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J. B. Coen Host To S. S. Class

J. B. Coen, Sr. was host last Thursday evening at a delightful supper, the guests including members of his Sunday school class and their wives, the adult class and the Young Matrons' class. Members of the Philathea class were in charge of the serving. The tables were most attractively decorated with red gerberas and roses.

The menu consisted of chicken and rice, peas, whipped potatoes, vegetable salad, pickles, rolls, coffee and pie.

A most enjoyable program was given with I. H. Ford, toastmaster for the occasion. Mrs. Frank Costine and Miss Gaile Coen sang a vocal duet as the opening number on the program. Short talks were given by Mrs. Fred Stevens, Mrs. J. B. Coen, Jr., Ray Wells, B. F. Martin, Rev. J. P. Dalton, S. F. Longbottom, W. W. McFarland, Mrs. J. D. Sherman, R. I. Harris and J. B. Coen, Sr. gave the closing talk. Mr. Wilcox followed with a harp selection and Delores Crosby gave two numbers on her Paramount concert harp. Following the piano solo, played by Winifred Demorest, the group sang two songs.

Guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wells, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Lawhon, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Ford, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Coen, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Longbottom, Mr. and Mrs. Milford Dilley, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Pendleton, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Coen, Jr., Rev. J. P. Dalton, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Costine, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Crosby, and Mrs. W. W. McFarland, Mrs. G. T. Bigbie, Mrs. R. C. Bigbie, Mrs. Lena Clements, Mrs. L. D. McGiboney, Mrs. Durrah Martin, Mrs. Harold Guerndt, Mrs. John Giddens, Mrs. David Stuckey, Albert Demorest, Mrs. C. Belin, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sherman, Mrs. E. Spencer, Henry Douglass, C. D. Noland, Otto Skipper, Mrs. Fred Wetherbee, Mrs. Ann Lawhon, Mr. and Mrs. Dean, John Jacobs, Miss Ethel Paschall, Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox, Miss Gaile Coen, Mrs. Jacobs, Virginia Adams, Winifred Demorest and Delores Crosby.

Mrs. Carson Murphy and Mrs. R. X. Droit were in Lakeland Wednesday.

Mesdames Earl Hartt and Parke Anderson Hostesses at Silver Tea Tuesday Afternoon

One of the outstanding social events of the winter season was the Silver Tea given Tuesday afternoon for the benefit of the Congregational church by Mrs. Earl W. Hartt and Mrs. C. Parke Anderson at the lovely home of the former on Lake Lotela.

Mrs. Hartt is especially talented in the art of arranging flowers and had turned her spacious rooms into a lovely bower of roses and other seasonable flowers and the charming summery gowns of the hostesses and their assistants added greatly to the effectiveness of the decorations.

One hundred and twenty-five guests called between the hours of three and five and were received by Mrs. L. E. Bass with Mrs. C. F. Lanier, Mrs. C. E. Holland and Mrs. R. R. Porterfield assisting in the living room.

An exceptionally enjoyable musical program was given throughout the afternoon by Mrs. J. B. Coen, Jr. and Mrs. Stanley Reeves, pianists and Mrs. T. J. Ward, soprano, who sang several numbers. They were:

"Just A Cottage Small By A Waterfall,"—Hanley.

"The Sweet O' The Year"—Salter.

"Kashmeri Song"—Amy Woodforde-Finden.

"Smilin' Through."—Penn.

Tea was served from a beautifully appointed tea table which was centered with a crystal bowl of talisman roses and lovely gerberas of similar hue, reflected in a large oval mirror, flanked on either side by white tapers in crystal holders.

Mrs. E. O. Williams, Mrs. Harry Dilley, Mrs. A. C. Elliott, and Mrs. S. Y. Hartt poured and were assisted in the dining room by Mrs. E. W. Ware, Mrs. Jack Head and Mrs. J. Paul Garber.

Many of the guests found much pleasure in a stroll through the lovely gardens after the tea.

Mr.-Mrs. Lanier Hosts To Club

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lanier were hosts Wednesday at their home when they entertained members of their bridge club and a few additional guests. The spacious living room was decorated most effectively with bouquets of garden flowers.

High score prize was won by Mr. and Mrs. B. D. C. Perry and guest high score prize was presented to Walter S. Betts. Punch was served during the evening and a dainty sweet course and coffee was served after the games.

Those enjoying the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Lanier were: Dr. and Mrs. D. G. Perry, Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Reeves, Walter Betts, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fossum, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dilley, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Holland, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Porterfield, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. McNicholas, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Hartt.

Baptist W. M. U. Meeting Monday

The program meeting of the W. M. U. of the First Baptist church was held Monday afternoon at the church house with Circle Two in charge and Mrs. W. W. McFarland as the leader. Mrs. J. B. Coen, Sr. led the devotional. The theme of the program was, "Teaching" and those taking part were: Mrs. J. L. Collins, Mrs. J. D. Sherman, Mrs. Curtis English and Mrs. David Stuckey. The meeting closed with prayer led by Mrs. Stuckey.

Those present were: Mrs. J. L. Collins, Mrs. J. S. Blackburn, Mrs. Curtis English, Mrs. Otto Skipper, Mrs. Fred Wetherbee, Mrs. David Stuckey, Mrs. W. W. McFarland, Mrs. J. D. Sherman, Mrs. W. C. Touchton, Mrs. L. D. McGiboney, Mrs. E. C. Wever, Mrs. Dollie Skipper, Mrs. B. F. Martin, Mrs. Jess Bennett, Mrs. J. Crosby, Mrs. C. Belin, Mrs. Paul McFarland, Miss Ethel Paschall, Mrs. J. B. Coen, Sr., and Mrs. R. H. Lawhon.

Mesdames Thayer-Gilmour Hostesses

Among the most delightful of the early spring parties was the one given Monday afternoon by Mrs. G. P. Thayer and Mrs. Alexander Gilmour, honoring Mrs. Douglass Ammons, and Mrs. Clara Hundertmark of Waynesburg, Pa. and Sebring and a few winter guests. Mrs. Ammons and Mrs. Hundertmark are sisters of Miss Hettie Hundertmark of Avon Park. The rooms of the Thayer home, where the party was held, were thrown ensuite for the occasion, and vases and baskets of spring flowers lent an additional charm to the spacious living room.

The bridge appointments, refreshment course and other details were in the chosen spring colors and favors were dainty little boutonnieres made of baby breath and forget-me-nots.

High score prize after the four progressions, was presented to Mrs. Douglass Ammons; second high, to Mrs. Clara Hundertmark and the consolation prize was won by Mrs. R. R. Porterfield.

Dainty refreshment plates consisting of ice cream salad, orange cake and tea were served.

Friends sharing this delightful occasion with the two honoring hostesses and honor guests were: Mrs. Charles E. Wright, Mrs. R. R. Porterfield, Mrs. Katherine Dickerson, Miss Frances Hyers, Mrs. Wayne Smith, Mrs. Harold Fossum, Mrs. C. E. Holland, Mrs. Stella Frey, Mrs. Viola Alderman, Mrs. B. H. Overpeck, Mrs. Ida Brick, Mrs. Marjery Church, Mrs. C. B. Bethune, Mrs. H. A. Vickery, Mrs. Lula Bass, Mrs. S. Y. Hartt, Mrs. Earl Hartt, Mrs. M. E. Covington, Mrs. H. E. Godwin, Mrs. Hettie Hundertmark, Miss Millie Pearson and Mrs. S. S. Thayer. Joining the players at the tea hour were: Mrs. Peyton Woolson, Mrs. Barney Pearson of Bailey, S. C. and Mrs. Lee.

Mr.-Mrs. Fairey Dinner Guests

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Fairey of Columbia, S. C. were honor guests Thursday evening when members of the faculty when Mr. Fairey was principal of the Avon Park schools, gave a dinner party at the Avalon Grill.

The dinner was served at 7 o'clock and the table was decorated with lovely vases of spring flowers.

Those present were the honor guests, Mr. and Mrs. Fairey, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shephard, Mrs. Barney Pearson of Bailey, S. C., Mrs. J. B. Coen, Jr., Miss Millie Pearson, Mrs. Mary Myers, Mrs. Anna Johnson, Mrs. Virginia Cloud, Miss Alma Harrell, Miss Mildred Myers, Miss Rosalea Clausen and Miss Hettie Hundertmark.

Mrs. Mandis Hostess To Luncheon Club

Mrs. Demos Mandis was a gracious hostess at her home on Wednesday at a most enjoyable party, her guests including members of her bridge luncheon club, and additional guests. A delicious luncheon was served at one o'clock at the beautifully appointed table, which was tastefully decorated with an arrangement of spring flowers.

High score prize was presented to Mrs. P. L. Rumpsa and second high to Mrs. Marjery Church.

Guests enjoying the luncheon and bridge were: Mrs. D. G. Perry, Mrs. E. W. Hartt, Mrs. Marjery Church, Mrs. C. E. Holland, Mrs. R. R. Porterfield, Mrs. S. S. Thayer, Mrs. P. L. Rumpsa and the hostess Mrs. Mandis.

Sonny Hagan Is Birthday Honoree

A delightful birthday party was given Monday afternoon by Mrs. Russel Childs, honoring her brother, Sonny, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hagan, who celebrated his eleventh birthday anniversary.

Attractively arranged bouquets of snap dragons and roses decorated the home and a beautiful white birthday cake, bearing eleven yellow candles centered the crochet covered dining table.

During the afternoon many enjoyable games were played after which ice cream, cake and punch were served. Favors of little St. Patrick's Day baskets filled with candy were given each guest.

Sonny received many useful and attractive gifts from his friends invited to share the afternoon with him, who were: Tabby Brown, Betty Jo Wells, Jeanine Crews, Betty Louise Koch, Helen Welch, Barbara Jean Bridges, Helen Bradbury, Dorothy Edwards, Charlotte Orr, Barbara Lawhon, Frank Camp, Jr., Melvin Mann, Ivan Brown, Charles Bennett, E. C. Wever, John Garber, Adam McGinnis, J. C. Walker, Jack Rogers, James Bishop and Roger Sappington.

Mrs. Lucille Koch assisted Mrs. Childs in entertaining.

Two Hostesses At B.P.W.C. Party

Mrs. Phillip Boardman and Miss Sarah Browning were hostesses at the home of the former Monday evening when they entertained members of B. P. W. C. The party rooms were decorated with bowls and vases of spring flowers placed at vantage points.

After the usual number of progressions scores were totaled and high score prize, a vase, was presented to Mrs. Freed Peden; second high a lovely corsage, was given to Mrs. Ruth Clowe and floating prize a change purse was won by Mrs. C. A. Clark.

Refreshments of cake and coffee were served to those enjoying this affair who were: Mrs. C. A. Clark, Mrs. Katherine Bristol, Miss Hettie Hundertmark, Miss Millie Pearson, Mrs. C. R. Ginn, Mrs. Freed Peden, Mrs. Olive Anderson, Miss Verna Heim, Mrs. Helen Mann, Mrs. Ruth Clowe, Miss Kate Tompkins, and the two hostesses Mrs. Boardman and Miss Browning.

Mrs. Droit Hostess . . To Bridge Club

A delightful party was given at "Sunset Lodge" Monday evening when Mrs. R. X. Droit entertained for members of her bridge club. Nasturtiums and other colorful garden flowers decorated the party rooms.

High score prize was given to Mrs. Tom Jones and second high to Mrs. Bill Sachsenmaier. At the end of the games "bingo" was played and Mrs. Francis Shockley was the lucky winner.

Delicious refreshments of chicken salad, saltines, pickles, olives, and coffee were served.

Those present were Mrs. Bill Sachsenmaier, Mrs. Lucille Koch, Mrs. Richey Green, Miss Hazel Cameron, Miss Gwendolyn Wever, Mrs. Francis Shockley, Mrs. Tom Jones and Mrs. Z. Scrin.

C.E. Holland Honored At Dinner Party

Mrs. C. E. Holland of Chicago very graciously entertained at a dinner party last Saturday evening, the affair being given in honor of her husband, who arrived last Friday to spend two weeks here the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Porterfield.

The dinner table was attractive with a lovely arrangement of red roses.

Guests enjoying the evening with the honor guest and the lovely hostess were: Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lanier, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Betts, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Warner, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hartt, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. McNicholas, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Porterfield, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fossum, Mr. and Mrs. C. Parke Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Brown, Dr. and Mrs. D. G. Perry, Dr. and Mrs. Stanley N. Reeves, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Garber.

Foster—Booth Wedding

Mrs. Pauline Sullivan Booth and W. A. Foster both of Frostproof, were married here Sunday by Judge T. A. McNicholas. Mr. Foster is a former resident of Avon Park. The couple will make their home in Frostproof.

Mrs. Ben Stewart of Cresent City spent the week end in Avon Park.

Births—

Mr. and Mrs. Zed Scarborough announce the arrival of a baby girl Tuesday morning at the Touchton hospital. The little lady weighed eight pounds and has been named Dorothy Joan.

Wray—Paschall Wedding Saturday

Miss Virginia Paschall, daughter of Mrs. S. A. Paschall and Howard Wray son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wray of Avon Park were married in a quiet wedding ceremony Saturday evening at the Baptist church, with Rev. J. P. Dalton, minister of the church officiating. Several intimate friends of the couple witnessed the ceremony. The bride was married in a blue crepe dress with white accessories. Her corsage was red roses.

The couple left during the evening for Miami, where they spent a few days before returning to Avon Park. They will reside at the Connell Apartments.

Foster—Jeffcoat Wedding

Miss Merrideth Jeffcoat and Gerald G. Foster were quietly married Wednesday in Sebring. The couple left during the evening to spend several days at the home of Mrs. Foster in Wildwood.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kempton spent Monday in Tampa.

Mrs. Lucille Koch spent the week end in Ocala the guests of friends.

Mrs. Ruth Stansbrough of Tampa was the guest of friends here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Prevatt spent the week end in Orlando on business.

W. A. Royce of Jacksonville was a business visitor in Avon Park last Friday.

Mrs. Curtis Lawhon spent the week end in St. Petersburg the guest of relatives.

Mrs. R. I. Brown, Mrs. G. S. McKnight and Mrs. Jean Ricketts were in Tampa Monday.

I. H. Mack left Sunday for Palm Beach where he will attend the Music Publishers Convention.

Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Stewart of Sullivan, Ind. arrived in Avon Park Tuesday to spend several days.

Miss Hazel Cameron was the guest of her sister, Mrs. James Bond, in Lakeland over the week end.

Mrs. R. X. Droit and Roland, Jr. spent the week end in Sarasota, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Childress.

T. Russell of Hartford, Conn., and Palm Beach was the luncheon guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Warner Tuesday.

Mrs. Alexander Gilmour, Mrs. M. E. Covington, Mrs. E. H. Ware and Mrs. A. C. Wester were in Orlando Wednesday.

Mrs. Nelson Smith, Miss Janet Cook and Miss Elizabeth Jinks spent the week end in Tampa and Tallahassee.

Miss Wanda Chandler of Bassenger spent the week in Avon Park the guest of her mother, Mrs. Margaret Chandler.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Holland of Chicago, who are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Porterfield, spent the week end in Miami.

Honorable Thomas Cooley of Mt. Dora, was a business visitor in Avon Park Thursday. Mr. Cooley is one of the representatives of Lake county.

Mrs. Viola Alderman of El Paso, Texar, house guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Godwin, is spending a few weeks in Ft. Meade the guest of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Longbottom and two children Sammy and Lynn were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wills in Tampa over the week end.

Miss Mildred Jarrett of Anderson, S. C. left Sunday for her home after having spent the past week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Paul McFarland.

Mrs. E. G. Todd and Mrs. W. S. Betts spent Wednesday and Thursday in Orlando where they attended the State Federation of the Womans Club.

Miss Patsy Loomis student at the University of Georgia, Athens, left Wednesday after having spent the spring holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Loomis.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Fairey and children of Columbia, S. C. are spending several days in Avon Park the guests of friends. They are former residents of Avon Park.

Mrs. Robert O. Lee and sister, Miss Geraldine Lashly of Detroit stopped over the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hinkle. They are to stop in Texarkana, Ark. and St. Louis, Mo., enroute home, after having spent three weeks in Miami and Miami Beach.

Dr. and Mrs. G. S. McKnight, Miss Marjorie McKnight and Mrs. Georgia Voorhees were the guests of Mrs. McKnight's mother, Mrs. T. J. Hopley of Haines City Sunday.

Miss Mary Frances Wilson of Strasbury, Va., left Wednesday for her home after having spent the past two weeks the guest of Mrs. Lela Rawlings and Lusby Rawings.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Emery who have been spending the season at the Jacaranda left Sunday for Jacksonville, where they will spend several weeks the guests of friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Wright who have been spending several months at the Jacaranda hotel left Tuesday for Ft. Lauderdale where they will spend several weeks before returning to their home in St Joseph, Mo.

Miss Millie Pearson, Miss Mildred Myers and Mrs. Barney Pearson spent the week end visiting in Orlando and Jacksonville. Mrs. Barney Pearson returned to her home in Bailey, S. C. after having spent several days visiting her daughter, Miss Millie Pearson in Avon Park.

The Periscope

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that one of the first things the Legislature will do after hanging up their hats and coats will be to take up a series of bills that will make lot of folks pay taxes—just for a change. One of these, in all probability, will be a bill creating a state tax commission and another may be a copy of a Georgia law that empowers the sheriff to sell you down the river if you don't see the tax collector three months after receiving your bill. Still another bill would speed the recovery of a number of county tax assessors, now suffering from malignant astigmatism, and we heard a lot of talk about consolidating county and city tax assessing and collecting offices so that the property owner could pay in just one place, saving a lot of wear and tear on shoe soles and a half million dollars in duplicate salaries.

This is just one example of streamlined economy the legislators are considering. Other items on this docket include several state departments, and, believe it or not, some of the lawmakers are convinced that Florida has about twice too many counties. Salary reductions, unless present signs fail, will be the order of the day and that uniform payroll bill may be a boner. Even the judiciary may feel the sharp side of the knife and you'd be surprised to know how many legislators regard constables and justices of the peace with a cold and fishy eye.

Can all these things be done in sixty days? We doubt it and so do some of the veterans in both branches. A former speaker, to illustrate, who has been hoping he would be able to go to the New York World's Fair about the middle of June has canceled his reservations. And we hear Governor Cone is perfectly willing to let the boys stick around until they finish the job. This report sounds okay, too, because the governor certainly does not see eye-to-eye with his budget commission and doesn't want to round out his administration with a hefty boost in the state tax rate.

Checking familiar faces around the hotel lobbies, we found about the same old crowd, plus a few newcomers. Pressure groups approving taxes on each other but condemning taxes on themselves. And sitting over in a corner, lonely and forlorn, we ran across a fellow who seemed out of place in the hurly-burly. We asked him who he represented. And he said: "Who, me? Podner, I'm just a taxpayer. Nobody seems to give a hoot what I think!"

Mary McCarthy Is Honored At Brenau

Gainesville, Ga. Miss Mary McCarthy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McCarthy, of 108 Pleasant St., a Freshman at Brenau College and member of Zeta Tau Alpha, national social sorority, was recently elected to International Relations Club, an honorary History organization open to outstanding History students.

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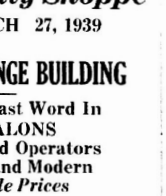
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Hale was pondering the resolution and finding additional grounds for it when he re-entered the Camp after midnight. He had walked further, been away longer, than he realized. The house was very quiet. He glanced into the living-room and study. Both rooms were dark. In the lower hall the sole remaining light was that which burned all night in a single amber-tinted bulb. Approaching the staircase he realized that the upper hall was similarly dim. The members of the family were all in bed, or at least were shut away in their rooms. Joan and Bert must have returned long ago.

His foot was on the lowest step when the telephone bell in the hall closet rang insistently. Its shrillness was stifled by the closet's closed door. He doubted if Banks or anyone else would hear it. He went to the closet, closing the door behind him in an instinctive consideration for the sleeping household. The voice of an operator came to him.

"New York wants Mr. Hale," it said.

"Hale is speaking."

"All right, Mr. Hale. Please hold the line."

During the instant that he waited Hale glanced at his wrist watch. Twenty minutes to one. He could not imagine who had called him up at that hour, unless it was Kneeland. What could Kneeland want, unless there had been some accident? But the voice he heard next was not Kneeland's. It was a man's voice, anxious, yet apologetic.

"Mr. Hale," it said, "this is Kaufman. I'm sorry to disturb you at this hour. But did you get the telegram I sent you today?"

For an instant Hale could not remember who Kaufman was. His thoughts had been far removed from anyone named Kaufman. His mind busy with that problem he answered automatically, "No. I haven't received any telegram."

The voice became more urgent, less apologetic. It said:

"That's what I was afraid of. I've been pretty busy ever since I sent the telegram this noon. But after I got to bed I remembered that you told me you were several miles from a telegraph office. You said messages weren't always delivered promptly, or even telephoned. When I began to think that over, I decided to call you up."

"Yes?" Hale's scalp was prickling. He had remembered now who Kaufman was. "What was in that telegram?" he jerked out.

"I told you in it that the analysis of the milk you sent me showed a small quantity of bichloride of mercury. It wasn't much. It wasn't anywhere near a killing dose. But, you see, I remembered that water you sent me for analysis. That was pretty serious and—"

"Never mind the water," Hale interrupted. "Tell me about the milk. Bichloride of mercury is a deadly poison, isn't it?" He did not recognize his own voice.

"Yes, it is. That's why I telegraphed. It was a small quantity, but it has no place in milk. After that water analysis—" At an exclamation from Hale the voice went on hurriedly, "Well, it's the sort of thing that suggests to a suspicious mind like mine—taken in connection with the water analysis—that someone who doesn't like you is giving you very small doses of poison. They're so small they may not show any serious effects for some time. You looked pretty husky the day I saw you. Still, if they're kept up long enough—"

"They'll kill in the end? I see."

"There's no immediate danger," the voice went on, "unless the doses are increased. But I telegraphed you at once. Then when I thought it over I got fussy."

"Thank God you did. Thank you, too, Kaufman. I won't forget it. Is there anything else you ought to tell me about it?"

"Only to lay off milk for a while, and keep both eyes open." Kaufman's voice was now quite cheerful. Having done his duty as he saw it he was ready to drop the matter and get back to bed.

"Wait a minute. There's one thing more on my mind." Hale asked his next question in a voice that was not quite steady. "Do you say there was only a little poison in that milk. How many such doses could a person take before—"

"Before it killed? Oh, quite a lot. If I'm right in my guess, the plan was to give it in such small doses, over a long period, as to cause a very gradual failing in the patient; something that would look like what used to be called 'a slow decline.' The effects vary in different patients, but they're the same as those of any slow poison—gastric disturbance, indigestion, lassitude, that sort of thing. The special effect is on the kidneys. It might go on for weeks or even months before an acute marasmus developed. The plan in such cases is to have the patient die a seemingly natural death by gradual stages. Have you had many doses?"

"No. Thanks again, Kaufman. Good-night."

Hale hung up the receiver. He seemed to be in a dream—a nightmare. The whole situation had unfolded before him and he was numbed by it. He put it to himself in unconsciously melodramatic terms. "My God, there's a killer among us!" The words echoed in his brain like a refrain, while his hurrying feet carried him to Joan's door. He remembered the strange visitor to that room—the visitor who had seemed a nightmare. He remembered Joan's symptoms, the doctor's uneasiness. He remembered everything . . .

He did not know what he was to do when he reached her door. He stood before it, considering the question. Wake her up and ask her if she was all right? Idiotic. He had no reason to believe she had drunk any milk that night. Indeed, now that he considered the matter, he had every reason to feel that she had not done so. His warning to her had been imperative, and she had promised to heed it. From tomorrow she would be safe. He would take her to Doctor Crosby early in the morning. Both would have to know what he had learned. That much was certain. In the meantime, she was safe. Or was she? He could not leave the door. His feet would not carry him away. His brain would not direct him to move. He could not stir until he knew that all was well with her. How could he get that knowledge without disturbing her?

His hand closed on the door-knob, turned it softly. He did not expect that the door would open. She had promised to lock it regularly, and the memory of that nightmare she had dwelt on would surely make her do so. But, incredibly, the door opened. He widened the opening slightly and noiselessly, and peered in, looking toward Joan's bed. He gave no thought to the possibility of being discovered in such a situation, but he did not cross the threshold. Indeed, the narrow opening did not allow that. He would merely make sure that Joan was sleeping, and go back to his quarters with an easier mind.

CHAPTER X

The room was so dark that for a moment he could see nothing. Then, as his eyes became accustomed to the blackness, he saw the dim outlines of the two windows opposite him. He glanced toward the bed. It was occupied and he heard quiet breathing.

It was not until then that he saw something else. Something very close to him, at his right, between him and the head of the bed. It turned with a low gasp, came toward him with a little rush, wrenched the door-knob from his hand by a strong pull on the inside, and slid through the opening, closing the door behind it. It had moved with such rapidity that it struck against him as it came. He recoiled a step, then caught its arm and held it. For an instant it struggled frantically but in silence. Then, under his unyielding grip, it relapsed. In the hall's dim light Hale stared down into the convulsed face of Miss Hosanna.

He knew now what face Joan had seen in her nightmare—that face familiar, yet terrible, whose identity she would not confide to him. Then, as now, Miss Hosanna had been startled during her visit. She had seen Joan sit up in bed as she herself leaned over the small table at the head of that bed. She had expected recognition, discovery. Then, as now, her distorted face must have shown not so much fear as frenzy, even fury, at the interruption.

She tried to push past Hale, but he held her firmly.

"What have you got in your hand?" he asked in a low voice. It was something she was trying to conceal by twisting her right arm out of his grasp and hiding her right hand behind her back. Taking a stronger grip on her left arm he seized that struggling left hand and wrenched from it the bottle it held. A glance at the label was enough. He dropped the bottle into his pocket, kept his hold on her wrist, and drew Miss Hosanna along the hall toward his own quarters. When they had reached his room he stopped, opened the door, and motioned her to precede him. She held back.

"What do you want?" The question was almost inaudible. She had trouble in forming the words with her stiff lips; but her head was erect and her pale eyes burned into his. He answered under his breath.

"A little talk with you, Miss Hosanna. We can't talk here in the hall, you know."

She hesitated another second, then crossed the threshold. When they were inside the room he closed and locked the door. He drew forward a chair for her, and seated himself facing her.

"Now," he said very quietly, "we'll get to the bottom of this. What does it mean?"

Miss Hosanna was already getting herself in hand. She straightened in her chair, and stared at him with icy resentment.



"Isn't it a far stranger thing that you are doing, Miss Hosanna?" asked Hale.

Looking back at her, trying to grasp the incredible fact that it was really Miss Hosanna who sat opposite him, Miss Hosanna from whom he had taken that bottle, Hale told himself the tableau was grotesque.

Miss Hosanna's plump form was encased in a dark dressing-gown, shapeless and rather heavy for so warm a night. On her head was a gray net, evidently designed to keep in position a ring of curling pins in her hair. Her face shone with the remains of a coating of retiring cream, which had not been wholly wiped off. The purplish color that had suffused it during her brief struggle had faded almost to its normal hue. She would have looked as harmless as the pink sofa cushion to which her brother had compared her, if it had not been for her burning eyes. Her manner had something of its usual dignity. He had always known that she had courage. Now she proved that, aside from her moment of panic, she also had self-control. She took the aggressive at once.

"This is a strange thing for you to do, Mr. Hale," she said between straight lips.

"Isn't it a far stranger thing that you are doing, Miss Hosanna?"

Hale asked the question very quietly, holding her eyes. He sat facing her like a gray rock, but he was inwardly shaken and appalled. Miss Hosanna! Miss Hosanna!

"I suppose I was walking in my sleep." Her head was erect now, her shoulders back. She radiated defiance. "I guess you've heard of sleep-walking before," she ended.

"I have. But I don't remember hearing of anybody who went about poisoning others in their sleep."

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Milk Churned by Lurching of 'Ship of Desert,' Was Early Way of Making Butter

Camels may be ugly and ill-tempered, but those of us who like plenty of butter on our bread owe them a debt of gratitude nonetheless, asserts Martha Harmon in the Philadelphia Record.

More than 20 centuries ago, men used goat and sheep milk butter. According to tradition, the Arabs made the first butter accidentally aided by the aforesaid camels. Milk was carried in skin bags on journeys across the desert and the jolting of the camels as they lurched along churned the liquid into a buttery mass. Not the sort of butter we are accustomed to use, we'll admit, for it was fluid enough to be poured slowly from the skins.

The people of India still make butter by shaking milk in bottles, producing a day's supply at a time, because the poorer folk there have no means of keeping foods fresh in refrigerators or even in running streams of cold water, as do our campers.

Just because Americans have a prejudice in favor of butter made from cow's milk, with margarine or oleomargarine as substitute when the family purse grows lean, doesn't imply that the rest of the world shares our taste. Even in this country there is considerable importation of goats' milk butter for persons of Greek or Italian origin, as well as others from the Mediterranean regions.

Olive oil is another favorite for a bread "spread" in lands where olives grow. Many vegetarians insist on nut butters. Up in the Arctic the Eskimos have a decided penchant for blubber as the family fat supply.

Where butter is made in quantity for commercial purposes, the separator has superseded the old method of allowing milk to stand in shallow pans in a cool place until the cream rises and then putting the latter into a hand churn to work and stir about in a modern version of the original camel method.

They Have Teeth Pulled In Finland, and Like It!

Ah! One spot under the sun where there is peace between the sexes. The men don't beef when the ladies take their jobs. They don't write to the newspapers. In fact, they rather like it.

This strange state of affairs exists in Finland and the profession the women have taken over is dentistry.

Women have practically a monopoly on the dental offices in Finland, it is said. It's a country where you don't need an advertising campaign to get you to see your dentist at least twice a year.

But the girls don't stop at dentistry in Finland. Most of the banking jobs are held by women. They are also stenographers and secretaries. And politics has attracted many women.

More and more Americans are coming to Finland as tourists. And a lot of them like Lapland, where you can play golf 24 hours a day in the sunshine.

WHAT to EAT and WHY

C. Houston Goudiss Shows How the Right Foods Can Help to Guard Against Springtime Debility

By C. HOUSTON GOUDISS

THE gap between winter and spring has always been recognized as a trying period. Work seems a burden, tempers are short, appetites are poor, and little enjoyment is derived from meals.

Just as the daily tide of human vitality is at a low ebb during the hours before dawn, so does the annual tide of health reach a low ebb in the weeks that mark the end of winter and the official beginning of spring.

Bodily reserves have been gradually depleted until many children and adults suffer from lassitude and fatigue that cannot be dispelled merely by getting a good night's sleep.

The Best Spring Tonic

A generation ago it was believed that sulphur and molasses, and sassafras tea would overcome springtime debility. Homemakers dosed their families with a variety of so-called tonics, in a frantic effort to put color into pale cheeks, to soothe irritable nerves, to overcome that tired feeling.



We know today why their efforts met with little success. For we have learned what they could not know—that the best possible tonic is a carefully chosen diet rich in minerals and vitamins.

In those days, the science of nutrition was in its infancy. Vitamins were still undiscovered, and there was much that we had not learned about the role of the mineral salts in regulating body processes. No wonder mothers grasped at any mixture that promised to put roses back into the cheeks of their anemic-looking children.

How lucky we are today! For science has taught us what we should eat to help increase pep and vitality, and build rich red blood. And modern methods of transportation, refrigeration, food preservation and packaging, have made the necessary foods easily available. It merely remains for the homemaker to acquaint herself with the nutritional needs of her family.

Enriching the Blood

The blood is frequently impoverished by the time spring puts in an appearance. That is not surprising, for in many households the winter diet contains a preponderance of carbohydrates and fats, with far too few of the precious minerals and vitamins. It is often deficient in iron, the mineral that is required for the formation of the hemoglobin or red pigment in the blood, and in copper, which is required for the proper utilization of iron.

Inasmuch as 3 per cent of the blood cells are destroyed daily, it is obvious that unless adequate amounts of iron-rich foods are available to replace them, the number will soon become subnormal. Moreover, it has been found that many minor disturbances of the body cause a loss of iron, and that mild infections are a common cause of iron loss.

Thus, individuals who have been consuming a diet that is barely adequate in respect to iron may find themselves on the borderline of iron deficiency following an infection.

Iron-Rich Foods

Every homemaker, therefore, should make a determined effort to include plenty of iron-rich foods in her menus. These foods include liver, eggs, whole grain cereals, dried fruits, lean meats and **green leafy vegetables.**

Green vegetables cannot be emphasized too strongly, for they tend somewhat to be crowded out of the winter diet by the starchy and fatty foods which provide more heat and energy. **And investigations with children have demonstrated that when vegetables and fruits are limited, there is a certain sluggishness of blood formation. Green vegetables not only supply iron in significant amounts, but their iron has been found to be especially well absorbed from the digestive tract.**

Eat More Greens

Right now it is most important to provide large amounts of dandelion greens, spinach, kale, chard, watercress, lettuce and green cabbage. Serve a cooked green vegetable at one meal each day and a generous green salad at another.

Top the salad with fruit, if you want to add more minerals and vitamins . . . segments of orange or grapefruit, slices of banana or pineapple, or a mixture of apple and celery.

These fruits also supply important minerals and vitamins, and like the green vegetables, they leave an alkaline ash following digestion, and therefore help to maintain the acid-base balance of the body.

Plenty of Bulk Required

There is still another reason why green vegetables and fruits should be consumed in liberal quantities. These foods, along with whole grain cereals, provide an abundance of bulk or cellulose which is necessary to help promote regularity. They tend to offset the effects of a too highly concentrated winter diet. **Very often that feeling of lassitude, mistakenly called spring fever, can be overcome by adding to the diet a larger proportion of these naturally laxative foods.**

It's also desirable to take an adequate supply of fluids to help flush the system of waste. In addition to a generous amount of water, there should be a pint of milk daily for every adult, a quart for every child, and fruit juices in abundance. Orange juice, grapefruit juice, pineapple juice and tomato juice all supply vitamins A, B and C, and their refreshing fruit acids have a beneficial effect upon the appetite.

Exercise and Fresh Air

Two more splendid antidotes for the let-down feeling that comes at this season are moderate exercise and fresh air. The proper use of the muscular system is important to health and vitality, yet many people go through the winter taking far too little exercise.

In general, you will eat better, sleep better, feel more alert and at the same time more relaxed, if you make a point of getting out into the open every day.

Sleep, sunshine, fresh air and the right food—these are Nature's tonics!

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The Man Was Waiting And Did Just That

The magistrate was not exactly clear as to what the case was all about, so he tried to find out by questioning the prisoner.

"What were you doing when you were arrested?" he asked.

"Waiting, sir."

"What for?"

"Money, sir."

"Who was to give you the money?"

"The man I was waiting for."

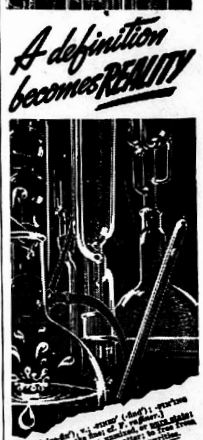
"What did he owe it to you for?"

"Waiting, sir."

The magistrate made a last effort to get a definite idea. "What do you do for a living?" he demanded.

"Waiting, sir."





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The Patterns.

No. 1717 is designed for sizes 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46 and 48. With long sleeves, size 36 requires 4¼ yards of 39 inch material. With short sleeves, 3¾ yards.

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Well-Trained Mind

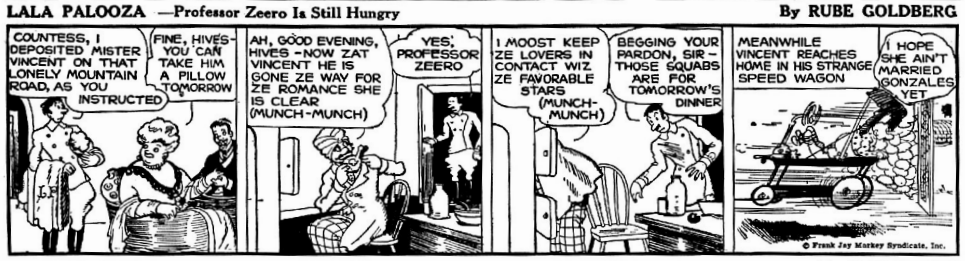
This is a proof of a well-trained mind, to rejoice in what is good and to grieve at the opposite.—Cicero.

Fun for the Whole Family

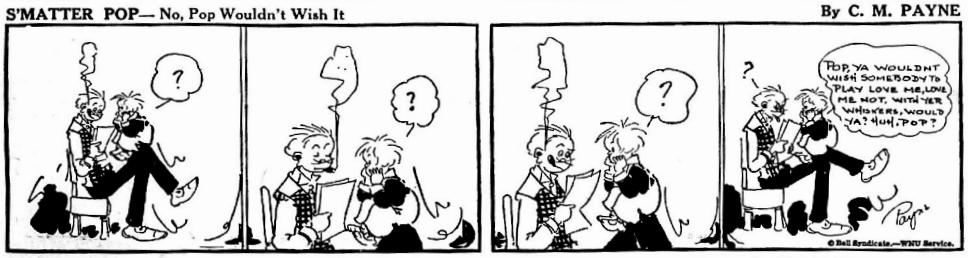
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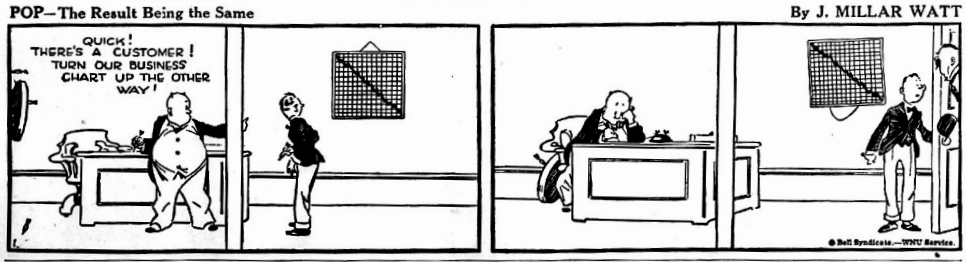
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Curse of Progress



SELF-CONSCIOUS JOHNNY

Teacher—Johnny, now you have in front of you the north, on your right the east, on your left the west; now what have you behind you?

Small Boy—A patch on my pants—I told mother you'd see it.

Different Evidence

The doctor was questioning the new nurse about her latest patient. "Have you kept a chart of his progress?"

The nurse blushing, replied: "No, but I can show you my diary."

Discovery

Bill—I forgot my umbrella this morning.

Harry—What made you remember you'd forgotten it?

Bill—I missed it when I reached up to put it down after the rain.

Why, Grandpa

Grandpa—In my day, my dear, young ladies knew how to blush.

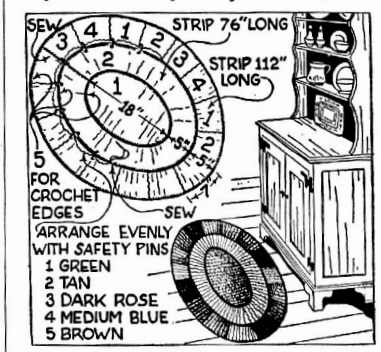
Modern Miss—Really? Do tell me what you told them!

SHOW-OFF — By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



HOW TO SEW

by Ruth Wyeth Spears



Knit a rag rug.

SO MANY of you have asked for the rug leaflet with the books offered below that I am sketching still another interesting rug for you here. Keep it for your scrap book, and be sure to order the leaflet to add to your collection of rug ideas.

Cut or tear the rags ¾ inch wide and use knitting needles ⅜ inch in diameter. Knit the oval center first. Cast on four stitches and increase one at the end of each row until the depth of the work is 4-inches, then knit evenly for 10-inches. Bind off one stitch at the end of each row until you have four stitches left. Bind these off. The diagram gives the dimensions and colors for the bands that are sewn to this center oval. Cast on seven stitches to start each bond. For the outside band, start with color 3. Knit 7-inches, then cut the fabric strip and sew color 4 to it. Continue. Use a large crochet hook and fabric strips to crochet around the oval and the outside edges of the bands. Sew together with double carpet thread.

Note: Mrs. Spears' Sewing Book 2, Gifts, Novelties and Embroideries, contains 48 pages of step-by-step directions which have helped thousands of women. If your home is your hobby you will also want Book 1—SEWING, for the Home Decorator. Order by number, enclosing 25 cents for each book. If you order both books, copy of the new Rag Rug Leaflet will be included free. Those who have both books may secure leaflet for 6 cents in postage. Address Mrs. Spears, 210 S. Desplaines St., Chicago, Ill.

AROUND THE HOUSE

Laundry Tip.—Before you put new curtains into the washer, soak them in four tablespoons of salt to each four cups of water.

Mending Lace.—Lace can often be invisibly mended by running the sewing machine to and fro over the worn part. This is quite effective with lace curtains and can be done on linen goods too.

A Place for the Mail.—There should be a definite place where mail is always put as soon as it arrives. Then each member of the family knows immediately whether that important letter has arrived as soon as he enters the house and, incidentally, there is never any loss of mail.

Washing Delicate Things.—If you are washing small articles, or thin baby dresses or other delicate things, put them into a pillowcase or sack and tie it with tape, then place it in the washer.

Clean Vacuum Bag.—No more than a pint of dirt should be allowed to accumulate in the bag of a vacuum cleaner.

Candlelight Time. — Decorators tell us never to use candlesticks for decoratives without candles in them, and never to use candlelight before sundown without the shades being drawn.

Suds for Silks.—What causes gray specks on freshly washed silks and rayons? Hard water combined with soap may momentarily form a curd or scum. The addition of more soap produces suds which dissolves the scum. In hard water regions, use an extra quantity of soap to overcome the hardness and produce thick, live suds.

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Citrus Men Ready With New Laws

quiring only that the mixture come up to the required standard.

These proposed changes in the maturity tests are said to be fundamental. They will put an instrument in the hands of Mr. J. J. Taylor, head of the fruit inspection department under Commissioner of Agriculture Nathan Mayo, by which the department can prevent immature fruit from leaving the state. Fruits moving to canners will be required to meet the same tests for maturity and quality as that going to fresh fruit markets.

At the meetings of the directors and of the committees and sub-committees which prepared the proposed new maturity law, a great volume of convincing evidence has been presented showing that the inspection department, under its will has permitted immature fruit to leave the state, and that they have been powerless to stop it because maturity laws in the past have been indefinite and drawn in such a way that the hands of the inspection department have been tied. Good maturity laws are said to have been crippled beyond recognition by amendments. Other items covered by the legislative program include laws regulating coloring room practices and the use of "color added." Prepared by a sub-committee headed by George I. Fullerton, of New Smyrna, a law to replace the present indefinite regulation of field crate size, prepared by High G. Jones, Arcadia.

Growers have suffered many losses in the past, due to failure of buyers to make good on their contracts. A new bond and license law has been prepared by Henry L. Pringle, Leesburg. The main change introduced in this law are that the buyer make his application to the Citrus Commission for license instead of to the commissioner of agriculture. The commission may refuse to grant a license at its discretion for cause. This provision is offered because under the present law a man may fail in business and cause losses to growers running into thousands of dollars and may apply for a new license in the name of his wife or son or if a corporation which he controls and the authorities cannot refuse to give him a license (although they may forever additional losses), provided the defaulter's application is accompanied by the required bond of $500.00. The new law will provide that the application may be rejected even though accompanied by the required bond. It also stipulates that the amount of the bond be raised from $500.00 to $5,000.

To bring about more orderly handing of citrus products, J. J. Banks, Jr., Orlando, chairman of the marketing agreement committee, is directing the preparation of a law to provide for state regulation of movement of citrus fruit. The board of directors approved the principle of a law offered by W. J. Steed providing for elimination of surpluses and for a price below which No. 3 grade fruit would be prohibited.

The general legislative committee is working on a proposition to create a fund for the retirement of marginal groves and for diverting surplus fruit from canned goods and fresh fruit markets. Marginal groves are defined as groves that cannot be expected to yield a reasonable profit on account of disadvantages of cold and soil conditions. The plan also is expected to provide for discouraging new plantings by well considered means. Such a law would not go into effect until other citrus producing states pass similar laws.

The board of directors approved in principle a proposition by W. L'E. Barnett, of Tangerine, chairman of the research committee, to give an additional appropriation of $25,000.00 to the State Citrus Experiment Station, Lake Alfred, for the purpose of continuing the investigation of cultural practices on fruit quality and the effect of shipping practices on fruit in transit, including investigations of dyes, waxes, etc.

It is also reported that an appropriation of $6,000.00 be made for continuing investigation of maturity and quality standards being conducted at the University of Florida under the direction of Dr. Stahl.

A new program providing for more intensive and broader activities of the organization during the coming year was discussed and given unanimous approval of the directors and will be presented shortly for consideration of the county units.- Highlands County News.

The Florida division of the Woman's Field Army, American Society for the Control of Cancer, has begun plans for its annual drive for funds, which will take place throughout the state April 1 to 30, according to Mrs. J. Ralston Wells, state commander.

Members Of the High School Senior Class Play Cast.



Members of the cast as they appear above are: l. to r., Minerva Perry, Lucy Wolverton, Marion Foster, Glenn Shoumaker, Fred Kipp, Sibyl Bigsle, Elizabeth Hetherington, Johnny Wilkes, Tommy Lou Greene and Elmeria Sadler. The other two members of the cast, James Bailey and Miriam English, were not available at the time this picture was taken.

Senior Class Play Tonight

Will Present "Oh, Professor" At Auditorium With Class Members In Cast

"Oh, Professor!" is produced by special arrangement with The Dramatic Publishing Company, Chicago, Ill. The play is directed by Mrs. John Bunting, Jr.

THE CAST

JAKE, the school janitor ..... Glenn Shoumaker
MISS FREDERICA, Assistant to the Dean, ... Tommy Lou Greene
DR. ARISTOTLE, the Dean ..... James Bailey
FLIFF, Student ..... Miriam English
BERTHA, Student ..... Lucy Wolverton
JEAN, Student ..... Minerva Perry
BELLE, Student ..... Elmeria Sadler
MICHAEL PEMBERTON, returning from Paris ..... Marion Foster
PATRICIA PATTERSON, also returning from Paris ..... Elizabeth Hetherington
PROFESSOR P. COURTWRIGHT, in need of fun ..... Fred Kipp
JIMMY ANDERSON, in need of a friend, ... Johnny Wilkes
FIFI, belonging to Paris, ... Sibyl Bigsle

(By W. A. S.)

The Senior class of the Avon Park high school very tastefully chose as their annual presentation, "Oh, Professor!" After reading the play-book, I can readily understand why the class chose this particular comedy. And when I say comedy there is no exaggeration on my part. If after seeing these students perform, you don agree that it is one of the funniest school-plays ever seen at the school auditorium, then you're just another old sourpuss. Seriously though, if you're one of the few immune to the comic pranks of a play-boy professor I wouldn't advise this farce.

According to Mr. Yates, Senior sponsor, this play has a record of many successful high school productions, and the class is confident that this presentation will be no exception. The well-selected cast has been practicing enthusiastically for the last four weeks, and the director, Mrs. John Bunting, Jr., reports that she has been able to devote the final week to ironing out the minor irregularities and whipping the play into well-rounded shape.

Charles Moffett, chairman of the ticket sales committee, reports that advance ticket sales indicate a record attendance, partially to the fact that the price of admission have been made very reasonable.

Advertising has been under the direction of James Jordon, who stated that he very much appreciated the cooperation extended the class by merchants in giving window space for posters, by the management of the Park theatre in making public announcements of the play, and by the local newspapers in contributing liberally of their space.

The entire setting of the play takes place at an academy for young ladies, who are attending summer school with no thought of gaining knowledge, but only to have a good time. Held down by a certain degree by the assistant dean, Tommy Lou Greene, the girls are becoming bored. Taking poor Jake, the school janitor, as the victim for all their jokes, will keep the audience in an uproar. Dr. Aristotle, James Bailey, has stood about all he can from these energetic imps and is on the verge of a nervous breakdown. So, leaving his able assistant in charge, with anticipation of a substitute professor to carrying on his work, the "Doc" departs for quieter grounds.

One playboy is enough, but when two playboys get into a girls' academy then the audience is in for a real treat. When playboy Michael, Marion Foster, starts playing the part of a professor, he discovers that spending money and vacationing in Paris is a lot easier. Then it all turns out for the best and he finds bushels of romance with Elizabeth Hetherington. "Lizz" is the most sensible one of the students; she has had responsibilities and can appreciate the value of money.

Fifi, the French doll, played by Sibly Bigbie, murders the French dialect and teaches the other girls how to chase a man. Fifi is fresh from Paris.

Jimmy Anderson, played by Johnny Wilkes, has his troubles, but I can't tell you, for that is one of the biggest surprises of the evening.

So, make arrangements for tonight, and come early if you want a good seat.

USE TIMES WANT ADS

Chamber Commerce Carnival Opened With Large Crowd

The home talent carnival sponsored by the Avon Park chamber of commerce opened Thursday night in Donaldson Park with a large crowd enjoying themselves. The festivities will continue through Saturday night, the attractions being open both afternoon and night.

The games and concessions will all be under the management of Avon Park citizens as well as the stands dispensing hamburgers and other viands and drinks. Four rides have been engaged. They consist of a chairplane, a tiltawheel, a ferris wheel and a child's airplane ride.

One of the feature attractions is the free act by Harry Froboess tonight and Saturday afternoon and night. He performs a number of death defying tricks on the top of a swaying pole, 75-feet in the air.

The money raised through this carnival will be used by the chamber in furthering its work in publicising Avon Park and helping to bring more visitors and citizens here in the future. The chamber has done outstanding work this winter since reorganization and with C. B. Overpeck as secretary and R. R. Brown as president, but they need additional funds to carry on the work.

Children's Home In Appeal For Funds

With hundreds of hungry mouths to feed—hundreds of little bodies that must be clothed—hundreds of utterly homeless children that must be sheltered, loved and cared for in its Receiving Homes at Jacksonville, Miami, Lakeland and Pensacola, until new foster homes and parents can be found for them, the Children's Home Society of Florida—generally regarded as "Florida's Greatest Charity"—is sending out an urgent Easter Appeal for money, foods, of every kind, children's wearables of every kind and size from babies up to sixteen years of age, and also is earnestly appealing to the generous-hearted families of Florida, to provide good homes for some of its completely helpless and homeless children from eight to sixteen years of age.

The Society started the present year with a huge family of 756 homeless and needy children under its care and supervision, and each day has added new and more needy children to its Big Family, until the need is so great for aid and support that funds, food and clothing are desperately needed at once.

Moneys should be sent to the Treasurer, R. V. Covington, 40 Buckman Building, Jacksonville.

Food and wearables will be gladly welcomed at any one of Receiving Homes in Jacksonville, Lakeland, Pensacola or Miami, and applications for homeless children should be mailed to the State Superintendent, Marcus C. "Daddy" Fagg, 40 Buckman Building, Jacksonville, Florida.

Contributions of Easter garments for boys and girls, particularly baby clothes of all kinds, and Easter Eggs, will be especially welcomed at this time.

The Home Society has no support whatever from the State or Federal Governments, and is supported entirely and only by free will gifts of money, foods and clothing.

Witness my official signature and seal this 17th day of March, A. D., 1939.
(SEAL) W. Z. CARSON,
Clerk Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida.
By: F. E. MACDONALD, D. C.
March 17, 24, 31, April 7

Drought Hurts Citrus Fruit

Short Crop of Grapefruit Is Seen For Next Season Unless Rain Soon

LAKELAND, March 23 (Special)—Unless the situation changes quickly and rain falls in abundance the prospects are that Florida will have a short crop of seeded grapefruit next season. Very little bloom is showing on seeded grapefruit at this time and the continued drought has the effect of delaying bloom appearance and also increasing droppage as the fruit forms.

Coupled with the weather situation is the alternate year bearing character of seeded grapefruit.

While citrus experts admit they do not know just why seeded grapefruit bear alternately heavy and light, this is recognized as a fact and is borne out by production figures for many years back. Seedless grapefruit is not subject to this alternating condition as much as Duncan grapefruit and oranges show no tendency whatever along this line.

The following figures will show the alternate year characteristic of seeded grapefruit: 1927, 8,691,000; 1928, 8,158,000; 1929, 11,314,000; 1930, 8,274,000; 1931, 16,109,000; 1932, 10,786,000; 1933, 11,800,000; 1934, 10,700,000; 1935, 15,200,000; 1936, 11,500,000, 1937, 18,100,000; 1938, 14,000,000; 1939 (estimate) 21,000,000.

The same situation with reference to bloom on seeded grapefruit appears to exist on the east and west coasts and interior.

Citriculturists believe lack of magnesium may account in part for the alternate heavy and light bearing years, but also feel this is not the complete answer. Many fruits other than citrus do have this characteristic, such as certain varieties of apples, but citrus has never been classified in this manner. The trend is so noticeable, however, it is taken into account by growers.

The present dry spell is one of the longest in the memory of many pioneer citrus growers, and is having a profound effect on the new bloom. The exact extent will not be known for a while, until droppage can be ascertained. It is estimated between five and six inches of rain are needed to restore subsoil moisture, but nothing like that amount is in sight at the weather bureau.

Prospect for a good price on valencias is the brightest spot in the citrus deal at the present time. Already bringing $1 on the tree in some instances, valencia prices are expected to continue a gradual rise, and may prove the industry's financial salvation this season. There still remain approximately 9,000,000 boxes of valencia unshipped in Florida.

The orange bloom is showing up well where moisture is available, but the drought also is taking its toll where groves are not irrigated. Some dropping may be experienced as a result of the dry weather, however, and it is too early to determine what the prospects are on this crop for next season.

GIRL SCOUT NEWS

The Girl Scouts of Avon Park had their regular meeting Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Chester Yates. The meeting was opened in the regular manner by Martha McNicholas after which our guest, Miss Key, gave us demonstrations and instructions in leather work.

—Betty Moffett.

A short motion picture called "Marine Circus," featuring underwater shots in technicolor taken at Marineland, will be released the early part of April by MGA.

NEW ENGLAND IS CLEANED OUT OF FLA. LITERATURE

"We have no Florida literature left" came a message this morning to H. R. Cloud, general manager of Florida Public Service Company, commenting on the success of Florida Public Service Company's reciprocal promotion plan with New England this year.

This means that some 20,000 Florida booklets furnished through the cooperation of local civic organizations were distributed in the ten cities where Florida Public Service Company cooperated with a group of New England utilities in promoting Florida attractions.

"And it shows how well this literature served its purpose," the message continued.

The itinerary of the Florida display, which comprised a part of this program, ended in Derry, New Hampshire, the last of ten cities with a combined population of more than three quarters of a million where the display was shown.

The New England utility companies cooperating in the program are so pleased with the success of the plan and the enthusiasm with which it has been received everywhere that they are already making plans with Florida for its continuance next season.

The plan which started two years ago, briefly is this. The two areas arrange to swap recreational promotion. New England getting its promotion in Florida during the summer and Florida getting an opportunity to attract New Englanders to Florida in the winter. Florida's part of the program this year had many added features. Most of the display material was furnished through the cooperation of Chairman Earl Brown of Florida National Exhibits.

The photo murals used were from photographs taken by Florida's own amateur photographers and entered in Florida Public Service Company's photo contest last summer. Citrus growers supplied fresh fruit for the display weekly and the promotional literature was supplied by Chamber of Commerce and other civic organizations in this area.

Florida Public Service Company also had an opportunity of giving this reciprocal idea greater scope through cooperation of Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation which devoted windows of its main office in Rochester, N. Y., during two weeks in February to a display of Florida citrus fruits. In exchange for this, the Florida company will present a window of New York State attractions here this summer.

"We were indeed grateful to learn of the continued success of the plan," said Mr. Cloud. "Many features of the program came from suggestions made by Florida citizens. We welcome more suggestions to improve the reciprocal program next year."

March 31 St. Augustine will celebrate its annual "Day in Old Spain" fiesta, with the entire city given over to fun and frolic.

Musicians in Europe and distant cities in the United States will play the World's largest carillon at Florida Exhibit at the New York World's Fair by telegraph.

Bill Would Pension All Circuit Judges

TAMPA, March 23 (FNS) —A proposed bill to provide for the retirement of Circuit Court judges will be submitted to the approaching session of the legislature, according to word received here from various sections of the state.

It is understood that the bill, in its present form, would call for circuit judges to be retired at 60 or 65 years of age, provided they have served for at least fifteen years. Twenty years of service would call for retirement regardless of age. The rate of pay after retirement, as suggested in the provisional bill, would be two-thirds of the regular salary.

According to reports, pre-legislative discussion of the bill is arousing favorable comment from all parts of the state.

Townsend Club Will Hold Meeting Mon.

The Avon Park Townsend Club announces a mass meeting to be held here Monday night at 7:30 to which the general public is invited. The speaker of the evening will be George Vose of the Townsend national headquarters and he is said to be one of the best speakers the Townsend Recovery Plan has ever had.

Called "The Billy Sunday of the Townsend Plan" Mr. Vose has lectured throughout the United States and explained the numerous features of the plan. There will be no admission charge.

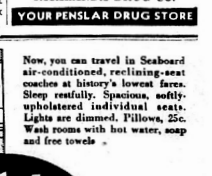
NEW BEAUTY SHOP IN TELEPHONE BUILDING

Mrs. Lucille Tombaugh, formerly with Ott and Son, announces she is opening the Venetian Beauty Shoppe in the telephone exchange building next Monday. The equipment will be new and modern in every respect and she says this shop will be the last word in beauty salons.

Fully trained operators will assist Mrs. Tombaugh with the work and the prices will be very reasonable. An opening special has been announced for the first 30 days, details of which will be found elsewhere in this issue.

R. L. Dowling, State Conservation Commissioner, is urging sportsmen of Florida to support a revenue measure which will afford sufficient funds for needed conservation work in the state's coastal waters.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Application for Purchase of Tax Sale Certificates including Subsequent Omitted and Levied Taxes and all State Certificates and Taxes unpaid through 1938 on Property Described Below in Accordance with Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 396 of 1937 Laws.

Notice is hereby given that G. W. Blake, Union, Ohio has applied to this office for purchase of Tax Sale Certificates and Subsequent Omitted and Levied Taxes due on the following described property situated in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:

Lot 1, Blk. 168, Sebring Highlands, Sec. 33, Twp. 34 South, Range 29 East.
Lot 2, Blk. 168, Sebring Highlands, Sec. 33, Twp. 34 South, Range 29 East.

That sale of the certificates and subsequent omitted and levied taxes on the above described property is to be in accordance with Committee Substitute 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 29, A. D., 1939.

Witness my official signature and seal on this 16th day of March, A. D., 1939.
(SEAL) W. Z. CARSON,
Clerk Circuit Court of Highlands County, Fla.
By: F. E. MACDONALD, D. C.
March 10, 17, 24.

Notice of Application for Purchase of Tax Sale Certificates including Subsequent Omitted and Levied Taxes and all State Certificates and Taxes unpaid through 1938 on Property Described Below in Accordance with Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 396 of 1937 Laws.

Notice is hereby given that W. D. Dewey, Sebring, Florida has applied to this office for purchase of Tax Sale Certificates and Subsequent Omitted and Levied Taxes due on the following described property situated in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:

Lot 9, Blk. 27, Sebring

That sale of the certificates and subsequent omitted and levied taxes on the above described property is to be in accordance with Committee Substitute 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 29, A. D., 1939.

Witness my official signature and seal on this 16th day of March, A. D., 1939.
(SEAL) W. Z. CARSON,
Clerk Circuit Court of Highlands County, Fla.
By: F. E. MACDONALD, D. C.
March 10, 17, 24.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Laws of 1933
IN THE COURT OF COUNTY JUDGE, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. IN PROBATE.
Re Estate of
LAURETTA MOORE, Deceased.
TO ALL CREDITORS, LEGATEES, DISTRIBUTEES AND ALL OTHER PERSONS HAVING ANY CLAIM OR DEMAND AGAINST SAID ESTATE:

You, and each of you, are hereby notified, required and directed to present any claim or demand of any nature whatsoever against the estate of Lauretta Moore, late of Highlands County, Florida, to the Honorable County Judge of Highlands County, Florida, at his Office in the Court House in Sebring, in said County and State, within eight (8) calendar months from the date of the first publication hereof.

You are further notified that such claim or demand must be presented in writing, contain the place of residence and Post Office address of the Claimant, his Agent or Attorney.

Date of first publication March 3, 1939.
WILLIE M. REDDICK, As Executrix of said Estate.
Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24.

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

Notice is hereby given that M. F. Crews, Lake Placid, Florida, has applied to this office for purchase of Tax Sale Certificates and Subsequent Omitted and Levied Taxes due on the following described property situated in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:

SW¼ of NE¼, Sec. 1, Twp. 37 South, Range 28 East. 10 acres.

That sale of the certificates and subsequent omitted and levied taxes on the above described property is to be in accordance with Committee Substitute 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 April 11, A. D., 1939.

Witness my official signature and seal this 24th day of March, A. D., 1939.
(SEAL) W. Z. CARSON,
Clerk Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida.
By: F. E. MACDONALD, D. C.
March 24, 31, April 7

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

Notice is hereby given that C. P. and Sarah Peterson, Ft. Myers, Fla., have applied to this office for purchase of Tax Sale Certificates and Subsequent Omnitted and Levied Taxes due on the following described property situated in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:

Lots 1 & 2, Blk. B, Marsh's Sub, Sec. 26, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East.
Lots 33 & 34, Blk. B, Marsh's Sub, Sec. 26, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East.

That sale of the certificates and subsequent omitted and levied taxes on the above described property is to be in accordance with Committee Substitute 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 April 4, A. D., 1939.

Witness my official signature and seal this 17th day of March, A. D., 1939.
(SEAL) W. Z. CARSON,
Clerk Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida.
By: F. E. MACDONALD, D. C.
March 17, 24, 31.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Laws of 1933
IN THE COURT OF COUNTY JUDGE, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. IN PROBATE.
Re Estate of
HELEN B. MILLER, Deceased.
TO ALL CREDITORS, LEGATEES, DISTRIBUTEES AND ALL OTHER PERSONS HAVING ANY CLAIM OR DEMAND AGAINST SAID ESTATE.

You, and each of you, are hereby notified, required and directed to present any claim or demand of any nature whatsoever, against the estate of Helen B. Miller, deceased, late of Highlands County, Florida, to the Hon. Thos. A. McNicholas, County Judge of Highlands County, Florida, at his Office in the Court House in Sebring, in said County and State, within eight (8) calendar months from the date of the first publication hereof.

You are further notified that such claim or demand must be presented in writing, contain the place of residence and Post Office address of the Claimant and be sworn to by the Claimant, his Agent or Attorney.

Date of first publication March 17, 1939.
BERTHA IRONS,
Executrix of said Estate.
March 17, 24, 31, April 7

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