have been sent to Florida and other southern states from New York and nearby cities on Seaboard passenger tickets, this number exceeding the percentage for the first three weeks of January, 1937. Passengers who send their cars in this manner a few days before they leave home, find their autos awaiting them in Florida.

The Coffee Berry

When picked from the tree the coffee berry looks like a red cherry, each berry containing two beans.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY WINS MANY PRIZES AT FLA. FAIR

(Continued From Page One)

Highlands County showed itself to be second in the varied industries group, due to the fact that Gregg Maxcy fruit canning plant at Lakemont had a very creditable display and served some of the delicious juice to the thousands of winter visitors attending the Fair. The marmalade and jelly display of Marguerita Shop and Sun Tan Fruits of Bob Masons and others also helped greatly in winning this prize.

The total amount of $718.50 was won on the Booth and Exhibit through the following prizes: citrus, third, Tropical fruit, first, chemically preserved fruit, first, sugar cane, first, vegetables, fifth. Later it was learned that second prize was won on varied industries thus giving the county an additional $40.00.

The following prizes were won in the individual entries:

Table Beets, first—George L. Bryant, Avon Park.

Carrots, second—Thompson and Whitehouse, Sebring.

Turnips, second—G. B. Rogers, Lorida.

Simpson Cane, first—Bob Williams, Lorida.

Ribbon Cane, second—W. B. Lundy, Venus; third T. A. Cason, Lorida.

Green Cane, second—Bob Williams, Lorida.

Red Cane, third—Marion Poilard, Lorida.

Cuban Red Cane, second—Albert DeVene, Lake Placid.

Japanese Cane, first and second—Demos Mandis, Avon Park.

Other Varieties, first—W. B. Lundy, Venus; second, G. L. Pendarvis, Lake Placid; third, Emory Gray, Lorida.

Abachi Pineapples, first—Frank Eyman, Lake Placid.

Lady Finger Bananas, first—Mrs. B. F. Martin, Avon Park. Second, Fred Weatherbee, Avon Park.

Horse Bananas, second—Fred Weatherbee. Third, Mrs. B. F. Martin, Avon Park.

Ponderosa lemons, first—Prof. P. J. Gustat, Sebring.

Sampson Tangelos, first—Byrum Shockley, Avon Park.

Taylor Avocados, first—Jack Tayor, Lake Placid.

Collinson Avocado, first—Jack Taylor, Lake Placid.

Eagle Rock Avocado, first—Jack Taylor, Lake Placid.

Linda Avocado, third— Jack Taylor, Lake Placid.

Linda Avocados, first—W. F. Ward, Avon Park.

Lulu Avocados, first—W. F. Ward, Avon Park.

Linda Avocadas, second—W. F. Ward, Avon Park.

Taylor Avocados, second—W. F. Ward, Avon Park.

Taylor Avocados, third—A. M. Stephens, Sebring.

Schmidt Avocados, first— Mrs. Carrie Coulter, Sebring.

Kaffi Oranges, second—P. A. Correll, DeSoto City.

Sapodillas, first—P. J. Gustat, Sebring.

Coconuts, first—H. Rohde, Sebring.

Coconuts, second—T. U. Jackson, Lake Placid.

Sugar Corporation Will Build Houses

Clewiston, Feb. 3 (FNS)—In order to provide employment for Florida workers and to furnish housing for employees, the United States Sugar Corporation will undertake four new projects, Clarence R. Bitting, president of the corporation, announced this week.

The sugar corporation, according to Bitting's announcement, will build more than 100 cottages on its sugar cane plantations in Lake Okeechobee section, to be inhabited by laborers who plant and harvest cane, and employees of the mill where the cane is converted into raw sugar.

The building project also includes the construction of 12 homes guarantees the capital for an 80-room hotel at Clewiston and the erection of a 2,000,000 gallon tank for storing molasses at the sugar mill.

"Since the beginning of the recent recession in industrial activity," Bitting said in the announcement, "the United States Sugar Corporation has, through various projects, endeavored to do its part in halting what many claim is another depression. All of these improvements could well have awaited better business conditions."

CAR THIEVES ACTIVE

There have been several reports the past week of parked cars being entered and part of the contents stolen. One car was entered outside the Congregational church and a fur taken and other cars parked outside a house where a bridge party was in progress were also entered the other evening and articles taken.

Police Chief McCarthy said it will go hard with anyone caught at these depredations. He suspects some boys around town and promises them the reform school if caught and convicted.

Use Times Want Ads

THE "TYPICAL" FLORIDA MOTORIST

University Foresters To Grow Seedlings

Nursery practice has been added to the training of forestry students at the University of Florida, but the babies concerned will be trees and not human. By an agreement between the Florida Board of Forestry and the School of Forestry at the University, the students will establish a tree nursery at Gainesville to produce seedling stock for planting on the Unuiversity forest and for sale to the Florida Forest and Park Service. The students will thereby be assured of experience in seedbed technique, lifting, packing and shipping, as well as tree planting. By this arrangement competition between State agencies is eliminated and a desirable cooperative project initiated. By the terms of the agreement, the Florida Forest and Park Service will provide seed and advisory assistance, and the production at the school nuresry is limited to 100,000 trees.

Florida To Observe National Wildlife Restoration Week

Tallahassee, Feb. 6—Florida will join her sister states in observing National Wildlife Restoration Week, March 20-26, Says Dr. F. G. Garner, Chairman of the State Commission of Game and Fresh Water Fish, who has been asked by U. S. Senator Carl D. Shoemaker, Executive Secretary of the General Wildlife Federation of America and Chairman of the Senate Special Wildlife Committee in Congress to serve as Director for the Resoration Program in Florida. In announcing his acceptance of the appointment Chairman Garner says, "The native Wildlife of the State belongs to all, and what happens to wildlife, and the responsibility for what happens to wildlife, rests alike upon all. Wildlife restoration week has been proposed as a time when all Florida shall take stock of the life in her waters and her great open spaces, the fish, birds and mammals, and definitely plan for rebuilding supply. The call for the observance of wildlife restoration week with this purpose in view, is a challange. We can meet it, and with high hope, if every organization in Florida will unite in considering the present status and future welfare of this great natural asset, about which too many of the citizens of Florida know too little. We of this generation must rebuild for the boys and girls of Florida, crowding hard upon our heels, the good hunting and fishing beauty and interest, as well as economic values, which wildlife has contributed to our times, and which we too often have despoiled in the taking. To do less than this were a shame.

"Invitations," says Director Garner, "will go to organizations throughout the State, to schools and to individuals to join in the Wildlife Restoration Program of March 20-26. These will be followed by general plans for its observance, to be adapted to local Clubs and communities. To observe this program will impose no heavy task on any organization, and yet the result from the united effort of all will put Florida over the top, and will move Florida's program for the conservation and restoration of native wildlife well ahead. It is for this we hope."

Three Arrested For Shooting Along the Tamiami Trail

Tallahassee, Feb. 6—Conservation Officer Homder Rhode, recently reported three arrests in one day of men shooting on the Tamiami Trail, convictions in Judge Wayne Allen's court for the offense quickly followed. In 1937 the Legislature strengthened the law pertaining to this, making it a misdemeanor for anyone to discharge firearms upon, from or over the Trail or within one-half mile of the Trail. Observance of this law will assure the preservation of the spectacular bird life to be seen along the Trail, says I. N. Kennedy, Executive Secretary, Commission of Game and Fresh Water Fish.

TOWN TEAM WINS

Avon Park's "pick-up" town basketball team motored down to the Orange Blossom City (Sebring) Wednesday night to indulge in a friendly game which they surprisingly won by the score of 50 to 14.

Among the boys playing were John (Jake) Williford, C. B. Martin, duPont (cellophane) Smith, Ellis Lynn, Alvin (Drug Store) Ebi, and Junior Reynolds.

There will be a return game here next week, the date to be announced later, so come out and don't miss the fun.

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FREE—UNIQUE FLORIDA TOURING MAP—New—no other like it—cities and sections of the state in detail—beaches—golf clubs, points of interest, all clearly marked.

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GULFPRIDE OIL CHANGE—Replaces travel-worn oil with fresh 100% Pure Pennsylvania—in the right grade for Florida driving.

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CAR WASH AND POLISH—Makes your travel-stained car look like new.

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CITY O. K's BOND REFUNDING

HIGHLANDS COUNTY GETS WELFARE AID

Interesting Figures Show Money Distributed To Help Residents

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 10 —(Special)— Florida counties have benefitted both through a reduction in their expenditures for general relief and through added assistance for the needy by the operation of the State Welfare act, it was pointed out in a statement issued here today by Clayton C. Codrington, state welfare commissioner.

Highlands county, he said, is now receiving far more through Old Age Assistance and aid to the blind than it expended for both Old Age Assistance and general relief in June of 1937, the month prior to the induction into office of the State Welfare Board. Comparison was made of June and December welfare operations, or for the first half of the welfare fiscal year.

The figures, as obtained from reports to State Welfare headquarters here, show that during June of last year Highlands county had 40 cases, representing 101 individuals who received general relief to the amount of $266.00, and that it then had 58 Old Age Assistance cases receiving $693.70. The total amount expended for the month by the county for relief under the two categories was $612.85.

In December 106 residents of Highlands county received Old Age Assistance pay checks amounting to $1,605.00 from the state and federal government, and the county was then expending $366.40 for general relief.

Summed up, 106 persons were receiving Old Age Assistance in December as compared to 58 in June, while the county's income from this source was $1,605.00 as compared with its outlay of $612.85 in June, 101 persons were on general relief in June and 71 in December, receiving respectively $266.00 and $366.40.

General relief and Old Age Assistance expenditures for the entire state during June were $111,967.20. Old Age Assistance alone for December was $364,459.

Aid to the blind was not included in the statistics, as this form of public assistance did not begin until January of this year.

Since funds for the payment of Old Age Assistance and aid to the blind come from the beverage tax and matching federal money, these benefits are made possible without new taxation, as promised by Governor Cone in his campaign statements, it was pointed out.

Mrs. L. B. Radcliffe Died Here Saturday; Was Buried Tuesday

Mrs. Louie B. Radcliffe, 73, died Saturday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. C. Wever, after a brief illness.

The deceased was born in Washington County, Indiana, in 1865, the daughter of Barbara Ann (Fry) and John R. Motsinger. She was married in 1890 to Dr. B. T. Radcliffe.

Dr. and Mrs. Radcliffe came to Florida in 1921 and made their home with their son, M. K. Radcliffe in Sebring, later moving to Avon Park.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. E. C. Wever of Avon Park, one son, M. K. Radcliffe of Alma, Ga., six grandchildren, Mrs. Bill Sachsenmaier, Gwendolyn, Marion and E. C. Wever, Jr. of Avon Park, Miss Martha Wever of Washington, D. C. and Barbara Ann Radcliffe of Alma, Ga. and four brothers, Manson Motsinger of New Albany, Ind., Ellis Motsinger of Pekin, Ind., Edward Motsinger of Salem, Ind. and John F. Motsinger of Russiaville, Ind.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock at the First Baptist church, Rev. J. P. Dalton, officiating. Interment was in Bougainvillae cemetery. Casket bearers were, Roland Drolt, L. D. McGiboney, G. D. Godwin, J. L. Collins, John Giddens and B. F. Martin.

Apply For Homestead Exemption At Once

Homestead exemption must be applied for each year, Tax Assessor P. G. Gearing said this week and those entitled to it should fill in the necessary blanks as soon as possible in order to comply with the law. This should be attended to at once as after the legal time has expired no change can be made on the assessment rolls, Mr. Gearing said.

legitimate. It will cease when man enters into his heritage of freedom, his God-given dominion over the material senses. Mortals will some day assert their freedom in the name of Almighty God."—Mary Baker Eddy.

DRUG STORES TO FEATURE SALE OF CITRUS JUICES

Special Campaign To Start February 24 Throughout Northern States

Lakeland, Feb. 9—Drug stores throughout states where Florida citrus fruits are sold will launch a special campaign this month to increase their fountain sales of grape fruit and orange juice, L. W. Marvin, advertising manager of the Florida Citrus Commission, announced today.

The campaign, starting February 24, will be sponsored by the National Association of Chain Drug Stores, in cooperation with the Commission, which asked its help in promoting the consumption of Florida fruit juices. Four thousand drug stores, including all of the large chains, will participate.

Last season the chain drug stores supported the national grapefruit promotion with a special sale on grapefruit juice. Orange juice is included in this year's campaign to support the national promotion of this fruit to be staged by the National Association of Food Chains and the Independent Food Distributors Council.

"After the success of last year's grapefruit juice drive we look forward to active and enthusiastic participation of all members in what should prove to be the greatest citrus juice drive ever conducted", Fred J. Griffiths, secretary of the National Association of Chain Drug Stores, has advised Mr. Marvin.

Special display of Florida grapefruit and oranges will be featured by the chain stores during their campaign on these fruit juices. Many of them will prepare their own display posters, while others will use new advertising posters for fountain mirrors furnished by the Commission.

"One of the principal objectives of our current advertising effort is to increase drug store fountain sales of Florida citrus juices", said Mr. Marvin. "With the splendid cooperation we had from the drug chains last season, grapefruit juice was introduced for the first time in many cities as a fountain drink.

"The drug chains found that grapefruit juice is a profitable fountain item. This year's campaign is intended to make it more popular. It will help the sale of Florida grapefruit generally when people sample grapefruit juice at soda fountains and find out how good it is."

Grady Burton Seeks States Attorney Job

Grady Burton of Wauchula today announced his candidacy for renomination as State Attorney for the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Florida in the Democratic Primary to be held Tuesday, May 3rd. The Tenth Judicial Circuit comprises Hardee, Highlands and Polk counties.

Burton, a native of Kentucky, received his education in the Florida Public Schools, the University of Virginia and the University of Florida.

As a State Attorney he has prosecuted a number of the outstanding cases in Florida and has more recently been given widespread acknowledgment for the relentless campaign which he has waged against the roadhouses which are known as "jooks". He has waged this fight in the courts, in the newspapers, from the platform and over the radio, and has been successful in padlocking a large number of them.

He is Past-Governor of Florida Kiwanis and is very active in other civic and fraternal organizations.

Art Exhibit Is Planned Here

The Avon Park Art Club is arranging an art exhibit to be shown here about the first of March.

This exhibit consists of 40 or 50 selected oil and water color paintings, by Florida artists, who are members of the Federated Art clubs of the state.

The exhibit will be a great educational and cultural value to the city of Avon Park and will be of interest to the winter guests.

Highlands County Fair Opens Monday

The Highlands County Fair will open Monday at Sebring for six big days and nights. This affair is sponsored by the Sebring Firemen and the grounds are located on North Ridgewood Drive. There will be a number of free acts as well as the usual midway and other attractions.

Four large tents will be filled with horticultural, agricultural, floral and other exhibits. There will also be exhibits by the schools, 4-H clubs and manufacturers. There will be community booths as well as a large automobile show.

STATE EXPENSE TREND SHOWN

Has Been Continually Upward During Past 15 years Since Gov. Hardee

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 10 —(Special)—"The trend of state expenses from Hardee to Cone", said the Tax Revision League today, "is an interesting study, the net increase being aproximately 200% in the total amount and 87% per capita".

"Total state revenue receipts during 1922, the 2nd year of Hardee's Administration, amounted to $8 million, not including $1 million received from U. S. funds", according to the League. "The population of the State in 1922 was slightly more than 1 million, therefore, total revenue for state purposes amounted to approximately $8.00 per person or $32.00 for an average family of four.

"For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1937—the last 6 months of Sholtz and the first 6 months of Cone—state revenue receipts were $24 million, not including $2 million from U. S. funds, and $22 million prorated back to the counties. The population in 1935 was 1,500,000, therefore, total state revenue for 1937 was almost $15.00 per person or $60.00 for an average family of four—an increase of 87% since 1922.

"An interesting feature of the trend in this 15 year period", said the League, "is the fact that state revenue reached its all-time peak of approximately $28 million in 1926, the 2nd year of the Martin Administration—this does not include $2 million from U. S. funds, and $6 million prorated back to the counties. This, it will be recalled, was at the tail end of the "boom" period during which state, county and city government, and individuals as well, were spending money like drunken sailors.

"Revenue for state purposes declined under the Carlton Administration reaching a low point for the period in 1933 when the total receipts were $15.5 million not including $2.5 million from U. S. funds, and $6 million prorated back to the counties.

"The trend was upward again", says the League, "during the Sholtz Administration reaching the above figure of $24 million for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1937.

"It is too early", according to the League, "to predict what the trend will be under the Cone Administration. While Governor Cone has been in office a full year the latest complete figures available are for the last 6 months under Sholtz and the first 6 months under Cone. The increase in the state payrolls of 28% from March 1936 to November 1937, indicates that the trend will continue upward but the expenses of some departments show a decline. Developments in state affairs in the next 6 months will no doubt indicate definitely whether or not the trend of expenses will continue upward or be forced downward by Governor Cone."

AVON PARK WATER O. K.

A recent analysis of Avon Park water by the State Board of Health was productive of the usual results. The report stated "we would say that the bacterial or sanitary quality of the water is very good". The samples were submitted by the Florida Public Service Co., three specimens being sent to the Jacksonville office.

U. S. Consuls

Consuls are really a group of commercial agents, who represent the United States in every important trading center in the world.

ROTARY ENJOYS FULL PROGRAM ON WEDNESDAY

Mock Trial Of President Garber Preceeds Talk By Dr. Bonsack

A full program and a full house marked the Rotary Club luncheon Wednesday noon at the Jacaranada Hotel. The principal speaker was Dr. Charles D. Bonsack of Elgin, Ill., secretary of the general mission board of the Church of the Brethern. A mock trial was held, President Paul Garber being served with a summons in the case of I. M. A. Odd, et al, vs U. R'et Even, et al. The case involved the recent attendance contest in which the Evens beat the Odds. The Odds didn't like it, hence the trial.

Garber disqualified himself and Norton T. Smith was named judge and took the chair. After several speeches were made and motions declared out of order the contest was declared null and void and a new one ordered. The losing Odds of the former contest then agreed to feed the Evens, claiming their good name had been vindicated but called for another contest which will be held during the rest of February and continue through March and April.

Dr. Bonsack, who was introduced by President Garber, has travelled around the world twice and spoke chiefly on International Relations. The world is becoming more interdependent all the time, he said and international relations must have a large consideration. People as well as nations must learn to get along together as they have common interests and understanding and good will must be reached.

The speaker cited the fact that if only a few people read books, used the trains or bought cars, very few of them would be in use as they would be beyond the reach of most people.

Dr. Bonsack quoted Babson as saying that present day airplanes would be obsolete in 25 years and then weekends would be spent in Europe with new type planes. The planes would have folding wings and be parked outside second-story windows and people would go up and out and not down and out.

He urged people to read books and study other countries and their struggles. We are too apt to criticise what we do not understand, he said.

The status of the family must be maintained to have good government, he said. We are getting too urban, he thought and which made for a selfish viewpoint. Rural life is more cooperative.

Earn the right to influence and help others. All the world is looking toward is this country to solve the world's problems, Dr. Bonsack said and urged the development of the "big brother" spirit.

L. H. Park mentioned a state art exhibit it is hoped to get in Avon Park. This collection of pictures is the work of Florida artists and covers Florida subjects. It is a travelling exhibit and he asked the sponsorship of civic organizations in order to defray the nominal expense in getting the exhibit here.

Visitors were: William Campbell, Fred L. Keller and Albert W. Wood of Rochester, N. Y., L. H. Park, Avon Park, Rev. D. E. Miller and V. G. Watters of Sebring, A. B. Cannon and Guy Empie of Frostproof, C. P. Gibson of West Liberty, Ia., Ross McGregor of Swissvale, Pa., W. B. Roberts of Tampa and M. B. Carter representing the Winter Guest Club.

Bud Robinson At Church of Nazarene

On Tuesday evening February 15th at 7:30 the inimitable Bud Robinson, world traveller, author, and the most widely known evangelist in America, will speak at the Church of the Nazarene.

Bud has preached thirty thousand times, travelled two million miles, and can count his converts by the thousands.

If you have not heard this remarkable humble preacher don't let this opportunity pass. All are welcome.

England Has Growing

England's population should attain its maximum figure about 1950, according to official statistics.

District Cage Tournament Here

Coach Arthur Wagner was notified this morning that the sixth district basketball tournament will be held in Avon Park on March 3, 4 and 5 with up to 20 teams participating. The winners and runners-up will play later in the state tournament at Gainesville.

There will be a meeting of the high school principles and coaches here on Saturday, February 19 at 1 p. m.

The tournament will bring a large number of fans here for the three days, as well as the members of the teams and will be excellent publicity for Avon Park.

TORONTO LEAFS HAVE NEW BLOOD

Recent Purchases Include 2 Well Known Players At High Prices

Recent deals made by the Toronto club include the outright purchase from Toledo, of the American Association, of Firstbaseman Irving J. Burns and Catcher Frank Reiber. A high price was paid for these players because several clubs were after them, but Manager Howley of the Maple Leafs outbid all others because he was particularly anxious to secure them.

Howley had much to do with the early careers of these players. Burns comes from Cambridge, Mass., only a short distance from East Weymouth, Howley's birthplace. He has been purchased twice by Howley, the first time in 1929 when Howley was managing the St. Louis Browns, and Burns was with Tulsa. Burns was with the Browns for six seasons, when Detroit purchased him in 1936 after Hank Greenburg was injured and forced out of the line-up. When Greenburg returned to the Tigers last year, Burns was sent to Toledo.

Reiber, who was born in Huntington, W. Va., but spent most of his life in Michigan, got his first catching mitt from Howley. That was when Reiber was bat boy for the Tigers and Howley was a Tiger coach. Frank started out in organized baseball as a shortstop, but soon went back to catching. During his seven years in professional ranks, Reiber has caught many games for Detroit, but in competition with such high class performers as Mickey Cochrane and Ray Hayworth, he was never able to land a regular's job. He spent two seasons with Montreal in the International League, and has always been regarded as a capable handler of pitchers and a dangerous batsman.

Both Reiber and Burns played an important part last season in Toledo's success in finishing in second place in the American Association, and Howley is counting on them being valuable additions to the Leafs who report for Spring training at Avon Park early in March.

Mrs. Elwell's Mother Died Friday Morning

Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, 81, passed away Friday morning at 3 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. McKee Elwell, after a long illness.

Mrs. Thompson was a native of Pennsylvania. She has visited her daughter many times and was well known here.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at the Stephenson Funeral Home, Rev. W. C. Fountain, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating.

Accompanied by Mrs. Elwell and son, John, the body was taken on the noon train, Saturday, to Pittsburgh, Pa. for burial.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. A. McKee Elwell of Avon Park and Mrs. Howard Goodman of Huntington Park, Calif. and a son, Harry A. Thompson of Dubois, Pa.

SCOUT EXHIBIT

An interesting Boy Scout exhibit has been built in the Sun Court building by the local troop. It shows a camping scene with a background of palmettos and an illuminated campfire in the foreground, in front of the pup tent.

HIGHLANDERS HELD MEETING HERE TUESDAY

Membership Campaign Now Under Way Shows 2,000 Paid Up Members

A combined meeting of the Road and Membership committees of the Scenic Highlanders was held Tuesday night at the Jacaranda hotel.

Guy Ruhl, Frostproof, chairman of the Membership committee reported that the membership campaign now underway in Polk and Highlands counties showed that the Scenic Highlanders organization would have a strong membership behind their program of activities during 1938.

Ruhl stated that to date 2,143 paid memberships had been reported from various communities while several Polk county communities are still enlisting members. Highlands county reported they had just began their campaign and in the near future they expected to report several hundred new members.

The membership campaign committees reported the following new members: Haines City, 428; Lake Hamilton, 118; Dundee, 25; Waverly, 385; Lake Wales, 588; Babson Park, 103; Frostproof, 399; Sebring, 72 and DeSoto City, 25.

The Road committee under the chairmanship of John Maxey, of Frostproof, discussed plans for presenting the road program of the Scenic Highlanders to the State Road Department in the near future.

Major phases of the road building program was discussed by Judge Robert T. Dewell, Haines City. Judge Dewell stated that the Scenic Highlanders were pointing their activities towards giving every support to pushing Federal Route 17 to completion and asking for immediate action by the State Road Department on State Route 8 which serves all the communities from Haines iCty south to Lake Placid.

The group passed a motion presented by Edward Hasti, Sebring that the Executive Committee of the Scenic Highlanders hold dinners in Haines City and Lake Wales on Wednesday night February 16th inviting all persons who actively come in contact with the traveling public and to present to them the plan for encouraging the use of Route 8 as a Scenic Highway.

John Clark, Waverly, president of the Scenic Highlanders was scheduled to attend the Lake Wales dinner while Jim Morton, Waverly and William Beck, Avon Park were to attend the Haines City dinner.

John Donaldson And Family To Visit Here; Is Noted Author

Dr. John Donaldson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Donaldson, accompanied by his wife and son, are expected here today for an extended visit with his parents. Dr. Donaldson is on a six months leave of absence from the George Washington University where he has been professor of political economy for the past 15 years. During his absence he will engage in research wor kwhich will include a trip to Latin America.

He is the author of several books the latest of which, "The Dollar", is a study of the "New" National and International Monetary System. A copy of this book is being presented to the library which also has a copy of his previous work on International Economic Relations. This book is in use at all the universities in the United States, including the University of Florida, and has been translated into many foreign languages and is used in the leading colleges throughout the world.

Prof. Reeves Named School Principal

The county board of public instruction at their regular meeting Tuesday named Prof. Stanley N. Reeves supervising principal of the Avon Park schools for the coming school year. This action was taken on the recommendation of the local trustees.

The board also named M. M. Ferguson as principal of the Sebring schools for another year.

CITY COUNCIL WILL GO AHEAD WITH PROGRAM

Has Lengthy Session Wednesday Afternoon and Night With Crummer Representative; To Complete Validation.

The city council, after investigation, hearing the views of a citizens committee and others and conferences with H. A. Lassiter of the R. E. Crummer Co., has decided to proceed with the bond refunding program and carry out the contract made by the former council with the Crummer Co. This decision was reached about 10 p. m. Wednesday after a conference with Mr. Lassiter and others held Wednesday afternoon and evening. J. A. Franklin, representing the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, was present during the afternoon and protested several features of the plan. He claimed the interest is too high and it is bad practice to refund interest. He said he would report back to his superiors but could not state what action they might take, if any.

Mr. Lassiter said a number of mis-statements had been made about the plan which he wished to clear up and devoted most of the evening session in explaining different features of the contract and reducing them to non-technical language. He said that if the Crummer Co. did not think Avon Park could perform their part of the contract his company would not spend good money trying to put it over with the bondholders.

Lassiter pointed out that if only the first year's interest is paid four percent would be saved and there is no principal due for 30 years. He explained how the bonds can be bought at the market, thus reducing the principal, funds received from delinquent tax payments and other sources as well as the sinking fund being used.

He explained the use of the word "shall" instead of "may" regarding the use of surplus funds to buy bonds with and showed how millions had been lost to various political sub-divisions by keeping such funds on hand and not buying bonds with them.

He believed that Avon Park can meet the program "right on the nose" until the present council has no further interest in the matter when it will be time to let others worry about it. He said "It is waste of time to discuss it further as there can be no change in any of the terms."

At the evening session President Hartt said he did not want the responsibility of knocking out the validation proceedings and Councilman R. F. Sappington moved that the city attorney, T. A. McNicholas be instructed to join with the special council, S. C. Pardee, in concluding the validation proceedings. This was seconded by Councilman Elwell who stated he did not believe it was a great thing for the city to do but the best that can be done. If the city goes into default several years hence it will be no worse off and in the mean time may gain a momentum in population. This motion carried without a dissenting vote.

The validation proceedings are set for hearing before Judge W. J. Barker next Monday, February 14.

Former Visitor Dies In Sebring

W. H. Virts, winter resident of Sebring, from Keyser, W. Va. died, Sunday in a Sebring hospital after an illness of several weeks.

Short services were held Monday evening at the Stephenson chapel, and the body was taken to Keyser, W. Va. for burial.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. W. H. Virts and three sons, Marshall, Ray and Harry.

Mr. Virts was well known in Avon Park, having spent several winters here.

Mrs. Virts is a sister of the late Col. Chas. R. Head.

Woman's Club Benefit Bridge

The Avon Park Woman's Club will sponsor a benefit bridge party next Friday afternoon, February 18, at the club rooms at 2:30 o'clock. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments served. The admission will be 25 cents.