

WHAT YOU OUGHT TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR FLORIDA

The average traveler to Florida can perhaps tell you all about the places they are going to visit. They are familiar with their subjects either through long association or from having seen the time to read up on the local points of interest before starting out. However, it is frequently the case, according to Mr. W. J. Beasley, General Passenger Agent of the Seaboard Railway, the average visitor is so busy learning about visible things in Florida, that he or she actually learns very little about the state itself. Mr. Beasley supplies us with some interesting facts as follows:

Florida lies in the same temperature zone as Egypt, Arabia, northern India, southern China, Spain and the Hawaiian Islands. Its northern border is farther south than the southern border of California, while Key West, its southernmost city, is almost four hundred miles further south than Cairo, Egypt.

Florida has a total area of 58,000 square miles, which is equal to the combined area of Maine, Vermont, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

It boasts the oldest permanent white settlement (St. Augustine) in the United States, yet was the last state to be developed.

Florida has the largest single tract of undeveloped land in the United States, the Everglades (4,000,000 acres).

It has the longest coastline of any state in the Union which if it were laid out in a straight line would extend half way round the world.

Florida grew faster than any other state during the period 1890-1900. From 1,468,211 in 1890, to 1,777,794 in 1900. Although generally considered an eastern state, it is more accurately a mid-western one for its customsmen city, Palm Beach, is due south of Pittsburgh and its westernmost city, Pensacola, is due south of Chicago.

More than 80 per cent of the population of the United States can reach Florida within forty-eight hours.

Public Schools Are Given New Responsibilities

Public schools are receiving new responsibilities for war-time adjustments. Information is being made cooperatively by the State Defense Council and the State Department of Education to county superintendents of public instruction.

Principals and teachers in Florida have been urged by State Superintendent English in a letter to each school to continue the regular school program in as calm and effective a manner as possible. They are asked to avoid unnecessary excitement and fears on the part of the younger children. He reminds them, however, that calm judgment must not prevent quick adjustments to war-time situations. Each school center in Florida has been provided air raid instructions prepared by the State Defense Council, a statement of policies to be followed at routine drills adopted by the State Board of Education, and a statement of conditions under which county boards are authorized to issue diplomas to high school seniors who are drafted or who enlist in the armed forces.

School officials and teachers have asked to place more emphasis on health and physical education, and home economics for girls. The school program should prepare high school boys for service in mechanical employment by applying high school science, shop, English and mathematics to the understanding of aeronautics, engines, radio and the common tools. Special emphasis should be given to instruction in the rural areas and cooperative grade training in the cities.

Friends and relatives will be glad to learn that Mrs. Martha Adams Penland, sister of Mrs. E. A. Rickerts of this city, arrived safely in San Francisco on Wednesday aboard a ship that left from Honolulu, Friday, Dec. 18, two days before the island was attacked.

E. A. Penland is an aviator in the U. S. Navy and they have resided in Honolulu since April.



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For Health's Sake EAT MORE FLORIDA ORANGES AND GRAPEFRUIT

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COUNTY MEETS FOOD QUOTAS FOR WAR NEEDS

C. P. Anderson Re-elected Head Aggie Assn; S. A. County Will Come Thru On Quotas.

C. P. Anderson was again elected chairman for the third consecutive year at the annual meeting of the Highlands County Agricultural Conservation Association last Friday night.

James A. Vaughn and Miss Edna Pearce were re-elected as members of the committee. Mr. Vaughn was elected as vice chairman, has served on the county committee since the work was started nearly six years ago. Miss Edna Pearce has served during the past five years.

T. Jesse Durrance was again re-elected as first alternate member, and C. L. Reynolds of Lorida was elected as second alternate member.

County Agent Louis H. Altmeyer was elected as secretary and Miss Edith Murphy was re-elected as treasurer.

In discussing the program, Chairman Anderson stated that the majority of the growers had signed up in the Food for Freedom Program between December 1, 1940 and December 1, 1941. The majority of these reports submitted by individual growers indicate that goals in the Food for Freedom program in Highlands County for 1942 as suggested by the State Committee and then approved by the Highlands County Agricultural Conservation Board, had more than been met in every case except in poultry.

Because of high feed prices and shortage of labor there will be a decrease in eggs produced and poultry marketed in Highlands county this year. An increase of 250 before the year began was requested. Growers signed up agreeing to plant 700,000 acres than they had before in the county. Where an increase of 10% in the number of family cows was requested, an increase of over 14% was secured and each person owning a family cow agreed to use that cow was properly supplied with minerals.

Because of the increase in permanent pastures planted on range land in the county the State Committee had asked for 400,000 pounds more of wool to supply to the markets from Highlands county. The County Defense Board felt that the increase should be about 500,000 pounds more wool marketed. Naturally, they were all highly pleased when they found that not only that high figure was reached but a very small amount to market over 830,000 pounds more beef in 1942, thus they more than met double the quota.

At the State Fair, a wide market was requested, and the hog raisers reported that they were planning on increasing about 24% over their 1941 production figures.

Florida Exhibit At The State Fair

Tampa, Dec. 24 (FNB)—In a mammoth building with 18,000 square feet of floor space, designed to portray Florida's tropical atmosphere, Florida National Exhibit, under the direction of Earl W. Brown of Deland, will present a preview of 1942 displays at the State Fair here, Feb. 3 to 14, it was announced today.

"Florida on Parade" will be the title for the elaborate array of animated spotlights and dioramas that depict in lifelike accuracy the charm and industry of the state. Several of the displays were on view at the New York World's Fair and in Atlantic City but the majority represent the new scene to be introduced in northern presentations next summer.

Considered A Curiosity Mrs. Fred Stevens has returned to Avon Park after spending several months visiting in Ohio, the purpose of which was to see Mrs. Stevens said that being a Florida Republican, she was regarded as a curiosity in some places where she visited. She also spoke from the same platform with prominent northern Republicans, one being Senator Taft.

A trio of Philpines, weary of being picked up by police officers who thought they were Japanese, took to the streets of West Palm Beach with a sign on their car reading "We are Philpines."

Webber College Open Forums To Begin On Jan. 7

Babson Park, Dec. 24—Nineteen nationally known speakers, each an acknowledged leader in his field, will appear on consecutive Wednesday evenings through January 7, February and the first week of March at the Webber College Open Forums, Dr. John H. Sherman, president of the college announced today. International affairs and the war will be stressed throughout.

Hon. Thomas H. Elliot, Congressman 9th congressional district, Mass., will open the series on Wednesday evening January 7, speaking on the topic "Defending America." Other speakers include: Hans Kohn, professor of history at Smith College; S. Ralph Harlow, professor of religion, also at Smith; William Trufant Foster, author and lecturer on business forecasting; William Yale, professor of history, University of New Hampshire; Gerard Priestley, formerly of London university, England; G. Sidney Phelps, traveler and expert on East Asian affairs; Chih Meng, author of "China Speaks"; and Professor of China Institute in America.

Following his formal address, each speaker will entertain questions from the floor. The public is invited. All sessions will be held in the Webber College Forum Hall at 8 P. M. on Wednesdays.

Davidsons Mark 50th Anniversary In Announcement

Avon Park Friends of Col. and Mrs. R. P. Davidson are in receipt of an elaborately prepared report, being the announcement of the golden anniversary of their wedding and the 50th year of their association with the Northwestern Military and Naval Academy, at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. The announcement, arriving with the season's greetings, is a replica of the proclamation of about the 10th century style, with hand-lettered Old English, in a variety of bright colors, surrounded with the Davidson crest and sealed with the gold seal of Northwestern. Hand-made parchment paper and gold leaf is used. The effect is unique, and leads properly dignity to the importance of the announcement.

The wedding "Proclamation" "This being the 50th year of the married life of Royal and Clara Davidson and their children the 50th year of their life with the Northwestern Military and Naval Academy, it seems fitting for them to observe this Christmas and New Year season with a special Golden Anniversary proclamation. To the past and present cadets, faculty and friends of Northwestern, and to their many other friends a sincere wish for a Christmas filled with happiness and a New Year that will bring good health, contentment and the joy that comes with service. May the year 1942 be peace to all mankind."

Col. and Mrs. Davidson are enjoying the holidays at their home in Hollywood, with Col. Davidson's sister, Miss Alice Davidson. The season marks the 49th at Avon Park. Next Christmas, 1942, will be another half-century mark, and will make another 50th anniversary.

Todd Is Elected Head Agricultural Planning Council

E. G. Todd of Avon Park was elected chairman, and F. C. Payne vice chairman of the Highlands County Agricultural Planning Council at the meeting last Friday night. County Agent Louis H. Altmeyer was elected as secretary. The possibility of securing a County Home Demonstration Agent for this county will be discussed at the annual meeting of the organization in January.

County Agent Altmeyer reported that the recent election held for the purpose of determining the growers' wishes regarding the formation of a Soil Conservation District embracing the southeastern part of Highlands County was favorable to the creation of the district, but that the exact results of the ballot have not yet been announced. They have to be announced by the State Soil Conservation Board.

Pure humanity, crumblike, home, the interchange of love bring to earth a forecast of heaven.

—Mary Baker Eddy

LAST RITES FOR A. J. MAY HELD THIS AFTERNOON

Long Time Resident of Avon Park Passed Away Tuesday. Was Native Of Scotland.

Funeral services for Alexander James May, 85, retired timber dealer, and a resident of Avon Park for the past twelve years, who passed away Tuesday night at 147 Fourth avenue, are being held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from Stephenson Funeral chapel.

Rev. May was a native of Scotland. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and an active member of the church. He was a member of the church for many years.

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White City Camp Meeting Starts Thursday, 11 Days

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Council Planning Blackout Ordinance

An ordinance covering blackout requirements is expected to be passed at the next regular meeting of the city council. This proposed ordinance was discussed at the meeting Monday night and will comply with the orders of military authorities. When blackouts are in effect a rigid check will be maintained and those failing to comply with the ordinance will be subject to heavy penalties, it was stated.

The council Monday raised the wages of the street truck men, Ernest Blaser and Richard Hill, from \$70 to \$75 per week.

A discount of one percent will be allowed during January on the payment of 1941 taxes. This was decided on owing to the delay in getting the tax statements out due to the delayed assessments being late in arriving from Tallahassee.

The action was necessitated by the entry of the United States into war against the Axis power and the resultant cancellation of provisions of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 which granted deferment to certain servicemen in time of peace, the directors said.

Draft Boards Directed to Drop 4-A Classification

Local boards throughout Florida have been directed to discontinue the Class IV-A classification of registrants provided on provisions of military training and to reclassify men already placed in that category to determine their availability for additional service in the armed forces, Brig. Gen. Vivian Collins, State Director of Selective Service, said today.

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Hereafter the following men have been placed in Class IV-A:

"Any person who satisfactorily served as an officer or enlisted man for at least three consecutive years in the Regular Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard; or any enlisted man who was honorably discharged from the Regular Army or the Coast Guard for the period of enlistment."

"Any person who was an officer or enlisted man in the active National Guard at the time fixed for registration and who satisfactorily served therein for at least six consecutive years."

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GOVERNOR SETS AVIATION CADET WEEK, JAN. 5-12

Gov. Holland Points Out Many Opportunities in Air Corps, And Pledges Full Cooperation.

Tallahassee, Dec. 24 Governor Holland has proclaimed Florida Aviation Cadet Week, Jan. 5-12, during which he urged young Floridians to give serious consideration to flying careers as a means of wartime service and peacetime opportunity.

The governor pledged his fullest co-operation to Civil Air Corps, army recruiting officer for Florida, in observance of the week, and asked committees in each congressional district to help promote enlistments.

"Florida feels very close to the air corps," the governor said, "because of the establishment of a number of air bases in this state, and because one of Florida's native sons, Capt. Colin P. Kelly, Jr., of Madison, a member of the air corps, went to his death as the No. 1 hero of the war."

"In addition to being a war service, air corps training offers security in aviation as a career. I urge the youth of Florida to give the air corps serious consideration in planning their future, both in war and peacetime."

Aviation cadet boards at seven Florida fields have been authorized to accept enlistments on which detailed information can be obtained at any army recruiting office. The boards are at the Air Corps Training Detachment, Lakeland; Morrison field, West Palm Beach; MacDill field, Tampa; Orlando Air Base, Orlando; Dale Mabey field, Tallahassee; Elgin field, Valparaiso and the Municipal airport, Jacksonville.

Aviation cadet receive \$75 a month as an officer or enlisted man for at least three consecutive years in the Regular Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard; or any enlisted man who was honorably discharged from the Regular Army or the Coast Guard for the period of enlistment."

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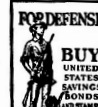
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TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY
By RUSSELL KAY

There is a very human story told by Robert Collier in his splendid book "The God Within You" that seems to me particularly appropriate to this Christmas.

He tells of an aging mother who, once well-to-do, through misfortune became destitute and faced the first Christmas in her life when she was unable to make gifts to those loved.

Kindly and unselfish, her only grief came from her inability to do those things she had always done for others. Tearfully she expressed her pent up feelings to a friend. "If I just had a little money," she sobbed.

"Money is not what you need," her friend said. "Can money buy those precious and lasting gifts that come from the heart? If I were in your place I would stop repining and seek guidance from my Inner Self, for there is found the answer to every problem."

Comforted by this advice, the troubled woman went to sleep that night to experience an amazing dream. . . . She saw a Christmas tree lighted with tapers and beneath each shining light hung a small envelope. Looking closer, she noted that each envelope was addressed to some friend or relative of whom she had been thinking and to whom she wished to make a gift. Then she seemed to hear a voice instructing her: "Each envelope," it said, "contains a blank sheet of paper. Write thereon the messages that are in your heart bearing witness of Me. As you write Me, give from your heart the treasures that are stored there in My name. I will fulfill every blessing according to your word."

Awaking with the dream vividly on her mind, she went to her desk and began to write. From her inspired pen flowed messages of life and hopefulness, encouragement and cheer. To an aunt, long suffering with rheumatism, she wrote words of peace and comfort. To an uncle having a difficult time with his farm words of strong courage. For a cousin who seemed to lose her way a bit was helpful guidance. Inspired by her Inner Self, she wrote words of peace and comfort. To an uncle having a difficult time with his farm words of strong courage. For a cousin who seemed to lose her way a bit was helpful guidance.

"Don't ever say you have nothing to give," friends told her later. "I never received so richly in all my life," said one.

Through the years the blessings that this mother gave out from an inspired heart continued to bear fruit.

In the world today are thousands of disheartened mothers. Mothers who through the years have devoted their lives to others. Mothers with whom the years have not darkened kindly—whose hearts ache from loneliness and neglect but still eagerly seek the opportunity to serve.

Some years ago Mrs. Alma Allen of Oldsmar went out into the world searching for just such mothers. As she found them she "adopted" them and has devoted her life to bringing hope and cheer into their weary hearts.

These mothers, most of whom do not know they have been "adopted," suddenly find a cheery letter in their mail box, an unexpected birthday card, an invitation to go for a drive, an interested visitor to whom they can open their hearts.

The "Adopt a Mother" plan, as suggested by Mrs. Allen, today is bringing the thrill of happiness to hundreds of men and women who at her suggestion have turned to this unselfish interest.

Look about you and "Adopt a Mother" this Christmas. You'll know a joy in giving of yourself to one in need—not money gifts, but those that come from the heart. As Alma Allen says, "We can all be penitents in love and joy."

A word of cheer, a bit of attention, a gift or thoughtful action bestowed on one of these heart weary souls, may change a drab life into a happy one and as you give so you will receive to find that your own cup runneth over.

And may God bless and keep you strong now and always, is my wish for you this Yuletide.

State Press Comments

EACH HAS HIS DUTY

Our leaders at Washington expect a long war. They speak of three years of hostilities, perhaps five, or, if luck goes against us, ten. No man really knows when the hoped for victory will come, but every eye points to a long period of bitter fighting before last-

No Actual Sugar Shortage Exists Now Says Biting

Cleveland, Fla., Dec. 24.—While the nation may have to forego "that third spoonful of sugar in its morning coffee," no actual sugar shortage exists at the moment, Clarence R. Biting, president of U. S. Sugar Corp., largest single cane-sugar producer in the United States, reassured the public today.

Even if both the Philippines and Hawaii are entirely eliminated as supply sources, continental production plus that of Puerto Rico and Cuba, should still provide more than 5,000,000 tons—a total not far short of normal domestic consumption, he reported.

"It is true that sugar is an important source of energy for our military forces, and to the extent that sugar for this purpose must be diverted from normal civilian channels, I am sure that all civilian Americans will gladly forego that third spoonful in the morning coffee," Biting said.

Biting, who last February predicted price ceilings and rationing if continental production was not increased substantially, gave his hearty approval to recent freeing of sugar stocks, pointed out that the action by OPM and OPA would prevent hoarding and price-raising, which usually accompany public hysteria over possible shortages. Prevention of increases in so-called invisible supplies, coupled with a guarantee of fair prices to

ing peace is brought into sight.

Ruthless enemies whose primary aim for years has been to build up powerful, efficient war machines must be defeated. They must be defeated at sea, in the air, and also on land.

For the successful execution of this gigantic assignment warships will have to be built with speed never before approached, also airplanes. And millions of men will have to be placed under arms and trained for fighting in many quarters of the globe.

Present plans call for building up the army immediately to 4,000,000. Eventually the air force alone will be as large as our present army. Before the guns of our adversaries are finally silenced, it may be necessary to have 10,000,000 men in the fighting service.

But total war—and we face total war in a conflict which has engulfed the world—is not won by armies alone. Its outcome depends to an extent on the effort put forth by those left to man the home front—the workers in the factories, the shipyards, the mines, and on the farms. It also depends on morale and the willingness of the civilian population to give up pleasure and comforts to promote the nation's war effort.

Before many months pass it will be plain to every American citizen that he has a profoundly important part to play in this grimly serious program. Only when each of us is willing and determined to shoulder his full share of the burden can the full resources of this powerful nation be put into play and the axis powers brought to their doom.—Grit.

CLEAN UP THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

We take the liberty of quoting from the Merry-go-Round in the interests of national safety and ultimate victory. "In recent years, both intelligence services have been under the command of drawing-room experts. General Sherman Miles, in charge of military intelligence, is a charming gentleman who has surrounded himself with wealthy young bluebloods. Only the members of the best families can qualify for military intelligence, and how much of the know-around the Japanese waterfront is questionable.

Similarly, naval intelligence has been in charge of two delightful gentlemen, Capt. Kirk and now Capt. Ted Wickham. Both have their names listed in the Social Register, the blue-blood list of Washington's selected families. . . . when it comes to docking the U. S. S. Mississippi in New York it took him six and a half hours. . . . no man can get into naval intelligence unless both grandfather and grandmother were born in the United States. Not even Wendell Willkie could qualify."

The Merry-go-Round boys have, without doubt, hit the nail squarely on the head.

—Lake Wales Highlander.

Talmadge says he went into Georgia politics with the money he made here in Florida during the boom. We thought he acted like one of the "binder boys."

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ANOTHER CASE OF REUBEN COMING TO TOWN

Japan will go down, literally and figuratively, as the world's greatest easy mark as a nation and people. Due to the density of ignorance and superstition, she has been shoved into a war by the shrewdness of Hitler when he was just about ready to pass from the role of a conquering terror to that of a trembling fugitive.

Japan was in a very vulnerable position for carrying on a war much longer with the Chinese, but added to the tough Chinese she now faces the Dutch East Indian empire, a great deal of the power of Britain, the Philippine army and the might of the United States. This morning we hear the Russian army along the borders of Manchuria, numbering 900,000, has been having vast tactical maneuvers in full sight of the Japs strung out along the other side of the line.

Certainly, when the gods have made up their minds to destroy they first make crazy. The Japs showed signs of mental unsoundness by their entry into Hitler's schemes from the very start, but waiting until all hope was shattered for that gentleman to launch a treacherous assault on the mighty American Republic was the apex of lunacy and the climax of foolishness.—Lake Wales Highlander.

SEVEN DWARF WAR SONG

Hi-lee! Hi-lee!
We're off to Tokyo!
We'll conquer the Japs
Right off the map!
Hi-lee! Hi-lee!
—Lake Wales Highlander.

PEPPER KNEW 'EM

Some people are ardent clackers because they come right out and say or write what they believe. Those people are usually go-getters.

Who was it who said many, many months ago: "Bomb Tokyo, bomb Japan!"

Who told the people that Dakar was important to us and that we should go forth into the dangerous way of life and grab that port?

We dislike to keep reminding you of the vision that belonged to one of our fellows who was branded as warmonger, and all sorts of similar pet names.

Our Senator Claude Pepper happened to know the vile vipers in Berlin and Tokyo better than most of us, that's all.—Orlando Times.

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Church Notes

ST. CATHARINE'S CATHOLIC
Highway Street — Sebring, Fla.

First, third and whenever, fifth

Sunday: Mass at 8:30 a. m.

Second and fourth Sunday: mass

at 10:30 a. m.

Rev. J. H. Cann, pastor

First Methodist Church

Rev. G. S. Roberts, D.D., pastor

Church school 9:45

Evening Service 11:00

Evening Service 7:30

Young People's Meetings 7:00

Midweek Prayer Service 7:00

Choir practice, Wednesday

following the prayer service.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Sunday school, 10:00 A. M.

Morning service, 11:00 A. M.

Y. P. S. 8:45 P. M.

Evening service, 7:30 P. M.

Prayer meeting, Wednesday,

at 7:30 P. M.

W. D. Croft, pastor.

Union Congregational Church

Dr. Alfred C. Elliott, Pastor

Sunday School at 9:45 A. M.

Chimes to suit all ages. Topic:

"The Christian's Hope." Morning

worship service at 11:00 o'clock.

Dr. Elliott will speak on: "The Ob-

stacle for Christian Stewardship."

Music by the choir. Fellowship

with us.

The Young People's Pledge

will be read at 6:30 P. M.

at the home of Mrs. W. C. Wy-

croft. Yvonne Head will lead the

meeting and Mrs. Luby Robinson

will be in charge of the service.

Will It Mean To Follow Christ

In 1942? The "Quit Hour" service

will be held at 10:00 o'clock. In-

spired worship and brief talk by

Pastor. The doors of this friendly

church are open to all who seek

truth. The service will be in En-

glish. Now that America is at

war, let all true Americans gather

in the Lord's House to pray for

the help and seek His blessing upon

our country.

Church of Christ

Glenn R. Shumaker, Evangelist.

"Bible Study, 10:00 A. M.

Morning service starts at 11:00

A. M. The sermon by Evangelist

Shumaker, who will speak on:

"The Four Needs of the Church."

Evening services start at 7:45

P. M.

Wednesday evening services at

7:45 P. M. You await a warm wel-

come at the Church of Christ, the

church that speaks where the

bible speaks, and is silent where

the bible is silent.

Church of Christ, Scientist.

"CHRISTIAN SCIENCE" is the

subject of the Lesson—Sermon

which will be read in Churches of

Christ, Scientist, throughout the

world on Sunday, December 28.

M. M. Colburn Text: "Hasten the

day, cleanse the lepers, raise the

dead, cast out devils: freely ye have

received, freely give" (Matthew

10:8).

Among the citations which com-

plete the Lesson—Sermon is the fol-

lowing from the Bible: "And there

came a great and a glorious peo-

ple, a woman clothed with the sun,

and the moon under her feet, and

upon her head a crown of twelve stars" (Rev. 12:1).

The Lesson—Sermon also includes

the following passage from the Christian Science textbook: "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "John the Baptist prophesied the coming of the immaculate Jesus, and John saw in those days the spiritual idea as the Messiah, who would baptize with the Holy Ghost—divine Science. As Elias pre-

Koo - Koo

By - Poters



"Can't you delay the paper a day to report tonight's basket ball score?"

Appeasers Will
Speak Again, Must
Be Silenced Now

By Dr. John H. Sherman

President of Y-shiber College

Rabson Park, Fla., Dec. 24.—We

are on our way. Debate, hesitation

and partisanship all are in the

past. Whatsoever individuals differ

of opinion we Americans may still

have had, there is but one common

front right now.

Stephen Decatur gave us our

watchword: "Our Country! In her

international relations may she

ever be right, but right or wrong,

Our Country!"

And all men feel it. Loyalty and

love come first, for our country,

whether right or wrong.

Most of us sincerely believe our

country is right as she now follows

the course which we have advocat-

ed all along. Each one of us who

joined and worked for the Com-

mittee to Defend America by Aid-

ing the Allies or the "Fight for

Freedom" organization of Senator

Glass now rejoices that America

has at last stepped openly into the

Libertarian role which alone befits

her.

But we must remember that all

over America there is a sprinkling

of loyal people who nevertheless

sincerely believe that America has

made a mistake and that we are

now on the wrong side in this war.

For two years while the war was

brewing, and for two more years

after it started, these men earnestly

advocated Germany's cause

against Britain and France; ad-

vocated Italy against Ethiopia and

France; upheld Japan against

China and Indo-China.

They sincerely opposed our help

to China. They blocked all aid to

Republican Spain. They opposed aid

to Britain and her allies at every

step, retarded the lend-lease pro-

gram, and blocked the arming of our merchant ships until American blood boiled over at the cold-blooded killing of our defenseless sailors at sea. Three weeks ago they were openly organizing to defeat the reelection of all congressmen who would defend our ships.

These men now are silent. They love America, but they still sincerely believe America is wrong. They still believe in the aims and ideals of Prussia and Nazism. They still hate the Negro and despise the Jew. They still believe, with Hitler that there is something inherently evil in being a blond, and that the Nordic race ought to dominate all other peoples.

They still believe that Hitler's conquest of Europe was due to bringing enough advantage to their kind of people to more than compensate for Germany's cold-blooded slaughter and heartless persecution of other kinds of people.

So, being sincere, they cannot remain silent for long. If the war starts turning strongly in our favor, they will begin agitating for an early negotiated peace. If we suffer any reverse, they will urge a quick peace by compromise to let Germany and Japan keep what they already have gained. If Russia continues to push the German armies back they will urge that we are allowing Communist Russia to grow too strong.

In every case the policy which they will advocate will be the one which will save for Germany some of what Germany has already taken from others, because at heart they still honestly believe that Hitler and Germany are right and desirable.

And they will be just as mistaken then as they were three weeks ago.

Mrs. Virginia Cloud is visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pescok in Orlando this week.

Florida will open what is expected to be a banner racing season when the first race gets away at beautiful Tropical Park, Miami, Saturday, Dec. 29. Gable Racing Association officials state that over 500 thoroughbreds are now in their stalls and others are expected. Every Florida county benefits from racing revenue and a good season will materially relieve the state and county revenue problem, it is pointed out.

In his informative column "Behind the Scenes in American Business," John C. Craddock says: "Only one trend is certain in the business and industrial picture now—either behind the scenes or in front of them. That's the trend to unity. Unity of government, industry and labor or retail business, the services and the professions—all pulling together to do the job."

Florida sugar producers can grow sugar cheaper than anywhere else in the country and with the nation's supply cut down by the war from off-shore areas, this state should be permitted to materially increase its production. At least we should be allowed to grow enough for use in our own state.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy is preparing to memorialize J. Edgar Hoover, Benjamin Franklin, Confederate statesman and Secretary of State, at Sarasota, Jan. 22 in a recent release they point out that he is the "daddy" of sugar in Florida. All the time we thought it was "Coke" named Clarence R. Biting.

Swift response to the nation's call for trained men has resulted in a 25 percent enrollment increase in the technical division of Embury-Riddle's aviation school for the 3-week period following the United States entry into war, Peter Ordway, school dean, reports.



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Juniors and Seniors Enjoy Parties

The home room mothers entertained the Junior and Senior high schools at two pre-Christmas parties Friday and Saturday nights at the Tourist Club House.

Friday night the Senior high students were the guests of honor, and sixty-five students enjoyed dancing, games, and exchanging Christmas presents.

Two punch bowls were placed upon the table which was decorated in the traditional red and green colors of the season. Orange juice and home made cookies were served. The general chairman for Friday night was Mrs. William Archer, and those assisting her were: Mrs. M. V. Fisher, Mrs. Stanley Reeves, Mrs. Walter Martin, Mrs. C. E. Lanier, Mrs. Nan Rouse.

Saturday evening the Junior high students were entertained in the same manner, and about forty guests were present. Mrs. J. L. Wells was the chairman for the evening, and her committee consisted of: Mrs. Jack Head, Mrs. Vivian Crum, Mrs. Harriet Stedman, Mrs. M. G. Winters, Mrs. L. A. Thomas. Music was furnished by a radio-victrola which is owned by the school.

Birthday Party For Carolyn Patterson

On the occasion of her fourth birthday, Carolyn Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Patterson was guest of honor at a party on Wednesday afternoon at her home.

Large bouquets of balloons, brilliant red poinsettias, and a lovely decorated Christmas tree were delightful to behold.

Games were played and many gifts were unwrapped in the course of the afternoon. Balls and balloons were given as favors to each little guest, and the refreshments were ice cream and the birthday cake, which was beautifully decorated and topped with four little lighted candles.

Guests present included Joan Scarborough, Sandy DeShong, Walton Bishop, Patricia Pollock, Gale Ogler, Jackie Dalton, Sarah Shaw, Lou Ragalala, Mickey Remro, Peggy Martin, Lawler Wells, Jimmie Rows, Keith Skipper, Dickie Redick, Allen Bachsmaler, and Clement MacFarland.

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Tim Holt

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Mid-Nite Show
SATURDAY, JAN. 3
"Lady Scarface"
DENNIS O'KEEFE
JUDITH ALLEN
ERIC BLORE

Mrs. MacFarland Is Circle Hostess

The program meeting of Circle No. 1 of the W. M. B. of the Baptist Church met at the lovely home of Mrs. W. W. MacFarland Monday afternoon at 3:30.

Mrs. B. F. Martin was chairman of the regular business and Mrs. MacFarland gave the devotionals which were the second chapter of Luke. Mrs. MacFarland was also in charge of the program which consisted of articles from different missionaries telling how Christmas is celebrated in their lands. Mrs. J. P. Dalton gave, "Christmas in the Holy Land." Mrs. Jack Smith, "Christmas in A New Land." Mrs. D. Shumaker, "Christmas with the Navajos," and Mrs. Otto Skipper gave, "The Christmas Challenge."

The house was attractively decorated with the unique combination of red, white and blue. The wreath on the door was made of pine cones, and the red, white and blue streamers. The table in the living room was covered with red, white and blue paper, and centered with a large table cloth topped with a large American flag, covered with smaller flags, and red, white and blue ornaments. The hostess served hot tea and fruit cake.

Loteta Club Is New Organization

A new social club is being organized in Avon Park under the name of Loteta Club. The members are to be composed of the city and county of the Loteta Club. The club has issued the American Legion Clubhouse on Lake Loteta and plan to redecorate and furnish it for their use.

Stanley Boyer, instructor at the L.A.M.A. was elected president of the club and his executive committee appointed consists of: Paul Leatherman, Harry Price, E. L. Lowe, and Walter S. Betts. A New Year's Eve Dance and party is being planned and invitations are being sent out for the first event to be held in the clubhouse.

Elder - Harris Wedding Friday

In a quiet but impressive church ceremony, Miss Esther Lucille Harris of Frostproof and Leland Elder of Avon Park were united in marriage Friday afternoon at four o'clock in the Methodist church in Sebring. The Rev. R. W. Todd performed the single ring ceremony.

The attendants were Miss Mary Ruth King of Frostproof and Marvin Reddick of Avon Park. The bride was most attractively gowned in a powder blue wool suit and wore a corsage of pink roses. Her attendant, Miss King, wore a dress of white velvet, black accessories and a corsage of roses.

Mrs. Elder is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Harris of Sebring, and has been employed in Frostproof for some time.

Mrs. Elder is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Elder of this city. He is now associated with the City Drug Store in Sebring.

Circle Two With Mrs. Longbottom

Mrs. S. F. Longbottom—was hostess to Circle No. 2 of the W. M. B. of the Baptist Church Monday afternoon at her home on Green Street.

The Christmas colors were used for decorations and flowers and a lovely tree was in evidence. Mrs. D. T. Lockett presided over the regular meeting and program for the day.

The hostess served delicious fruit cake and coffee.

Those present were: Mrs. S. J. Fendleton, Mrs. Charles Clements, Mrs. Anna Lawhorn, Mrs. D. T. Lockett, and Mrs. J. W. Mercer.

Lake Byrd Employees Christmas Party

The Lake Byrd Citrus Packing Company entertained their employees, their families, and friends at a Christmas dinner and party Tuesday evening in the packing house. A turkey dinner and all of the trimmings were served. A huge tree was in evidence, and Santa Claus appeared in person and presented candy and nuts from his pack to all of those present.

Mrs. and Mr. E. D. Martin arrived Tuesday from Columbus, Ga., to spend Christmas with Mrs. Martin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Loom and her sister, Mrs. Marguerite Loom.

Christmas Party At McKnight Home

Dr. and Mrs. George Scott McKnight entertained a large number of friends at a lovely buffet supper and evening of bridge, Christmas night at their home, the occasion being their wedding anniversary.

The attractive home was made festive with the Christmas colors, flowers, and a decorated tree to denote the yuletide season. The table was centered with a large crystal flower container and on each side was a four-branched candelabra with the tall tapers casting a soft illumination over the gleaming service.

After the dinner four tables of bridge were in play.

Mrs. Fred Phelps went high score for the ladies, and L. R. Nichols received high for the men.

Guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Daly, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Phelps, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. George Symonds, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Truett, Mrs. Stella Fry, Mrs. George Voorhes, Prof. H. J. Mummam, Miss Mary McKnight, Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Abbe.

Junior Sunday School Class Party

Mrs. W. W. MacFarland was hostess to her Junior Sunday School Class at an enjoyable "Spent The Day" party at her home, Monday night.

Indoor and outdoor games and contests were played through the day.

The house was lovely with its decorations of Christmas colors and greenery. The dining room table featured a snow scene of a little lake surrounded by animals, birds, Santa Claus and his reindeer.

Mrs. MacFarland served sandwiches, cookies, chocolate milk, and candies. She presented each guest with a small gift, and gave as favors a package of home made cookies tied with red ribbons.

Guests present were: Rooney Langford, Jack DeWitt, David Fougier, Ralph Richardson, John Clements, and Calvin Macabee.

Personals

Miss Millie Pearson is visiting this week in Bailey, N. C.

Billy Martin, of Tampa is visiting in Avon Park over the holidays.

Miss Janet Cook is visiting her family in Winter Haven during the holidays.

Mrs. Mary McArthur of Polk County is visiting her son H. G. McArthur this week.

Mrs. Evelyn Pond of Frostproof was business visitor in Avon Park Thursday.

Dr. Reeves is visiting his mother, Mrs. W. H. Reeves in Bowling Green, Ky.

Mrs. Julius Blake of Lakeland is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Martin.

Miss Elizabeth Green will visit in Washington and Atlanta, Ga., during the holidays.

Miss Mavrouneen Norton left Monday for Orlando where she will stay for the holidays.

Miss Alma Harrell, Miss Ruby Norton, and C. H. Walker motored to Tampa Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Whitcomb spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Cheekley in Orlando.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dille have as their guests this week Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Spitz of Leesburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Owens are at Lakeland, Fla., where they will spend the winter months.

Miss Alma Harrell left Sunday morning to visit her home in Quilman, Ga., for the next two weeks.

Mrs. O. C. White of Lakeland visited Mrs. Harold Quarandt and Mrs. Edna Shaw of this city Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ames drove to Atlanta, Ga., and spent the past week-end there. Mrs. Ames mother, Santa Claus appeared in person and presented candy and nuts from his pack with them and will visit here several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Swift of Winter Haven, Dalton and Billy McKnight of Southern Pines, N. C. and Mrs. and Mr. W. A. Oranger of P. Loom and her sister, Mrs. Mary N. Fields.

Sugar . . . and Spice

Got caught in a mob . . . in the local post office . . . this week . . . stuck out my tongue . . . to lick a stamp . . . someone shoved . . . and I practically . . . washed the post office window.

Saw Sally Ware on the street . . . sending a helping hand . . . to a little girl in distress . . . I decided then and there . . . that Sally really . . . is as sweet as . . . she looks . . . which is saying a lot . . .

Things people . . . Butch Carter's smile . . . Jane Betty's wonderful walk . . . Willa Pearl McGibney's friendliness . . . Jane Hart's charm . . . and Pat Crum's red hair . . .

Saw Park Avenue . . . driving a smart open roadster . . . down plum street . . . (the street that runs thru town) . . . car belongs to Mr. . . .

Loteta Club sending out invitations . . . for a New Year's Eve dance . . . sounds fun . . .

A certain gal . . . dates and talks . . . if she will . . . go with the guy . . . smelt his flowers . . . guzzle his . . . why pass on the things he said? . . . Taint playing fair . . .

Understand several guys . . . are feeding again . . . over a certain guy in uniform . . . what has he got . . . that other men haven't . . . and where can they get it . . . in ten easy lessons . . .

Everyone be ready, willing, and able . . . to make 'em and keep 'em . . . New Year's resolution . . . what I'm . . . wishing for you . . . HAPPY!

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Auto Production Slash REALLY Hits Farmer



Map Courtesy of Ford Motor Co.

The farmer has a double interest in news from Washington that automobile production is to be slashed by 50 per cent. For one thing, automobiles and trucks are prime necessities on the farm. But more important, the automobile industry is one of the farmer's biggest customers.

This diagram map shows how seriously the curtailment of car production will hurt rural America. It gives statistics on approximately how much material comes from the farm for every one million units the motor car industry produces.

How much the farmer will be affected by the proposed cut in car production depends on how deeply Washington makes the incision. But here are the facts: During the 1941 model year just ending, the automobile industry turned out approximately 5,000,000 units.

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Panel 1: A healthy boy stands upright. **FROM EARLY YEARS, HEAVY AND VERY EATEN-UP AND WITH CHINESE CUPPLERS, HE'S NOT A GOOD CHILD, BUT HE'S NOT A BAD ONE.**

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