

## Seek Facts On Fruit Industry

New Committee of Business Men To Be Headed By Former Congressman

Orlando, Feb. 21.—Former Congressman H. J. Drane, chairman of a committee of business men announced here yesterday the formation of the Florida Citrus Fact Finding Institution, as a permanent organization, not operated for profit, for the benefit of the citrus growers of Florida. It will function under a trusteeship.

The three trustees appointed are: H. J. Drane, of Lakeland, chairman, well known Polk County business man, and former congressman from Florida; Merrill P. Barber, of Vero Beach, trustee, young business man, bank director and treasurer of the Florida State Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Frank R. Mannett, of Orlando, managing trustee, citrus public relations counsel, for over 30 years an authoritative writer on citrus subjects, and since 1925 active in the Florida Citrus deal. The trustees are to serve without compensation, with the exception of the managing trustee, whose salary was set at \$250.00 a month.

An advisory board consists of 11 business men and 11 citrus growers. The advisory board of 22 members must be selected as follows: Eight business men and 8 citrus growers from the 7 citrus districts of the state and 3 business men and 3 citrus growers from the state at large. Operating funds are pledged by business men of the state. All funds are for the purpose of the fact finding, and are vested in the trusteeship as legally set up. The declaration of purpose is the positive policy and procedure that the fact finding body must follow.

The institution will survey and analyze the individual growers condition, and obtain facts as to why the growers find themselves with income below production costs. It will analyze these facts and report these findings to the growers for their benefit and action. It will encourage the present citrus growers membership and activity. Facts prove Growers Associations are beneficial and essential and the Florida Citrus Fact Finding Institution at all times recommends and encourages every individual grower to maintain active membership in his County Growers Association. The institution will obtain citrus facts not only in Florida also. It will engage skilled individuals for investigation and analysis of these laws, and employ legal counsel to draft therefrom corrective measures. The institution will immediately report to the growers any lack of proper enforcement of citrus laws, and follow the growers mandate as to the adoption of means to compel legal enforcement.

"The Florida Citrus Fact Finding Institution has been created as a voluntary movement on the part of business men of the state, who realize the seriousness of the citrus situation on Florida business in general," Drane said. "It has been set up as a way and means of gathering facts for the benefit of the growers and to bring about corrective measures. It is an institution to obtain facts, not opinions."

"It is organization has been the result of over 1000 interviews with leading business men of the state who expressed the unanimous belief that something was radically wrong with Florida's citrus marketing system. Within the citrus producing states continually command a higher market price, and California alone, twice the distance from principal markets, with double the freight rate, can still maintain a market price to return a profit to the grower, there is no other answer, but what the fault is with us. The differential of approximately 80c in freight alone if added to the Florida Growers present market price would mean the difference between a profit and bankruptcy on the part of the Florida Growers."

"Florida's citrus industry is not bankrupt, but it will be unless the cause of the present condition is found and a remedy applied. We believe the efforts of this new institution as created, along the lines of similar fact finding institutions, functioning for the benefit of other lines of business, of digging into the facts for the growers and then by following through with corrective measures, believe the Florida citrus growers not only will be able to realize a profit, but that every acre of citrus producing land in the state will immediately become a source of wealth to the grower."

Frank R. Mannett, managing trustee, said, "I am manager for the fact finding operation, which is being conducted on a non-profit basis. The fact finding institution is being organized in a way and procedure that makes the fact finding body to be a permanent organization. It is not a fact finding institution, as on Feb. 21st."

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## COUNTY PLANS SECOND REFUND OF BOND DEBT

Interest Totalling \$180,000 Would Be Saved If Plan Goes Through

The county commissioners of Highlands County, at their meeting Tuesday in the court house, discussed plans for a second refunding of the county bond debt which if effected as planned would save the county \$180,000 in interest less the cost of the refund.

The county debt was refunded a few months ago through R. E. Crummett & Co., by an exchange of the bonds outstanding for bonds that can be called for payment at any time the county has funds with which to buy them in at par, which was a preliminary move to make possible the refund that is now being planned to cut the interest rate from six to a possible four per cent.

Up to the present time the county has been advertising for offerings and buying bonds in when offered below par, and has reduced the county debt to a point where offerings of county wide bonds at less than par are not being received.

It is reported that at least two large bond houses stand ready to finance the refund with a lower rate of interest from 4 to 5 per cent. However, at their meeting Tuesday the board discussed possibilities of refunding on a rate as low as three and one-half per cent interest rate.

H. A. Lassiter and H. J. Crummett, of R. E. Crummett & Co., appeared before the board Tuesday offering the services of their organization in effecting a refund not only to state on what basis at the present time. The board requested them to submit a proposition as soon as convenient.

R. E. Keller, clerk of the board, read a letter from Treadwell & Treadwell, prominent Arcadia legal firm, suggesting that the board of commissioners of Hardee, DeSoto, Highlands and Glades meet in Arcadia today to discuss the attitude to be taken on any possible legislation that may come up affecting the gasoline tax during the next session of the state legislature. It was decided that Chairman J. L. Wells and Representative M. C. Whitworth should attend the conference.

The board was notified by letter that the State Fresh Water Fish and Game Commission would not grant permits for the seining of Lake Istokpoga, and the matter of seining rough fish out of Kiewitsee river has been taken under advisement by the commission.

## Invite Tin Canners To Convene Here

A delegation consisting of Mayor M. E. Covington, Earl Hart, Will Bennett and Albert Garrett, representing the city, R. E. Brown, R. H. Overpeck, Jr., R. I. Brown and C. E. Lanier representing the chamber of commerce, Rodman Nichols, president of the Winter Quost Club, and Richey Green are going to Dade City today to extend the official invitation to Frank J. Van Pops, Royal Chief of the Tin Can Tourists of the World, for his organization to convene in Avon Park next fall.

Mr. Van Pops visited here last week and inspected the trailer camp and expressed himself as being well pleased. He said he received many favorable reports on the camp here.

If the trailerists accept, as is expected, Avon Park can look for at least 100 hundred trailers, and maybe several hundred, to gather here in November or December. They will come for at least a week but many of them will extend their visit beyond that period.

## Cadet At Bolles



DONALD TODD

Donald Todd from Avon Park is a cadet at the Bolles School in Jacksonville. He is a senior and a member of the football team. He received his varsity letter for this past season. He was a corporal in the cadet band in which he plays clarinet. Aside from football Todd is also active in basketball and wrestling.

## MANY PROPERTY OWNERS IGNORE THE MURPHY ACT

Must Act At Once To Take Advantage Of Savings Before Act Expires

Not more than twenty per cent of the tax delinquent property in the county, eligible to benefit under the Murphy law, has taken advantage of the opportunity. Clerk of Circuit Court W. S. Carson stated yesterday.

As the recent newspaper reports that the legislature may repeal the law as soon as it convenes have increased activity in the county, Carson stated that it appears that most people expect to wait until the last week, and many of them do not realize that their applications must be in his office on or before the tenth day of May in order that the advertising may be completed before the law expires on June 5.

In most counties in the state the last day upon which applications will be received has been announced as the first day of May. Mr. Carson stated that he has set the date here ten days later and will make every effort to handle all applications. But in case his office is unable to handle all that come in the last few days, they will handle them according to the order in which they are received.

"With only 20 per cent of the property eligible having been advertised, if applications for half the balance should come in now, it would be impossible to work up the taxes before the law expires," Mr. Carson stated.

The reduction in tax collections throughout the state, due to the passage of the Murphy Act, has caused county and state officials considerable embarrassment; and for this reason it is believed much more probable that the law will be repealed than that it will be extended.

At least two county officials have stated that they do not believe another so-called delinquent tax relief bill will be passed by the legislature for several years. The current agitation for enforcement of tax collection laws lends color to this belief, as many tax experts throughout the state have pointed out that it is the delinquent taxpayer that causes the man who pays to pay more.

## GIRL SCOUT NEWS

The Girl Scouts of Avon Park held their regular meeting Monday night at the home of Mrs. Sue Yates, scout captain. Madge Phipps, scout leader, presided. After the business meeting the girls acted as the guests of the boy scouts at the Legion home on Lake Lorida. After enjoyable games and scouting demonstrations, refreshments of ice cream and cookies were served.

—Betty Moffett, Reporter.

Mrs. and Mrs. Harry A. Pike of Greenport, Long Island, N. Y., and Mrs. H. P. Rosenbaum of Philadelphia, Pa., left Friday for their homes after having spent some time with the latter's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rosenbaum.

## NEW YORK FRUIT EXHIBIT AIDED BY ELECTRIC CO.

Rochester Company Works In Cooperation With Local Electric Company

Lakeland, Feb. 23.—(Special)—The superior qualities of Florida citrus fruits are being called to the attention of the 325,000 Rochester, N. Y., residents through an attractive window display sponsored by the Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation, with the Florida citrus commission cooperating with the Florida Public Service company to make the exhibit possible. Details of the plan were announced at the citrus commission offices here today.

The Florida company has a reciprocal program by which it provides Florida citrus in exchange for advertising in Florida of northern points which might be of interest to Floridians going north. The Rochester display started a few days ago and will continue for some little time.

Center of interest in the complete display of Florida fruit is the "sunshine and showers" diorama, furnished by Earl Brown of Florida National Exhibits. This shows a miniature orange grove, in which a rain storm changes to sunshine, with tiny trucks and trains carrying fresh fruit from the grove to markets in all parts of the country. Also featured are photographs of this area and exhibits of the finest fruit from this section, furnished by the citrus commission.

H. R. Cloud, general manager of the Florida Public Service company, with headquarters at Orlando, explained to the commission that his company was anxious to assist the citrus interests of Florida in any way possible.

"It is indeed a great pleasure to announce this program," Mr. Cloud said. "Nearly 40% of the citrus fruit shipped from Florida comes from territory in which the Florida Public Service company has a stake."

"For years our company has been studying ways in which we could help increase the markets and sales of citrus products. The company extended by the Rochester company is one of the finest opportunities offered to attract attention of residents of a leading northern city to the excellent characteristics of the abundant fruits which come from groves in this section."

The reciprocal feature of this activity is similar to that in which the Florida Public Service company has been participating with New England Gas and Electric Association for two years. In exchange for the Florida exhibit at Rochester, the Florida company will present a window later in the year calling attention to the vacation attractions of the Genesee Valley where Rochester is located as a place for Floridians to visit on their trips north next summer to the New York World's Fair.

Another important feature of the Florida fruit exhibit in Rochester will be tied in with Rochester Gas and Electric corporation's home service demonstrations during that period. On these occasions (Continued on page five)

## They Came, They Saw and Were Impressed



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Former Representative Dr. A. T. Eide of Lake Placid and Representative E. P. Martin of Plant City were the only two members of the legislative council of the state hospital to come here Tuesday to inspect the proposed site at Glendale Hills. They are pictured above as they were looking over the rolling, lake-studded acres south of town.

They were met by a large delegation of citizens headed by Mayor W. E. Covington and conveyed on the tour of inspection. They appeared much impressed by the site offered but could not make any commitment.

In the evening they were entertained at the American Legion home at a rib roast with all the trimmings. Over 50 citizens and guests enjoyed these festivities, the visitors including Representative Joe Peoples from Glades county and Senator Henry Murphy from Zolfo Springs and other members of the legislative body.

Three Plant City citizens also came over, evidently to "grip out the land." Plant City is offering a site also and apparently waiting for the Avon Park bid to offer. This delegation was composed of: T. E. Moody, a banker, Judge J. E. Cassels, a lawyer and Dr. D. F. Sebastian, a Baptist minister. They also accompanied the legislators on their inspection of the Glendale Hills site.

Mrs. L. W. DEAN of St. Louis proved herself a graduate of the Isaac Walton school of anglers at Lake Okechobee last Tuesday and bent her husband, Dr. L. W. Dean, in the piscatorial art. The two of them returned to the Jacaranda Hotel with about 75 pounds of fish and Mrs. Dean caught the largest and best which she is sending home. Dr. Dean caught the smallest ones.

The Deans are regular winter visitors at the Jacaranda and are ardent fishermen. Dr. Dean is an ear and nose specialist in his home town and also director of the otolaryngology department of Washington University.

## Citrus Growers To Name Members For Wallace's Choice

All citrus growers of the entire area extending from Highlands county down to the south end of the state will meet Tuesday afternoon, February 28, at 2 o'clock at the auditorium of the Avon Park high school to nominate four members from which one will be selected to act on the State Marketing Agreement Control Committee. Secretary Wallace of the Department of Agriculture will select the member from those nominated by the body.

It is urged that all citrus growers attend this important meeting.

## JUNIOR G. A.'s MET

The Junior G. A.'s met Wednesday evening at 6:30 in the basement of the Baptist church to observe a special program on "Home Missions." Those present were: Dorothy Lawhon, Barbara Lawhon, Mrs. English, Winifred Demore, Ruth Pendleton and the leader, Miss Tommie Lou Green.

Mrs. and Mrs. C. V. Roberts of Ocala who have been visiting their son, Herschel V. Roberts, in Lake Wales were the guests of Mrs. Mae Purvis last Friday. Mrs. Purvis returned to Lake Wales with her son and daughter-in-law, and the leader, Miss Tommie Lou Green.

## "WASHINGTON THE MAN" WAS ROTARY TALK

Chester Yates Tells Club Facts About the Founder Of This Country

George Washington is in danger of becoming a myth in the minds of many who can't realize he was a flesh and blood man. Chester Yates told Avon Park Rotarians at their luncheon Wednesday in his address on "Washington, the Man." He was a man like anyone else, although an extraordinary man. He has been built into such a hero that he is becoming a legend, Yates said.

Giving a brief soldier's history of the Father of Our Country before launching into his talk, Yates said Washington was born on February 22, 1732. At the age of 21 he was commissioned a lieutenant colonel in the Virginia Militia and served under General Braddock in the expedition against the French during which he was cited for bravery.

Continuing, Yates said: "As we look back from our vantage point of the present over the years of American history many names stand up as though they are mountain peaks. There are many great names that we, as Americans are proud to honor. But even among these great there are two figures that tower far above the rest. It is a happy coincidence that both of these men to whom I refer were given to us in the month of February. If there were ever an argument as to who was the greatest American who ever lived, that argument could involve but two names: Washington and Lincoln. Although this program today is primarily in honor of Washington I felt that it is only fitting that other great statesmen whose birthday was only a few days ago be paid a passing tribute. The similarities of Washington and Lincoln are not confined to the coincidence of their birth month. As the first gave us the Union, so did the other preserve it for us."

Washington was a man, Yates said, 6 feet 2 inches in height and weighed 175 pounds. He was a well-dressed and a good business man. He married a rich widow and was very generous, especially to his slaves. He was a devoted father, a devoted husband and a devoted relative's children and loved his step-children as he had no children of his own. He took Lafayette as a son-in-law to educate him in the ways of the world and treated him as his own.

Washington was neither brilliant nor witty in conversation, in fact he was "slow to educate" when called on to speak. He was "More solid than brilliant, his judgment rather than genius constituted the most important feature of his character." According to Jefferson, he could not speak 10 minutes together on any subject.

But the story of the hatchet and the cherry tree and Washington's saying he could not tell a lie, Yates quoted Ford as writing: "Whether this was or not, it seems probable that Washington partially outgrew the childishness in his mature years." It was a well-known fact that Washington, Yates said, that he caused false reports to be circulated in order to confuse the enemy.

He had a high temper and bitterly rebuked his officers when justified. Again quoting Jefferson: "His temper was naturally irritable and high toned, but reflection and resolution had obtained a firm and habitual ascendancy over it. If however, it broke its bounds, he was most tremendous in his wrath."

Washington was a hero because of his unselfishness, Yates said. He did not seek honor and wished only to serve his country. Quoting Ford: "He was a 'Life of Washington.' Yates said: "No man has ever appeared upon the theatre of public action whose integrity was more incontestable, or whose principles were more perfectly free from the contamination of those selfish and unworthy passions which find their nourishment in the conflicts of the party. Having no views which required concealment, his real and avowed motives were the same; and his whole correspondence does not furnish a single case where that he was in the wrong under any circumstances, of stooping to the employment of duplicity. No truth can be uttered with more confidence than that his ends were always upright, and his means always pure. He exhibits that rare example of a politician to whom (Continued on Page Eight).

## RIDGE BASKETBALL Tournament Results THRU THURSDAY

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| 2:30 P. M.    | SEBRING 20     |
| AUBURNDALE 14 |                |
| 3:30 P. M.    | MULBERRY 43    |
| FROSTPROOF 15 |                |
| 7:00 P. M.    | LAKE WALES 24  |
| AVON PARK 21  |                |
| 8:00 P. M.    | BREWSTER 44    |
| SEBRING 20    |                |
| 9:00 P. M.    | HAINES CITY 37 |
| FORT MEADE 17 |                |

## TODAY'S GAMES

10:00 A. M. — Lake Wales and Mulberry.

11:00 A. M. — Haines City and Brewster.

## Bruchart's Washington Digest

## Age-Old Fight Between President And Senate in Vicious Revival

Current Squabble, Involving Senators Glass and Byrd, Invited by President Himself; Mr. Roosevelt's Attempt to Discipline Senate a Political Mistake.

By WILLIAM BRUCHART

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WASHINGTON.—Through nearly all of our nation's history, there has been a continuing controversy concerning the respective rights and prerogatives of the President of the United States and the senate. It has alternately smoldered and burst into flame. It has been characterized by vicious outbreaks from one side or the other at various times and it has made or destroyed the political fortunes of a great many men.

Washington has been regaled with a fresh revival of the controversy in the last several weeks. The fundamental differences are the same as they always have been. There are, however, new names and new faces and obviously the political fortunes of individuals who have entered upon the public stage in recent years are bound up in the boiling kettle. Like the earlier outbreaks over these rights, this one will prove nothing in the way of a tangible solution.

The current fight must be said to have been invited by President Roosevelt. Perhaps, his course of action was urged by some of the "inner circle," which so often has wrongly advised him lately, men who do not know politics and who ignore political history. The fact remains that the President carried the fight to the senate, and there are more than a few observers who expect that he will come off a bad loser.

Mr. Roosevelt, as I have reported in these columns earlier, was insisting upon his own selection for political appointments where the senators from a particular state were not receiving his approval. The procedure was not pleasant but there was no sensational outcry from the senators concerned until the nomination of Judge Floyd Roberts, a United States district judge, was sent to the senate. Mr. Roberts was picked without comment, even over others recommended with Senators Glass and Byrd of Virginia. It proved to be the signal for a riot.

#### Advisers Reckoned Not With Senatorial Courtesy

After the manner of senate procedure, Senators Glass and Byrd rose in their places in the senate and pronounced Judge Roberts "personally offensive" to them. That was enough. The senate, as it has done so many times before, promptly rejected the Roberts nomination by the terrific roll of 72 to 9. It was such a slap that even the Virginia senators were surprised at its overwhelming character. It surely made the fact abundantly clear that Mr. Roosevelt's course was not a good one. The fact is that a President can pick nominees without "the advice and consent of the senate" as the Constitution specifies. But it did not have that effect.

And here was where the President made a great political mistake. He sought to discipline the senate by publication of a letter to Judge Roberts in explanation of the senate's action. He secured the release and he tarred Senator Byrd. They were almost guilty of conduct unbecoming gentlemen.

It was rumored that the strategy of the "inner circle" was to have Mr. Roosevelt smear the two senators and thus create a serious division in their own political machines in their native Virginia—which any one acquainted with Virginia politics will tell you is much easier said than done. It was reported even that Mr. Roosevelt would send up another name without consulting the two senators and if that was rejected to send up still others. That, believed the "inner circle," would slowly force disintegration of the Glass-Byrd support.

But the President and his untrained political advisers reckoned not with senatorial courtesy. Now, senatorial courtesy is an intangible thing. No one ever has been able to define or describe it. One usually has to say that it exists and let time prove the statement. The proof always can be found, and the action of the senate on the Roberts nomination, and since, certainly seems to demonstrate that the senators will fight for their rights, or at least believe to be their rights, on a collective basis. Each sticks by the others; none knows when he may need the same kind of help.

#### Senate Is Thoroughly Embittered at Roosevelt

After several weeks of this lashing back and forth—because Senators Glass and Byrd did not fail to tell the country what they thought of Mr. Roosevelt's action—the senate is thoroughly embittered at Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Roosevelt is trying to use the powers of the Chief Executive. As I said, that fundamental difference has intensified the formation of our govern-

## ADVENTURERS AMERICANS

By

Elmo Scott Watson

## Historic Footrace

WHEN Capt. John Whittier arrived on the shores of Lake Michigan in 1893 to build a military post, he found the Indians of the area—one of the subalterns in his command was his son, Lieut. William Whittier. Young Whittier was more than six feet tall and famous for his strength and endurance.

A frequent visitor at Fort Dearborn was a young Pottawatomie chief, the champion runner of the tribe. Believing that Lieutenant Whittier was the man to spoil the Indians' race, the officers at the fort proposed a five-mile footrace between the two men to which they readily agreed.

The race was a thriller. At the start the Pottawatomie sprang into the lead and held it for almost the entire distance. But near the end young Whittier managed to close the gap between them and by a final burst of speed plunged across the finish line several yards ahead of his rival.

The race had an exciting sequel. During the War of 1812 the Pottawatomie chief, who was now an ally of the British, sent a challenge for a hand-to-hand combat with Whittier or any other officer or soldier in the American army. Whittier promptly accepted. It was agreed that no firearms were to be used.

The fight began. Whittier dodged the tomahawk that was hurled at him. He was not hurt. The Indian stabbed at him with his long hunting knife but missed. Then the lieutenant's sword finished the duel.

## An American Mandarin

IN 1859 Taising rebels had almost overthrown the Manchu dynasty in China. Fifteen of the sixteen provinces had been captured when Frederick T. Ward, a 25-year-old sailor from Salem, Mass., quit his ship and offered to put down the revolution—if they would pay him \$75,000 for each city captured.

The rebels were willing to do this. Ward agreed to young Ward's price and the rebels agreed to his own army. He recruited his men from among the human detritus around the wharves, but he instilled in them the discipline they had learned as a soldier in the French army during the Crimean war.

Then, at the head of his band and with a pistol in each hand, he ordered an attack on Sungking, held by 5,000 rebels. His men fought hand to hand with the rebels. The city wall and held it by tossing over the bodies of Taising soldiers. In 24 hours the rebels were driven out and the city was captured.

He continued to fight, successfully taking the city of Shingpo by outwitting 20,000 Taising rebels. When they again threatened Shanghai, he drove 10,000 of them back 10 miles in only 24 hours.

Then he took the city of Quankung. Ward made a mandarin and his fame spread throughout the empire. Soon he was able to increase his well-trained army to 6,000 men, besides piling up a huge fortune.

He was hunted five times, but he always escaped. In 1860, at Tseki, he was hit for the sixth time and killed. The Chinese mandarin, Nature, was a naturalist who buried him in the Temple of Confucius at Sungking.

## Eskimo Heroine

IN 1904, an attempt was made to find out whether man could live on the otherwise uninhabited islands of the Arctic. The experiment proved more. It revealed to the world the calm heroism of Ada Blackjack, who will be remembered as the most courageous woman of the Eskimo race.

Four men were landed with a year's supplies on Wrangell island, 100 miles north of Siberia in the Arctic. Ada Blackjack went along as seamstress, cook and servant. She was to be on a relief ship to pick them up.

The year passed but few foods blocked the relief ship. Lorna Knight, one of the four men, became ill with scurvy. The other three left on a truck across the ice to Siberia to rescue the patient. No one ever heard of them again.

Left alone with Knight, Ada Blackjack went through eight months of mental torture. Two months she nursed him. She died.

The relief ship finally came. They found her still keeping the diary that Knight had turned over to her when he could no longer hold a pen.

One entry in the diary read: "God is the only one who will bring me out of this. I am a native of the faith and persistent courage that enabled Ada Blackjack to face a seven-months' hopeless situation without breaking."

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## Floyd Gibbons' ADVENTURERS' CLUB

HEADLINES FROM THE LIVES OF PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF!

## "Danger on the Rails"

## HELLO EVERYBODY!

I'm still learning what a terrific beating the human mind and body can take and still survive. The latest one to impress this lesson on me is today's Adventure—Patrick J. Laffey of Trenton, New Jersey. Pat Laffey, as a boy in Ireland, crawled under a locomotive and was hanging to the undercarriage when the engineer started his train. His description of the heavy steel rods as they started to move, picking up speed, shoving him, battering him—well, read the story!

Pat was just, as he puts it, "a broth of a boy" in 1915, living in Galway, Ireland. On this particular autumn afternoon, he and two companions set out blackberrying. So lovely was the scenery, that they traveled farther from home than they had ever before ventured—some ten miles.

"We dared go no further," Pat says, "lest we get lost in our homeward journey. We were all tired now, so we started home, bringing our collection of berries along."

The boys crossed a few fields, when suddenly they came to a double rail set. Rather than cross any more fences, or fall into any more ditches, they started home along the track.

They had walked about half a mile when their attention was attracted by a huge engine which lay on the sidetrack nearby.

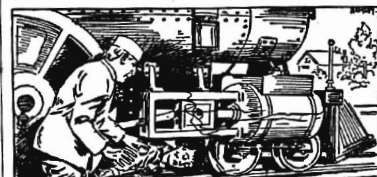
"To me," Pat says, "who had never seen one before, this huge mass of steel presented one of life's mysteries." The boys watched the aged engineer as he pushed and pulled levers. "How that thing did whistle and shriek," Pat recalls. "I think I heard it now."

Mystified, Pat Climbs Under the Locomotive.

A little later, the engineer left his position and walked down amongst other cars on the track. The engine was still steaming and hissing. "This," Pat says, "was our chance for a final analysis of our mystery—was this huge thing really alive?"

The mystery was solved, the more confused the boys became. They walked around it, saw its dirty, greasy iron bars, its large, shiny wheels. "And now," Pat says, "my race with death occurred."

I feel a cold shiver right up the spine now, clearly. It was a foolish act on my part, as I learned later. Now, boys, don't get a fainting spell when you read this, but consider yourself in my position. What would you do? Well, here is the incredible thing Pat did. Being greatly interested in the engine, he examined it as best he could; so did his chums. Rather than miss anything, he crept underneath the huge structure. He was just in there, when the engineer returned. He rebuked Pat's two chums for their presence on the property of the railroad. The boys took to their heels as fast as they could, but



Pat's battered body was on the ground under the engine.

Pat, rather than face the engineer's scolding, tucked himself under the engine, never aware of his life being in the other's hands, listening for every breath, hoping the engineer would soon go away.

He did decide finally to go away, but, as Pat puts it, "not without the engine."

Smoke blew around, iron clattered, brakes shrieked and groaned—and there was Pat, gasping for dear life itself. He clung on with his hands and feet until a huge iron compelled him to lose his foothold.

He now tried to save his head and arms from being ground to pieces. The engine pulled along. Pat expected any minute to be mashed to pieces. A thousand thoughts flashed through his mind as he lay there. He was just in there, when the engineer stopped—long could he hold on?

Soaked With Blood, He Sinks Into Unconsciousness.

To Pat death was inevitable; he could see no possible way to avert it, no means of attracting the attention of the engineer. He remembered he began to shout for help, but his cries were only drowned out by that ever-increasing rattle of the engine. He remembers, too, getting a severe blow on his left side—the cuts of which he bears to this day.

He felt himself getting weak . . . wet with blood . . . he sank into unconsciousness.

There, beside his bed, stood Pat's parents, friends and neighbors, and in the middle of the group, the unfortunate engineer himself. Needless to say, all were overjoyed to see this response to medical attention in a boy they had literally given up for dead.

Pat afterward learned how it came about that his life had been spared. And again, it was just one of those almost incredible flashes of good fortune. Providence. The engineer had occasion to throw a switch, and while he was on the ground he chanced to look down at the engine's running gear.

Imagine his horror to find Pat's battered body lying on the ground under the engine. He signaled the fireman in the cab, the fireman's hand shot to the levers and the immense monster of scorching steel screeched to a stop. The engineer lifted out the unconscious form from beneath the undercarriage.

If any of you adventurers ever want a ride on an engine, take Pat's advice, and be sure you get in one, not on the rods, because the odds, Pat says, "are against you."

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## Greek Law of 25 Centuries Ago Provides Fundamentals of Present Day Patent System

The grant of patents for inventions began long before the Christian era. Frank E. Barrows of New York says in a symposium of the American Chemical Society on "Modern Patent Practice and Procedure."

"The earliest patent system of which we have authentic record was the Greek province of Sybaris and related to inventions of new foods."

It is pointed out, "Sybaris was destroyed in 700 B. C. Monopoly of the record of its experience with a patent system, but the Greek historian Polydorus, writing in the third century B. C., has about the provisions of the system. It provided that any cook or caterer who invented a new method of preparing food was entitled to a monopoly of this new invention for a period of one year."

"The inventor was entitled to the profit to be derived from its manufacture during this period, and the purpose was not only to protect and reward the inventor but to encourage others to labor at excellent results in the kitchen. Thus we have in the Sybaris patent law of 25 centuries ago the fundamentals of our modern patent system."

"For pestilential purposes the earliest of our modern systems is that of Great Britain, established by the Statute of Monopolies in 1562, more than three centuries ago. Our own patent system is next in point of time. It was established in 1790, shortly after the adoption of the Federal Constitution."

"Even before that time patents were granted by some of the American colonies. The adoption of patent systems has spread and practically all nations have patent systems."

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## LESSON

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Lesson for February 28

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PETER IN SAMARIA

LESSON TEXT—Acts 8:14-18.

GOLDEN TEXT—Come ye, buy, and see. Ye cannot buy with money, neither will ye receive wisdom with price.—Isaiah 55:1.

Commercialism certainly should have no place in the Christian Church. But in an age that will even commercialize a man's love for his mother, it is small wonder that the great holy days of the Church—Christmas and Easter—have become the special objects of predilection for purveyors of everything from hats to whisky. New Year's day, Thanksgiving day, Mother's day, Father's day, any day at all, becomes just another opportunity to take a man's money, waste his time and sensibly to destroy his soul. It is high time that intelligent folk make effective protest against such perversion of sacred things.

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### State Press Comments

#### ANOTHER "WHAT HAVE WE?"

What have we? This so-called New Deal is it a new theory of government or just the experimenting of a bevy of academic school kids playing out and trying to the pleasure of Washington to see as to what they intend to make when they start a project, or are they like the old Yankee carpenter who told his son to start whittling and see what comes out? In a southern Illinois paper we find the following account of a Resettlement project that would indicate there is neither planning nor sense. This example can be duplicated over home and in other sections of our country. It reads:

Marion, Ill., Feb. 5. (Special) Relentlessly the federal government is moving to force a mass exodus from the Kingdom of southern Illinois. Eight hundred farm families, comprising 5,000 individuals, have been notified, or soon will be notified that the government wants their lands and will take them virtually at its own price through condemnation proceedings.

The farms will be swallowed by the shallow waters of Crab Orchard Lake. The entire project is estimated to cost \$2,500,000 and is being built with WPA labor.

A dam 3,000 feet long already has been constructed. Only the finishing touches remain to be applied. The barrier already is backed up water for nearly two miles. Only a few days ago it poured a torrent over Route 13, the main highway between Carbonade and Marion.

#### Residents Scold At Claims

Congressman Koenig E. Kellier sponsored the project originally as a rural resettlement measure, on the ground that much of the land involved is almost worthless. He told grumbling constituents the project would breathe the breath of industrial life into the Illinois coal field, making it comparable to the Ruhr industrial valley in Germany.

The resettlement idea was abandoned when farmers protested they didn't want to be resettled. The project then was promoted as a reforestation idea, although the first act of the WPA crews was to cut down trees, and not plant new ones. And now, though farmers in the area say more land will be flooded by the artificial lake than was ever flooded by nature. Finally it was advocated as a fish preserve and a pleasure resort project, although folks who live in the area say the mudcat is the only fish that will be encouraged.

#### Forced Out of Area

The apparent social consequences of this experiment in governmental interference with normal life are astonishing. Investigation indicates that the majority of the displaced will be poor, and that the William and Jackson counties. They do not know where they will go.

Many maintain they cannot purchase comparable lands and homes for 50 per cent more than the government grants them for their property. They say the land measure pure confiscation. A frequent complaint is: "Hitler or Mussolini couldn't do any more than this."

In a petition which they have drawn up, to be sent to Acting Governor John Stille, the farmers relate that Williamson county will lose the taxes on 50,000 acres, or one-fourth of its taxable lands. Three-fifths of Carterville township high school district, with bonds of \$80,000 outstanding, will be inundated and the bonds rendered worthless, they assert.

If, as is claimed by the proponents of the New Deal, all the unemployed, it does seem that after all these years of experimenting, some method could be evolved whereby labor and money could be put to useful purposes instead of wasteful destruction of property in these colossal atrocities perpetrated under the so-called new theory of government.—WINTER HAVEN CHIEF.

#### NOT FOR CHILDREN ONLY

(An editorial from the Rotarian Magazine)  
Every parent wants his children, everybody's children, to have a playground. But he needs one, too. All adults do. A hard-bitten superintendent of steel mills in Gary, Indiana, once went to the late Judge Elbert H. Gary and persuaded him, as chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, to appropriate \$250,000 toward the purchase of land along Lake Michigan, adjacent to Gary, to be given to the public as the Indiana Dunes State Park.

"I didn't know," a friend said to the superintendent, "that you had that much sentiment in you." "It isn't sentiment," he replied, "I'm simply pointing out to the Judge that in another generation or so, unless we acted now, all that land would be occupied by industries or homes, greatly increased in value, and out of reach. Our thousands of workers would then have no place to sit on the ground near the lake and eat picnic lunches undisturbed under real trees. All the signs would say 'Private Property; No Trespassing.' And that would tend to breed inefficient, discontented, dangerous-minded workers, ready for anything. That's why I wanted the park. There wasn't a spark of sentiment in the deal."

Maybe not. But the deed served, all the same, was on the side of imperishable human values. The ancient Greeks had a myth about a mighty wrestler. His name was Antaeus. He was a good deal of a nuisance, because he made every stranger wrestle with him; and if the stranger lost, he was put to death. Antaeus could be thrown. But he always got up stronger than ever, thanks to contact with Mother Earth. The great Hercules came along one day, and by holding Antaeus completely off the ground, he succeeded in strangling him, and so ended his career.

There is immense significance in this ancient tale. All of us are stronger after direct contact with Mother Earth. We cannot long be kept away from it and still remain wholly normal and healthy.

But an increasingly urbanized civilization makes even an occasional return to the good earth ever more difficult for many of us. That very difficulty, however, emphasizes the need. Happily many communities—led by alert groups of citizens—have long understood that need and have long been doing more than a little to meet it. For instance, they have built kiddie parks, walking pools, and woodland camps for the youngsters—and parks and flower gardens and tennis courts for the grownups.

In this as in most other cases it is no doubt only right to "think of the children first." Very well, let's do so. Let's give them a corner on recreational facilities of our communities, but let's leave a corner—a grassy knoll or viney dell or just that acre down by the "depot"—for their mothers and dads. Or, better, for all of them to use together.

#### CITRUS FACT FINDING

(Editorial from Tampa Tribune, Feb. 16, '39.)  
Latest action proposed for the improvement of the Florida citrus situation is the organization of a Florida Citrus Fact Finding Institution. A preliminary meeting has been called by Hon. H. J. Drane, to be held in Lakeland Saturday, when ways and means for perfecting and operating the proposed body will be discussed.

The idea back of this plan is that it is time the business interests of the state generally, not the citrus industry alone, take a hand in the citrus problem and in endeavoring to find a workable and permanent solution. This idea was developed from a survey of the state, in which nearly 1000 business men were interviewed. They were unanimous in the opinion that citrus troubles are the troubles of the entire state and that an organization of business men, making a thorough study of the situation, finding the actual facts, and from them recommending measures for relief, is a practical means for improvement in the industry.

As Mr. Drane says, in his call for the meeting: "It is no longer a growers problem alone, it is a problem that the business interests of the state, so seriously affected by the situation, must assist in solving. It's not a political problem. The business interests of Florida realize that this situation is a state problem, that they, in order to protect their own capital investments in Florida, must render immediate aid in finding out just what is wrong, and then assist in making corrections."

The scope of the organization, as outlined by Frank H. Hammett, a leader in the movement, will embrace a survey and analysis of the condition of individual growers, the study, enactment and enforcement of needed citrus laws. The plan is based on the operation of such fact finding bodies as the Brookings Institute and The National Industrial Conference Board, which has done effective work in various industries. The outstanding fact is that Florida's citrus income today is below production cost—and something must be done to remedy that condition. Other industries, finding themselves in similar situation, have turned to the state for aid and analysis facts and to make recommendations based on those facts. Surely that would be helpful in the citrus industry.

#### FAITH IS NOT KEPT

Just before Congress convened, President Roosevelt gave out an interview in which he promised that the administration's bureaus and departments would not further impose pre-written bills upon Congress. We stated at the time that it was the brightest bit of news that had issued from Washington in many months. And this despite the fact that it was plain as could be that the President has sensed the resentment in Congress over being fooled into passing bills that contained ambiguous phrases for which the bureaus already had prepared tailor-made "rules" and interpretations which would bring results members of Congress never would have voted to bring about.

But the faith has not been kept. Bureaucrats do not give up so easily and administrative departments drunk with the taste of dictatorship, have continued to shove bills into the hoppers of both houses of Congress, using political "friends" among the members.

One of these is particularly vicious. The internal revenue department, getting a taste of autocracy from the extreme power of the State of some social security laws, has prepared a bill which seems on the face of it fairly innocent of purpose but which actually would ABOLISH the United States board of tax appeals and DEPRIVE the 45 district federal courts and 11 federal circuits of all jurisdiction in tax matters. This is House Resolution 234, introduced by Celler on January 3.

They tried this same stunt last January but struck a snag when Chairman Vinson and Attorney General Cummings saw through it and headed off the vicious bill. But these "two gentlemen are not there" and unless somebody else rises up and exposes it so the stretch can rise and reach the noses of all the congressmen and their constituents the department will have the taxpaying citizenry hogtied and ready to drench with its noxious dictatorship. Emergency? What a laugh!—LEESBURG COMMERCIAL.

#### IN THE BACK ROOM

The dice game was going "long nicely." The kitty responded "long" on the floor. Gus had the bones and was pleading, "But the best he could roll was a four." He rattled the cubes and he cursed 'em. He laughed and he cried and he swore; He threw every point on the agates, But he never could seem to make four.

Then Lady Luck smiled and Gus made it. Yes, sir, he came out with little old Joe; But before he could raise in the money, The coppers broke in the back door.

—Florida Times-Union.

#### JUST LIKE HIGH TAXES.

(From the St. Petersburg Independent)  
Miami milk producers and consumers find the distinction of having won a victory from the State Milk Control Board.

After two stormy sessions the board had issued an order raising the retail milk price from 16 to 18 cents a quart for the winter season, but further protest and opposition caused it to back the order in obedience pending further consideration.

Now the board has surrendered, leaving the board-fixed price of milk at 16 cents. The incident shows that strong resistance to high prices sometimes brings results.

## Just Stuff--

(By W.A.S.)

The "Bug" Has Two Sides—Naturally. Although I'm not one of those acrobatic "jitterbug" fellows, I'm on compelled to say a few words in their behalf. The modern jitterbug has been cussed, discussed, and disguised by non-members of the Jockology society. Haunted with the desire to accomplish the "jittery" emotions of the "bug," which they can't acquire, the non-members rely on their tongue-wagging to help them out of the well known spot.

We have two types of jitterbug: first, the dant-give-a-dam type that kick their heels up over their heads with little if any respect for the spectator, should be there if they don't like it, and then go into a tailspin whenever he or she is in the vicinity of their head or otherwise—mostly other people. The number two type is the timid species who cuts a few preliminary steps in the jitterbug and then day dreams of the time when he or she will rattle the foundation of some hot spot. But does neither respect the jitterbug, tattered and torn garments which the young skirts ripped from stern to low and if mother can't fix 'em did does the faithful sucker.

There is nothing uncivilized about the craze, the young folks enjoy so much—let 'em have their fun—it'll soon pass. MAYBE. Remember the American Indians indulged in a little jitterbugging before they burned our forefathers at the stake and the cannibals of darkest Africa usually work up an appetite by jitterbugging around the pot. And they call this UN-CIVILIZED—Phooey!

#### Notice To Small Town Weeklies

At last we have solved the problem of continuous repetition of news items on the society page. Have the "see" in the Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, and Sat. evening bridge club parties and number them one, two, three, etc. Keep the list in the back of the week to week, and then all you have to do is tell the makeup man to run "see" story one, two and so on. There is usually one item in each club that goes out of town to shop on her club day; so make that item the "see" story. If Mrs. X was absent from this "delightful affair." If the regular refreshment course is substituted at one of these parties, you will be compelled to set a paragraph. If in the few hours of the morn you discover that the "see" story has omitted the refreshment course of a certain prominent lady's party, telephone her home and if no one answers you will continue to reap the profits of her husband's advertising. But if the old man gets out of bed to answer the phone you will have killed the "see" story. If the golden ads. Then after discovering that the hostess served a sweet course, you "pie" the type, throw it all in the back of the week to go to press. And in the end, like this paragraph, it amounts to NOTHING.

#### "Madman shoots down Duce's guard" . . . or he was mad.

The Avon Park Red Devils have quit practicing basketball—they play a game every

"Wonder if the Florida legislature will purge the State of some of those expensive and useless bureaus and commissions?"—Times-Union. I wouldn't bet any money on it.

Wonder what the dictatorial countries will do for a "testing" ground after the Spanish war?

W. W. Bell, co. comm. dist. 2, says he protests the rumors that the guard, who killed the negro convict last week, was born in Georgia. . . . Does that make him a better guard than Bell? The point argued is did the guard have sufficient reason to kill this "petty-timer."

Which is most annoying, the jitterbug or the shutterbug?

A picture of contentment, viewed at the B. Anchor the other night, was a gal on the dance floor serenely masticating a puck of gum.

Odities 'round the drug store: Police buy a postage stamp at the drug store while the postoffice is open and only a block away. . . . A local drug store was giving away a bowl containing two goldfish last week, with the purchase of one tube of toothpaste. After tasting the latter, one citizen decided that he bought the goldfish and was given the toothpaste. Of course that's a matter of opinion.

Highlands County Fair Association says, "Gambling will not be tolerated." . . . There hasn't been any gambling in the past—you just give me money, and I'll walk away. To gamble you must have at least one chance. They give you a gambling chance—a ten cent bet for a quarter or nothing—that's not gambling because you don't have a chance. But AIN'T IT FUN.

## THE AIR MEET

By MRS. SOPHIE G. WOODSON

The curving road hemmed in by citrus trees, Both golden fruit and fragrant bloom were there, Glances of white rimmed lakes like liquid seas, Grey moss on giant pines waving in air.

Glowing, glorious, flame vine now was seen Flung wide on fences, houses, churches, trees, Dazzling the senses like an Orient quest, Planting her gorgeous banners in the breeze.

We reached the camp, our host with outstretched hand Stood waiting, for the generous feast was spread, A credit to D. R.'s sturdy hand, An answer to our daily prayer for bread.

Across the way, a waiting plane "stood by" To take our fair young hostess and her son On their exciting journey thru the air To other fields where crowds await the sun.

Such dangerous stunts, our hearts almost found still, The races, dog fights, other things were given, But most astounding, a tremendous thrill, The bat man slowly floating down from heaven.

## Grandpa's Corner

Rev. F. N. Dexter, D. D.

The light of a whole life dies, When its love is done.—Bourdillon.

I think the first virtue is to restrain the tongue.—Cato.

#### A Place To Blow Off In.

A while ago Grandpa went to help a brother pastor in special meetings. As he sat at supper, he looked out of the window at the place next door and remarked to his host that it was a very fine home, who rejoined, "The house and grounds are, but I would not call it a fine home!"

He said, "I married that couple a few months ago. The two had been married before and their spouses had died. He had no children, but she had two daughters in their teens, very attractive girls in the high school. I never suspected that anything was wrong there, and you can judge of my surprise a few evenings ago, when the three women came rushing into our house, in great excitement. When I tried to find out what the trouble was they told me I must go over to their place and try to quiet their father down—that he was acting like a crazy person, and they dared not stay at the house with him."

Though I shrank from it, I felt that I must try to do something and so I went to the house. I reminded him that he knew that I had no disposition to interfere in their affairs, but that his family had come in greatly agitated and had asked me to go. I told my neighbor that before the coming of his family, I had no suspicion of any trouble. He killed the "cooee" and told me nothing, but I was there to no apportion blame, but to offer friendly pastoral medication. He told me that his wife's trouble had been brewing several weeks, and thought it was not known outside their house, for he had not talked and he did not think they had, for it was not praiseworthy for either of them that within six months of their wedding, they were quarrelling bitterly. When I asked him to tell me frankly what the matter was, he replied he

would make a clean breast of it all.

He said that I know he was in the store from early morning till night and got very tired; that always there were annoying things to bear, but of course, one cannot blow off his temper against his customers or his clerks, no matter how provoking they might be, and I guess I'm a big grouch when I get home evenings. But, say, Elder, I think it's pretty tough, if a man can't blow off anywhere, not even at home! I told him very likely he needed to blow off, as he called it, but that if he must, he should do so when and where there was no danger of blowing his home to pieces and marring all their happiness. He replied that he would try to do better, and if his family would come back, and give him another chance and say nothing of this unhappy incident, everybody would soon forget it, for there was no real reason for this misery.

The pastor reported to the family the result of the interview and escorted them all back home. There was no humbling cause to make matters worse.

Grandpa will not moralize but will repeat an old chestnut he read recently, about the house-maid who gave notice to her mistress that she was going to quit Saturday night, who said, "Why, Ada, are you leaving us?" I'm sure we've tried to treat you as if you were one of the family!" "Yes, Ma'am," she interrupted, "You've treated me just like one of the family, and I'll not stand for it any longer!"

#### ATTEND LEAGUE MEET

Among those attending the League Confederation of the First Methodist church in Sebring Thursday evening were: Mrs. C. R. Mingleford, Miss Mary Pardee, Miss Nellene Cannon, Miss Ruth Wild, Miss Juanita Crosby, Miss Lauretta Reed, Miss Doris Redick, Miss Glennis Porter, Tom Shivers, Glenn Mingleford and Truman Crosby and others.

#### LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Application for Purchase of Tax Sale Certificates Including Subsequent Certified and Levied Taxes and all State Certificates and Taxes unpaid through 1939 on Property Described Below in Accordance with Committee Substitutes for House Bill No. 396 of 1937 Laws.

Notice of official signature and seal this 24th day of February, A. D. 1939. By: F. E. MACDONALD, D. C. Clerk Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida.

Feb. 24, Mar. 5, 19.

Notice is hereby given that Katherine Rinehart, Sebring, Fla., has applied for the sale of her real estate in the County of Highlands, Florida, under the following description: Property situated in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit: Lot 18, Block 31, Sebring. The applicant desires to sell the above described property and subsequent certified and levied taxes on the above described property to be in accordance with Committee Substitutes for House Bill No. 396 of 1937 Laws, and such sale will be held 11 o'clock A. M. at the Court House door on March 14, A. D. 1939.

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#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

(Senate Bill No. 183)  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That Emma Don, Sebring, Fla., holder of Tax Certificate No. 261, issued the 16th day of July, A. D. 1924, has filed notice in my office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. Said certificate embraces the following described property in the County of Highlands, State of Florida: Lot 3, Block K-Lake Jackson Boulevard. The assessment of the said property upon the 1924 tax roll was in the name of C. F. Wright. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described therein will be sold to the highest bidder at the court house door on the first Monday of the month of March, 1939, which is the 6th day of March, 1939. (SEAL) W. Z. CARSON, Clerk of Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida.

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## STIMULATE THE APPETITE

A poor appetite often makes one feel listless and a good tonic may be desirable.

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Downstairs there is the entrance hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, sewing room and two toilets, one inside and one outside. Upstairs there are four bedrooms, bath and a screened porch. There are two stairways and a wide porch around three sides of the house. There is plenty of fruit, grapefruit, oranges, tangerines and limes. The palms are the largest in town and as high as the house. The house is cool in summer and easily heated when necessary in winter. Would make a fine tourist home with a little remodeling.

**BILL BECKETT, Owner**

# SOCIAL and Personal News

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**GWENDOLYN WEAVER**  
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## Mrs. W. H. Yates Charming Hostess

An unusually delightful party of Monday afternoon was given by Mrs. W. H. Yates at her home on Kendall Boulevard when she entertained for several of her friends and winter guests.

The three rooms were thrown en suite and lower cases of burlinlin lent an additional charm to the rooms which are so ideally adapted to entertaining.

Delicious fruit punch was served during the afternoon, while bridge, a Charley McCarthy game and Chinese checkers were enjoyed.

The charming hostess served dainty refreshments of lemon meringue pie, tea and candy to the guests invited to share this lovely party, who were: Mrs. A. C. Elliott, Mrs. Everett Armstrong, Mrs. Olive Armstrong, Mrs. C. S. Donahue, Mrs. Lily Hixon, Mrs. Charles Maderia, Mrs. Wm. Hauptmann, Mrs. Lulu Bass, Mrs. Harry Dille, Mrs. G. S. McKnight, Mrs. Jean Ricketts, Mrs. S. V. Hunning, Mrs. V. H. Haynie, Mrs. L. H. Park, Mrs. Thomas A. Nesbit, Mrs. Charles B. Bethune, Mrs. H. A. Vickery, Mrs. C. A. Clark, Mrs. John Andrus, Miss Katherine Cutler, Miss Emma Stewart, Mrs. H. Hood, Mrs. J. W. Jordan, Miss Sybelle Rankin, Mrs. Estella Sonnenmann, Mrs. E. H. Williams, Mrs. S. J. Welch, Mrs. A. C. Helmingworth, Mrs. W. H. Kempton, Mrs. Katherine Dickinson, Miss Frances Hyers and Mrs. W. H. Yates.

## Barbara Prentice Birthday Party

Barbara Jean, attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Prentice, was hostess at a lovely party at her home on Monday afternoon, given in celebration of her seventh birthday. During the afternoon, a number of enjoyable games were played.

Refreshments of orange juice and birthday cake were served. The table was overlaid with a pretty cloth, with the beautiful birthday cake, frosted in white and bearing seven blue candles in pink rosebud holders, as the centerpiece. Gaily colored balloons and suckers were given as favors. Mrs. Prentice was assisted in entertaining by Miss Ophelia Dean, Miss Odean Bishop and Miss Doris Reddick.

Barbara Jean received a number of useful and lovely gifts from those invited to share the afternoon with her who were: Anna Wilkistis, Joyce, Marie and Mary Belle Mann, Ruth and Becky Lou Winnick, Grace and Patty Oates, Billy and Ronny Langford, Ethel Hardeen, Peggy and Virgil Martin, James Bishop, Ann Pabon, John Deleag, Jeanine Crews, Marjorie Hetherington, Gertrude Connell, Beverly Epps, Charlene Deleag, and Janet Jones.

## Miss Mildred Wray Hostess Friday

Miss Mildred Wray was hostess last Friday evening at her home when she entertained at a surprise birthday party, given in honor of her brother, Howard Wray and Ebert Cribbs. The party rooms were decorated with lovely bouquets of cut flowers.

Delicious refreshments of cherry pie and coffee were served and a light refreshment plate was a tiny yet hatched.

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## Tom Shivers To Head Senior League

Members of the Senior League of the First Methodist church entertained Tuesday evening at the club. A short business meeting was held with vice-president Mrs. Gertrude Buchanan presiding. Tom Shivers was elected as the new president.

During the social hour games were played and punch and sandwiches were served to those present who were: Miss Louise Rogers, Miss Rebecca Holton, Miss Mary Carroll, Miss Ruby Holton, Miss Leola Holton, Miss Jean Correll, Richard Burright, Elie Hardeen, Ralph Rogers, Bob Maynard and the hostess Miss Mildred Wray.

## Blevins-Willis Wedding

Vance Blevins and Lois Willis, both of Avon Park, were married at the office of County Judge T. A. McNicholas on February 18. The ceremony was performed by Miss Bernice Albritton, clerk to the judge.

Mrs. Bill Schenckmaier, Mrs. Lucille Koch, Mrs. R. X. Drott and Miss Gwendolyn Weaver were visiting in Sebring Monday afternoon.

## Delicious refreshments of sandwiches, cookies and punch were served to those sharing this lovely party who were: Mrs. Annie Young, Mrs. Veda Mae Powell, Mrs. Mary Connor, Mrs. Alma Ellis, Miss Christine Hood, Miss Elizabeth Lavier, Mrs. Lucille Varney, Mrs. Pearl Spink, Mrs. Jewell McCubbin, Mrs. E. Hayes, Mrs. Mary Lunsford, Mrs. Ruby Reynolds, and Mrs. Estella Clark.

Mrs. G. C. Prentice and daughter Edna Prentice of Kissimmee were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Prentice and family.

## Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Hosts To Club

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Johnson entertained members of their bridge club Thursday evening last week. The party rooms were effectively decorated with lovely bouquets of burlinlin and roses.

High score prize was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dille and second high to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wells. Out prize was won by Mr. and Mrs. Lester Armstrong.

After the games a surprise handkerchief shower was given to Mrs. Lester Armstrong and Miss Dille in celebration of their birthday anniversary.

A delicious sweet course and coffee was served to club members enjoying this delightful party. Those taking part on the program were: Mrs. John Hood, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dille, Mrs. and Mrs. Irvin Ford, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wells and Mr. and Mrs. Mildred Dille.

## Washington Party At Methodist Church

An enjoyable "Washington Party" was given Monday evening at the Methodist hall, by Circle Two of the Missionary Society. The hut was decorated with lovely bouquets of petunias and marigolds. Mrs. A. Gerrard had charge of the program, assisted by Mrs. Oscar Bridges and Mrs. Rex Reed.

The interesting program consisted of songs and living picture presentations with Mrs. C. R. Mingleford accompanying at the piano.

Mrs. Kessler, "Mother of Mine," sung by E. L. Roberts.

Mrs. Gertrude Montalozco, "Carry Me Back To Old Virginia," sung by Claire Vandewende.

F. Longbottom, "Sing, O Lord, Old Sweet Song," sung by Claire Vandewende and E. L. Roberts.

Miss Lauretta Reed, "Columbia the Gem of the Ocean," sung by congregation.

Inogene Mingleford, Nita Bryant and Fred Montalozco, Jr., who were dressed in colonial costumes and danced much to colonial day scenes.

Following the program many interesting games were played and Mrs. H. Mack gave an entertaining monologue.

Delicious refreshments of cherry pie and coffee were served and a light refreshment plate was a tiny yet hatched.

There were about 65 present.

## Sebring Hostess Entertained Club

Mrs. S. Seron delightfully entertained members of her bridge club Monday evening at her home in Sebring. The party rooms were decorated with lovely bouquets of cut flowers.

After the usual number of interesting progressions, high score prize was presented to Bill Schenckmaier and second high to Mrs. R. X. Drott. Mrs. Drott also received the floating prize.

Delicious refreshments of strawberry shortcake topped with whipped cream was served with coffee.

Guests enjoying the party were: Mrs. R. X. Drott, Mrs. Lucille Koch, Miss Hazel Cameron, Mrs. Francis Shockley, Mrs. Richey Green, Mrs. Bill Schenckmaier, Mrs. Gwendolyn Weaver and the hostess Mrs. Seron.

## PERSONALS

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Tom Green was a business visitor in Avon Park Thursday.

Nelson Smith was a business visitor in Lake Wales Monday.

J. T. Wilford of Orlando was a week end visitor in Avon Park.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Warner are spending the week end in Ft. Myers visiting.

Miss Dorothy Welshy and Harmon Atkins were in Tampa for the day Sunday.

Mrs. Jean Ricketts spent Friday and Saturday in Brewster for the guests of friends.

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## Mrs. Earl Hartt Club Hostess

Mrs. E. W. Hartt very graciously entertained members of her club Wednesday at a bridge luncheon, at her home on the Sebring road. A "Washington Birthday" motif was carried out in the table decorations and a delicious three course luncheon was served at 1 o'clock.

The dainty tables were in the holiday design and Mrs. H. E. Keller was presented high score prize when scores were totaled and second high was given to Mrs. Stanley N. Reeves.

Guests enjoying this lovely party were: Mrs. S. S. Thayer, Mrs. E. P. Loomis, Mrs. R. R. Porterfield, Mrs. Purke Anderson, Mrs. H. E. Keller, Mrs. Marjorie Church, Mrs. Stanley N. Reeves and the hostess Mrs. E. W. Hartt.

## Baptist W. M. U. Meeting Monday

The W. M. U. of the First Baptist church held their monthly program meeting at the church house Monday afternoon. Mrs. E. C. Weaver had charge of the devotional and program, the theme for the month being "Prayer and Study."

Those taking part on the program were: Mrs. Paul McFarland, Mrs. J. B. Coen, Jr., Mrs. J. L. Collins, Mrs. Fred Touchton, Mrs. D. T. Lockard and Mrs. Harold Garandt. Mrs. J. B. Coen, Sr., closed the meeting with prayer.

Members present were: Mrs. Edna Fasholt, Mrs. Cecelia Coen, Mrs. J. B. Coen, Jr., Mrs. J. B. Coen, Sr., Mrs. D. T. Lockard, Mrs. Curtis English, Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. W. C. Touchton, Mrs. Fred Touchton, Mrs. Anna Lawhorn, Mrs. J. P. Dalton, Mrs. J. D. Sherman, Mrs. J. E. Crosby, Mrs. F. Longbottom, Mrs. J. L. Collins, Mrs. T. T. Yeager, Mrs. J. A. Bishop, Mrs. Cyril Baldwin, Mrs. C. Belin, Mrs. E. C. Weaver, Mrs. Mildred Gurnett, and Mrs. Paul McFarland.

## Rebekah Lodge Meeting Monday

Eleanor Seavers Rebekah Lodge held their regular monthly business meeting Monday evening at the Odd Fellow's hall. It was announced that the installation of officers would be held the second Tuesday in March.

Those present were: Mrs. Ella Harries, Mrs. J. J. Deleag, Mrs. Elmer Wray, Miss Doris Williams, Miss Mildred Wray, Mrs. Harriett Smith, Miss Jean Correll, Mrs. Frank Armstrong, Mrs. Gertrude Haynie and Mrs. Tennie Haynie.

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## Song Evangelists At Nazarene Church



Prof. and Mrs. D. D. Mackey will be at the Nazarene church from February 26 to March 12, every evening at 7:30. They play the piano, trombone, guitar and several novelty instruments. There will be special music and singing each night. The Mackeys have travelled throughout the central and eastern state and will have charge of the singing. There will be good spiritual singing and splendid preaching and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

## Miss Gail Coen Y. W. A. President

The Y. W. A. held their monthly social Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Paul McFarland. Those taking part on the program were: Mrs. Paul McFarland, Mrs. J. B. Coen, Jr., Mrs. J. L. Collins, Mrs. Fred Touchton, Mrs. D. T. Lockard and Mrs. Harold Garandt. Mrs. J. B. Coen, Sr., closed the meeting with prayer.

Delicious refreshments of chocolate pudding and vanilla wafers were served to those present who were: Mrs. Paul McFarland, Mrs. J. B. Coen, Jr., Mrs. J. L. Collins, Mrs. Fred Touchton, Mrs. D. T. Lockard and Mrs. Harold Garandt. Mrs. J. B. Coen, Sr., closed the meeting with prayer.

## Baptist Senior S. S. Class Party

The Senior Sunday School class of the First Baptist church entertained Thursday evening last week in the basement of the church. During the evening games were enjoyed after which refreshments of punch and cake were served.

Those present were: Miss Miriam English, Miss Ophelia Dean, Miss Gail Coen, Miss Betty Sherman, Miss Tommie Lou Green, Miss Louise Smith, Miss Rebecca Holton, Miss Moore, Marion and Raleigh Foster, Cline Blackburn, Fred Patterson, Francis and Odel Skipper, Rev. J. P. Dalton, and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McFarland.

## PERSONALS

Miss Nancy Betts, Miss Elizabeth Lotherington, J. W. Tuten and Peyton Conover attended the show in Bartow Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Shaaff of Mattoon, Ill. left Monday for their home after having spent several days in Avon Park the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Stanley N. Reeves.

Mr. and Mrs. George Quinn of Toronto, Canada are registered at the Jacaranda Hotel and will remain during the spring training season of the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Mrs. Nelson Smith spent the week end in Tampa the guest of her mother, Mrs. J. E. Griffin. Mrs. Griffin accompanied her daughter home and will be her guest for a week.

Jessie Lee Harris who has been in St. Augustine for the past two weeks returned to Avon Park Thursday, where he will visit his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. C. Harris.

Mrs. E. L. Lindsey who has been spending several weeks the guest of Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Mingleford left Thursday for Ocala where she will visit her nephew and family. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Metzger.

Mrs. Mark Shank, and daughter Miss Lillian Shank and Mrs. E. N. Moon left last Friday for their home in Richmond, Va. after having spent the past two weeks the guests of Mrs. L. D. McDonald.

## UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Dr. Alfred C. Elliott, Pastor

February 26 Sunday School, with classes to suit all ages, at 9:45 a. m. in charge of Superintendent J. Paul Garber. Women's classes taught by Miss Alice Davidson and Miss Mabel Lee. Young People's Class by Rev. Mabel Lee. Men's Class by the pastor.

There are real live classes of frank discussion and free exchange of opinions. Why not come and enjoy them? Morning service of worship at 11:00 o'clock with sermon by Dr. Elliott, subject, "Symbols in Worship." Solo by Mrs. T. J. Ward.

Young People's Program follows at 6:30 p. m. John Lamb will lead the meeting and Mildred Wray will introduce the topic. Popular Pastor and members of Union Church cordially invite our winter visitors and the public to attend the services of this friendly church where, in spoken word and gospel song, the message of the Father's love is proclaimed, and those who seek to live the Christian life, receive inspiration and help.

The "Quiet Hour" service will be held on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Brief address by the pastor and inspiring singing. For those who enjoy quiet, reverent worship, this service will be found helpful. The pastor and members of Union Church cordially invite our winter visitors and the public to attend the services of this friendly church where, in spoken word and gospel song, the message of the Father's love is proclaimed, and those who seek to live the Christian life, receive inspiration and help.

Miss Mabel Lee's Bible Study Class will meet in the church on Monday at 8:00 p. m. A profitable hour in the study of the Scriptures is assured to those who attend this class. Winter visitors will be warmly welcomed.

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Deputy Collector Here March 2nd

A Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue will be in Avon Park, on March 2nd, 1939, at the Postoffice, to assist taxpayers in the preparation of their income tax returns for the year 1938.

According to Asher Frank, director of the Florida Safety Council, a bill has been prepared for a uniform drivers license and high way patrol for Florida.

## CIRCLE THEATRE

Sunday & Monday, Feb. 26-27  
HEDY LAMARR and CHARLES BOYER  
"ALGIERS"  
—with—  
SIGRID GURIE

Tues. & Wed. Feb. 28-Mar. 1  
GLADYS SWARTHOUT  
—in—  
"AMBUSH"  
—with—  
LOYD NOLAN

Thurs. & Friday, March 2-3  
CONSTANCE BENNETT  
"Topper Takes A Trip"  
—with—  
ROLAND YOUNG

Saturday, March 4  
ROCHELLE HUDSON  
Storm Over Bengal  
—with—  
PATRIC KNOWLES

COMING:  
"YOUNG IN HEART"  
(Crosby, Gail)  
"THE GLADIATOR"  
(Joe E. Brown)  
"PARIS HONEYMOON"  
(Crosby, Gail)

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GAIL PATRICK and OTTO KRUGER  
"DISBARRED"  
Comedy and Cartoons.

Wed. & Thurs. March 1-2  
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"The Young In Heart"  
A gay comedy drama.  
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Selected Short Subjects

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## NEW YOUTH FRUIT EXHIBIT

(Continued From Page One)

Some Miss Helen Smith, home service director of the Rochester company, has arranged menus which include recipes, such as cakes, desserts, etc., using oranges. The fruit used will be supplied by the Florida citrus commission. Each woman who attends the demonstrations will receive a souvenir orange around which will be a band bearing the inscription, "Eat Florida oranges—they're sweeter and juicier. Compliments of Florida Citrus Commission." This will give many Rochester housewives a chance to experience for themselves the superior advantages of eating Florida oranges.

The display is timed to come at the peak of the Florida citrus season, when fruit is at its best.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fluke and Mrs. H. P. Schenckmaier spent Sunday afternoon in Lakeland.

Mrs. Richey Green and Mrs. Francis Shockley were visiting in Lakeland Monday afternoon.

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