

"Button, button, who's got the button" will be a sort of a by-word in the Ridge country next week as the scenic highlanders conduct their 1940 membership campaign, seeking 5,000 members. The picture above is a representation of the membership pin which will be given to each person enlisting in the drive for better roads along the ridge. This design was perfected by Carl Lehmann of Tavares, campaign director.

HIGHLANDERS MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN SET

Quota For Ridge Towns Set; Working For Betterment Of Road Eight

The campaign for annual membership of the scenic highlanders, which begins next Tuesday is of real interest and importance to every member of the 13 communities on the Highlands. The primary objective of this organization in the first place was to restore Road No. 8 as a State Road after the number had been assigned to Federal Highway 19. This left the Highlands without any State aid of any kind and threw No. 8 back on the counties. One can imagine readily the condition in which the road would be kept up and would be, in no sense of the word, considered a through road. There would be no mention of this road in the traffic news in the North. In fact, we would be simply among the "backbeens". The scenic highlanders have succeeded in not only restoring this road as State Road No. 8, but by persistent work have secured a place in the State Road Budget for 1940 for a very large sum of money as a start in rebuilding this finest of Florida's scenic highways.

There is no expense for salaries to anyone in the scenic highlanders except even to the secretary. All services are given free of charge. The only expense is for necessary publicity, postage, telegrams and an occasional trip of some of the Board of Governors to Tallahassee to appear before the State Road Board in furtherance of the plan for State Road No. 8. By careful management the Board has kept the annual dues to 50¢ per member, a nominal sum. It should be the duty of every citizen of Avon Park to join the highlanders and add the weight of his interest to the work being done. The several cities and towns have agreed to the following apportionments as the goal to reach in this membership campaign:

- Haines City 1,000
- Lake Hamilton 100
- Dundee 100
- Lake of the Hills 25
- Lake Wales 1,000
- Babson Park 150
- Frostproof 400
- Avon Park 800
- Sebring 800
- DeSoto City 50
- Lake Placid 150

This is the general campaign. The special membership will bring the total above 5,000. Haines City reports that before the campaign has really started she has reached her goal. Sebring has reached the half-way mark. We mention these things to show that Avon Park must be up and coming; on its toes. If it is to retain its proud position as a leading and public-spirited scenic highlander city.

You will be advised by the campaign committee. Mr. J. P. Garber, Lanier and Reck of the general plan of the campaign. Do not wait for any solicitor next week, but bring your membership dues to any of the above or to Mrs. Mackay, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

W. M. Reck, Vice-Pres. scenic highlanders.

Winter Guest Club To Have Fish Fry

Tickets for the fish fry and entertainment to be given by the Avon Park Winter Guest Club next Tuesday are selling rapidly at 35 cents each. It was announced this week, serving of the fish will be at 8 p. m. following the annual fishbowl tournament. The fish fry will be at 8 p. m. following the fish fry entertainment. Seating will be provided in the club house during the evening.

ROADHEAD WILL ATTEND DINNER OF HIGHLANDERS

Big Attendance Expected At "Kick Off" Dinner At Lake Wales Monday

Chairman Arthur Hale of the Florida state highway commission will be the guest of honor at a banquet and "kickoff" meeting to be given by The scenic highlanders at the Waleshotel in Lake Wales next Monday night at 6:30 o'clock.

The banquet and meeting will mark the start of the highlanders' 1940 membership campaign, which is intended to put 5,000 or more men and women on the rolls for the year and to furnish finances for the great amount of detail work which is necessary.

President John D. Clark of Waverly, in announcing the meeting, said that the highlanders "feel greatly honored" with the promise of Mr. Hale to attend the Lake Wales meeting.

Residents of the highlands country will have an opportunity to meet Mr. Hale—a man who has cooperated with us to the nth degree in the restoration of Road No. 8, in every possible way," Mr. Clark said.

Every member of the board of governors and various highlander committees have been urged to attend the banquet and meeting.

In addition to announcing that Chairman Hale would attend, Mr. Clark said that he had "reliable information" that the contract for the improvement of Road No. 8, awarded to Lake Wales, would be awarded probably prior to the Monday night meeting.

In any event, it will be but a short time until road crews are busy making the improvements which the highlanders have been urging for many years, the president said.

But pending the meeting, Campaign Director Carl Lehmann, is keeping late hours at his office in Tavares, planning for the drive for members which will get underway in earnest on Tuesday morning with the end scheduled for Thursday night, Jan. 11.

Prospect lists have been worked over, many calls have already been made and the drive will be, in effect, a "blitzkrieg" along the Ridge from

"I am confident that we can reach our goal of 5,000 members without any trouble—if every member of the board of governors gets behind the necessary time and effort," Lehmann said.

"If residents of the highlands section respond to the appeal for members in the three days, Jan. 9, 10 and 11, then we will be enabled to go ahead with our work with no danger of interruption because of the lack of finances later in the year," declared Guy P. Ruhl of Frostproof, chairman of the membership committee.

"Failure to reach our goal will mean that sometime later on we will have to stop and make a new appeal for finances for the job which cannot be left partially completed," he added.

"Reports indicate that the highlanders are quickly gaining the confidence of public officials and that our appeals for assistance in getting improvements and new construction on our roads will not go unanswered if we can present our united front," said Judge Robert T. Dewell of Haines City, chairman of the legislative committee.

The school board at their meeting Tuesday named the Barnett Bank of Avon Park and the Tropical State Bank at Sebring as official depositories for the school funds.

Commerce Body Will Hold "Smoker" Next Wednesday Evening

The Avon Park chamber of commerce will hold the first "smoker" for the entire membership next Wednesday night at 7:30 at Lake Ridge Lodge. Every member is expected to be present to hear the reports of the 12 committees. Written reports will be given of the definite progress made to date. It is expected to be a highly interesting meeting and the board not only expects every member to be present but extends also a cordial invitation to others who are not new members to attend and hear what is being done for the advancement of Avon Park.

RED DEVILS SPLIT DOUBLE HEADER WITH BREWSTER

Girls Win and Boys Lost Two Hard Fought Games Thursday

(By Weyman Carver)

The 1940 basketball season opened in Avon Park Thursday night with a double header against Brewster. As last year the battle ground was the Armory. The Avon Park girls outplayed the visiting sextette 37 to 28 and the boys were defeated 46 to 22 by the Brewster cagers.

"Tom" Martin, Devillete forward, led her teammates in scoring, getting 12 points with six field goals. Brewster's forward, Ed Thompson, forward for Brewster, led her team scoring, accounting for 14 points with seven field goals.

Although this was the first game of the season, the Avon Park girls showed they have what it takes by winning over the more experienced Brewster six. Moffett, Godwin, McCord, Plicher and Wells were new faces seen on the Devillete team during the evening's play.

At the half Avon Park led by 21 to 14 and held the lead until the final whistle blew.

The boys were no match for the visitors although playing flashy ball. At the end of the third quarter the visitors took a substantial lead but the scrappy Devils never gave up hope until the game ended.

Bryan led the Brewster team, accounting for 22 points. W. Ward was high man for the home team with four field goals.

Monday, Jan. 8 — Lake Placid, home.

Friday, Jan. 12 — Arcadia, home (tentative).

Monday, Jan. 15 — Frostproof, home.

Thursday, Jan. 18 — Ft. Meade, home.

Tuesday, Jan. 23 — Mulberry, away.

Thursday, Jan. 25 — Auburndale, home.

Tuesday, Jan. 30 — Sebring, away.

Friday, Feb. 2 — Haines City, away.

Monday, Feb. 5 — Lake Wales, home.

Friday, Feb. 9 — Lake Placid, away.

Monday, Feb. 12 — Sebring, away.

Friday, Feb. 16 — Fort Meade, away.

Monday, Feb. 19 — Haines City, home.

Friday, Feb. 23 — Brewster, away.

Tuesday, Feb. 27 — Frostproof, away.

All games except those scheduled with Lake Placid are for boys and girls.

Committee Named To Get New Post Office For Here

One of the items of interest coming before the board of directors of the chamber of commerce at their semi-monthly meeting Thursday was that of a new post office for Avon Park. Avon Park is on the selected list in line for a decision on an appropriation. At this session of congress and the directors felt that action should be taken at this time.



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A. M. MCAULAY DIED TUESDAY

Pioneer Resident of Lake Placid Buried At Ft. Meade

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Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 3, at 3 p. m., at the Hancock Cemetery Ft. Meade. The Rev. Harvel in charge. Pallbearers were Senator H. G. Murphy, of Zolfo Springs, J. E. Sims, W. G. McClelland, Swain Bowers, Tom Bozeman, Lee Crews, of Lake Placid, R. T. Morgan and R. N. Durranee of Sebring.

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MANY CHANGES IN MAPLE LEAFS

Former President Now Member Of Royal Regiment Of Canada

There have been many changes made in the personnel of the Toronto Baseball Club, both front and back, since the Leafs appeared for spring training at Avon Park last March.

Don Ross, youthful president of the club a year ago, is now Lieut. Donald Ross of His Majesty's Forces. He is on the quartermaster's staff of the Royal Regiment of Canada. Former Business Manager Arthur Lemmon is now Acting President of the club.

Dan Howley, for years General Manager of the Leafs, has severed his connection with baseball entirely, and Manager Jack Burns is now the property of the San Francisco Seals in the Pacific Coast League. Jack has reverted to the rank of player and will probably be found at first base for the Seals this coming summer.

Johnny Hoving, who acted as coach for the Leafs for a number of years, is no longer with the club. He has become manager of Seaboard, a New York giant farm club in the North Carolina State League.

The club's new manager is the famous "Bash" Campbell. "Tony" Lutz, who has followed a series of episodes last Sunday night. It is alleged that Fair at one time. W. A. Roberts, who made baseball history in the twelve years he was starting at second base for the New York Yankees. Lutz, as one of the smartest ballplayers of all time, Tony is the man who has been selected by the Toronto owners to lead the club into a contention position in 1940.

One of Tony's first moves was to sign his old teammate of the Yankees, Bud Sam Jones, as his coach.

City Has Work For N. Y. A. Boys

At an adjourned meeting of the city council held Friday night, arrangements were made to make work available for eligible and needy boys, over 18 years of age and certified by the National Youth Administration. The city will have work in the parks and other departments and full details as to certification and other particulars can be obtained at the city hall.

The wages for these boys are paid by the Federal government. They can work eight hours a day, 40 hours a week with a maximum of 70 hours a month, it was said.

All boys interested are urged to make application as soon as possible as the time may be limited during which these jobs may be available.

The regular meeting of the Avon Park Art Club will be held next Tuesday evening, January 9th, at 8 p. m. in the rooms of the Woman's Club. All tourists are welcome.

NEW C. C. C. CAMP IS CONSIDERED FOR THIS COUNTY

Land Conservation Unit May Be Located Here Be Located Here

Highlands county is being considered as the location for another C. C. C. camp. The Board of County Commissioners were informed by a letter from the State Planning Board which is interested in land and water conservation, at the meeting of the commissioners Tuesday.

The new camp if established will be used in land conservation work only it is understood. Four other counties are being considered as possible locations for the new camp.

The county completed the purchase of a new heavy duty tractor to be used in road grading and maintenance from the South Florida Motor Company of Sebring. The decision to buy the wheel type tractor followed a demonstration of the tractor given by the local company under actual road building operations.

Clerk H. E. Keller gave the board a report on the man days of work done in each district by county officers during the past year. District No. 1 has had the benefit of 40 man days. District No. 2, 314 man days. District No. 3, 350 man days. No. 4, 307, and No. 5, 541 man days.

The board by a unanimous vote adopted the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County, Florida, in regular session the 2nd day of January 1940, that this board deeply regrets the passing today into the arms of death, former member of the Board, namely the honorable A. M. McAulay, of Lake Placid, Florida, who served this County for several years with ability, honesty and integrity. We mourn with his wife and children and many friends this loss, but we rejoice to know that the life he lived on this earth, merits for him a crown of righteousness.

Be it further resolved that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a copy sent to the widow of Mr. McAulay, Board of County Commissioners.

By: J. L. Wells, Chairman.

Attested by: H. E. Keller, Clerk of the Board. Official Seal.

Alleged Car Thief Is In County Jail

Leroy Fay, 26, of Athens, Ga., and more recently of Frostproof and Lake Wales, was taken into custody following a series of episodes last Sunday night. It is alleged that Fay stole a 1934 Buick Roadster, which he drove to the Highlands and then drove down the Mall on the wrong side. He was chased into Sebring by Police officers Cary McCall and Bob Still who finally rounded him up on a dead end street in one of the subdivisions.

Fay plead guilty in city court to a driving drunk charge and Mayor Covington gave him a fine of \$100 or 60 days. He was then turned over to county authorities and Constable Roberts charged him with drunken driving, driving without a drivers' license, reckless driving, larceny of a car and resisting arrest.

Visitor Here Died In North

John Smyth MacDonald, 58, who spent a greater part of last winter in Avon Park for his health, passed away at Cumberland, Md. on Friday, December 29, according to advices received here by Mrs. O. H. Hays. Mr. MacDonald was cashier of the People's Bank and died at his death shortly after closing time. He had suffered from a heart ailment for several years but resumed his position with the bank after his return from Avon Park.

CHICKEN PIE SUPPER

The members of the St. Margaret's Guild are sponsoring a chicken pie supper Wednesday, January 10 at 6 o'clock at the Parish House. The plates will be 50¢ each and everyone is invited to attend.

JOHN HANCOCK GARNER FOR PRESIDENT IN 1940

Prologue to Love

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CHAPTER XIII—Continued

"You have talked with Autumn about it?" asked Hector.
"A little—a very little—one night just after she came back," Bruce admitted.
"You came to that conclusion too, then?" Hector asked. "I hope you don't mind my questioning you in this way. It's scarcely good manners in a host."
"It can't make the slightest difference, Hector," Bruce replied. "I see no reason why you and I should stand on ceremony."
"Certainly not! Certainly not! Because of that, I mean to tell you the truth about that episode, if you can bear the telling of it."
Bruce bit meditatively at his under lip while his eyes studied Hector's face.
"In 'me age, Hector," he said. "I guess I can stand hearing it—if you can tell it."
The old man drained his glass and set it on the table. "Then—listen while I'm quite through with it," he said.

Bruce felt ridiculously like a child who was about to be told the story of life for the first time. But in spite of his mildly derisive mood, the elegant aristocrat and the old man's ancient furniture and clocks and silver and porcelain gave him a strangely warm feeling to be in the room. However, Hector's disclosures were to be, it seemed to him now at least—whether or not the mellow atmosphere of the room had hypnotized him—that the past was the past, yesterday flowing back into the Renaissance into the Middle Ages, into the lush glow of prehistoric times, sealed and separate from today.

Three clocks, in various shadowed recesses of the room, struck twelve. Bruce had heard all of Hector's story, and the two men had sat for minutes without speaking. Then Hector got up from his chair, looked briefly at the youthful figure seated across from him, and dropped on knees, head resting on hands, and poured out two more drinks of brandy.

"A night-cap, my boy," Hector said sturdily, as he offered the glass to Bruce.
Bruce came suddenly out of his reverie, and took the glass from Hector, then sat for a moment staring into the sparkling liquid.

"How much of this does Autumn know?" he asked.
"Everything I have told you," Hector replied.
"I see," Bruce said quietly. "Did you tell her?"

"Jarvis Dean told her—one night—some after she came back."
"You don't happen to remember—about what night that was?" Hector thought for a moment. "Not very clearly. She called her the next morning—I think on her way to visit the Parra's."

"That was on her first visit, wasn't it?"
"I believe it was," Hector told him.
"It must have been," Bruce said. "It just about killed the girl, I guess."

Hector looked at him for a moment. "Why do you think she has been playing the fool ever since?" Bruce tossed off the brandy and set his glass aside. "It's a crazy world," he said. "One night—one week ago—I learned how it feels to want to kill a man."

Old Hector, standing above him, raised his eyebrows. A light seemed to dawn in his eyes and he smiled whimsically down upon the roughly tumbled head of his guest.

"That was good for your soul, my boy," he observed. "You learned something that ought to mean much to you in the future."
Later, when Bruce got into his car, Hector stood within the little, window-like porch of his abode and noted that the Milky Way was a pearly bridge built from mountain top to dark mountain top. Bruce called a good night and Hector waved a response. And as the car sped away he looked up at the sky again and thought how much younger the stars had been when he was young.

CHAPTER XIV

Autumn walked across the grounds to the Willmar cottage, her wide-brimmed leghorn hat in her hand, the light, warm wind blowing the skirt of her white organdy dress into a billow about her. As she approached the cottage, three children rose from the tall field of white daisies that grew in the hollow between the Castle and the foreman's lodge. The Willmar brood—Dickie, Simmy and Laura—started toward her with excited cries, their hands full of the white daisies they had been gathering. Trailing behind them came the ubiquitous Mo-mo, still possessed of his woolly tail, and bearing himself with considerably more dignity than when he had gone wandering with Simmy in the early Spring.

Autumn stopped and gathered the children into her arms, then turned and stretched her hand to rub Mo-mo's velvet nose.
Laura, the ten-year-old, pressed her blonde head close against Au-

tumn's cheek and wound her arm tightly about her neck.
"I don't want you to go away, Autumn," she said, her voice full of pleading. "Mamma says we'll have to go away, too, if you go. We don't want to be alone."

Autumn's eyes darkened with the anxiety she had been feeling for the past week. "Nonsense, dear!" she protested. "You will stay here no matter where I go."

Dickie and Simmy broke into a cackling of merriment. "No man is going to take Mo-mo. Come along, let's go to see mother."

"Oh, you dear silly!" Autumn scolded them. "No man is going to take Mo-mo. Come along, let's go to see mother."

With a warm little hand in each of hers, and with Laura walking sedately ahead of her and Mo-mo following closely behind, Autumn proceeded slowly to the Willmar cottage.

It was baking day for Mrs. Willmar. As Autumn entered the kitchen, the woman turned from the table where she had been rolling out cookie pastry.

"Good morning, Miss Autumn," she said, brushing a loose strand of pale hair back from her warm brow. "My goodness, you young ones

others who had given their years of faithful service to Jarvis Dean. At the outset of her negotiations with Snyder, Autumn had supposed that her father's old dependents would remain where they were and go about their work as they had always done. Hannah, of course, would have been resolved to stay where she was, but Autumn had already decided to take her along with her and make her remaining years as comfortable as she could in the service of Aunt Fin. Snyder had been as diplomatic as possible. He was anxious to complete the sale without delay and in a manner that would be quite satisfactory to both parties to the transfer. When Autumn had expressed her wish that the staff should remain to carry on some of the household duties, he had been unwilling to commit himself. His clients, of course, would have plans of their own. He would do what he could, certainly, to bring them to accept her suggestion. In the end, Autumn had been able to put her name to anything until the point was satisfactorily settled. The transaction had been delayed—and Snyder had been annoyed.

Autumn looked at the pitifully brave smile on the face of Mrs. Willmar. This little woman was only one of that small community of souls who, with the toll of their hands and the unquenching courage of their spirit, had brought and richness and well-being to this valley.

And now that community was to be disrupted, flagrantly, ruthlessly, with no thought of the injustice that was being done to these humble people whose loyalty to Jarvis Dean was no part of the bargain that Snyder was making. In that brief moment, Autumn looked toward herself and saw that in her pampered life she had taken these people whose loyalty to Jarvis Dean was no part of the bargain that Snyder was making. In that brief moment, Autumn looked toward herself and saw that in her pampered life she had taken these people whose loyalty to Jarvis Dean was no part of the bargain that Snyder was making.

"I know, Mrs. Willmar," Autumn said in a low voice. "It is very difficult about it—though, of course, he is not altogether free to do as he chooses. He must be the wisest of his clients. But they will never find anyone better than Tom to manage this place. I have told them so."

"There's precious little comes of telling people what they don't want to hear," said Mrs. Willmar. "I wish you could tell them that."

"I know," Autumn said. "But I don't want you to worry. If I were to tell them to go, they would see to it that you and Tom have a good position before I leave."

Mrs. Willmar had placed the cookies in a pan and turned over to put them into the oven. When she straightened again, she looked at Autumn with a sad smile.

"That's awfully kind of you, Miss Autumn," she said. "But you shouldn't trouble yourself about us, really. We shall get on somehow. And it isn't so much a question of where we'll go as it is—just our leaving here."

Leaving home! The words cut across Autumn's heart like a knife. The woman could never guess what they meant to her, of course.

"Oh, Mrs. Willmar!" she cried. "If you only knew how terribly I understand!"
She was on the point of saying more, but suddenly, utterly bewildered by the complexities of her own feelings, she got up and went to the little woman and threw an arm impulsively about her shoulders.

"I've talked too much," Mrs. Willmar said, the tears starting to her eyes.
"I'm glad you have," Autumn said quickly. "But I don't want you to worry about it any more. I know it will work out, somehow, for the best."

There was little comfort in that, Autumn thought, but words were so futile, after all.

Mrs. Willmar hastily dabbed at her eyes. "I'm behaving badly," she said. "I've no right to cry on this. Talking about it won't change anything," she said. Autumn replied, "Snyder was looking out of the door where the children and Mo-mo were at some game in the yard. 'I'll have to run along,' Mrs. Willmar said, and she looked back at the foreman's wife. 'Those cookies smell awfully good. Do you suppose you could have one of the children sneak some of them past Hannah for me?'"

Mrs. Willmar smiled. "We might try," she said.
A little later, when Autumn slipped in through a side door of the house, she found the small sitting room in the set of wrapping her eyes with the corner of a dust cloth. Hannah stood straightening the chairs and a contrived a cheery smile which in no way deceived Autumn.

"Hannah!" she reproved. "What's the use of carrying on like this?" Hannah flicked the cloth indignantly over the rungs of a chair. "Who is carrying on? Not me!" she denied vigorously.

Autumn gave her a narrow look, then went into the drawing room where she seated herself at the piano, thinking to break the heavy enchantment of the house with the sound of the melodies she loved best. But after a random bar or two her hands fell listlessly away from the keys and she stared from the windows into the garden, her spirit sinking under the burden that had lain upon her for almost a week.

Upset in her mind about all the questions that arose out of her perplexity, was one thought that bore constantly upon her mind. Hector Carlgren had told her about the evening Bruce had spent with him, when he had undressed the past, withholding nothing of the story of Geoffrey Lander and Millicent Dean. Autumn had lived through four days of unexplainable suspense, hoping for some gesture from Bruce, some sign of his returning to her. At last, in utter despair of ever hearing from him, she had turned her mind toward preparations for her departure. Her resolution to leave all behind her and begin life anew, to be both cowardly and selfish, but to her defeated spirit there seemed no other way.

Late in the afternoon, when it seemed no longer possible to cope with her problems, Autumn went to the rose garden to spend an hour with her own thoughts among her mother's flowers. She had seen there only a few moments when Hannah called to her from the house.

"You're wanted on the telephone, Miss Autumn," Hannah told her as she came up the porch steps.

Autumn, with the ever-recurring, breath-taking thought that this, at last, might be Bruce calling.

"I don't know," she said, looking at him—though I don't hear like I once could."

Autumn went to the telephone and picked up the receiver. The voice was Florian Parra's. He had just come back from his business trip to Vaporia, and he wanted to tell Autumn's returning with him to Kelowna. He had talked with Linda on the telephone, he said, and it was her fervent wish to have Autumn come for a day or two so that she might meet Linda's new fiancé. Besides, Linda was planning to visit Europe on her honeymoon. There would be plans to discuss with Autumn.

"I'd love it, Florian," Autumn said impulsively, glad at the prospect of any relief from the depression that had weighed upon her all day.

"I'll be ready when you get here, Hurry!"
"Right-o, old thing!" Florian chimed back. "You won't be able to see me for that once I get started. I have a few things to do yet before I leave, but you can count on me to make about an hour and a half, say. How's that?"

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THIS crocheted set of hood with scarf and muff delights every little girl. It's in loop stitch, except the scarf which is mainly in single crochet. Pattern 2321 contains directions for making the set in 3 to 12-year sizes; illustrations of it and stitches; materials required.
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We should all choose the brave career in which we can do the most and best for mankind.—Stevenson.
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Man's destiny is to be not dissatisfied, but for ever unsatisfied.—F. W. Robertson.

Special Bargains
When you see the specials of our merchants announced in the columns of this paper you can depend on them. They mean bargains for you.
They are offered by merchants who are not afraid to announce their prices or the quality of the merchandise they offer.

Household Hints
Sprinkle grates covered the top of scalded tomatoes. It adds flavor and softens them. Creamed soup should not be served at a meal when creamed vegetables or fish are served. Marjane is improved by dash of salt and a little grated lemon peel. To determine when a custard is done put a silver knife into the center. If knife comes out clean custard is baked. A clove of garlic rubbed around the salad bowl will season the salad, but will not give it too strong a flavor. A space should be left between walls of a mechanical refrigerator and dishes containing foods to absorb free circulation of air. This preserves the food. Use an electric heater instead of a space heater. It is safer. Put the fork into the fat of steak when turning it. If put into meat the juices will seep out.

English Muffins
Hot bread with jam or jelly is a special treat at any time. But what are you going to do when last summer's supply of jellies and marmalades runs low and you are out for "bread 'n' jam" for a mid-afternoon lunch? Make more jams and jellies, of course, from materials at hand right now! Citrus fruits, dried fruits, and canned fruits, too, combine to make a delicious variety of mid-winter marmalades. Place in saucepan the juice of one lemon and the pulp of one orange, and add sugar and color to an unusual conserve. And don't forget, while the season is at its height, to make Cranberry Conserve, flavoured and gorgeously colored and good! Of course you'll want feather-light, buttery rolls, and buns with which to serve your new supply of tasty jams and jellies. You'll find a store of tested recipes for hot breads in my booklet, "Better Baking"—recipes for flaky biscuits that melt in your mouth, for golden-brown, crusty muffins, and a wide variety of sweet rolls—the things you like to serve for Sunday breakfast and for afternoon tea. A few such recipes appear below, with directions for making mid-winter marmalades, too.

English Muffins
(Makes 12 muffins)
1 cup scalded milk
1/2 cup water
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon sugar
1 yeast cake dissolved in 1/2 cup lukewarm water
4 cups general purpose flour
3 tablespoons shortening
Heat milk to lukewarm. Add water, salt, sugar, dissolved yeast, and 2 cups flour. Beat well. Let rise until doubled in bulk (about 1 hour). Add shortening (softened) and remaining flour. Beat and knead well. Let rise again until doubled in bulk (about 30 minutes). Roll out 1/4-inch thick and cut with a round cutter. Let rise on heated griddle, (4 at one time) and fry for approximately 15 to 20 minutes, turning frequently.
(Makes 4 dozen)
2 cakes compressed yeast
1/4 cup lukewarm water
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 cup butter
1 teaspoon salt
3 cups (heaven) 5 cups sifted flour (about 1 cup seedless raisins)
Soften yeast in lukewarm water. Scald milk. Add butter, sugar, and salt. Cook to lukewarm. Add yeast and eggs. Beat well. Add raisins. Add enough more flour to make a soft dough. Turn out on lightly floured board and knead until satiny. Place in greased bowl, cover and let rise until double in bulk (about 1 hour). When light, punch down and shape into rolls. Let rise until double in bulk (1/2 to 3/4 hour). Bake in moderate oven (375 degrees) about 10 minutes. Frost with confectioner's sugar icing.
Mid-Winter Conserve
Wash 1 pound of dried apricots in hot water. Drain, then chop through food chopper. Cover with juice of 3 oranges and 1/2 cup sugar. Simmer 1 hour. Stand over night. Sift day after day through fine strainer. Add 1 cup shredded and canned pineapple. To each cup of fruit add 1/2 cup sugar. Simmer 1 hour. Pour into mixture thickness. Stir frequently. Seal in hot jars.
Marmalade Rolls
When preparing dough for light rolls, take a portion of the dough and roll it to 1/4-inch thickness, then spread lightly with melted butter or orange marmalade. Roll,

Activities Of The Chamber Of Commerce

By the Publicity Committee
 From a famous Swedish Rotarian lately: "We know that no movement can do anything worthwhile if the members, or the majority of them, take an agreeable but inofficial 'doce far niente' attitude. It is in mind that the chamber has not ceased in itself. United effort makes the way."

The above expresses very well the purpose and intent of the 1940 Chamber of Commerce. Heretofore we feel that while our Chambers of Commerce have accomplished exceptional results with the means at hand it has been done by a comparatively few of the members giving much of their time and often of their funds to get the work done. That does not make a really successful Chamber of Commerce. What the Swedish Rotarian says in the above paragraph is just what we want to have done in the chamber of commerce. We want every member interested and with something to do of benefit to the whole movement.

A famous man said many years ago that the "buildings alone do not make a city. It is the citizens who make that city what it is." Maybe, isn't it? We have it right in our hands to do almost what we wish with Avon Park. Nature has put us in a beautiful setting, which is a long jump ahead. Now let each and every one of us do his or her part toward the united work of the citizens in making this city go forward by leaps and bounds.

Watch the newspapers for the announcement of the first General Chamber of Commerce Meeting and Smoker for 1940. Every member should be present to hear what has been done, what is being planned and find out just what he or she can be most helpful. It will be an important and interesting meeting and every member should be present. Bring with you someone who is not a member and let him absorb some of the determination and enthusiasm of 1940 is here. It is more than just another year. It is the first year of a new decade and it is up to us citizens of Avon Park to let the Chamber of Commerce to make that decade a most noteworthy one so far as Avon Park is concerned.

Florida Banks Make Many New Loans

NEW YORK.—That banks in Florida are actively serving the credit needs of their communities is shown by the results of a survey of bank lending activity announced by the American Bankers Association indicating that the commercial banks of the state made more than 110,000 new loans totaling \$120,000,000 to business firms and individuals during the first six months of 1939, and renewed 65,000 outstanding loans totaling \$40,000,000 during the same period.

The survey also reveals that business firms in the state are using only about one-third of the "open lines of credit" maintained for their use on the books of the banks.

These figures are based on reports received from 42 banks in Florida holding membership in the A. B. A., or 23 per cent of the commercial banks in the state, and make allowance for the concentration of lending activity in the metropolitan areas of Jacksonville and Miami.

The 41 banks reported they made 42,253 new loans totaling \$33,474,000 between January 1 and June 30, 1939, and renewed 23,946 outstanding loans totaling \$16,711,719. In addition, they reported 1,000 new mortgage loans to home owners and other real estate owners totaling \$4,053,343.

The average number of new loans reported per bank was 1,128, and the average loan was for \$724.

The average number of renewals per bank was 584, and the average renewal was for \$698.

The average number of new mortgages reported per bank was 32, and the average mortgage was for \$33,606.

In addition to making loans on individual applications, the banks of the larger cities maintain what is known as "open lines of credit" on the books, available to regular business borrowers at all times.

These banks reported such open lines of credit totaling \$7,462,849. However, only \$2,826,000, or 37 per cent of this credit was being used by business firms on June 30.

Private Yacht Is Now S. S. Florida

KEY WEST, Dec. 28.—(FNS)—The S. S. Florida, formerly the private yacht of the late Baron O. S. S. Florida, now owned by the S. S. Florida Line, went into service last week, operating between Key West and Ft. Jefferson, on a schedule of three trips each week, sailing Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Port Jefferson, made famous during the Civil War, has been developed as a tourist attraction, while fishing in the sound is said to be particularly good.

SEABOARD DIESELS READY!



ON THE MARK! Greatest concentration of Diesel locomotives in railroad history occurred at Washington, D. C., at the formal opening of the Seaboard Railway's winter service to Florida. The sleek Electro-Motive monsters of the rails are part of a fleet that power the Silver Meteor, East and West Coast Orange Blossom Specials to the Southland this season, the greatest number of fast-schedule Diesel-electric trains in the South's history.

Shippers Favor Postponement Of Valencia Shipping

LAKELAND, Dec. 4.—(Special)—With replies received from shippers who handled approximately 5,000,000 boxes of valencias last season, there is an overwhelmingly favorable reaction to the proposal made to the citrus commission recently that valencias be withheld from the market until March 1.

A second commission was issued by the citrus commission here today, showing that replies had been received from shippers who handled 1,658,988 boxes of valencias last season. Of these shippers representing 4,249,670 boxes were in favor of the proposal.

The commission recently sent out a bulletin asking shippers to let them of the valencia proposal and asking for a frank answer as to their attitude on the suggestion. So far, 127 individual shippers have replied, 121 in favor of the March 1 shipping date and only six replying in the negative. But one of these negative answers came from shippers who handle but a small amount of valencias.

The negative replies were from shippers who last year handled 409,318 boxes of valencias. Slightly more than 800,000 boxes are represented by shippers who qualified their replies by saying they would withhold shipments if the rest of the industry did likewise. Shippers representing 3,444,176 boxes of valencias made unqualified replies that were in favor of the proposal. In other words, there are probably considerably more than 5,000,000 boxes of valencias represented in the replies so far received, as 18 shippers who favored the proposal are new and there are no records on which to base an estimate as to the number of valencias they will handle this season.

Citrus commission officials said no action would be taken for a few months until additional replies have been received.

The suggestion that valencias be withheld from the market came at a commission meeting recently. It was immediately endorsed by several prominent shippers present at the meeting. While the commission has no legal right to require the withholding of any variety of oranges from the market, it is hoped something might be done through the agricultural marketing agreement now in operation.

It is believed returns so far received by the commission represent a third of this season's crop.

Seeking New Queen For Orange Festival

WINTER HAVEN, Jan. 4.—(Special)—The question uppermost in the minds of the glamor girls of the Florida orange belt, just now is, Who will be Queen of the Florida Orange Festival of 1940?

It is an ever recurring question asked every year for the past 18 years, at this time of year and always around the same intense interest. Each year a Queen and six Maids of Honor, constituting her court, are chosen from among the personable young women sponsored by Women's Clubs, Chambers of Commerce and other civic and service organizations in communities deluged the several counties of the citrus belt of the state.

To be chosen to rule over the Florida Orange Festival or to be a member of the royal court is an honor of which any young woman might be proud and those who have been so chosen in the past have been proud to bear the title accorded them.

The choice will be made, this year, the night of Monday, Jan. 22nd, in the opening night of the Festival, in a glittering ceremony on the open air stage on the shores of beautiful Lake Silver. The coronation of the Queen and the installation of her court will be carried out with due pomp and circumstance, on the same stage, the night of Wednesday, January 24th.

Preceding the selection as well as the coronation ceremonies, the young women participate in a dinner and dances given in their honor, and during the entire week of the Festival, the retiring Queen—the Queen of the 1939 Festival—and members of her court, and the new ruler of the 1940 Festival and her Maids of Honor, will take active part in the entertainment of honored guests, including the Governor of the State and other celebrities and will be very much in the line of light.

The various organizations have been asked to name candidates for queen and members of her court, and former years, a generous response is looked for.

Andrews Sees End Of Pump Priming

TAMPA, Jan. 4.—(FNS)—Reaching Tampa this week on a swing around the state, Senator Charles O. Andrews expressed great encouragement over improved business conditions and expressed the opinion that the need for Federal relief and pump priming is nearing an end, leaving the government faced with the problem of adequately caring for those kept out of private industry by age limitations or physical disabilities.

Already I am told there is a general shortage of skilled labor on the Atlantic coast, and in some localities I hear reports of shortage of unskilled labor," Senator Andrews said. "With the pump practically primed and working of its own accord, relief has been sold down to where it should be restricted to those actually in need. By this I mean we should take steps to adequately care for the needy age and others unable to obtain employment because of disability."

Senator Andrews committed himself to work for the following program on his return to Washington next week: Remove restrictions that now prevent development of state's sugar industry; work to keep the WPA out of politics in the coming political campaign; support of the present neutrality law with the exception for a few minor changes; work for legislation to aid the dependent aged and provide assistance for the indigent aged who have no dependents and now are included in the Class C relief qualification which puts them far down on the list of those eligible for state and federal aid.

Canadian Boy Sets New Flight Record

TALLAHASSEE, Jan. 4.—(FNS)—Don't tell anyone about this because it might cause international complications, with protests filed with the Secretary of State and all that—but there is an interesting yarn buried in the files of Herbert C. Whitney, director of aviation for the State Road Department.

Ayton Sturtis, a 21-year-old English boy, came to St. Petersburg the middle of December on a vacation with his father who is in possession of a pilot's license at Ottawa, Canada. Before leaving Canada young Sturtis applied for a commission in the Canadian Air Corps and was put on the waiting list.

However, he was told that if he learned to fly he could get into the corps immediately.

On December 16 he took a 30-minute flight lesson with James Johnson, commercial pilot and student instructor at the Municipal Airport at St. Petersburg. By taking three lessons a day, Ayton solved four days later on Dec. 20, after only eight hours of dual instruction.

He then decided to get a solo license and flew five hours solo. He received his solo license from Inspector Vavrina on the morning of December 22. The whole course from initial instructions to solo license took only 7 days. This may not establish a record, but it certainly shows that those Canadian boys mean to make it tough for England's enemies in the air.

Dirt Track Speed Demons Will Clash At Tampa State Fair

TAMPA, Jan. 4.—(FNS)—In thrilled packed open competition, America's mightiest dirt track speed demons will clash in two automobile racing programs during the Florida State Fair, January 10 and February 10. General Manager P. T. Strider has just announced.

Contracts for the promotion of the national gasoline classics have been awarded to the Racing Corporation of America, sponsors of speed events sanctioned by the International Motor Contest Association. At least 20 national known drivers, the seasonal campaigners who have been providing thrills at northern fairs for the last several years, will figure in the speed battles.

Supervising the programs will be John A. Sloan, son of the late J. Alex Sloan who introduced auto racing at the Florida Fair in 1928.

Two sensational automobile thrill days have also been added for January 31 and February 7 when Lucky Teter and his famous troupe of Hell Drivers present their 1940 version of suicidal exploits. New season stock pits will be established through the air over a dozen over side and end-over-end, smoldered through flaming board walls and put through many other thrill feats while the drivers remain steadfast at the wheel.

Christmas Gift Shipments Of Fruit Increased

LAKELAND, Jan. 4.—(Special)—An excellent increase in the shipment of citrus as Christmas gifts was made this season, although figures will not be available for a while.

This is the report by agents of railway express agency through-out the state who said that the gift fruit shipments this season reached an all-time high.

While the agency is compiling figures at the present time, and expects to have something definite in the near future, it was conservatively estimated that shipments of citrus season exceeded last season by 15 percent. No estimate is available as yet on the number of packages containing fruit handled by the express company during the holiday period.

Shipments have taken an expected seasonal drop since Christmas, but will begin to jump again around the middle of January.

The citrus commission this season conducted a special gift fruit campaign, featured by "gift fruit week" during the seven days beginning December 11. Governor Cline had officially designated that period as "gift fruit week," and the commission utilized radio stations, newspapers and outdoor posters in urging Floridians and winter visitors to give citrus fruit as Christmas gifts.

The commission will continue its campaign to have citrus shipped North throughout the tourist season.

Plans Maturing For The Birthday Ball

JACKSONVILLE, Jan. 4.—(FNS)—William T. Edwards, chairman of the Florida division of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, announced this week that all county chairmen were appointed to carry out such programs as each chairman desired for the forthcoming event in honor of President Roosevelt's birthday this month.

"We hope this year to break all records," said Chairman Edwards, "and with our chairmen more determined than ever to build up their local chapters, there is every reason to feel that each county will greatly benefit through these funds and incidentally help the National

Foundation carry on a great work. Of public interest," he further said, "fifty percent of all proceeds derived from the parties and events arranged in honor of the President's birthday, remain in the county where the funds were raised and this program is the same as it was last year."

The foundation, sponsored by President Roosevelt, is now a national institution and will be carried on in the years to come by influential surgeons, doctors, business leaders and philanthropists.

The national organization is a non-profit and last year the Foundation grossed \$1,613,985 of which half of this amount remained in the counties where the events originated. The foundation is subdivided into 602 chapters in 744 counties throughout the nation, and, except for a few individual donations, has depended entirely on revenue from these birthday celebrations.

All county chairmen in Florida are urged to contact headquarters here, if not already done, and secure such information necessary in order to assure Florida's success in the forthcoming events.

Fraser Says State's Assets Not Scratched

ST. AUGUSTINE, Jan. 4.—(FNS)—It is the belief of Mayor Walter Fraser that Florida has hardly scratched the surface in development of her tourist trade and firmly believes that with an intelligent and carefully planned publicity campaign many additional millions can be brought here to swell tourist revenues and lighten the burden for local taxpayers.

During his fourteen years as Mayor of St. Augustine he has been the leading force in developing the tourist appeal of the "Ancient City" and his campaign for Governor will carry an appeal that he believes will carry so far in advance of the opening day, and this applies not only to the citrus division but to all departments of the show.

Artists and decorators have been busy for weeks designing new and novel display arrangements and all indications point to much finer and more costly exhibits in every department.

Evidence of increased interest on the part of the public as well as the exhibitors is shown in the number of inquiries being received by the Festival for information as to dates and events.

The various state departments are taking a more active interest this year and will be represented with some very interesting and educational displays that will tend to show the part the State and Federal governments play in the promotion and development of the state's largest agricultural industry.

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RESOURCES

CASH and Due from Banks	\$172,841.80
U. S. Securities	148,679.88
Listed, Municipal & Other Bonds & Securities	98,248.00
Accrued Interest	2,388.57
Loans and Discounts	171,681.27
Overdrafts	28.97
Furniture & Fixtures	7,285.00
Other Resources	159.83

Capital	\$50,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	\$4,218.94

Reserves	7,083.62
Reserve for Dividend Payable Jan. 1, 1940	2,000.00
Bills Payable	NONE
Other Liabilities	14,646.00
DEPOSITS	498,727.70

\$602,024.32

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Florida Girl Voted "Miss B. U."



A Florida girl, Miss Eleanor Pell of Pensacola, was chosen by students of the Bowling Green Business University, Bowling Green, Ky., for the title of "Miss B. U." at the student annual party. There were 4 contestants. Miss Pell is studying to be a secretary.

Bigger and Better Festival Promised At Winter Haven

WINTER HAVEN, Jan. 4.—(FNS)—With less than a month to go, officials of the Florida Orange Festival are working in high gear to complete plans for the 1940 Festival which gives promise of surpassing all previous expositions.

General Manager Al Shaffer states that not in 16 years of its existence has the Festival had so much space allotted, or so many exhibitors signed up so far in advance of the opening day, and this applies not only to the citrus division but to all departments of the show.

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Revival Services At Church of God

Revival services will begin Sunday night at the Church of God with Sister Rhoden and her singing party of Frostdproof in charge. Services will be held every night at 7:30 o'clock and special singing and music will be featured. The regular service and Sunday school will be held every Sunday morning. Every one is cordially invited to attend any or all of these services, Rev. S. J. Whitener says.

NATHAN MAYO ISSUES HANDSOME BOOKLET

A handsome booklet in color presenting the industrial and agricultural opportunities of Florida has just been issued by the State Department of Agriculture. Honorable Nathan Mayo, Commissioner, is illustrated in color and is the most elaborate publication of its kind yet put out by Tallahassee. Color photographs by Florida photographers, reproduced by Florida engravers, has been liberally used. All of the work in connection with the booklet was done in Florida.

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