

Anniversaries During 1939 Recall The Fame of the Chouteau Family

First of Line, Born 190 Years Ago, Helped Found the City of St. Louis; Another, Born 150 Years Ago, Was Head of the Company, Organized 100 Years Ago, Which Played an Important Part in Making St. Louis the "Fur Capital of the World."

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Chouteau's Trading Station Near Kansas City (A part of the sculptural frieze on Kansas City's new city hall).

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AMONG the anniversaries to be celebrated during 1939 are several connected with the famous family of Chouteaus. In fact, there are so many of them and so important was this family in the history of the West that it might not be amiss to call this a "Chouteau Anniversary Year."

The first of the line, born 190 years ago, helped found a city that was once the "Gateway to the West." Another, born 150 years ago, was the head of the company, organized 100 years ago, which played an important part in making that city the "Fur Capital of the World."

There are other anniversaries, too—for years ending in '9' seem to have been constantly recurring dates in the history of this family. Arranged chronologically, here are some of the dates.

1748—In September of this year there was born to M. Rene Auguste Chouteau and his wife Marie Therese Chouteau, a son to whom was given his father's name, Rene Auguste Chouteau. Rene Auguste Chouteau Sr. is said to have been cruel to his wife, whom he had married when she was only fifteen years old. So they separated.

Living in New Orleans at that time was a thirty-eight-year-old merchant named Pierre Laclede Liguest who fell in love with Marie Therese Chouteau. Historians disagree as to succeeding events. Some say that she simply went to live with Liguest (or Laclede, as everyone knew him) as he was later to be known to history, while others insist that there was some sort of civil marriage despite the fact that M. Rene Auguste Chouteau was still living.

At any rate, after Pierre Laclede, four children, all of whom took the name of Chouteau. One of them, born in 1758, was given his father's name, Pierre.

In 1763 the French governor of Louisiana granted to Laclede and five associates the exclusive right of trading, for eight years, with all the Indians in the vast Missouri river valley and authorized him to build trading posts in that region. Laclede organized a fleet of keelboats and flatboats which he loaded with supplies and in August of that year started up the Mississippi with a force of about 20 men and boys, most of whom were his stepsons, Auguste Chouteau, who appears to have been Laclede's chief lieutenant, and his son, Pierre Chouteau.

In December they reached the French village of St. Genevieve where they expected to spend the winter. But being unable to find there a house large enough to shelter his supplies, Laclede was glad to accept the offer of the commandant at Fort de Chartres to store his goods there. A little later he took Auguste Chouteau with him and set out in a canoe upriver. They went as far north as the mouth of the Missouri river, then drifted down the "Father of Waters" 17 miles until they reached a high wooded bluff rising from a limestone bluff.

"This is the place, Auguste," said Laclede. And thus St. Louis was founded.

1758—On January 19 of this year was born in St. Louis, Pierre Chouteau, son of Pierre Chouteau. At the age of fifteen he became a clerk for his father and while in their fur trading operations which resulted in the organization of the Missouri Fur company in 1803. Associated with him in his company were his four

the American Fur company.

1839—In this year was organized a new company under the firm name of P. Chouteau, Jr. & Co., and it became the greatest fur-trading company in American history. Under its banner the Chouteaus extended their operations as far south as the Cross Timbers of Texas, as far north as the Falls of St. Anthony in Minnesota and as far west as the Blackfoot country in Montana. They also engaged in trade over the historic Santa Fe Trail.

1849—On October 10 of this year there died in St. Louis Pierre Chouteau, Jr., whose influence, covering a forty-year period, practically controlled the destiny of the Osage nation, in trade, policy, and dealings with the government. But if Pierre Chouteau, Sr. was a powerful force in an Indian nation, he left a son to carry on his work who was an even greater force in the American nation.

For Pierre Chouteau, Jr., became the best business man of the entire dynasty. For 50 years he was an economic power, keeping abreast of the rapidly changing times to hold his place. It was he who foresaw the importance of steam to navigation and transportation on the Missouri.

Pierre served as a member of the Missouri state constitutional convention in 1820. His business operations were extensive and far-reaching. He foresaw the doom of the steamboat and the increas-



Fur traders "cordoning" up the Missouri.

ing importance of the railroads. He was one of the original incorporators of the Missouri Pacific railroad in 1849 and also of the Ohio & Mississippi railroad in 1851. In addition to his varied business interests he was a patron of the arts, sciences and literature.

In 1827 Frederick Chouteau established a trading post in what is now Douglas county, Kan., and three years later moved it to the present site of Valencio on Mission Creek. Auguste Chouteau lived much of his life among the Kaw Indians. His brother, Cyrille, was married to Francis, daughter of John Francis, hereditary chief of the Shawnee and lived with that tribe. He had also founded a "dynasty of fur" for by this time the Chouteaus were becoming the dominant force in the fur trade of the West. They became ever stronger in 1834 when Pierre, Jr. and his associates purchased John Jacob Astor's interests in

the American Fur company. The Chouteaus built towns, erected forts and developed new systems of transportation, amassing large fortunes for themselves while serving their government in pushing back the frontier and maintaining peace with the Indians. They were sharp diplomats, using the arts of diplomacy to red man and white alike. They printed their name indelibly upon the history of the West. They were Empire Builders.

The founding of the Missouri Fur company, which marked the real beginning of the Chouteau family in the fur trade, was the direct result of a trip made up the Missouri river by an expedition led by a Spanish trader named Manuel Lisa. When Lewis and Clark returned to St. Louis in 1806 from their famous exploring expedition into the West, Lisa talked with them and became inspired by their tales of the riches in furs which could be harvested in that far northwestern country where the Missouri flows close to the Rocky mountains. So in the spring of 1807 he set out for the Indian country with a small party of trappers and traders who spent the winter on the Yellowstone, hunting, trapping and trading with the Crow.

"The following summer found Manuel Lisa back in St. Louis, flushed with the success of his prosperous venture and dreaming of greater things to come," says the chapter on "Traders and Trappers on the Great Plains" in "The Life of the Frontier" (Yale University Press, "The Pageant of America"). Excitement ran high among the principal men of that frontier town. Listening to Lisa, one after another decided to join the enterprise which was doubly incorporated under the name of the St. Louis Missouri Fur company. On the request of most of the leading citizens of St. Louis: Manuel Lisa, William Clark, who had helped to blaze the trail across the continent with Pierre Chouteau, Sr., Auguste P. Chouteau, Reuben Lewis, and Sylvester Labadie. To this list other names were added: Pierre



A medal symbolizing loyalty to its interests was issued by the Chouteau Fur company of St. Louis to friendly Indians of the Northwest in 1843. The medal was of silver, 3 1/2 inches in diameter, and bore on the obverse side a bust of Pierre Chouteau and the legend, "Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., Upper Missouri Outfit."

Menard and William Morrison of Kaskaskia in Illinois, Andrew Henry of Louisville, Ky. The Spaniard, Frenchman and Englishman, reflecting in their very names, the history of the Louisiana country, united to exploit the rich fur country of the Upper Missouri.

Early the next year the company sent its first expedition up the river. It consisted of 150 men who took a great quantity of merchandise in their boats to be used in establishing along the river several posts where traders were left in charge. Late in October the main body of the expedition went into winter quarters in the Crow country where they carried on a profitable trade with the Indians and also secured valuable furs for trapping for themselves.

In the spring of 1810 a large party headed by Andrew Henry pushed on to the Three Forks of the Missouri, where they planned to establish a post in the heart of the Blackfoot country. But disaster overtook this post for in April a war party of Blackfeet swooped down upon it, when most of the trappers were away, killed the five men who had been left in charge and carried away the horses, guns, ammunition and the supplies which they had labored so hard to accumulate. But despite many misfortunes the young company saved the capital it had invested and even made a small profit.

It suffered from other vicissitudes of fortune during the War of 1812 but it managed to survive them, although reorganization after reorganization of the company. As the years passed, one by one of the original founders dropped out—all except Manuel Lisa, who had invested in the company from the end of the war until his death in 1820. His successor was Joseph P. Fletcher, a subordinate of the great Spanish trader. In the summer of 1822 more than \$25,000 worth of furs were sent down the river.

Eight years later he gave up the business and the career of the Missouri Fur company came to an end. As previously stated, it was succeeded by the firm of P. Chouteau, Jr. & Co., which was destined to enter the fur trade with the greatest prosperity than the pioneer company had ever known.

Gay Prints Under Winter Fur Or to Pack for Southern Trip

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



"They've arrived! — the new prints which are always so eagerly anticipated at midseason. They are beautiful and no mistake about it. A gay little frock of one of these refreshing, inspiring new prints under your fur coat and you will not only be 'seeing the world through rose-colored glasses' but you will radiate cheer for others wherever you go."

Perhaps the most exciting thing about the first prints to come upon the scene is their eye-appealing colorings. You'll love the new Persian types that fashion is spotlighting throughout early showings. All aglow they are with luminous reds and rich purples and exotic yellows. Blues and greens sometimes with a dash of black or white but not all ways.

Then there are the perennially adored stripes. You will admire every inch of them because of the newness expressed in design and colorful ways. It is not only that the new prints are so delightfully colorful that they lay siege to your heart, for the designers who are making up these intriguing silks into frocks are proving winners who take on a festive air under winter furs of the stay-at-home set.

The hand-blocked silk daydresses print to the left is the sort that will see you through all but the most formal dates, being a casual type

that fits into most any environs and on of the ship, if you go cruising.

If you are left behind in the exodus to southern climes you will get wear out of it under winter furs and later on into the spring. It has a simple collarless neckline, fastens from throat to hem with little brass buttons. Cartridge pleats at the shoulder line and unpressed pleats for skirt fullness testify to a new emphasis placed upon the use of pleatings of every description.

A beautiful job was done by international in combining gay-colored pure silk Persian print with black silk crepe for the frock to the right in the illustration. The softly crushed, yet snugly fitted corset waistline was inspired by Alix, and here we have it closed up the front with gold metal bows and eyes. The softly draped skirt is split to reveal just enough of the print to make it interesting. The deep V neckline is one of the most flattering, whether worn by debutantes or their mothers.

The daring things done with color in the advance price fashions is amazing. For instance one of the prettiest frocks in the new collections uses a purple crepe panel brought down to the hemline from one shoulder and an American beauty red crepe panel comes down from the other shoulder. These tie over a silk print foundation dress that repeats these colorings in its dainty patterned skirt. Equally important are modest necktie prints using conventional motifs in a mosaic of vivid colors. Also new are the types that print one color on monochrome background such as yellow on black or navy, or brown on beige or light green on dark ground and so on.

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Many Pockets



Designers have developed a passion for pockets used in a decorative as well as useful way. The new tailored suits have so many on the pockets one almost loses count of them. They have a way of animating the costume without disturbing the strictly tailored aspect, and it is amazing how expertly they are injected into the scheme of design, and so ingeniously too, as to be almost amusing at times.

A perfectly charming vogue is foretold in the dark crepe day frocks that are enlivened with white line of Val lace, these matched to neckwear and sleeve finishings. These clever little feminizing devices trim blouses and skirts as well.

If there is one thing more than another that fashion promises for forthcoming silks, dresses and blouses, it's pockets, pockets, pockets. It is not only that pockets are added from the utility standpoint but designers are taking every opportunity to present them. The vogue suit pictured is a gray wool tailleur with a novel pocket arrangement that carries a sure message of "style." The black silk kerchief knotted at the throat is true chic.

Cunning Pockets

Adorn New Styles

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Head Scarf With Matching Mittens

If the mother of your favorite adolescent protests over the peasant head kerchief style these cold of days, you might play the role of mediator and present the girl with a fuzzy angora head scarf, smart enough to charm any high school critic, and warm enough to keep the wind from nipping her ears. These also have angora mittens to match.

Spectator Sports Styles

Gray kidskin and seagull coats with matching fur toques are worn over wool or velveteen dresses by the dressier sports fans.

Clothing Suggestions

If you have taken kindly to the sporty costume, try having your locks twisted at the back into a broad, flat bowknot.

Sun Down, Accidents Up

When the sun goes down, traffic accidents go up. More than 60 per cent of all fatal traffic accidents occur at night, the National Safety Council reports. Since about a third of the driving is done at night, it estimates, the number of traffic deaths per mile is about three times as great at night as during the daytime.

In the past seven years, night accidents have increased 60 per cent in rural districts, the report says, and only 17 per cent in cities. Adequate lighting and divided highways tend to reduce headlight glare and accidents, the council said. Some states are experimenting with new reflector buttons placed along the side of the road to show the alignment of the highway on curves, hills and other hazardous places.

Wait, Mother—Ask Your Doctor First



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State Press Comments

THE SALES TAX

Since the recent drive for a sales tax to supplant the ad valorem tax on real estate development, one fact stands forth clearly that the average person doesn't want to pay taxes at all. The commonly voiced complaint that the objection to paying taxes is based on the fact that so many people evade them is not in the majority of instances sincere, as witnessed by most opposition to the sales tax, the most equitable form of taxation yet suggested.

Opponents of a sales tax raise the cry that it's a poor man's tax bearing heavily upon the grinta and gravity of the poverty stricken and lightly on the plethoric. This, as a matter of fact, is sheer hogwash. It's true that the poor man pays taxes under a sales tax but why shouldn't he? He pays, however, in proportion to his means while the same rule applies to the plutocrat. The poor man buys less than the wealthy and therefore pays proportionately less. Surely this is an equitable arrangement.

It has been clearly demonstrated that the ad valorem property tax is not collectible. It is paid only by those who wish to assume their obligation to support the state. Many of our best citizens have for years made a practice of evading this tax and will continue to do so. They have been doing it so long that it has become a habit. They are not likely to turn suddenly virtuous and rush down to the tax collector to lay the money on the counter. Various easements granted for the ostensible purpose of restoring delinquent property to the tax rolls have failed signally. What actually happens is that taxes are settled for little or nothing and the owner proceeds to sit back and wait for the next payoff in the form of forgiven obligations.

Governor Cline has consistently opposed the sales tax with the statement: "We don't need any more taxes." The governor is right about the business. We don't need any more taxes but we do need a better system of taxation. We need a system that will get the chiselers and the dead beats. We wouldn't go off the deep end for a sales tax if it were merely to increase the levies. The sales tax should materially reduce, if not entirely supplant, the tax on real estate.

Until such time as real estate has value there will be no material prosperity. Real estate has always been the source of wealth. It has value only as it has utility and desirability. The sales tax would restore these features, now almost totally lacking.

The most prepossessing feature of the sales tax is that it puts the taxpayer on a pay-as-you-go basis. There are no large sums involved. A few pennies a day takes care of the situation and the taxpayer isn't presented with a bill, once a year, that quite probably he can't meet when called upon.

The argument is frequently advanced that a sales tax is spawned by large and plutocratic landowners who wish to escape their obligations. It is contended that it benefits this class at the expense of the more humble. Well granted that it does benefit large landowners, what of it? It also benefits all classes by spreading the burden equitably. Incidentally the large landowners live on a scale which will assure him paying his just proportion of taxes, whether you get it from the land he owns or the shoes he wears.

Organized labor in Florida recently opposed the sales tax, contending that it is a tax on wages. Is any tax a tax on wages. Taxes are necessarily a part of the cost of production and certainly production costs have a very real bearing on wage levels. A sales tax is the sanest approach to an assured sales tax, contending that it is a tax on wages. Is any tax a tax on wages. Taxes are necessarily a part of the cost of production and certainly production costs have a very real bearing on wage levels.

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Church Notes

UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Dr. Alfred C. Elliott, Pastor

January 29—Sunday school, with classes to suit all ages, at 9:45 a.m. in charge of Superintendent J. P. Garber. Women's classes taught by Miss Alice Davidson and Miss Mabel Lee. Young People's class taught by Rev. Mabel Decker. Men's class taught by the pastor. Morning worship at 11:00, with sermon by Dr. Elliott, subject, "A Prophet in a Heathen City." Young People's Pilgrimage Fellowship at 6:30 p.m. Mildred Wray will lead the meeting and Julian C. Halsema will introduce the topic, "Understanding Ourselves." Young People are especially invited to join in this hour of fellowship and discussion. Popular Sunday evening service at 7:30, when Dr. Elliott will speak on "Byron—True Patriotism." This is the fourth in a series of addresses on "Messengers From The Poets." Each week the attendance at these Sunday evening services has increased. Last Sunday the congregation was the most as large as at the morning service.

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 attend this class.

The "Quiet Hour" Service will be held on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Forty-five minutes of real spiritual worship, with hearty congregational singing and brief address by the pastor. You are invited to join us in this brief period of Christian fellowship. Come, and find out how much you have been missing.

A program, consisting of selections by the choir under the direction of W. H. Yates, vocal solos by Mrs. T. J. Ward, Organ selections by Mrs. Stanley N. Reeves, Readings by Miss Daisy Smith, Accordion solo by Miss Virginia Bell, vocal duet by Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Garber, will be presented in the Church on Thursday, February 2nd, at 8:00 p.m. for the benefit of the Organ Fund.

A hearty welcome awaits the public at this friendly church. Its services and social meetings are open to all who seek a friendly atmosphere in which to worship and to cultivate the grace of friendship. We wish our winter visitors to make Union Church their spiritual and social center during their sojourn in Avon Park.

METHODIST CHURCH

C. R. Mingleford, Pastor

Come to Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and start your day right. Your class is growing, the lessons are interesting and your welcome

is warm.

At 11:00 a.m. the pastor will preach; subject, "A High Speed Automobile and a Hot Race." We want you as our guest.

6:30 p.m. Senior, Intermediate, and Junior League. You will enjoy an hour in the company of these fine young people.

7:30 p.m. An Evangelistic message applicable to present day needs.

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Mid-Week Prayer Service. The most interesting service of the week.

8:15 p.m. Wednesday, choir rehearsal, under the direction of Prof. E. L. Roberts.

7:30 p.m. Thursday, class social of the Service Society. You are a stranger here only once.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICE

Holy Communion, 7:30 A.M.

Church School, 9:30 A.M.

Holy Communion and Sermon, 11:00 A.M.

Confirmation Service, 7:30 P.M.

R. L. Brown, Rector

Card of Thanks

Words will not express our gratitude and thankfulness to our many kind neighbors and friends for their sincere sympathy, and offers of help to us in our time of great sorrow. We most sincerely thank you.

M. T. MERWIN, and granddaughter, MARJORIE

Just Stuff--

(By W.A.S.)

Are You A Pest?

Have you been approached and "taken in" by one of the many magazine salesmen—male or female—"working their way through college"? If you haven't, you're one of the lucky exceptions, and they are mighty few. This practice is one of the many "money making" rackets we have to tolerate along with the good, and in some cases you don't even get a magazine for the money paid for these annoying pests.

Another of these "best bargain" you'll ever expect to get? Guys, is the waiting tailor, who offers you a \$20 suit of clothes for \$14.95, with just a small deposit which is required by his company. This belongs to him and you will probably never see the suit. The above sales-talk insults the average citizen's intelligence and is a sad example of the fall for this ancient scheme, which is a sadly disappointed gentleman when said goods arrive—if ever. The best way to deal with these fellows is to tell them you trade with the local merchants, who, in turn, direct or indirectly, spends his money with you and you remember it as old winter custom with these parasites.

Avon Park's Red Devil trimmed the Frostproof Bulb in a doubleheader basketball game last Friday night. The local boys defeated the visitors 25-15. The high point man for the Devils with nine; Mulling and Duncan high for visitors with four each.

The Devils tied the game at 23-8. E. Sadler high for locals with ten points, M. Weaver second with nine. Lippitt was high for the visitors with five counts. Several other officials by Mrs. J. Bunting and Mr. Entz.

Another booster for the "Perry Airport."

A young man in Texas killed his sweetheart because she ticked him. . . Remember girls no "goose" or funny jokes.

"Rebels Reach Barcelona" . . . Frankly, Franco and Mussolini reached Barcelona.

Coach Cook is up to her teeth in the fundamentals of basketball. While in one of her most enthusiastic moments Friday night the lady yelled, "guard her, she won't bite." . . Personally, that sounds like cannibalism.

While peddling his "sweets and soda-waters" last Friday evening at the basketball game, Max Maltz found himself short one ice bucket containing a considerable number of Mr. Francis' products. It was an open and close when one scribbled around the press table complained of cold feet—due to a warm heart.

F. E. B.: Will it be o.k. if Nelson Eddy sings "Grapefruit Bread"? . . . The Texas Citrus Delegation's idea of grapefruit juice in bread is nothing new to Floridians. . . Families in these parts have been eating it for years. . . Have you tried grapefruit pie a la mode? . . . They tell me it's delicious.

The Press Breakfast at Winter Haven is something like a sewing circle. . . Lots of gossip.

Clipped from The Times issue of March 6, 1929. In this interesting paragraph concerning the grammar school play, "The Awakening of Spring": "The rain ebbes, who were James Baldwin and Morris Crews, visited the garden with their showers, then the sunbeam fairy, Elizabeth Rawlings (Mrs. Foster), brought the golden sun rays and the flowers sprang forth in all their beauty." Ah! for a few rain ebbes these dry days.

Small town girls loose to professional model for Queen of Fla. Festival.

From W. H. Herald: "Ferdinand the Bull found a gleam that Farmer Jones had dropped. Ferdinand picked it up in his teeth and galloped to the cow shed. He thought one of his girl friends had lost her brassiere." . . Maybe it was one of those modern milkers, Ferdinand.

Modern automobiles are approximately twenty-six cents per pound. . . How many pounds, madam? About "Ford" pounds worth.

It is reported that the local National Guard battery will start drilling in slacks in the immediate future. Some of the boys claim that the boots make their legs itch. But, women who wear corsets can understand this better than

PERSONALS

Mrs. Ben Stewart, teacher at Crescent City, spent the week end in Avon Park, the guest of friends and relatives.

Miss M. Louise Salmon arrived Thursday from New York City and will visit Mrs. John R. Reinhardt for several days.

Mrs. A. E. Roundtree of Dothan, Ala., and Mrs. A. D. Roundtree of Bradenton, Fla., were visiting in Avon Park Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Popkin and small daughter Marjorie of Arendale were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Pollock Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Boyd were business visitors in Winter Haven Wednesday and while there attended the Orange Festival.

Miss Millie Pearson returned home Sunday from Bailey, N. C., where she was called by the death of her father, Barney Pearson.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Todd will arrive the latter part of the week from Baltimore, Md. to spend several days the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Todd and family.

Miss Lucille Bishop who is attending Tampa Business College spent the weekend in Avon Park the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bishop and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. John Hoot, Mrs. George Mandis attended the Sixth District Conference of the American Legion in Vaucluse Sunday.

Mrs. Gracie Purvis and Miss Gertrude Gilman of Trenton, N. J. arrived last Friday to spend some time in Avon Park. They are staying at Mrs. Ida Ott's home on Lake Verona.

Mr. and Mrs. Finley Radbone of Atlanta, Ga. returned Friday to their winter home in Duxie after spending several days in Avon Park the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Werthebe.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Schenckmaier arrived Tuesday from Philadelphia, Pa., to spend several days with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schenckmaier and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Panbush of Fayetteville, Tenn. left for their home Friday after having spent the past week in Avon Park the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Haynie and Mrs. Tonia Haynie.

While touring Florida, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Henselbacher and Mr. and Mrs. M. Miller Mack are spending a few days visiting Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Mack at their home at Highland Lakes. Mrs. Henselbacher and Mr. Miller Mack are the daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Mack.

Grandpa's Corner

Rev. F. N. Baxter, D. D.

O God, within whose sight All men have equal right. To worship Thee. Break every bar that holds Thy flock in diverse folds; Thy will from none withhold.

Full liberty.

Lord, set Thy churches free From foolish rivalry! Lord, make all free! Let all past bitterness Now and forever cease. And all our souls possess True charity.

—John Orenham.

The most satisfactory thing in all this earthly life is to be able to serve our fellow-beings—first, those who are bound to us by ties of love, then the wider circle of fellow-townmen, fellow-countrymen or fellowmen.

—Charles W. Eliot.

The Way To Goshen.

Mr. Brown, with his wife and three children were driving to Goshen. The day was hot and the team was thirsty and tired. Mrs. Brown said to her husband, "How much further is it to Goshen?" The children and I are about tired out, and it looks as if the team could go much further this hot afternoon.

Mr. Brown replied, "It can't be very much farther, as the last sign we saw said, 'Goshen four miles,' but I can see a team and men talking by the road-side a little ahead, and we can enquire of them."

It happened to be at the fork in the road. There were a man and a boy with the team, and the man said to the boy, "How much further is it to Goshen?" The boy replied, "I don't know, but I can see a team and men talking by the road-side a little ahead, and we can enquire of them."

Upon this, the other man said, "Goshen, I've lived here all my life and, my father helped cut out and grade the river road, and I may take that one. As it follows the river, it is a trifle longer, but there isn't much difference, only the crooks are side-ways, rather than up-and-down."

The other man replied rather testily, "I've lived here as long as this man has, and because the river road was so wet at times, my father helped make the hill road. I say, positively, take the

hill road."

Upon this, the boy interrupted, saying, "If you ask me, I wouldn't take either road. See that smoke, it's the passenger train, going straight into Goshen. Say, do you hear that airplane over head, that would take you into Goshen too, and much quicker than the train. It's airplane for me."

As the three advocates of different ways of getting into Goshen were getting hotter in their debate, and it seemed there might be a quarrel, Mrs. Brown interrupted, "For pity's sake go ahead some way into Goshen, or else we'll die on the way, before these folks can agree, and never get to Goshen!"

As there are many roads, railways, airways, teams and foot-passengers leading to Goshen, I should humbly suggest, that there are twelve gates into the Celestial City, and ask our readers to read the poem by Goshen, at the head of this column, and so much as in us lies, to do all we can, by word, example and deed, to help the poor sinners, Christ's prayer for his disciples, "That they all may be one."

Mrs. B. H. Grubb and daughter Shirley Ann, Mrs. Gillie White and Mrs. Thelma Farmer of Chatham, Va., arrived Tuesday and will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McFarland and family. Mrs. Grubb is a former resident of Avon Park and will be remembered as Miss Edith McFarland.

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CHAPTER VI—Continued

—It was something. Rex carried into his bedroom the alarming conviction that at least it was not his hostess who wanted to frighten him away from Haley's camp. This did not take him far on his mental journey, for he had never thought that it was. He understood rapidly and got into bed. He was glad to be there. He was not wholly over his earlier experience, notwithstanding his gallant assertions. The evening had been a hard one. He fell asleep about one o'clock.

He was awakened almost immediately, it seemed to him, by a hand that clutched his arm and a voice that bubbled incoherently at his bedside. He sat up with a jerk, and simultaneously flashed on the "light at the head of his bed. Dring in the hall—the clock was striking three—Haley's camp's pet hour for nocturnal visits. He had been only two hours, but he was already as wide-awake as he had ever been in his life. His instant thought had been of Joan. It was Herbert Kneeland, however, who mouthed and jabbered at his bedside.

"Hale—for God's sake—wake up, Hale! Hale!"

"Good Lord, man! I am awake. What's the matter? Anyone sick? Hurt?"

As he spoke Hale shook off the clutching hand, sprang out of bed, secured his dressing gown from the closet where he had flung it, and slipped it over his pajamas. So disoriented was his mind that he had to break away almost by force from the other's frantic grasp. He now seized the young man's shoulders, pressed him backward into a chair, and stood over him, still gripping him and trying to steady him by eyes and hands.

"Kneeland, pull yourself together. Tell me what's happened. Quick. Every second may count."

"Nothing has happened!" Kneeland pulled away from the other's grip, and added with the gulp of a nervous stricken child, "I just can't stand it. That's all. Oh, God!"

Hale crossed the room to the open door, closed it, and stood there, remembered now that he had forgotten to lock it when he went to bed.

"Now," he said quietly, "tell me what this is all about. I think I understand it all, but tell me, anyway."

Kneeland's head had been swinging from side to side. Now it steadied suddenly. He stared at Hale incredulously but with a dawning hope.

"You—you understand?" he gasped. He added, under his breath and with a desperate backward glance at the closed door, "What do you understand?"

"He answered the look, not the words."

"Don't worry," he soothed. "The door is locked. We won't be interrupted. Quiet down now and explain." He added gently, but with deep meaning, "Haley's head is covered his eyes with his hands."

"What must you think of me?" he muttered.

"I think you're the victim of one of the most brilliant cases that was ever tried on a poor devil," Hale said simply. "When I can't understand it any more, you've let it go on so long."

"How could I help myself?"

"There are a dozen ways in which you could have helped yourself. You're helping yourself by coming to me and letting me straighten out this tangle. Why didn't you go to someone long ago?"

"Who could I go to? Who would have understood and believed? You see—you weren't here. And he—he's so infamously clever!"

"I know!" Hale spoke with difficulty. The unconscious pathos of that one sentence, "You weren't here," had caught him by the throat.

"Well, it's over now," he said cheerfully. "We must—"

He was interrupted by a sharp rap at the door. Kneeland straightened as if under a galvanic shock, then cried out frantically.

"Don't let him in, Hale! Oh, Hale, for God's sake, don't let him in!"

"We'll let him in, all right," Hale said grimly. "I've got something important to say to that gentleman. But I promise you that I'll keep you with me tonight. And this is the last time you will ever have to see him."

He started to rise but Kneeland sprang at him, caught his arms and tried to hold him back. He was like a madman in his terror, but he had little strength. Rex disengaged himself without difficulty and pushed the young man back into his chair.

"Be quiet," he said. "You haven't got a thing to be afraid of. You must have a show-down, and this is the best time for it. Sit tight and leave everything to me. I understand the whole devilish situation."

A knock struck the door again. It was sharply imperative. Kneeland was almost beyond reason. He was

in a frenzy of animal fear. Rex got him down on the chair and went to the door. He opened it, and Doctor Craig came in. The doctor was cool and imperturbable. He nodded to Hale, then glanced at Kneeland. The young man covered back against his chair with a groan, as if the glance had been a blow. Craig's tone was quietly friendly.

"I see your patient is here," he said. "I thought he would be. He has taken quite a fancy to you. I hope he hasn't disturbed you. He's been about as busy the last few days. I'll take him along now."

"No, Craig, you won't take him along," Hale told him. "He's going to stay right here. By the time he's up tomorrow morning, he'll be in the house for good. Is that quite clear?"

"It's quite clear that you're making a fool of yourself again, Hale," Craig said mildly. "You mean well, but this is another situation you don't understand. I hope the other break Craig made would be a lesson to you."

"I understand your whole damnable scheme," Hale broke out. "You're making a fool of me. If you think I won't sit down and make myself comfortable and

hereditarily. Rex Kneeland was nervously run down, but he was in no more danger of insanity than he was now."

"The answer to both your questions is yes. Sit down."

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hours of steady talk to Herbert Kneeland out of every twenty-four, and I think I had had enough. So have I. If you're wise you'll keep quiet and learn what's going to happen to you. When you tell me that, please remember that I'm speaking for Casper Kneeland. I think he's headed south. I'm speaking for his son, too. Is that right, Bert?"

"Yes, Oh, God, yes. Don't let him come near me again. You don't know what he has put me through."

Kneeland was still shaking and cowering. But his eyes were quiet. "Don't let him!" Hale looked at him, and then at Craig. "I think I've just proved that I do."

"Damn you!" Craig jerked out between his teeth. "I've had enough of this raving."

"I don't doubt you have," Hale agreed. "I'm spilling all your plans, and they were working so nicely till I came. My appearance here rattled you, and hurried you. Bert told me last week you wanted him to sail with you the middle of July. You told him he was in very bad shape. You scared him out of his remaining wits. You were pretty stupid about him after you got frightened. You might have had a doctor examine him. He was feeling worse. And all the time you thought you were so clever! Encouraging him every day, and casting him into the depths of despair the next day. A chap with less luck than Kneeland would have smashed under it weeks ago. But he's young and strong. He'll soon be himself again."

He turned to Kneeland. The young man had stopped trembling. He drew his chair close to Hale, but as far from Craig as the circle would permit, and sat down.

"So you're a psychiatrist, too?" Craig sneered.

His face was livid, his voice a hiss. Again he looked as venomous as the cobra he had suggested in the paper ball that night.

"No, I'm not a psychiatrist," Hale acknowledged placidly. "But I got some expert advice about this case. I've talked to your superiors in New York, Craig. I've a letter in my pocket from Dr. Marcel Maitre, Paris, a friend of mine. I fancy you know him by reputation."

"What?" Craig was out of his chair now. "You've been slandering me to my associates, you interfering loudmouth! There's a penalty for slanders, and you'll pay it."

"Not until the Grievance Committee of the New York County Medical Society has acted on your case," Hale said gently. "And certainly not after your license to practice medicine has been revoked."

He switched Craig's sink back in his chair after that blow, and went on conversationally.

"We've a very strong case against you, Doctor. Again, I underline the word. 'A statement signed by Mrs. Kneeland, by Bert himself, by Miss Joan Kneeland, by Mrs. Wilbur Nash, by me, and even by Almsworth, would interest the New York County Medical Society very much.'"

Craig stood up.

"Bert Kneeland is off his head," he said slowly. "So are you. But there's a limit to what a doctor can be expected to endure from his patients and mad friends. I shall take the first train from here in the morning."

"Good," Hale said heartily. "Now I'll tell you what else you're going to do. Wait a minute," he ordered, as Craig started for the door. "This is important."

Craig waited, his hand on the door-knob.

"(TO BE CONTINUED)"

WHAT TO EAT and WHY

C. Houston Goudiss Analyzes the Food Values of Nuts; Discusses Their Place in the Menu

By C. HOUSTON GOUDISS

THERE is one food that can lay claim to being almost universal. It is eaten with relish by people in almost every quarter of the globe. It forms a main article of diet for the natives of some tropical countries, and it is said to have been important in the dietary of early settlers in America. I refer to nuts.

Nuts, of course, are seeds. But unlike most other seeds used for food by man, they grow in a hard shell that does not open naturally when ripe.

This forms a scented package which makes nuts easy to store, and comparatively easy to keep.

A Concentrated Food

Nuts are a highly concentrated food and provide a large amount of food value in a small, convenient form. Once they are shelled, there is very little waste in using them. It has been suggested, therefore, that they might profitably appear in the daily menu far more frequently than they do.

There are many different kinds of nuts, and they vary in composition. Some of them contain large amounts of both protein and fat. Others contain a preponderance of fat, while a third group is noted for its high content of calcium. The protein of many nuts has been found to be rather similar to that in animal foods. In fact, most nuts are classified as complete proteins, meaning that their protein is of a type which is capable both of supporting growth and repairing worn-out body tissue.

Comparison With Grains

Because they are somewhat similar in nutritional character, nuts have been compared to various grains. In regard to protein, however, they may be said to serve as a supplement to the proteins of some grains.

The high fat value of many nuts is due to their fat content. Coconuts, pecans and walnuts are especially rich in fat, containing from 50 to 70 per cent, 65 per cent, and 64.4 per cent of fat, respectively. A few varieties of chestnuts and hazelnuts, so popular with the Chinese, are more notable for their carbohydrates. Like most starchy foods, chestnuts are improved by cooking, and therefore

Place in the Menu

Because of their content of protein and fat, nuts are frequently compared with meats and may be used interchangeably with meats. They make a splendid protein to serve at lunch, supper or even dinner. They are especially good when combined with vegetables, or a carbohydrate food such as rice or noodles, and made into croquettes, patties, and casserole combinations that constitute a one-dish main course.

A Food—Not a Tidbit

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Mane Dress For Girls.

This is the success of the season—the most exciting of all new fashions—and it's the easiest thing in the world to make with the diagram. It hangs loose and straight from the shoulder yoke, and

creeping plants, for instance, should be allowed to make carpets of color in the larger soil pockets. Creeping plants are used in the spaces. Trailing plants should be allowed to droop over the face of the top of a bank or wall.

In smaller crevices, tufted plants with rosettes of foliage and flower stalks are suitable. Ordinarily garden or bed plants should be eliminated from consideration for the rock garden, it is advised by Harry A. Joy, flower expert.

True rock garden plants grow less than 10 inches tall. Use only low-growing plants. The plants should be placed in the native haunts—those that belong by nature among stones.

any, chiefly because they are such an economical source of protein and of energy values

PUBLIC Park Notes

By C. S. DONALDSON
Palm The City.

Avon Park has two avocados growing enthusiasts, and the shipment of these tropical fruits annually from here is steadily growing. These men are also palm holiysts. Mr. W. M. Ward has been bombarding several of us to plant more coconut palms (Coccoloba). We have told him that there was a lack of funds. However, this difficulty has been overcome. An out-of-town house moving camp lately has brought some five live oak trees to the north end of Lake Verona and Mayor Conington fined him fifty dollars, the money to go for planting coconut palms around the lake. The Park Commissioners will create this job with a great deal of pleasure. The Coccoloba palms do not seem to thrive there, evidently because of the strong winds blowing across the lake. On the other hand coconut palms have grown for so many centuries along the storm swept, southern coast of the world that they have developed a stubborn line of resistance. However, they are much more susceptible to cold.

Dr. W. C. Touchton was requested to furnish a few of his baby Coccoloba palms for spots in the Mall where they are needed. He agreed to give what are needed, and added that we ought to line the streets of the city with this popular palm, which many are already doing in front of their lots. I had the same idea in landscaping the Army grounds, arranging with neighboring property owners to extend these palm plantings, so that the entire block from the Main street to the short Church street through to Lake avenue should have parallel rows of these palms that in a few years will prove very effective. Dr. Touchton added that if this palm planting had been done through the city ten or twenty years ago we would have today a vastly more attractive city. But he thinks it is still not too late, and makes a generous offer of assistance. He has over a thousand seedlings of these palms which he will give for the purpose. He also has some fine muck land on Pioneer Lake which he is willing to clear and get in good shape for growing these palms for the city, we helping to cultivate them to bring them to a larger size. Growth in that heavy soil can be moved with the earth for street planting. Now there is the big proposition. But it will require some comprehensive planning. The streets will have to be selected and the property owners abutting lining up. This the Park Commission will not have time for. The City Council should act on the matter. If they endorse the proposition, it is thought that the necessary planning could be undertaken by the Women's Club, the Park department to do the work. The whole thing can be put through without adding to our budget, especially as some of the property owners would either plant their own palms or have us do something for having it done. In time we should rival El Maysa as a Palm City.

No doubt this palm will always be called commonly by what was for over a century its botanic name—Coccoloba. However, for many years botanists recognized that it was not a sister of the coconut, and finally gave it a new generic and specific name—Arecastrum. Romanofsky, a city they could not have made it shorter.

While on this subject of names for palms, we are still waiting on the botanists to give us a new generic classification for that most unique palm in front of Dr. McKnight's home. It is still designated as Sabal Mauritiiformis, and has unusually large leaves. It comes from the island of Mauritius all right, but it certainly is not a Sabal. It is the true half-dogwood or mo. It is native to the Caribbean region, including Florida, with decidedly different inflorescence. I have tried to buy some of these majestic Mauritiiformis for seed palms but they cannot be found. I think that we will have to write to the American Consul at Port Louis, the island's capital in the Indian Ocean and grow them ourselves.

Bloom From the Jacaranda
I have been asked by some why the Jacaranda trees show so much yellow foliage. It is simply a matter of sufficient plant food, which we hope to give them. Others ask why they have not bloomed better. This will be remedied by giving them ample phosphates, which of the three main elements of plant food conduces most to flowers and fruitage. They will get part of this in the lime-phosphate, of which we are getting a donation of ten tons. This contains about five percent of available phosphate and about 25 percent of rather inert phosphate, that becomes available extremely slowly. We should also give each tree 15 pounds or more of acid phosphate which is quickly available. The spring of 1940 should see our Jacaranda festival. Some of the Jacaranda trees at the west end are being given heavy doses of

"The Cowboy and the Lady" Comes To Park Theatre Next Week

With Gary Cooper and Merle Oberon as the stellar attractions in a swiftly-moving modern-day story, combining high comedy and impelling drama, Samuel Goldwyn's "The Cowboy and the Lady" will be presented on the screen of the Park Theatre Monday and Tuesday.

The suspenseful tale of a Washington society girl who gambles position and fortune to marry a sun-browned cowboy of the far west, after a long meeting at a Florida resort, is dramatized with telling effect against beautiful backgrounds. The story maintains a rapid pace throughout, and is highlighted by scenes of rich comedy and sparkling direction.

Cooper and Merle Oberon, as the cowboy and the lady of this title,

prove again that they are two of Hollywood's leading players, and their serio-comic portrayals will win them even more fans throughout the world. The cast is rounded out by such notables as Patry Patten, Walter Brennan, Mabel Todd, Frazz Knight and Henry Kolker. H. G. Weller has directed the picture with vigor and liveliness, making it a capital picture of backgrounds and effective lighting.

"The Cowboy and the Lady," bearing the famous trade-mark of Samuel Goldwyn, has been produced from the screenplay by two of America's leading playwrights, S. N. Behrman and Sonya Levien. The result is that this new Goldwyn offering is one of the season's top-notch pictures and belongs on the list of every moviegoer who demands the best in entertainment.

County Booth At Fair Better Than Last Year

(Continued From Page One)
and C. H. Shackleford and Carolyn Clifton of Hialeah.

The sugar cane exhibit will be on the south end of the Avon Park fair grounds, and will be the largest of the Booth. There will be twenty-one varieties of sugar cane shown. The display and many of the stalks of cane are ten to twelve feet high. Among those who have supplied sugarcane for the exhibit are: Don Manis of Avon Park, W. L. Landy, W. L. Cille, Sam Langford, C. W. H. Poole of Venice, Ceylon Carter of Hialeah, C. M. H. Fisher, D. W. Gardin, of the Seminole Reservation of Casson, Marion Pollard, T. A. Cason, and D. R. Waldron of Florida and Ralph Kynan of Sebring.

The exhibit of the Citrus by-products, jellies, jams, and similar materials will be placed between the citrus display and citrus display, and given a permanent place in the booth and arrangements made for the lights to shine up through the jars and illuminate the display in an excellent manner. The material for this part of the exhibit is supplied by Gregg Maxey, Inc., Bob Mason's Sun-Fruit Company of Sebring, Mrs. Alice Mae Mason of DeSoto City, M. M. Brunk and Rancho Margaretta of Sebring.

Due to the fact that the Fair will be the largest ever in the history of the fair, this year special efforts have been made to use on the staff for the Booth, those who have served in previous years. Recently what times they will be present is not determined as yet, and there will be the usual change of those present from day to day.

Those who will be with the Booth at various times are: Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Almyer, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Jackson, John Boyle, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Geary, Ray Coyle, and Norton T. Smith. Mr. Neil Hill and also Jim Hill of Avon Park, and Col. W. S. Silver assistance in preparing a citrus exhibit.

The first truck load of material for the Booth left Wednesday, another truck load will go over Friday, another one Saturday, a small load on Sunday, and another big load on Monday.

"Saw" Musician To Be At Smiths

T. H. Barrett, special representative of E. C. Atkins and Company, manufacturers of Atkins Steel saws, will be in this city Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at the Smith Hardware Company to give a free musical demonstration on his Atkins saw.

Mr. Barrett will make sweet music from a regular Atkins "saw" saw with only the help of an ordinary Cello bow. By drawing the bow across the edge of the saw "fiddle fashion," a sweet tone similar to the soprano, is produced.

This will be Mr. Barrett's first appearance in Avon Park. He is the first person to ever broadcast "saw" music over the radio and has made many broadcasts both in America and in England.

In connection with Mr. Barrett's concert tomorrow, several Atkins hand saws will be given away. The public is cordially invited to present at Smith Hardware Company at 3:00 to receive a favorite tune from Mr. Barrett.

The first All-Florida Orange Box Regatta, which will feature the small home-made boats known as "orange" will be held at Mr. Dora on the waters of Lake Dora February 22nd. A large entry list is expected from all over the state.

Donations

Highlands Fertilizer Co., of Sebring, 100 pounds commercial fertilizer.

P. C. Morrell, 600 pounds commercial.

Kirkwood Poultry Farm, 1 ton chicken manure.

Manager Crabtree, of Jacaranda hotel, commercial fertilizer.

Local Battery In Nat. Guard Annual

(By W.A.S.)

A special drill was held by the local Headquarters Battery, 56th F. A. Brig. P. N. G. Monday night, for the purpose of obtaining photographs and data on the activities participated in by this battery since its organization. This drill was given by Captain Chester R. Yates, commanding officer, in cooperation with M. Valentine, representative for the Army and Navy Publishing Company, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Mr. Valentine took numerous photos of the battery personnel and the different individual sections. He also gathered data to be published in a Florida National Guard Annual.

According to Mr. Valentine, this beautiful 12 x 12 inch leather, old gold colored book will be titled National Guard Historical Annual of the State of Florida and is published in collaboration with the Adjutant General's Office, State of Florida and the Army and Navy Publishing Company. This kind of annual has proven very successful in 19 other states and should prove very popular here, Mr. Valentine stated. His company intends to contact every state in the Union.

This annual will show the photographs of every officer, non-com, and enlisted man in the Guards. It will contain group photographs of each unit in the state, and there will be also included pages of Action Shots for each Battalion, and each group of Regimental Companies. Each Division, Brigade and Regiment have special pages showing their respective Crest or Emblems. Special sections of this historical annual are devoted to State Staff (with portraits of entire personnel being used), Armories, Flags, Trophies and other special features.

It was pointed out by Captain Yates and Mr. Valentine, that in years to come, this Historical and Pictorial Review will form one of the treasured possessions of those serving in the Florida National Guard.

Upon request of the Army-Navy Publishing Co., Sergeant R. A. Gerrard has prepared a history of the battery since its organization and Federal recognition. This history is submitted by Sgt. Gerrard follows:

Battery History

Headquarters Battery, 56th F. A. Brig. was organized Jan. 25, 1927, with twenty-two enlisted men and two officers, Captain Mark W. Lance and 2nd Lt. Goodrich R. Copeland.

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spect for Federal recognition by Captain C. D. Parmelee, (D.O.L.) Federal recognition of the Battery and its officers was extended to date from January 20th, 1927. Lt. Copeland was succeeded by 2nd Lt. F. R. Reck who was commissioned January 20, 1931, and who became the battery commander when Captain Lance was transferred to the Quartermaster Section, 31st Division, June 20, 1933.

Due to successive resignations the Battery was commanded by 2nd Lt. Clifford L. Craft and 1st Lt. Thomas R. Brown in 1936, the latter being transferred temporarily from Battery "F", 116th Field Artillery.

The Battery has been commanded since September 1st, 1936 by Captain Chester R. Yates, second in command is 2nd Lt. Richard D. Redick, commissioned February 9th, 1938.

Between the dates of its organization and the present, personnel of the battery has been increased from twenty-two to thirty-five men.

It was motorized in June, 1933, its present complement consists of two 1 1/2 ton Chevrolet cargo trucks, two 1 1/2 ton Dodge trucks and a station wagon.

After being housed for ten years in a partially adequate wooden Army organization moved in February, 1937, into a splendid new brick Army camp, known as WPA with the cooperation of the City of Avon Park and Highlands County.

At present First Sergeant R. A. Gerrard, operates from the Army

one of the key radio stations of the newly organized State Emergency Net, call letters WXXK, and is also active on Monday nights in cooperation with the Army-Amateur Radio System thru station W-4AFZ.

The Battery has made summer training camps at Camp Jackson, S. C., Fort McClelland, Ala., Fort Ogden, Ga., and Camp Bear-gard, La. In 1938 it participated in the Third Army Maneuvers, DeSoto National Forest, Biloxi, Mississippi.

Estate Tax Payers Has Record Crowds

Tallahassee, Jan. 26 (FNS)

Continuing their response to Comptroller J. M. Lee's collection drive launched early last fall, estate tax payers have poured 1400,000 into the state's general fund the past 30 days.

These receipts, coupled with somewhat heavier license collections, have made it possible for the comptroller to pay more than a half-million dollars of the general revenue fund's deficit this month, cleaning up all bills received in the comptroller's office prior to September 1st.

This leaves the general revenue fund deficit at \$1,341,000.

While most of the estate tax payments were small items, some of them being advanced by the taxpayers anxious to help the state in its emergency, there were several large items, including one payment of \$20,011, another of \$104,719 and several running \$5-

000 to \$25,000.

Miss Nathalia Mauden of Lakeland is spending several days in Avon Park the guest of Miss Besse Garrett.

Miss Dorothy Hughes, student at F. S. C. W. at Tallahassee, arrived home Wednesday to spend several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Hughes.

Miss Irene Steinburg, who has been spending the past two weeks the guest of her cousin Miss Rose Abramson, left Saturday for her home in Baltimore, Md.

United States Government Day will be observed Thursday, February 2nd at the Pan American De-Soto Exposition.

Practically ten per cent of the Florida recipients of Old Age Assistance die during each calendar year, according to figures released by the State Welfare Board.

The return of normally warm weather to the Citrus Belt brought thronging thousands out to the brilliant Florida Orange Festival, which opened its largest show Monday. The Festival will continue through this week.

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Annual Report to Customers of Florida Public Service Company

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At this time of the year it is the usual practice for all businesses to render an accounting to stockholders of activities during the year just closed. The Florida Public Service Company proposes to expand this practice and also make a report to you—our customers. We feel that this is entirely logical for two reasons:

1. We owe our existence to your patronage.
2. Our service, our employees, our payroll and operations are of interest to every citizen. It is therefore, our responsibility as we see it, to advise you of activities aimed at making ourselves and our service of greater value to each community—and hence ourselves a more valuable local industry and citizen.

We sincerely hope that you will read this report. If in reading it, anything occurs to you that we might do to improve our service or promote community welfare, please let us have your suggestions.

Community Development Activities

The Florida Public Service Company, considers promotion of community welfare not only its responsibility but also good business. We can make progress only as our communities progress—our business is here and naturally we want good business. Our plans for promoting community development, therefore, are an important part of our operation

1. Cooperation with and financial assistance to Florida National Exhibits
2. Continuation of Florida-New England Reciprocal Community Development Program by which Central Florida tourist attractions are placed square before nearly 3 1/4 of a million New Englanders.
3. Local advertising devoted to Orange Blossom Trail attractions and to keeping people here longer.
4. Assistance to the Citrus Industry by means of a window display in the city of Rochester (population 325,000) devoted solely to the subject of citrus, and by inclusion of citrus in the display going to eleven New England cities.
5. We maintain active cooperation with local chambers and other civic bodies through membership and general assistance.
6. Continuation of our established policy of assistance in the erection of holiday lighting and furnishing electricity for this purpose at no cost.

\$123,600 for Construction

Probably no business is more subject to change than ours. Distribution systems must be constantly altered and enlarged to fit changing conditions.

During the past 12 months \$123,600.00 has been expended to improve our many services in Central Florida. This includes many miles of new line, reconstruction of several distribution systems, installations of automatic circuit breakers and voltage regulators. For further information regarding these operations, inquire at your local office.

Naturally it is impossible to give in detail all the activities of 1938, but by inquiry at the office we will be glad to answer any questions.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
H. R. Cloud
VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

Number of Employees and Wages Paid

Number of employees	385
Number of wages paid	\$7,172,563
Wages paid per working day	\$18,360

Florida Public Service Company employees are local citizens who earn and spend their payroll dollars here among the businesses of Central Florida.

28 employees have been with the Company 15 years or more, 88 employees have been with the Company 10 years or more and 37 more than 5 years. It is our aim to make our staff as permanent as business conditions permit.

Taxes Paid to Federal, State and Local Governments

Paid during the year to all governments	\$104,012.74
Paid per day	\$27.96

The major portion of our taxes go to local governments, and are used for such worthwhile purposes as to help pay the salaries of teachers, firemen and other government employees and to pay off municipal debt. (Note: only direct taxes are included in this figure.)

Lower Cost Electricity for Customers

Electric rates were reduced during the year, bringing lower cost electricity to all domestic and commercial customers. The saving to customers is estimated as follows:

Saved for Domestic Customers	\$20,000.00
Saved for Commercial Customers	4,000.00
Total Saved	\$24,000.00

Reductions in electric rates are made possible primarily by a combination of increased use of service by customers and greater operating efficiency by the company serving them. Since the introduction of our present rate schedule making available to all customers one of the lowest rates for comparable service in Florida, customers have steadily increased their use of electric service.

Savings for Water Customers
Reductions amount to savings in water rates saving for customers annually \$9,000.00.

JACK LLOYD WAS HERE THIS WEEK AND TALKED OF MANY TRAVELS

Captain Jack Lloyd, 70 year old soldier of fortune, adventurer, veteran of many wars and revolutions, former frontiersman, plainsman, Texas Ranger and mining character of the "Old West" and Alaska, known the world over as the "burning daylight" and hailed by the newspapermen as the "Headline Hunter de luxe" paid his annual visit to Avon Park Friday and visited with the many friends that he has made since calling here the last few years, on his way to the southern section of the State.

According to the aged veteran, he has been "going places and seeing things" in the past year's time, and gave a résumé of his travels through 41 states and seven different countries on this last trip.

Covering most of the country, the "newfound" of many years experience said, that Florida, even with its glutted market of citrus and its freezes in the Everglades in the southern section of the State, is still in the lead of the Parade—on the parade back to recovery list of the Nation—when all things are considered.

One of the chief things that Lloyd stresses in his interview, is that one does not see the bread lines and destitution in the open down here as is witnessed in the western section of the country, and says that the Los Angeles section is the worst hit of the Nation at the present time, because there are almost a million unemployed people who have flocked to that famous city and vicinity looking for work. Not getting work, they find themselves in a dire strait, and to their home states and become public charges upon one of the nation's greatest areas of the West. With more than 50 bread lines and with one being "hit" by the panderer of the streets every 30 feet, for the "got a dime" rather it makes the people who are there, who have some means to seek a section of the country where those conditions do not prevail, and he tells you that he has found less of this in Florida than any other state that he has visited on his respective trip throughout the Nation.

Florida with its better class of people and tourists of the moneyed class, has seen less of this and its people do not realize what it means to have a "skid row"—here he tells us what a "skid row" is—it is the section of the worst towns and cities of the west, from Minneapolis to the coast, and from San Diego to El Paso, where the transient unemployed gather, and become a detriment to the higher class of people.

Coming east along the Mexican border, he tells us that everywhere you hear the people talking and thinking of only one thing—war, when it will occur or start, seems to be the chief worry of the majority of the people along the border he tells you that many of the people fear trouble in that section—for Mexico taking over the English and American properties, it has created quite an unrest along the border country, and many are of the belief that the first step of the United States in case of a war would be to send an army of occupation through Mexico, into the Tampico section, to keep oil from moving to the War Machine Dictators of Italy, Germany, and Japan.

Traveling through the Orient, and being in Hongkong and several other Chinese cities when raided by the airplanes—he tells you that there is no writer in the world living today that can fully appreciate the horror that follows the scream of the airplane—the warning of an on coming air raid.

Russia, Great Britain and France with China and some of the independent Balkan states, with Brazil, Chile and the Argentine of the western hemisphere, will have to watch the world he tells you, and watch Russia—then the war starts—it will surprise the world but he adds—the women and children that will fall victims in the raids and the innocent non-combatants will be one of the worst marks that this civilization will have made upon itself.

Great Britain is not only sending their King and Queen to the United States and Canada for a visit, he tells you, but he looks for the British to declare their "seat" of government in Canada in case of a war. It would be far more difficult to attack Canada, Ottawa or Toronto, than to bomb London, which he thinks will be one of the first objective cities of the air raids of the war mad leaders of the world.

The United States will have to declare itself "the big brother" of the Western Hemisphere and police almost all the country to the Panama Canal—an objective for the enemy—in case of an international war.

The veteran gave an idea, mentioning different and interesting subjects, "It is the most advanced on the 'bull market' for the (Continued on page eight)

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AVON PARK BAND IN GASPARILLA PARADE MONDAY

Will Give Dress Rehearsal
This Afternoon; Three
Drum Majorettes

Avon Park's high school band will be one of the 30 to participate in the Gasparilla Day parade at Tampa next Monday. There will also be 45 floats and other attractions in the parade which is scheduled to start at one o'clock headed by Gov. Fred Cone and other notables.

The Avon Park band will consist of 45 pieces headed by three drum majorettes. They are Betty Moffett, Peggy Mandia and Martha McCori and they have just completed a series of 10 special lessons under Priscilla Eveleveth of Winter Haven, national champion drum majorette for the past four years. They have been outfitted with new uniforms and will make a distinctive picture when they "start their stuff" before the assembled crowds.

Following the parade the band will give a five minute drill maneuver in front of the grandstand at the fair grounds, the three drum majorettes being in the front. There also, the parade is estimated to take two hours to pass a given point.

The bands entered in the parade will not be in competition and no prizes will be given for them, according to a ruling of the Florida Bandmasters' Association. The bands are only allowed to compete in their own state festival. The floats will be judged and prizes given for the best ones.

The band will give a dress rehearsal parade this afternoon at four o'clock on the Mall and will show Avon Park citizens what they can do.

The band will leave here Monday morning at eight o'clock in 17 private cars and the members will be required to return in the same cars they go in. They will be served lunch at 11:15 at the Madison Drug Store through the courtesy of the Gasparilla Crew. They are the 40th unit in the parade and will assemble at 7th Avenue and Franklin street by 12:30 and be ready to march at one o'clock. They will return home the same night.

Director E. L. Roberts wishes to extend his sincere thanks to all those who are loaning cars, making the trip to Tampa and participation in the Gasparilla Parade possible.

New Seaboard Train Makes First Trip Through Here Today

O. Y. Elder of Lake Wales, local commercial agent for this district, today announced the arrival of the new Seaboard Railway's new stainless steel streamliner, at the World's Fair grounds, January 2, this, the first diesel-electric powered all chair car train to be placed in the North to South service, left New York at 3:30 p. m. for Miami.

This new train is scheduled to pass through Avon Park this afternoon at 2:18 o'clock and the public is cordially invited to be at the depot to greet this latest in transportation.

Ceremonies commemorating this latest progressive step of the Seaboard in providing the fastest passenger service for the benefit of the people of the North and South, are to be held February 3 in Miami and February 6 in St. Petersburg.

It is understood that plans are underway for another of these streamliners, both of which will be used in regular all year round service between New York and Florida.

The regular meeting of the Girl Scouts met at the home of Mrs. Chester Yates. The girls spent some time sewing, after which games were enjoyed.

Those present were Betty Louise Koch, Madge Plicher, Martha McCori, Betty Lynn Helms, Hilda Clark, Virginia Spencer, Geraldine Connell, and Margaret Harper.

Dr. Chas. M. Broder, Jr., director of the New York aquarium, after a recent visit to Marine Studies at St. Augustine, made the following statement: "It is the most advanced development of marine display I have ever seen."

Here's A Papaya What Am A Papaya.



Mrs. W. Hauptmann of North Lake avenue has a papaya tree in the rear of her house that is bearing some remarkably large fruit. One she is holding weighed, when picked, seven pounds and two ounces and there are others on the tree of about the same size and one was stolen. The tree is loaded down with the fruit, large number being on the other side from which the picture was taken. Mrs. Hauptmann does not know what variety the tree is. It was raised from seed, is over a year old and the fruit resemble pumpkins in shape.

Florida Southern College GLEE CLUBS Avon Park Methodist Church, Feb. 9, 8 P. M.

- | MEN'S CHORUS | |
|---|-----------------|
| 1. a. "March of the Grenadiers"..... | Wenneburg |
| b. "Patriotic Song"..... | Ballard |
| c. "Old King Cole"..... | Forsyth |
| 2. Alpha Chorus (selected), Jeanne Hart, Kathryn Killian, Marian Albison..... | |
| 3. Tenor Solo "Life," Joe Martin..... | Curran |
| MIXED CHORUS | |
| 4. a. "Desert Song"..... | Romberg |
| b. "Carissima"..... | Penn |
| c. "Water Boy"..... | Pitcher |
| 5. Male Quartet (selected)—Donald Tolle, Joe Martin, Curtis Frisbie and Jimmy Gist..... | |
| MEN'S CHORUS | |
| 6. Negro Spirituals..... | Men's Glee Club |
| a. "Go Down Moses"..... | |
| b. "Joshua fit de battle"..... | |
| c. "Deep River"..... | |
| 7. Baritone Solo (selected)..... | Victor Rankin |
| 8. Reading..... | Jeanne Hart |
| MIXED CHORUS | |
| 9. a. "The Lost Chord"..... | Sullivan |
| b. "Lo, how a rose'er blooming"..... | Practitioner |
| c. "The Lord's Prayer"..... | Maliet |
| 10. "Calm as the Night"—Mable Nicka, mezzo-soprano..... | Behni |
| 11. "College Medley" and "Alma Mater"..... | |

ACCOMPANISTS: Helen Marshall, Mable Nicka, Nona Johnson.
DIRECTOR: Edgar Tolle.
ADMISSION 25c

School Children To Be Safe At Fair

Tampa, Feb. 2 (FNS)—On the opening of the Pan American Herando DeSoto Exposition January 31st, Asher Frank, Director of the Florida Safety Council, reminded the people of Florida that during the past ten years there has not been a fatal accident to anyone coming to the Fair or when returning home, while each year there has been an increase in attendance.

Last year there were over 100,000 school children brought to the Fair from all over the state on School Day, without one accident. This year on February 10 the Fair is again bringing the children from all over the state. Hundreds of buses will be on the streets and highways.

"It is our guarantee to parents that nothing will happen to their children which has prompted them to let these children come to the DeSoto Exposition as our guests, and we earnestly ask your cooperation to see that these children come to the Fair and return home safely," stated Frank.

Rehabak Lodge To Meet
The Eleanor Stevens Rehabak Lodge, No. 65, will meet next Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the I.O.O.F. Hall. All members are requested to be present.

Episcopal Church Supper
There will be a supper at the Parish House of the Church of the Redeemer on Tuesday, February 7, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Aerial Dogfight and Sky Writing



Firman Church and Wayne Maynard will be one of the feature acts at the First Annual Air Meet at the municipal airport here Sunday afternoon. Here they are seen in a "dogfight" up in the clouds and those attending are promised some thrilling flying. There will also be smoke aerobatics by Chuck Hones of Tampa.

Flying Ace



MAJOR C. C. WILSON

BRITISH FLYER WAS SPEAKER AT ROTARY MEET

Saw Service In South Africa
And Won Decorations
In World War

Major C. C. Wilson, British flying ace with 14 German planes to his credit, was the speaker at the Rotary Club luncheon Wednesday noon.

He is now connected with the Highland Lakes Hotel as golf professional. He told Rotarians something about his life history as follows:

He was born at Ealing, 12 miles southwest of London, and at the age of 15 enlisted in the 11th Hussars of which Princeps was then the Countess Lascelles, was honorary colonel. When he was 16 his regiment was ordered to South Africa and he served as trumpeter and batman (orderly) to the commanding officer. After arrival at Cape Town in 1900 the regiment went to Pretoria and acted as a patrol between Betsorn and Johannesburg and the Randfontein where the huge De Beers diamond mines are located.

In 1911 they were transferred to Bloemfontein to relieve another regiment ordered back to England. Then in 1912 he was drafted back to headquarters at Aldershot, England, to receive his military training. He continued service with the regiment until war broke out in 1914 and in September of that year was sent to France as one of Lord Kitchener's Contemptibles, well known as the "Thin Red Line."

He later took part in several engagements including the well known Mons attack. He later received the Mons Star. Other engagements included Hill 60 and Vimy Ridge where he received the D. C. M. for valor and the M. M. for bringing in a brother officer. He was a second lieutenant at the time.

In 1915 he saw service in Baghdad with Gen. Allenby and later served on the general's staff. Then he was transferred to Gen. Towns' division and early in 1917 a call came for volunteers for the Royal Flying Corps, better known now as the Royal Air Force. He passed the examination and was sent to the 20th Squadron commanded by the well known flyer, Col. Bishop who had a fine record of 72 enemy planes to his credit, receiving the V. C. which is the highest honor in the British service.

Wilson was soon credited with 14 enemy planes and was promoted to Major for bravery shown in "dog fights" with enemy planes. During the last days of the war, on November 9 to be exact, he was detached under orders to fly a large bombing plane, with several hundred others, to Berlin and do their "dirty work" over the German (Continued on Page Eight.)

Garden Pilgrimage

Announcement has been received here of the Garden Pilgrimage sponsored by the Garden Club of Winter Haven and to be held at Winter Haven on February 15 from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. The starting point is the Orange Farm building and will be held at the temple beginning at 9 o'clock and lasting well into the morning.

Shrine Day headquarters have been opened in downtown Tampa at 408 Franklin St.

BIG AIR MEET ALL READY FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Thrills and Dedication Of
Airport Among Many
Events Scheduled

Saturday and Sunday, February 4 and 5, will witness the first annual air meet here as well as the formal dedication of the airport, said to be the finest of its kind and size in the state. Pilots and aviators from every section of Florida have been invited to attend and they will be entertained with a buffet supper and dance Saturday night at the Highland Lakes Casino, and to which the public is invited. Highland Lakes Hotel will be headquarters for the visitors.

Sunday morning the visiting aviators will be given an air ride to points of interest in this section of Florida and in the afternoon, starting at one o'clock there will be contests and stunt flying at the airport.

Among the feature events will be smoke aerobatics by Chuck Hones of Tampa who will also have a tri-motored Stinson here Saturday for exhibition and passenger flying. Another entrant who has accepted is Dave Putnam of Ft. Pierce, step-son of the late famous aviator, Amelia Earhart. He will have with him a Dart Monoplane, the same ship that took second place in the Miami aerobatic contest and first place at Havana.

There will be a photo hunt, a parachute jump and stunt flying by various well known pilots. Many acceptances and promises to attend have been received from aviators and plenty of entertainment and thrills are promised for everyone who attends the meet.

The air meet will start Sunday at 1 p. m. and there will be plenty of parking space. Admission will have been received from adults and 10 cents for children.

Tickets are now on sale for the dance Saturday night at the Highland Lakes Casino. They can be obtained at either drug store or from Nelson Smith and other members of his committee. Early reservations are requested so that full arrangements can be made for the entertainment features.

Mandis Will Head Avon Park Shrine Day At Tampa Shrine Day

Local and visiting Shrine men Avon Park will participate in Egypt Temple's outstanding annual event, Shrine Day, February 13, in Tampa, under the leadership of Deane Mandis, recently appointed ambassador from Avon Park to Egypt Temple by Potentate Henry H. Cole, of Tampa.

Ambassador Mandis will be recognized for Avon Park's Shrine and marching units and for any stunts that the local group may enter in the morning's fun-making or in the afternoon's Shrine Day rally for the biggest celebration the South Florida temple has ever conducted with a parade extending any of previous years, hand concerts and stunts on the downtown streets and a visit to the Pan American DeSoto Exposition following the parade.

This year, Egypt Temple will be honored by the visit of Imperial Potentate Andrew A. D. Ruhn, of Minneapolis, and the members of the national Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital Board, which will hold a three-day Shrine day session in Tampa beginning February 14. These distinguished guests, with their wives, will join thousands of other Shrine men in the day's festivities and the nobles will attend the ceremonial at which a claret around forty nobles will be initiated into the Mystical Shrine.

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Art Club To Meet

The Avon Park Art Club will meet Tuesday evening at the Women's Club rooms. According to the notice of the meeting the program will consist of a "number of things." The response to the roll call will be "My favorite American artist."