

"Sitting In With The Lawmakers"

By GILBERT D. LEACH
Florida News Service.

Well, I've been threatening to write about the lobby for a long time and now seems to be about the best time to do it.

In the first place, there are at least two major divisions among the lobbyists. There is one class that lobbies for something for its own associates. It pays its own expenses and always wears either a surprised or a harassed look. Then there is a class that is always heard nowhere fast, looks well fed and nourished—as it is. That class is on a salary and/or commission (if you know what that "and/or" means you get the idea).

Ever see a hive of bees swarm? Well, the "third house" of the Florida Legislature (no different from any other or Congress) is exactly that. You hear the buzz even in the basement if you happen to go up that way. On the main floor of the Capitol it is noisy enough that you have to raise your voice with your hat when you greet a lady friend. And on the second floor where the Senate and House corridors meet—boy, that's a racket!

Back home there is prevalent an idea that lobbyists are crooks. Nothing of the kind. The class is here on its own business is really doing a patriotic duty. It is trying to get the laws to conform to what it believes is a right and just to its own industry or profession. The class that is paid is trying to carry out its employer's wishes in the best way it can, looking after the interests of the particular industry or profession that employs it. There is nothing degrading in being a lobbyist. Not any more than being a butcher or a grocery keeper. Either can cheat and cheat more than a lobbyist.

And these lobbyists, although they make life a misery for the Senators and Representatives, really serve a good purpose. No member of the Florida Legislature knows everything about every subject and in the thousand-odd bills already in the hoppers there are many obscure matters that no one but one well-read and trained in that particular line could see and evaluate. So the wisdom of the lobby is loaned to (or forced upon) the members of both Houses and it does some good.

However, just so the writer of this column may not be misunderstood by all the members as a neophyte, it may be well to mention that those lobbyists who are on the "and/or" basis are the ones that employers that a crisis has arrived and others appear on the scene. What happens then is "in executive session" and adds much to the buzz in what might be termed the rotunda of the Capitol. Influence is exerted in many ways in these sessions. Read the "Florida News Service" and you will discover that folks don't change much from one generation to another. O. Henry was a newspaper man—a good one.

Along with lobbyists the mass mind reverts to attaching much has been said and written about attaches. In story form all of them are striking bundles or stunning brunettes and hair rollers, and a bewitching redness thrown in for contrast. Truth of the matter is that the attaché committee is the most harassed bunch of aging gentlemen you can find anywhere. There are a dozen applicants hungrily awaiting every new niche. The best committee can give you is that I have noticed the most gorgeous girl of all the applicants hasn't been on for a single day and here we are in the thick of the session. There are wives and sisters and cousins but this gorgeous girl is still outside. Doesn't match your notion, does it?

There are a lot of things you think your legislators do that they don't do and a lot of things you think they neglect that they simply don't have time to attend to. Think that over! This week they have an early breakfast, attend committee meetings until time for the session, half the time miss their lunch, work until dinner time and grab a bite and hurry back for a night session and two to a half dozen "conferences" afterwards. If that kind of a day doesn't rate more than six minutes, I'm a Dutchman.

Now here's something you never thought about. You think being President of the Senate or Speaker of the House is a grand honor, don't you? Well, it is, in a way. But it means work that you'd think twice before choosing for your daily average. I've watched Cramer Butler in the Senate and Pierce Wood in the House by the hour while I calmly smoked my pipe and thought they were the best of after hour, at high tension, meeting the writs of all the members of their respective groups, turning to this and that member and saying directly the affairs of State with a mind and hand and voice that must be unerring. Would you take their jobs? Not a chance. I'm sure you could handle it for ten minutes by the clock!

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CITRUS MEET TUESDAY WAS SUCCESSFUL

Growers Hear Speakers Tell Of Legislation and Aims Of Association

One of the most successful citrus meetings ever held in Highlands County met at the American Legion Club House at Avon Park Tuesday, May 9th at 4:30 P. M. with seventy-eight growers in attendance. Mr. Guy Maxey, President of the Highlands County Citrus Growers Association, was a chairman of the meeting.

This being the occasion of the 25th Birthday Anniversary of Extension Service, there were several items of interest brought up showing the varieties of Extension work and how it affects the growers. During the last twenty-five years.

County Agent Louis H. Alameyer gave several interesting facts concerning the A. A. A. Program in this county. Mr. Alameyer stated that in the 1936 Agricultural Conservation Program in Highlands County a total of \$12,800.00 was paid out to the growers. In 1937 a total of \$18,000.00 was paid out. In 1938 Program there has already been \$28,000.00 paid out and over \$24,000.00 will be paid out within the next few weeks, making a total of approximately \$84,000.00 for the year 1938. The majority of these payments was on pasture lands, next came citrus and then truck crops.

E. G. Todd, chairman of the Legislature Committee of the Florida Citrus Growers, Inc., was to give a talk on the legislative situation as it affects the growers. Mr. Todd was unable to attend this meeting as he was called to Tallahassee to attend the legislative session. Mr. Hartt, however, discussed the situation in regard to citrus before the legislation at the present. The coloring, the maturity law and several others were discussed but the main law being discussed at this time was the maturity law.

The meeting then adjourned to the lake shore where the growers enjoyed a delicious spaghetti supper which was prepared by Demon Manda.

After the supper the growers returned to the rooms of the American Legion Club House to enjoy the remainder of the program which had been prepared for them. Mr. P. Turner, chairman of the Membership Committee of the Highlands County Citrus Growers Association, told each grower that he should not only join the Association himself but each member take it as his responsibility to secure another member for the year. Mr. Turner stated that by having a large percentage of the citrus growers in the county as members of the Association, the growers could work together for the betterment of citrus industry that we would soon see a much brighter future to the citrus industry. Mr. Turner also told of the new members and associate members that he had recently secured for the Association.

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Cattlemen Praise Results Improved Pasture Lands

The Cattlemen's Association met at Tuesday as guests of M. B. Jackson, who served a chicken plau dinner to 62 members at his ranch home here.

June Gunn, secretary of the state Cattlemen's Association, was one of the speakers, and he stated that improved pastures were responsible for the increased value of the stock raised in this county. He pointed out the fact that recently Jesse Durance had sold seven head of two-year-old cattle at the Okeechobee market for \$48.00 per head.

Several other speakers endorsed his statements concerning improved pastures, noting the increased weight of cattle raised on the improved land. Others reported their plans for adding to their improved pasture acreage.

BAILEY SPOKE AT ROTARY MEET ON WEDNESDAY

Told How Legislation Is Passed To Raise Standard Of The Schools

Col. F. N. K. Bailey, county superintendent of public instruction, gave Avon Park Rotarians some interesting facts regarding the schools in the state when he spoke at the weekly luncheon Wednesday at the Jacaranda Hotel. He told of various steps taken to bring the educational advantages of Florida up from second from the bottom of the total states in the Union. The only one below Florida in years gone by was Mississippi.

The speaker traced the history of the Florida Educational Association which was formed 52 years ago but has been active in getting more money for schools during the last 12 years. The Continuing Educational Council was formed with members drawn from many organizations such as the Federation of Women's Clubs, the American Legion, the F. T. A., the B. P. W. C., and the Bar and Medical Associations.

This organization is now helping to elect the legislators and send them questionnaires before election asking them definite questions on their stand regarding school matters, Col. Bailey said.

Regarding the educational program presented to the legislature, Col. Bailey said that the Association of the different organizations making up the educational council. Reciting some of the programs in the state that have been carried out, Col. Bailey named the \$800 teacher unit which, he said, brings \$84,000 to this county every year.

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Col. Bailey then cited the parity law by which teachers are considered as state employees and are paid accordingly and on the same footing as other state employees. Teachers are doing important work, he said, important to the state and everyone concerned and therefore should be treated alike as regards salary payments.

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Tick Tock, Goes This Clock.



This clock placed on the Mall at the intersection of Lake and Main streets, is the gift to the city of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Francis. The clock is over 18 feet in height and the dial some 30 inches across, one facing north and the other south. This clock came from Atlanta where it formerly stood on Peachtree street. It is a fine addition to the Mall and Mr. and Mrs. Francis are to be congratulated on their civic generosity.

H. B. Edwards Passed Away Wed.; Will Be Buried In Alabama

H. B. Edwards, 58, passed away Wednesday afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Arnold Hansen, after being in failing health for the past three years. The body will be shipped from here this afternoon to Ott, Ala. for interment there Sunday, this having been his home for a number of years before coming to Avon Park. The body will be accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Edwards of Frostproof. Mr. Edwards was born near Albany, Ga. on September 3, 1881 and had lived in Avon Park since 1926. Previous to that time he resided at Ott, Ala. for a number of years. He is survived by four sons, three daughters and 11 grandchildren. The sons are: W. J. Edwards and Jesse Edwards of Avon Park and Frank Edwards and Stoned Edwards of Frostproof. The daughters are: Mrs. Arnold Hansen of Ott, Mrs. L. C. Poe of Ocala and Mrs. F. E. Stinson of Ott, Ala. Mrs. Poe will be unable to attend the funeral in Alabama due to the severe illness of her young son with the flu.

No services will be held in Avon Park.

Leigh Chapter No. 85, O. E. S. held their regular meeting on Thursday night last week at the Masonic Temple.

C. L. Gunter Died Here Monday; Was Buried At Corinth Wd.

C. L. Gunter, 79, a resident of Avon Park for the past 45 years, passed away at his home here Monday following an attack of influenza. Funeral services and interment were held Wednesday morning at the Corinth cemetery with Rev. J. P. Dalton, pastor of the First Baptist church in charge.

Charles Lafayette Gunter was born in Polk County on June 26, 1860, the son of John B. and Elizabeth Gunter. His father was a native of South Carolina, and his mother of Georgia. He is survived by the widow, two sons, four daughters, one brother and four sisters. The sons are: Van and Henry, both of Avon Park; the daughters are: Betty Hardee of Avon Park and Jack Swann of Albany, Ga. Mrs. Lester Lee of Ft. Lauderdale and Mrs. Gay Singleton of Ft. Lauderdale; the brother is: E. Gunter of Bereah and the sister, Mrs. D. M. Alderman of Lake Worth, Mrs. R. B. Pollard of Bereah and Mrs. Homer Welch and Mrs. J. W. Brewer, both of Frostproof.

St. Margaret's Guild of the Episcopal church will hold an evening meeting on May 17 at the home of Mrs. R. I. Brown. They will also hold a food sale on May 20 with Mrs. M. E. Covington in charge.

Mothers' Day Program

Methodist Church
SUNDAY, MAY 14, 1939
C. R. MINGLEDORFF, Pastor

Prélude, Finlandia. Sibelius
Call to worship. The Lord Is In His Holy Temple.
Hymn No. 23, Methodist.
The Lord's Prayer.
Prayer.
Anthem, Mother. Isabelle Ritter
Soloist, Miss Claire Vanderwerde.
Responsive Reading, Page 591. First Reading.
Gloria Patri.
Announcements.
Offertory and offering.
Solo, "That's What God Made Mother For." Miss Frances Porter
Scripture Lesson. Second Kings, Chap. 4, verses 1-20
Anthem, Mother's Day.
Sermon, Mothers Today and Yesterday.
Hymn No. 256, Faith of Our Mothers.
Recitation of Members.
Benediction.
Doxology.
E. L. ROBERTS, Choir Director — NELL MINGLEDORFF, Pianist.

Sub-Committee Saw Hospital Site And Enjoyed Dinner Here

The special sub-committee appointed by Speaker Pierce Wood to inspect sites offered for the proposed state hospital branch in South Florida, arrived in Avon Park late last Friday afternoon. They were escorted to the Glenside Hotel by city officials and chamber of commerce members and told of the many advantages. In the evening they were entertained at dinner at the Glenside Hotel at which some 75 Avon Park citizens were present. There was little speech making and none of the committee expressed themselves in any way as to their reactions.

They visited the site offered in Hillsborough county earlier in the day and late in the evening left for Orlando, planning to inspect the site offered there Saturday morning. This sub-committee was scheduled to make their report to the regular committee Thursday afternoon but at the time of going to inspect the word had been received from Tallahassee as to what they had done.

Walter Betts, Charlie Lanier and R. B. Brown, the three musicians, are in Tallahassee looking after Avon Park's interests and keeping in close touch with the situation. They are reported to have made some good contacts where they will do the most good.

The inspection committee which came here consisted of Representatives Harris, Alchua, chairman; Sharpley, Gadsden; Moore, Leon; Harrell, Indian River; and Martin Hillsborough.

GRADUATION TO START SUNDAY NIGHT, MAY 21

Commencement Sermon Will Be Delivered Then; Final Exercises May 26

Graduation exercises will begin Sunday night, May 21, when Fr. Norman Todd, Episcopalian Minister, will preach the Commencement Sermon, in the auditorium of the high school building. All other churches of the city will join in a Union Service for this exercise.

Graduation exercises will be held Friday night, May 26. The program for the exercises will be given by members of the class. It will be recalled that the most successful graduation program ever given by members of the class was given by the class of last year. The sixth grade promotion exercises will be given Friday morning, May 26, at 10 o'clock. There will be 90 students promoted from the sixth grade to junior high school. This program will be given by members of the class.

Junior high graduation exercises will be held Monday morning, May 29, at ten o'clock. There will be 44 students promoted to the senior high school. A list of the senior high school graduates is as follows: Miss Bailey, Shyl Bigbie, Odean Bishop, Frances Browne, Neelene Cannon, Gail Coen, Ophelia Dean, Ruth Fudin, Marion Foster, Ralph Garrett, Ray Mathis, Tommy Lou Greene, Elizabeth Hetherington, James Jordan, Fr. Kipp, Rebecca Holton, Ray Mathis, Edna Massey, Charles Moffett, Dixie Moore, Minerva Perry, Edwin Raulerson, Hilda Redick, Eleanor Sadler, Walter Sherrill, Betty Sherman, Glenn Shumaker, Francis Skipper, Mary Louise Stewart, Margaret Thompson, W. T. Tuttle, Ruth Wild, Johnny Edward Wilkie, Miriam English, and Lucy Wolverton.

Bass Family Held Reunion Sunday

The ranch of Roscoe Bass was the scene of a reunion of the Bass family Sunday with barbecue and all the trimmings being the highlight of the occasion. Those enjoying this get-together of the Bass clan were Mrs. L. B. Bass, Mrs. Nelson Hyton, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Starnum of Tuckahoe, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith and daughter, Patricia Ann, and Mrs. Nelson Smith, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bass and son "Little Mel" and Mrs. Lander and son Joe Allen of Rooda.

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JACARANDA DAY PROGRAM WAS A LOVELY AFFAIR

Elizabeth Hetherington Was Crowned Queen Before Large Crowd Friday

Donaldson Park was the scene late Friday afternoon of the impressive coronation ceremony in which Miss Elizabeth Hetherington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hetherington, was crowned Queen of the May, or, in a revival of Jacobaranda Day, the queen of some years ago, Queen of the Jacarandas.

Before the entrance of the Queen and her court, a short program was given. There was a chorus by the High School Glee Club, Little Ope Lee Henderson gave an acrobatic display with skill and grace, and after another chorus by the Glee Club, a gaily attired group of little folks joined the two May Poles in colorful style.

Miss Betty Touchton was accompanied during the entire program. With hushed expectancy, the large audience awaited the entrance of the Queen and her attendants. The Herald, Claire Vanderveer, stepped before the white throne which was draped with green and purple, and, opening the scroll, announced the purpose for which all were gathered there, the crowning of Elizabeth Hetherington as Jacobaranda Queen.

First came the four attendants, two by two, Jane Clements and Nancy Betts, Betty Sherman and Gail Coen, in floor length dresses of lavender dotted swiss, made with full deep ruffled skirts, and the waists trimmed with white lace and purple ribbon and carrying arm bouquets of yellow cosmos. Norman Todd, the crown bearer, then entered with the beautiful crown of Jacobaranda blooms on a white satin pillow. All in pink were the tiny pages, Eryng Longbottom, and Kitty Lou Browne, who preceded the Queen. Last of all came Elizabeth, to her crowning!

Dressed in a beautiful long white dotted swiss gown, white lace and ribbon trimmed, and carrying an exquisite arm bouquet of Calla lilies, with a large bow of white ribbon she looked every inch a queen. With quiet grace and dignity, she ascended the throne. As the queen took her place, the herald stepped forward, and, taking the crown from the pillow, placed it upon the queen's head, saying, "I crown thee, Elizabeth, Queen of the Jacarandas, and of Love, Beauty and Peace." Queen Elizabeth then was seated.

After a crown from the scroll the names and dominant characteristics of some of the peoples that entered the "Melting Pot" to help build this country what it is today. In honor of Elizabeth, typically continued Folk Dances of those countries, Sweden, Germany, Hungary, Holland, and Scotland, were given. The bright colors of the costumes and the gay moving figures of the dancers were very effective against the natural setting of the park.

At the conclusion of the festivities in her honor, the Queen arose and departed, moving with truly regal mien, followed by her royal court.

W. T. Tuttle, Miss Janet Cook, director, and those helping her, much credit is due for the success of this very pleasing program.

Those from Avon Park were: Mrs. O. L. Bass, state president, Mrs. Lillie Langford, Mrs. Ida Butler, Mrs. Blanche Williams and Miss Jennie Gribble.

JOHN LANCE GARNER FOR PRESIDENT IN 1940

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TAXATION AND RECOVERY

Consistent with the recommendations made by the Brookings Institution for a revision of the tax system of the United States is the announcement by Fortune Magazine of the results of a round table discussion of this compelling problem that strongly supports arguments that stress the need of such revision.

Fortune brought together fifteen men representing widely divergent views in the effort to find an "area of agreement." Among the group was a conservative industrial manufacturer, a progressive New England manufacturer, an anti-Roosevelt Southern businessman, a pro-Roosevelt labor leader, a couple of men who inherited wealth, a Socialist, several tax experts, also, one of Sweden's most distinguished economists and practical Socialist, Gunnar Myrdal, was invited to the table for his comments on the American tax system.

On the subject of Federal taxation there men are known to disagree, but after struggling with the complicated issue before them they were able to define an "area of agreement," and even to concur upon some immediate reforms. Their findings, with some exceptions and qualifications, as listed by Fortune are:

First, taxation should be primarily for revenue. Second, it is an obligation of citizenship that should fall more heavily on the wealthy than on the poor. Third, the amount of Federal revenue must be increased. (a) Why? Because the budget cannot be balanced immediately, a cyclical balance is imperative.

Fourth, if we are to maintain the capitalist system, taxes must be imposed so as to place the least hindrance upon economic progress. Fifth, the present tax system is inadequate: (a) Because it cannot raise enough revenue; (b) because, bearing too heavily on the poor, it is inequitable; (c) because, bearing too heavily on the rich, it holds back investment and therefore employment.

Sixth, the round table recommends: (a) Reform of corporate taxes to eliminate double taxation of dividends, the capital-stock tax, and the excess profits tax; also to permit consolidated returns, reasonable allowances for depreciation, and the carry-over losses; (b) abolition of tax-exempt securities; (c) relief of the poor by repeal of all Federal excise and sales taxes (except gasoline, tobacco and liquor); (d) an increase of \$700,000,000 in the income tax to be raised from the middle income brackets by lowering exemptions and raising present rates; (e) establishment of a Federal Tax Commission to formulate long-term tax policy, eliminating present uncertainty and complexity.

Major questions unresolved by the round table were: Do surtaxes on large incomes discourage venture capital? and, Is the principle of the undistributed-profits tax sound?

Perhaps the most important of the findings of the round table was need for the establishment of a National Tax Commission to formulate a long-term tax policy, eliminating present uncertainty and complexity. This has been previously suggested by The Times-Union. This paper has expressed the belief that one of the most urgent needs of the age is a scientific tax system that will in all cases and under all conditions give fair consideration to the shifting of the burden to pay, it believes that such a system is needed and should be substituted for the present haphazard method that takes into consideration only the factors of so much revenue needed, and how it can be most easily obtained.

A National Tax Commission undoubtedly could devise a system of taxes and major problems of distribution of levies so as to eliminate the evils of the present methods. This system could, in turn, be adapted to States, cities and lesser units of government. In time this would eliminate or answer the questions that arise concerning the many forms of taxes imposed by the Federal Government, the States and the municipalities. There would be less likelihood of conflicting levies, a thing that is needed.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

NOT ENOUGH JOBS IN SIGHT

Soon the members of the Class of 1939 of the colleges and high school will be ready to go to work. There is every indication that there won't be nearly enough jobs to go around.

The United States Bureau recently reported that the number of factories in active operation in 1938 was 166,793. That was a reduction of 44,167 since 1929. The number of factories with smokestacks and broken window panes makes an impression upon everyone riding through an industrial community.

Meanwhile new concerns are not being started to take the places of the ones which are suspending. The index shows that during the year 1938 there was a smaller number of enterprises started than at any time since 1925.

The companies which have ceased operating haven't done that to be mean about it. The factories haven't shut down to get even with Mr. Roosevelt. Operations have stopped because they have ceased to be profitable under the conditions which now prevail. The usual number of new companies is not being started because high taxes, government regulation, and uncertainty about the future do not offer prospect for adequate business returns.

No man of means and right mind will put capital into a new enterprise when he knows in advance that if there is a loss he must bear it and if there is a profit it goes to the government. That is why old business concerns are dying out and new businesses are not springing up in their place. The only way many of the great business won't find the jobs they hope for.—Chicago Tribune.

THE HOME NEWSPAPER

"The most important newspaper in the United States does more for the support of its community than the finest community in the United States does for the support of its newspaper." Thus Karl Lehmann, secretary of the Lake County Chamber of Commerce, gave his opinion of the value to a community of the local newspaper. In his speech at the recently Kiwanis Club luncheon in the Valdez Hotel.

Mr. Lehmann went on to point out that every civic, religious and educational organization in a city is in the habit of coming to the newspaper publisher asking him to give away free the one commodity he has to sell—space.

"This," the speaker stated, "was something we would ask of no other form of business, or business man in our community. We would not go into a bakery and ask the baker to give us a loaf of his bread. Yet we will go to the newspaper owner and ask him to give away the space he has to sell, perhaps not realizing that that commodity, like any other merchandise, costs money to produce."

Mr. Lehmann proceeded to enumerate the various sources of income which a newspaper has: first, the advertising space that is sold, second, the money derived from the sale of the paper to the public; third, if the plant is equipped for such work, commercial printing.

The speaker closed his talk with the statement, "An editor would tell you this you would like to have an utter motive, now I'm telling you with an ulterior motive, too. I want to see you improve your city. An editor gladly gives all the space he can afford, and more, to the community. It is only fair for the community to return this service the only way it can, by purchasing advertising space and subscriptions from the editor."—Sanford Herald.

There is still hope that the world may be riched back from the abyss of war, indicates The Richmond News Leader. "Without the strongest German support," says the Richmond paper, "Italy will not go to war at all. Even with that support, she will not risk a long struggle. Her hope would be in a blitz-krig, a 'lightning war.' If that failed, Italy would be so surely out of the picture that even her popularity would not save Mr. Mussolini. Why should he risk position and fame and fortune for the uncertainties of a war that would leave Italy poor? Too discerning a man he is not to know that 'in modern war there is no victor.' He would rather grab what he can of territory and of economic advantage, but beyond that he is not apt to go unless the prizes of war are far more tempting than they appear to be."—Winter Haven Chief.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

By RUSSELL KAY

For years I have been listening to tales of tourists and winter visitors about how Florida sticks them for hotel accommodations, for meals and in other ways, and while in a few instances such complaints may be justified I've found from personal experience, as have many other tourists, that it is no worse than in a lot of other places I got a big kick out of listening to Burton Schoepf, president of Tamiami Trail Tours, tell me of his experiences in Louisville last week during the Kentucky Derby. He was called north on business, he found his schedule would permit him to stop off and take in the Derby at Churchill Downs. He arrived in Louisville to find every hotel filled and had the hardest kind of time getting a "cubby hole" of a room at the nominal rate of \$20. In fact the clerk assured him that he was the only one in the city who could get a room, but he managed to satisfy his hunger with a platter of plain old fashioned ham and eggs which set him back one buck, and the coffee was extra at 15c a cup, take it or leave it.

"What?" I asked. "No on the juice?" "If there was anything in Louisville being offered at 5c," he says, "I didn't run into it." Then he launched into a description of his experience at the race track. The taxi from his hotel to Churchill Downs was \$5. All grandstands were sold out for \$2.50. He got an admission ticket for standing room only.

With some 80,000 people milling about the grounds, the problem of finding a vantage point to view the race was something to worry about. After being pushed and shoved by the milling mob, he finally managed to work his way to within 75 or 80 feet of the track, where he was jammed in so tight it was all he could do to breathe.

By this time the first race was on, and, according to Burton, all he saw of it was the top of the jockeys' caps as they flashed by. Noting that some folks around him were standing on boxes to gain a better view, he made inquiries and managed to rent a box from a kid for \$1.00. Climbing up on this for the next race, he did better, for while he still couldn't see the horses, he discovered that the jockeys had on blouses as well as caps.

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Just Stuff--

(By W.A.S.)

NURSERY RHYME

Sing a song of dollars
A bottle full of rye,
Four and twenty shaven guys
Were tossed into the sky.

When their graves were opened
The choir began to sing,
And though the mourners weeped
And groaned,
They didn't care a thing.

—Charles Martell.

12th Grade.

What, No Slacks!
Slacks are taboo in the Avon Park senior class, according to Prof. Stanley Reeves' reactions after a "No Slacks" day.

Whole of the senior class girls showed up in these gayly colored garments. After debating the matter in his mind for a very short time the principal decided it wasn't dignified for senior girls to appear in an institution of higher learning clad in such a manner. So with little ceremony he instructed the girls to depart to their homes and change into a more proper dress. It was a great disappointment to many of the young ladies, as they had spent considerable time and money preparing for the occasion, and, if we may say so—some of the slacks were really "pert." The girls' mind period, but some claimed it was worth it. We suppose the principal was right about the whole thing, as the array of colors might distract the attention of the masculine populace from their subjects.

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Russia's ambassador to the United States should do wonders—his name is O-u-m-a-n-sky!

Down in Miami they feed their greynoses houses. Now we know what they mean when they say you lost by a tank band.

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Headline—"Tandem Back Brings Back Goldfish." And we thought they were supposed to "bring home the bacon."

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King George and Queen Elizabeth should be able to understand the ways of the American public after having been tossed around in the stormy-water during their coming over voyage.

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Columnist Westbrook Pegler seems to have nothing good to say about Florida or its race tracks. He must have lost a tidy sum at Hialeah last season.

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And now comes news that a lad in California (naturally) swallowed a tadpole. He'll probably start "croaking" before long.

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Foolish Flossie thought when she read, "Revelation 14:14," that the guy was moving a furniture store.

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The Barrymores ain't no more; 'Cause Elaine's vanity is sore; John's little spark, Was a trifle too frank, So, the Barrymores ain't no more.

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If you wake up with that "morning after" feeling go to your nearest drug store and purchase a Florida Times-Union; turn to the editorial page and read the short paragraphs of wisdom by Arthur G. Ivey and chase 'em with Times-Union Philosophy (C. R. Joyner). It'll help you start the day off right.

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Pennsylvania fire causes \$1,000,000 damage when whiskey warehouse burned. But just think of the damage it might have caused if the whiskey had been used otherwise.

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The citrus industry has broken all production records this season. But no price record as yet.

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They've got everything that has been invented at the World's Fair; but what worries us is how to get a set of frog legs without raising the whole frog.

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Somebody said figures don't lie, but I dare figure: Wrong, plenty of figures lie in the way Florida figures lie.—T. Union. And like most figures, if not taken care of, will end up in the "red."

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Commencement Sermon in the high school auditorium will be held Sunday night, May 21. Fr. R. I. Brown will preach the sermon.

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The time is near when all "good children" will have passed—exams.

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MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 14 Don't forget!

Six Women Escape Injury In Wreck

(By W.A.S.)

Six women, Mrs. Grover Langford, Mrs. Alex. Carnes, Mrs. Homer King, Mrs. Henry Campbell, Miss Sue Simmons and Mrs. Modine Miller, escaped with minor scratches and bruises when the car in which they were riding blew a tire and turned over about 7:30 Monday morning. Mrs. Langford was driving the car and they were on their way to work at the Lakemont Packing House. The accident happened on the curve near Pine Crest and the car came to rest upside down with the wheels in the air.

The top collapsed and the frame had to be removed before some of the women could be removed from the wreckage. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dilley were the first on the scene and rendered all the assistance possible. The victims were brought to Avon Park for medical attention and later went home.

Grandpa's Corner

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

My beloved is gone down into the garden. . . to gather lilies—Bible.

Gardens are very beautiful in Avon Park at this season of the year. "There is beauty all around," for those who have eyes to see. Grandpa has to go to the poets to find satisfactory words to tell of their charm and beauty.

Thomas Curtis Clark, in The Christian Century, sings the praises of his garden:

If twenty kindnesses ask of me
The favor of my property
All things should go except this hour.

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The "Covenant Circle" Woman's Missionary Society will meet on Wednesday at 3:00 p. m. at the home of Rev. Mabel Dexter, Mrs. Max Wild will have charge of the devotional period and Miss T. E. Coo will present a book review of "The Christ of the Indian Road."

The "Quiet Hour" service for praise and prayer will be held on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Forty-five minutes of Christian fellowship and inspirational worship, with a brief address by the pastor. Every-body cordially welcome to this and all other services of this Church.

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Episcopal Church Service Holy Communion, 7:30 A. M. Morning Prayer and Sermon, 11:00 A. M. —Michael I. Brown, Rector.

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Citrus Meet Tuesday W a S Successful (Continued From Page One)

fruit and the time and study should be spent in the marketing of the fruit. Mr. Burton stated that the citrus fruit should have to pass

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"Sitting In With The Lawmakers" (Continued From Page One)

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DAISY TEN EYCK Society Editor

Recent Bride Is Shower Honoree

Mrs. Elmore Wray and daughter Mildred, entertained at their home with a bridal shower for Mrs. Harmon Atkins on Monday afternoon. A rainbow effect was carried out in all the details. There were many bouquets of flowers in rainbow tints and in one corner a rainbow of crepe paper was arched over a large green chair gayly festooned with large pink crepe paper bows. Here the honoree received the gifts which were heaped in a huge pile on the floor beside her.

Games and contests were the diversions of the afternoon. The first testing observation and memory powers in listing 25 objects passed quickly, was won by Mrs. McKee Ewell, who had 21 correct. The next, recognizing certain articles by the slogan used in advertising them, was won by Mrs. C. R. Ginn who had 14 out of 15 right. The last test was to drop the pin into a milk bottle and Mrs. Ray Wells succeeded in getting two, and so won the game. Each winner pulled a string and drew a pretty gift out of a box.

Then came the unwrapping of the very beautiful and appropriate gifts. After that, and then passed about and admired, each guest was asked to write a telegram using the letter in the bride's new name "Atkins". The one written by Mrs. C. R. Ginn was voted the cleverest. It read, "Altair to kitchen new Atkins". Letters of advice on how to keep a husband happy were written for the bride's edification.

To conclude this most delightful party, refreshments of delicious Belgian hare salad, crisp apple crackers, potato chips, and orange juice were served.

Those invited to this affair were: Mrs. C. R. Ginn, Mrs. Paul Garber, Mrs. W. H. Yates, Mrs. A. C. Elliott, Mrs. Ernest Armstrong, Mrs. Olive Armstrong, Mrs. Blanche Williams, Mrs. Max Wild, Mrs. T. J. Ward, Mrs. Hollingsworth, Mrs. J. S. Atkins, Mrs. I. M. Farnell, Mrs. M. G. Huebner, Mrs. Ray Wells, Mrs. Ed Scarborough, Mrs. Paul McFarland, Mrs. David Parnell, Mrs. Raymond Dille, Mrs. McKee Ewell, Mrs. Jessie Bennett, Mrs. Arthur Johnson, Mrs. D. Ten Eyck, Mrs. Jack Stanton, Mrs. H. H. Shepherd, Mrs. Frank Constance, Mrs. Harry Dilley, Mrs. Pearl Spink, Mrs. Gertrude Montecore.

Miss Annie Whitnall, Miss Mildred Myers, Miss Lillian Bennett, Miss Lauretta Reed, Miss Jean Correll, Miss Ruth Wild, Miss Marjorie McKnight, Miss Clair Vandeword, Miss Charlotte Atkins, Miss Nell Wilford, Miss Nell Davidson and Mrs. Howard Wray.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sircum of Tuckahoe, N. Y. are spending two weeks with Mrs. Lulu Bass, mother of Mrs. Sircum, and other relatives.

E. G. Todd left on Sunday for Jacksonville and Tallahassee. Mr. Todd is actively engaged in pushing citrus bills now before the legislature.

PARK THEATRE AVON PARK, FLORIDA CHILDREN 10c ALWAYS A GOOD 25c

Saturday, May 13 (Only)
Charles STARRETT

"Spoilers Of The Range"

Comedy: "Muttie To You" and Serial Chap. 5

Sunday & Monday, May 14-15
There's never a dull moment in Paris at midnite so...

CLAUDETTE COLBERT

"MIDNITE"

Comedies: "Cops Always Right" and "Horse Throes Yours."

Tues. & Wednesday, May 16-17
A glorious story to make you fall in love with life.

SHIRLEY TEMPLE

"Just Around The Corner"

Selected Short Subjects

Thursday & Friday, May 18-19
Lynne OVERMAN

"Persons In Hiding"

With action plenty!

Selected Short Subjects

Woman's Club Installs Officers

The Woman's Club of Avon Park held its annual luncheon and concluding meeting for the year at the club house on Friday, May 5. Under the direction of Mrs. Earl Ware and her committee a delectable repast was served at one o'clock. The rooms were beautifully decorated with roses in all shades.

A long table was set for the officers of the club and Mrs. W. M. Sams, district president, of Bartow, who was guest speaker for the occasion. The other members of the club were seated at small tables about the room.

At the conclusion of the meal, Mrs. Sams gave a very inspiring talk on "Service," after which the following officers were installed by her: president, Mrs. W. S. Betts; first vice president, Mrs. J. P. Garber; second vice president, Mrs. C. P. Anderson; recording secretary, Mrs. Earl Hartt; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. E. Crabtree; treasurer, Mrs. Lester Armstrong; and registrar, Mrs. Jack Head.

Reports of officers for the year were read, and handed in. Mrs. E. G. Todd gave a splendid report on the recent convention held in Orlando.

Gale Farr Is Birthday Honoree

Mrs. Gale Farr and Mrs. The Mincy were co-hostesses at the home of the latter, on Saturday evening, celebrating the birthday of Mrs. Farr. The rooms looked very pretty with quantities of summer flowers, petunias and zinnias predominating. Mr. Farr received many appropriate gifts and the congratulations of his friends. Several games of Chinese checkers were played, after which devils food cake and ice cream were much enjoyed.

Friends and neighbors sharing this pleasant time were: Mr. and Mrs. E. Wray, Miss Mildred Wray, Mrs. Howard Wray, Mrs. Frank Welch, Charbel, Helen and Mae Frances Welch, Edgar Mincy, Anna V. Mincy, sister of Mrs. Mincy, Gale Farr and the hostesses, Mrs. Farr and Mrs. Mincy.

Students Attend Play At Lakeland

Mrs. Charles Shepherd chaperoned a party of high school boys last Friday night to Lakeland where they attended a presentation of Shakespeare's "Macbeth," given by the dramatic department of Southern College.

Those enjoying the evening were: Walter Sherertz, Herbert Todd, James Jordan, Francis Skipper, Charles Shepherd and Mrs. Shepherd.

Ninth Grades Enjoy Picnic

A very enjoyable picnic was given for the members of the ninth grade classes by Miss Millie Pearson and H. J. Munson on Thursday evening last week at the American Legion home. Swimming and other outdoor pastimes were enjoyed. There came a feast, which every one said was good to the last crumb.

CIRCLE THEATRE FARM 190 - BARNUM, FLA.

Sunday & Monday, May 21-22
MICKY ROONEY

"Huckleberry Finn"

—with—
WALTER CONNOLLY

Tues. & Wednesday, May 23-24

"Secret Police"

—with—
RICHARD GREENE

Thursday & Friday, May 25-26

"Submarine Patrol"

—with—
NANCY KELLY

Saturday, May 27

"Law Comes To Texas"

COMING:

"I'M FROM MISSOURI"

"ST. LOUIS BLUES"

"KENTUCKY"

"ICE POLICES OF 1900"

Delightful Party At Porterfield Home

Mrs. R. R. Porterfield entertained the Thursday evening club at her home on Thursday last week. Roses, petunias, and peach colored "glads" raised by Mr. Porterfield, lent their charm to the party rooms. After several progressive high score was won by Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Touchton, and second went to Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Perry. The guest prize went to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Betts.

Delicious refreshments were served at a late hour. Those enjoyed Mrs. Porterfield's gracious hospitality were: Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Todd, Dr. and Mrs. D. G. Perry, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Touchton, Judge and Mrs. T. A. McNicholas, and Mrs. C. E. Lanier, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hartt, Mr. and Mrs. R. Brown, and Mr. Porterfield. Guests of the club for the evening were: Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sircum of Tuckahoe, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Anderson, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Betts.

Mrs. Victor Smith Party Honoree

Mrs. R. L. Yardley was a cordial hostess on Thursday evening last week when she entertained at her home with a shower for Mrs. Victor Smith. The house was attractively decorated with summer flowers. During the evening several contests were enjoyed, winners being: Mrs. M. M. Foster, Gale Farr and Mrs. McKee Ewell. After the many useful and beautiful gifts were unwrapped, passed around and admired, punch and cookies were served.

Those who shared this happy time with the hostess, Mrs. Yardley and the honoree Mrs. Smith, were: Mrs. Frank Welch, Mrs. M. M. Foster, Mrs. Charles Sherman, Mrs. Comen, Mrs. Giles, Mrs. McKee Ewell, Mrs. Elmore Wray, Mrs. The Mincy, and the Misses Hazel and Mary Sonnen.

Mrs. Adams Hostess To Circle Two

Circle Two of the W. M. S. of the First Baptist church met at the home of Mrs. R. L. Adams Monday afternoon. Mrs. W. C. Touchton led the devotional and also led in prayer. Mrs. S. J. Pendleton taught the lesson from the 14th chapter of the study book, "Helping Others to Become Christians."

Mrs. Fred Touchton conducted the business session. E. C. Weaver dismissed the class with prayer.

Refreshing fruit juice with sandwiches and cookies were served to the following: Mrs. Anna Lawhorn, Mrs. J. B. Coen, Jr., Mrs. E. C. Weaver, Mrs. Fred Touchton, Mrs. J. L. Collins, Mrs. S. J. Pendleton, Mrs. W. C. Touchton, Mrs. J. E. Crosby, Mrs. C. B. Johnson, Mrs. R. L. Adams, Mrs. David Lockett, and Mrs. Curtis English.

Methodist Circle Two Met Monday

Circle Two of the W. M. S. of the Methodist church met at the home of Mrs. C. P. Turner on Monday evening. The devotional was led by Mrs. A. McKee Ewell who gave a chapter from "Son of the Night." The business session was conducted by Mrs. A. A. Gerrard. After the meeting Chinese checkers was played. Refreshments of jellied fruit salad, angel fruit cake, and grapefruit juice were served. Those present were: Mesdames Orest Bridge, R. W. Reddick, G. B. Hall, Rex Reed, H. C. Biggie, C. H. Gerrard, C. Mingleford, A. C. Wester, A. M. Ewell, T. P. Turner, Miss M. Vogt, and Miss M. Jeuther.

Woodmen Circle Luncheon Thursday

The Woodmen Circle had a covered dish luncheon at the home of Mrs. H. Reddick on Thursday. The afternoon was spent "visiting" and informal business talk. Enjoying the afternoon were: Mrs. H. A. Jackson, Mrs. D. Ten Eyck, Mrs. H. Harden, Mrs. A. B. Thompson, Mrs. A. Garrett, Mrs. L. P. Childers, Mrs. H. R. Reddick, and the Misses Hilda and Doris Reddick, and Allie Harden and Beattie and Alberta Garrett.

Sixth Grades Picnic At Lake Byrd Lodge

Members of the sixth grades of the Avon Park schools were entertained at a picnic Friday by Mrs. Charles Shepherd at Lake Byrd Lodge. Swimming, motor boating and other sports were much enjoyed diversions of the evening after which a bountiful picnic supper was spread and very greatly appreciated.

Four Legged Chick Freak of Nature



This four legged chick was recently hatched at the Englemann Hatchery but only lived for about 10 days. It gradually grew weaker and weaker and finally passed out. Besides having the four legs it was abnormal in other ways and was continually picked on by the other chicks. It was a White Leghorn and all others in the same hatch seemed to be normal in every way.

H. A. Strauble Has 98th. Birthday Party

H. A. Strauble, or "Grandpa" Strauble as he is called by those who know him best, was honoree Thursday afternoon at an "open house" at the Touchton of the House in Donaldson Park in celebration of his 98th birthday anniversary. Looking hale and hearty he greeted his many friends and all who called to wish him well and extend hopes that he may live to see the century mark.

Mr. Strauble was born in Schenectady, New York, May 11, 1841, and moved to Green Bay, Wis. when five years old. For many years he was a winter sojourner in Avon Park and for the past three years has made this his year round home. He is said to be the oldest living member of the Odd Fellows in this country and is also a member of the "Turnverein," an old established German society.

All who know this "grand old man" wish for him a continuance of health and happiness and this was very evident in the many telegrams of congratulation received during the day.

Teachers Sup At Methodist Parsonage

The Methodist Parsonage was the scene of a festive dinner Tuesday evening when Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Mingleford entertained members of the Avon Park school faculty and others who are members of the church. Chicken with plenty of fruit was the high light of the occasion and little Glenn and Inogene, son and daughter of the host and hostess did their part in serving the courses, they being dressed as a butler and a maid.

Following the bountiful repast, bingo was indulged in for the remainder of the evening.

Enjoying this happy affair were: Mr. and Mrs. John Bunting, Guy Smith, Dupont Smith, Miss Elizabeth Green, Miss Elizabeth Jinks, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wagner, Mrs. Virginia Cloud, Miss Millie Pearson, Miss Anna Harrell, Miss Sarah Browning, Miss Rosalie Carson and the host and hostess and their son and daughter, Glenn and Inogene.

Circle One Met With Mrs. Wetherbee

Circle One of the W. M. S. of the First Baptist church met at the home of Mrs. Wetherbee on Monday afternoon. Mrs. R. Lawhorn conducted the business meeting and Mr. M. J. B. Coen led in prayer. The lesson from "Helping Others to Become Christians" was taught by Mrs. Otto Skipper. The meeting closed with prayer. Fruit juice and cookies were served at the social hour. Those present were: Mrs. W. W. McFarland, Mrs. F. Longbottom, Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. J. B. Coen, Mrs. B. F. Martin, Mrs. J. D. Sherman, Mrs. Otto Skipper, Mrs. M. M. Foster, Mrs. R. L. Lawhorn and Mrs. F. Wetherbee.

Mr. and Mrs. Elay Binion, of Winter Haven called on Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Todd on Sunday combining business and pleasure. Mr. Binion is one of the larger grove owners of south Florida.

The Eastern Stars of Frostproof honored the Grand Instructor, Gladys Davis, of that city, on Tuesday night. Members of Leigh Chapter No. 85 attending, were: Mrs. Howard Maddox and Mrs. Ben Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Weisberger and Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Farnell of Lake Wales spent Sunday in St. Petersburg.

Mrs. A. O. Howdeshell and daughters, Wanda, Nelda and Phyllis, and their friend, Mary Ethel Lindsay, all of Moore Haven, returned to their home on Sunday after visiting several days with Mrs. Howard Maddox and family.

W. M. Williamson of the State Road Department who has been ill for the past several weeks at his home in Dorney place on Cornell St., has recovered sufficiently to take short auto rides. Mr. Williamson's many friends will be pleased to learn of this improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Myrland and family of Tampa, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Smith of Everglades City, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Atkins of Everglades City and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Atkins and family of Azusa spent the weekend here, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Atkins and Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Atkins.

Mediterranean Commerce

For centuries the Mediterranean was the only sea to hear commerce. The Straits of Gibraltar were the gateway to this huge sea. Countries not on the Mediterranean's shores were backward, barbaric, or subject to the Mediterranean races.

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Speed, economy and efficiency were stressed and demonstrated and the appealing results of these methods were distributed to the holders of the lucky registration cards. There were 130 registrants.

Mrs. Clara Mann received the oven dinner, Mrs. McKee Ewell the steak, Mrs. J. W. Pickens the spaghetti dinner, Mrs. R. M. Kelley the meat balls and Mrs. Maxey the whole roast. An electric iron was won by Mrs. Floyd Johnson, and to Miss Sarah Browning a put-it-up lamp. Cartons of Coca-Cola were received by Mrs. Jack Head, Mrs. Anna Lawhorn, Mrs. J. S. Atkins, Mrs. H. C. Harris, Mrs. L. H. Hagan, and the Misses Jean Chapman, Lottie Shiver, Margaret Smith and Dorothy Welch.

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