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State Press Comments

SOUTH STRONG SUPPORTER OF

The recent series of articles by the American Institute of Public Opinion (Gallup Poll) dealing with several questions pertaining to national defense reveals marked and interesting sectional differences in the public mind. The question sought opinion on military action against Germany, aid to England, national defense and like subjects.

Commenting on its surveys, the Institute said that, although it had consistently found a high degree of national unity on issues connected with the war, the sharpest differences between the five geographical sections of the country were between the South on the one extreme, and the Middle West on the other.

In the South, which includes Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and Oklahoma, 76 per cent voters favored aid to England, even at the risk of involving the United States in war against Germany and Italy. On this question, only 55 per cent of those polled in the East, Central and West central States, comprising Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan for the former, and Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota for the latter, favored aid to England at the risk of war.

In New England and Middle Atlantic States, which embrace Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and West Virginia, 61 per cent favored aid to England under the same risks. The survey for the Far West group, which includes Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Washington, Oregon and Utah, showed 66 per cent favoring aid to England even at the risk of involving the United States in war.

The vote for the whole of the United States showed 60 per cent favoring such aid even at the risk of involvement.

In all the other questions asked, the South was strongest for intervention, and the West Central States were the strongest for isolation. In the South, 79 per cent believed this country's future safety depends upon England's winning the war, while in the West Central States only 42 per cent believed this to be a fact. Almost twice as many capita in the South favored entering the war against Germany and Italy as favored such a proposal in the Middle West. A majority in the South believed United States participation in the first World War was justified, while the Middle West, clinging to its traditional isolationist state of mind, found more voters who believed it was a mistake than who believed it was the correct procedure.

Some claim that the predominance of the patriotic spirit of the South over other sections of the country is due to the large portion of Anglo-Saxons in the Southern population who want to preserve the political achievements of that race, regardless of the cost in blood and resources to this country.

These achievements, they point out, included the Magna Carta, Parliamentary government, the Mayflower Compact, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, in which the rights of Englishmen are guaranteed. They point to the martial spirit of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, both in pre-revolutionary days and during the Revolution. They recall that in South Carolina, during the Revolution, more battles were fought, though small ones, than in any other colony; that it was in North Carolina that the first Declaration of Independence, known as the Mecklenburg Document, was passed, which preceded the great Declaration by over fourteen months; the South's brilliant achievements in the War of 1812, particularly the fighting of Kentucky and Tennessee riflemen, under General Andrew Jackson, in the Battle of New Orleans.

Other reasons advanced for the South's sentiment in favoring aid to Britain include the strong economic tie resulting from its cotton export trade with England, and the relatively large portion of military schools in that part of the country. But regardless of the reasons these polls prove that the spirit of the old South still exists, and that the people of this section are still willing to endure hardships and fight and die for what they believe to be right, even though their four years' fight for the principles of States' Rights was, in the end lost—Scottish Rite News Bureau.

IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE, WHAT?

Although quite naturally nobody expects that a dictatorship in the United States would turn out like a dictatorship in Germany, nevertheless the time has come for everybody and all to admit that it really can happen here, despite the fact that it has not been long ago that the idea was universally held that it could not.

If the law has not been passed by the time this gets into print it will shortly after, and the president will be clothed with practically all of the authority that is held by the modern dictator. It seems to be the majority opinion of the congress that this is the only way the defense program can be carried out. And even those few of us who have been contending that there should be a better way of handling our affairs, and that an effort should be made to find it, must admit that giving the president dictatorial powers will be easier on the members of congress than for them to try to earn their salary by working at the job of helping run the country. Obviously congress is following the line of least resistance.

But if and when the majority of the people say that a certain way of handling the country's affairs is the best way it becomes THE way, and the rest must abide the consequences. Our own belief has been that the way to demonstrate that a democracy

can be operated successfully is to operate it, for it certainly is no argument in favor of a democracy to turn it into dictatorship, even though it may prove to be a safe and friendly dictatorship.

However, we are soon to have a dictatorship and all there is left for us to do is to go along and bat the ball and hope that everything will turn out all right. The outlook is none too assuring but the fight is not lost yet. There's a lot of things that might happen to give us a break. Look how high and mighty Mussolini used to be and how wilted and forlorn a picture he makes now.

Something like that could happen to Hitler, and how we wish it would!—Arcadia Arcadian.

THE YEAR OF PROOF

Walter Lippmann, Columnist of the New York Herald-Tribune, who is not given to false optimism, recently came forth with an assurance and a prophecy which everyone in this country ought to read. We quote from it:

"If this mighty continent goes to work as it can go to work when it goes all out, the year 1941 will see the end of doubt, division, and fear, and the gathering together of an America which is true to its past and equal to anything that the future may bring, by an overwhelming proof of its superiority in the day, having the consciousness of working hard and to a single purpose, we shall have done with anxiety."

"For this we depend upon the government for the plan, the specifications, the leadership. But for the results—we depend upon the directors, the managers, the technicians, and the employers of American industry. The defense of America is in their hands. They are not the conscripted employees of a totalitarian state, and it is for them to show that a free industry can in fact keep the world free."

"If they succeed, as I believe they will, their success will insure the future of free industry by the only means through which its future can now be insured—by an overwhelming proof of its superiority in the struggle for existence. If now the free people are defeated, there will be no future anywhere for free industry."

"But American industry will not fail in the test. The work we will see this year is the proof that this young continent possesses the energy which, throttled down in these ten years of depression and confusion, will pour forth to astound the world."

Americans with faith in their country believe these words with all their hearts. They know that the year ahead is one in which this nation will again prove its industrial and its democratic power, and they face their part in that test with real confidence.

—St. Augustine Record.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

By RUSSELL KAY

About seven years ago J. W. Dupree, prominent Tampa attorney, acquired a 900-acre tract of land 22 miles north of Tampa and began the development of a beautiful country estate. Always a lover of flowers, he set out to secure just about everything in the way of flowering plants and shrubs that he could find.

From a modest acre or so about his home, he extended his gardens year by year until he had completed the ornamental planting of more than 25 acres.

His development, adjacent to two cypress-ringed lakes, permitted the addition of waterways, pools and rock gardens. He was careful to preserve the natural beauty of his surroundings and in adding plantings and landscaping he blended it all in with the natural setting so that it is difficult to tell where nature left off and he began.

The fame of Dupree Gardens quickly spread and visitors came in ever-increasing numbers even though it was not supposed to be open to the public and was developed as a private estate.

Urged by friends to throw the beautiful property open to the public as one of Florida's outstanding show places, Dupree, finally consented and this winter for the first time Dupree Gardens was open to the public as an attraction and the public invited to visit the beauty spot, a modest admission charge being made to cover maintenance.

I had not visited the gardens for several years and had no idea of the amazing transformation that had taken place, but last week-end I took advantage of Mr. Dupree's invitation to inspect the property and found it a veritable fairyland of floral charm and beauty.

While it has much in common with other gardens to be found in the state, it possesses a character all its own and is truly an attraction that no one should overlook.

Asians predominate, and at this time they are a riot of color. There are over 10,000 azalea plants, many of them over 50 years old, all in bloom. A profusion of other flowering plants, shrubs and trees also await the visitor - camellias, gardenias, lilacs, roses, hibiscus, chrysanthemums, orchid trees, magnolias, jasmies and countless other border several miles of pathways that lead from one glorious vista to another as they twist and turn through the 25-acre planting.

Acre of velvety lawn, where comfortable chairs and benches lure the visitor, carpet the whole area and those who journey through the enchanting gardens find the impulse to sit and rest in one of the many bowers along the way.

The soft music of Bach, Liszt, Brahms, Schubert and other great composers, follows you as you stroll through the garden, coming from cleverly concealed loudspeakers.

A charming log tea room has been constructed near the entrance where meals are served at moderate prices. The service is excellent and cuisine of the best.

Dupree Gardens is well worth a visit for it ranks among the outstanding attractions of the state, and Florida is indebted to J. W. Dupree for making this beautiful property available to the general public. It is easily accessible, being located about 22 miles north of Tampa on U. S. Highway 41, and is marked by attractive highway signs.

Plan to visit it when you come to Tampa for the Florida State Fair and Gasparilla Carnival next week. You'll not be disappointed and will find yourself well repaid for the effort.

Gasparilla Day this year is Monday, February 10. Why not drive to Tampa Sunday, see the Gardens in the afternoon, and remain for the great parade and pageant the following day, taking in the great Florida State Fair that afternoon and evening?

Church Notes

ST. CATHERINE'S CATHOLIC

Hickory 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

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.

Preaching, 11:00 a. m.

N. Y. P. S. 8:45 p. m.

Evening Preaching, 7:30 p. m.

Prayer Meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

P. m.

Church of Christ

Joe Cook Van Dyke, Minister

Bible School, 10:00 a. m.

Preaching, 11:00 a. m. "Life-A-Walk"

Preaching, 8:00 p. m. "Foolish People"

Prayer Meeting, 7:30 p. m. Wed.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES

"LOVE" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read in Churches of Christ, Scientist, throughout the world on Sunday, February 2.

The Golden Text is: "The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yes I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee" (Jeremiah 31:3).

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. And we have known and believed that love that God hath sent us, God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him" (1 John 4:16).

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: "Not materially but spiritually we know Him as divine Mind, as Life, Truth, and Love. The Christian Science God is universal, eternal, divine Love, which changeth not and causeth no evil, disease, nor death" (p.140-7:8,25-27).

Methodist Church

C. R. Minglethorff, Pastor.

The great question is not whether you have failed but whether you are content with failure. Something cracks every time a hot tie is fitted to a cold fitter.

9:45 a. m. Sunday School, Earl H. Ware, Supt. Trained teachers will help you in the study of "The Individual Responsibility Regarding Beverage Alcohol." Let us learn the right ways of meeting our personal responsibility.

11:00 a. m. Morning Worship. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Sermon by the Pastor, Subject: "The Christian's Three Marks."

Special music by the Choir.

6:30 p. m. Young Peoples Meeting. Sermon, Intermeditation and Juniors. Christian Leaders for each of these groups.

7:30 p. m. Evening Worship. Sermon by the Pastor, Special music by the Young Peoples Choir. Ten minute sermon to the young people.

7:30 p. m. Wednesday, Mid-week prayer service, Forty-five minutes of Christian fellowship followed by Choir Rehearsal.

At the longest upon the body of a little boy who had been run over, the chief witness was a youth who narrowly escaped injury himself. "I saw that I had just time to cross the road in front of the car," he said; "but I had no idea the lad was following me." We are sure that no one is following us in the little doubtful things we call worldly pleasure, and although we escape injury others will not be hurt.

Union Congregational Church

Dr. Alfred C. Elliott, Pastor

Sunday, February 2, Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Close to all ages. Topic for adults: "The Christian's Personal Duty Regarding Beverage Alcohol."

Morning worship service at 11:00 o'clock with sermon by Dr. Elliott, who will speak on: "Ephraimites." Solo: "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings" by Miss Clio Metcalf. One hour of inspirational worship promised to all who attend.

The Young People's Pilgrim Fellowship at 8:00 P. M. Charles Bennett will lead the meeting and Mildred Wray will introduce the topic: "Is God Our Father?"

Meeting of the Board of Trustees on Tuesday at the home of Mr. C. P. Anderson at 8:00 P. M. "Quiet Hour" Service on Wednesday at 7:30 P. M. Forty-five minutes of praise, prayer and meditation, with a brief address by the Pastor. The Children's Choir will meet for rehearsal at the Church on Thursday at 3:30 P. M. The Senior Choir will meet for rehearsal at the Church on Saturday at 7:30 P. M. Winter visitors and others are cordially invited to attend these services.

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MISS EVELYN CLEMENTS Society Editor

Twenty-nine Tables For Benefit Bridge

The Woman's Club of the St. Catherine's Catholic Church of Sebring entertained twenty-nine tables at a benefit bridge in the Palm Room of the Jacaranda Hotel Wednesday evening.

The Palm Room was beautifully decorated with an array of spring flowers used through the courtyard of the Avon Park Garden Club. Tables were arranged for contract bridge, auction bridge, five hundred, rummy and bingo.

At the close of the games, individual cakes and fruit plates were served. The door price of five dollars was won by Mrs. Agnes McCann of Sebring. When the scores were tallied, Mrs. George Scott, McNight received the high score prize for a game, a charming red wing pottery bowl for flowers or fruit; and Mrs. S. V. Hummings was presented a novelty pin as consolation prize. Mrs. Wm. Hauptmann held high score for the afternoon, and received an attractive evening bag.

Those sharing this delicious afternoon were: Mrs. Lulu Bass, Mrs. Katherine Bristol, Mrs. S. Y. Hart, Mrs. Ola L. Head, Mrs. Wm. Hauptmann, Mrs. S. V. Hummings, Mrs. Charles Kempton, Mrs. Geo. Symonds, Mrs. George Scott, McNight, Mrs. Georgia Voorhes, Mrs. George Vickery, Mrs. C. A. Clark, Mrs. Conant, Mrs. Nell Hoite, and Mrs. Marjorie McNight.

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Mrs. R. H. Lawhorn, circle chairman, presided during the business session after she read the devotion. Mrs. J. E. Wray, Jr., president of Baptist work followed with Mrs. Lockett, Mrs. Milford Dille, Mrs. M. M. Foster, Mrs. R. H. Lawhorn, Mrs. J. E. Dean, Mrs. Anna Lawhorn, Mrs. S. J. Pandleton, Mrs. Ernest Spencer, Mrs. Milford Dille, and Mrs. E. C. Weyer.

F. Ellis Wray arrived last Thursday from Montgomery, Ala., to spend several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wray of this city. Mr. Wray was called here because of his father's illness, and Monday for his home, because his father was much improved.

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Bridge Club Held Annual Luncheon

The Thursday Afternoon Bridge Club held its annual luncheon party Wednesday afternoon at Pine Crest Lakes Club with Mrs. C. A. Clark and Mrs. Katherine Bristol as co-hostesses.

The lunch table was laid for fifteen members and guests, and was attractively decorated with lovely bowls of varietal-colored roses. A delicious five-course lunch was served at the beginning of the afternoon.

Later, several progressions of bridge were enjoyed by the members and guests. When the scores were tallied, Mrs. George Scott, McNight received the high score prize for a game, a charming red wing pottery bowl for flowers or fruit; and Mrs. S. V. Hummings was presented a novelty pin as consolation prize. Mrs. Wm. Hauptmann held high score for the afternoon, and received an attractive evening bag.

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Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wolf are receiving the following announcement this week:

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wolf request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their niece
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on Sunday, the ninth of February
at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon
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Dow Geiger Has Birthday Party

Master Dow Geiger celebrated his fifth birthday Saturday with a delightful party given by his mother, Mrs. L. D. Geiger, at her home. The decorations of the party rooms skillfully carried out the color scheme of pink and green. Games and contests were enjoyed by the young folks during the afternoon.

The delicious birthday cake of the afternoon being white with green lettering and pink candles. At the close of the afternoon, the guests were served cake squares topped with pink icing and ice cream. Favors of suckers and lollipops were presented to each guest.

Dow received many lovely and useful gifts from his little friends. In sharing the birthday cake, the guests were: Leah Jane Brown, Sunny Drell, Mel Bass, Jr., Tommie Maxwell, Jane Maxwell, Betty Jane Dille, Jimmie Dille, Jimmie Ware, Thomas Thayer, Peggy Martin, Clement McFarland, Jackie Dalton, Edgar Pabst, Lila Weight, Doris W. Weightman, Margaret Helberton, Evelyn Parr, Patricia Smith, Betty Rose Ford, DeWitt Story, Jr., Dickie Reddick, Allen Schaeffer, Margaret Lawson, and Nancy Ginn. Misses Jeanne Crews and Barbara Lawhorn, Mrs. B. Geiger, Mrs. Dewitt Story, and Mrs. Walter Weightman assisted Mrs. Geiger in entertaining the guests.

Circle One Met With Mrs. Martin

Circle One of the W. M. S. of the First Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. B. F. Martin Monday afternoon for their first circle program meeting.

The meeting was opened by the circle chairman, Mrs. Fred Touchton, followed by prayer by Mrs. B. F. Martin.

Mrs. J. B. Coen read the devotion and a short business meeting was held with Mrs. Touchton in charge.

Mrs. S. F. Longbottom, Mrs. J. E. Crosby, Mrs. H. J. Davis, Mrs. Otto Skipper, Mrs. B. F. Martin, and Mrs. J. B. Coen took part in the program presented on various parts of the Baptist work. The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Fred Touchton.

Delicious refreshments of egg and omelette sandwiches, platters of cheese sandwiches and orange juice were served to the following members: Mrs. J. B. Coen, Mrs. Fred Touchton, Mrs. J. W. Mercer, Mrs. Charles Clements, Mrs. J. P. Dalton, Mrs. H. J. Davis, Mrs. J. E. Crosby, Mrs. Otto Skipper, Mrs. Fred Touchton, Mrs. S. F. Longbottom, Mrs. J. B. Coen, Jr., and the hostess Mrs. Martin.

Geraldine Witt Birthday Party

Miss Geraldine Witt was a charming hostess at a party given by her mother, Mrs. J. O. Witt, at her home Wednesday evening. The occasion was the celebration of Miss Witt's thirteenth birthday.

Numerous games were played during the evening and a prize was awarded Miss Jerry Connel for most correctly pinning the donkey's tail.

A delicious birthday cake with thirteen lighted white candles held in blue candle holders was presented for Miss Witt to blow out, after which the cake was out and served to the guests with hot chocolate.

Miss Witt was presented with many lovely reminders of the occasion by her friends invited to share the evening with her, including Miss Janet Barker, Miss Jerry Connel, Miss Margaret Harper, Miss Imogene Minschloff, Miss Mary Elizabeth Hall, Miss Virginia Adams, Miss Virginia Spencer, Miss Dorcas Quast, Miss Margaret Dille, Miss Marie Basemore, Miss Vivian Luthy, Miss Charlotte Orr, Miss Lillian White, and Miss Evelyn Scott.

Mrs. J. Lawler Wells, Miss Marjorie Wells, Miss Mary Clements, and Jimmy Bradbury appeared to Tappa on business Saturday.

Festival Maid

Palatka, Miss Eve Dyer, lovely brunette daughter of L. C. H. Dyer, has been selected by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Florida Jaycee to represent them in the Fourth Annual Azalea Festival Beauty Pageant to be held in the Ravine Gardens here, March 9, which will climax a Pre-Legislative Conference of the Florida Junior Chamber of Commerce and Southern Jaycee Jamboree to be staged in this city that week-end.

At the close of the afternoon, the guests were served cake squares topped with pink icing and ice cream. Favors of suckers and lollipops were presented to each guest.

Mr. R. Hood Hosts To Club

Mr. and Mrs. John Hood entertained the members of the Thursday evening bridge club at their home Thursday evening. Lovely bowls of calandulas and lilies were attractively arranged in the party rooms.

Punch was served during the games and when the scores were tallied, Mr. and Mrs. Milford Dille held high score for club. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dille were club second high. Raymond Dille held floating prize, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Paden were guest high.

At the close of the evening, a light supper was served hostess style to the following members and guests present: Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawler Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Milford Dille, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dille, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Paden, Mrs. Chas. Moffett, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Roberts, Judge and Mrs. T. A. McNichols and Mr. and Mrs. Hood.

Mrs. Haynie Is Hostess To Club

Mrs. George Haynie entertained the members of the Trump-It Club at her home Wednesday afternoon with a dessert bridge. The party rooms were attractively decorated with bowls of naturals.

The guests were served a delicious course of apple pie with cheese and coffee before the games, and candies were served while the games were in progress.

When the scores were tallied, Mrs. Brisco Willis held high score and was presented an unusual set of glasses. Mrs. William Carter held second high for which she received a potted plant. Mrs. Carter also held floating prize, a set of salt and pepper.

Those enjoying this afternoon with Mrs. Haynie were: Mrs. Roy Polkner, Mrs. William Carter, Mrs. Sam Patterson, Mrs. Colin DeShong, Mrs. Virgil Hall, Mrs. J. B. Francis, and Mrs. Brisco Willis.

O. E. S. School Held At Sebring

O. E. S. officers' school of instruction was held Monday night at the Sebring chapter hall, with Mrs. Agnes Cox of Avon Park, Grand Instructor of District 15, in charge. Stations were filled by the officers from the different chapters in this district, which included Avon Park, Sebring, Vaucluse, Frostburg, Fort Meade, and Bowling Green.

After the school, refreshments of cookies and coffee were served. About forty-five were in attendance. Those attending from Avon Park were: Mrs. Agnes Cox, Mrs. Charles Clements, Mrs. Chas. Moffett, Mrs. Howard Maddox and Mrs. W. A. Luthy.

Woman's Club To Meet Friday

The Avon Park Woman's Club will hold its regular monthly meeting at the club house Friday, February 7, at three p. m. All members are urged to attend.

Mrs. M. V. Plicher, president of the club will entertain with a luncheon at her home on Monday, February third, at 3:30 p. m. for the members of the Woman's Club Executive Board.

L. Wolf of Washington, D. C., who is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wolf, returned last weekend from a trip to Miami.

Circle Three With Mrs. McFarland

Mrs. W. M. McFarland was hostess to the members of Circle Three of the W. M. S. of the First Baptist Church at her home on Monday afternoon.

The circle chairman, Mrs. J. L. Collins, was in charge of the business session and the program, which followed. Those taking part on the program were: Mrs. David Stuckey, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. H. H. Shepherd, and Mrs. Ray Wells.

Mrs. McFarland served chocolate pudding with mint sauce and cookies to the following present: Mrs. J. D. McRoby, Mrs. H. H. Shepherd, Mrs. J. D. Sherman, Mrs. Frank Costine, Mrs. Ben Fussell, Mrs. J. L. Collins, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Stuckey and Mrs. Ray Wells.

Legion Auxiliary Meeting Monday

The American Legion Auxiliary held its regular meeting on Monday evening at the Customer's of the Florida Public Service Company.

Mrs. W. J. Prevatt, president of the group was in charge. During the business session, the Auxiliary voted to hold a Cake Walk Saturday evening, February first, at the room of the Florida Public Service Company. All the cakes sold will be delicious home-made varieties and will be everyone to participate in the walk.

Those present Monday evening were: Mrs. Ed Welch, Mrs. Walter S. Betts, Mrs. Charles Moffett, Mrs. W. J. Prevatt, Mrs. S. Hart, Mrs. Charles Lewiston, Mrs. Ruth Clowe, and Mrs. David Stuckey.

Card of Thanks

I wish to sincerely thank the Fire Department, neighbors and all others who helped extinguish the fire in my home Sunday night. Their prompt and efficient action prevented greater damage and saved us from severe loss. Many thanks to all.

Mrs. M. M. Thomas.

Atford Garden Club

Those from Sebring visiting the Garden Club show here Tuesday afternoon were: Mrs. Ray Vinton, Mrs. Louis Fonseca, Mrs. R. C. Turner, Mrs. Nell Durranne, Mrs. George Whitehouse, Mrs. Tom Ormroyer, Mrs. Elmer Nichols, Mrs. J. D. Etchell, Mrs. Edith Dennis, and Mrs. J. B. McFarlin.

Mrs. and Mrs. J. M. Pamplin

of Fayetteville, Tenn., were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Haynie and Mrs. Dennis Haynie. Mr. Pamplin is Mrs. Tennie Haynie's cousin.

Mrs. Nan Rose will go to Orlando today to attend the Jeanette McDonald's concert this evening and will visit with friends during the weekend.

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Winter Guest Club Notes

About thirty Winter Guest Club members enjoyed an evening as guests of the Sebring-Turkey Club Monday. A splendid Scotch program of music and speaking was presented.

Forty guests played Bingo at the Avon Park Winter Guest Club Thursday evening. Mrs. Ed. Hammond, a pleasing and gracious hostess, was in charge. Mrs. J. F. Quintrell received first prize and Mrs. E. P. Thomas won second prize.

Tuesday evening is special entertainment evening. The usual crowd gathered Tuesday evening of the week and thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment.

Mrs. S. J. Morari and her grandson, Ernest Gibson, of Johnsonville, S. C., arrived Sunday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. Boile and family.

Miss Dorothy Hughes, who is a Junior at Florida State College for Women at Tallahassee returned to Tallahassee Monday after spending the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Hughes.

Miss Mary Pardon, who is a student at Stetson University at Deland, was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Pardon, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Miss Pardon left Thursday for Miami where she will be the guest of Miss Doris Reddick over the weekend before returning to Deland for her second semester at Stetson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Mack and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Toward formed a congenial party calling on Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pardon, Jr., in Deland City, Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pamplin of Fayetteville, Tenn., were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Haynie and Mrs. Dennis Haynie. Mr. Pamplin is Mrs. Tennie Haynie's cousin.

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Mrs. W. W. Daniel of Cartersville, Ga., arrived this week to be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. McNeill, and of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maxwell for some time. Mrs. Daniel is a sister of Mrs. M. H. Hayes of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McNeil had as their dinner guests Thursday their daughter, Miss Blanche McNeil, and several of her classmates from Stetson University, Deland. The guests were: Miss Margaret Barker, Miss Margaret Cates, and Hugh Gower.

Use Times Want Ads

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE COUNTY JUDGE'S COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VIRGIL ANTON STASER, DECEASED

CITATION

THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO KEVIN GILBERT STASER, Defendant: A Petition has been filed in said Court praying for an order authorizing the sale of the following described property, to-wit:

Lot 10, Block 2, Section 22, Township 15 North, Range 29 East, Highlands County, Florida, in DeKalb City.

The said sale being necessary for the payment of debts of said estate, and the same being required by the said written defense, the said Defendant is hereby notified to appear before said Court on the date and place herein specified, to show cause why said sale should not be ordered.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court at Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, this 28th day of January, A. D. 1941.

First publication on January 24th, 1941. Jan. 24 - 31 - Feb. 7 - 14

NOTICE OF EXECUTOR FOR FINAL DISCHARGE

In and for Highlands County, State of Florida

OLIVE S. ARMSTRONG.

Notice is hereby given, to all whom it may concern, that on the 1st day of February, A. D. 1941, I shall apply to the Honorable the County Judge of the said County, as Judge of Probate, for my final discharge as Executor of the Estate of Oliver A. Armstrong, deceased, of said County, Florida, and for the final discharge of said estate.

Done at Sebring, Florida, this 28th day of January, A. D. 1941.

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The Camp in the Valley

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Carol Coburn, Alaska-born daughter of a "bank rat" who has established himself in the timber business, is engaged to be married to a young man who is a member of the Alaska State Police and is rescued by Sidney Lander.

It was not, I could see, a very appealing abode. It looked, with its sagging and snow-matted roof and its time-worn timbers, about as inviting as a mausoleum. Nor did it add to my joy when I saw Sock-Eye, kicking away the snow, disclose the flattened-out body of a dead coyote lying there, its teeth grinning malevolently up from the uncovered jawbones.

My companion, with a prompt sweep of his foot, brushed the frozen carcass to one side and swung open the door. Doors in Alaska, I remembered, were very seldom locked.

I had to shut my teeth tight as the trembling of my chin would betray me. For about all that musty-smelling and deep-shadowed room was an untidy, cluttered place with a table and two wooden chairs with roughly spliced legs. I could see the smoke pipe had fallen from a rusted stove, and I saw that the house was being attacked by a grub of fatness and a Jacob's coat of fatted-outness.

Above it was a dish with shell of a few rusty pans and a showing of badly chipped crockery. At the foot of the bunk lay the dead body of a park-squirrel, half buried in a scattering of lint from a much-chewed quilt. Along the wall were a few maps, a couple of photographs, and a couple of Alaska was still a man's country, I observed, and I was in an apartment state of disrepair.

But even more revolting was the filth that covered the floor.

Sock-Eye's questioning glances must have detected some shadow of hopelessness on my face.

"You again? I sick 'n' he" challenged.

"I've got to," I said. "There's no other way."

My companion, as he turned and swept that room with a satirical eye, proclaimed that an old kid like Sam Bryson should have been inches of lead in his gizzard. "But since he's put you here, I'm again?" I gave you a hand?

"I had thought of Sock-Eye as a man of old man. But as he threw off his coat and got busy, I realized I had altogether misjudged both his skill and his strength."

His first act was to force open the windows.

Then, grunting with indignation, he went at the place like a cyclone. He tumbled the chair and sent the chairs out into the snow and scraped the litter from the floor. Then he left me alone with the window stub of a broom. He reappeared with a rusted axhead, into which he fitted a rough handle of birch wood. When he started to shove the axhead from the stove-top I told him to save them, as they'd come in handy for scrubbing.

By the time he had a fire going and snowwater melting in our galvanized tub I'd unlearned the cold of yellow soap and a lopsided scrub brush. While I scoured the black-greened table and chairs with hot water and good soap, he dragged the bunk mattress out into the snow, emptied it, pounded the last of the dust from it, and then he laid it with wild hay which he commanded from a pole-stack at the back of the clearing.

At last everything smelled clean, and seemed different, and the singing of the old iron kettle on the drum stove was almost bearable. But my spirits declined to rise as they should.

Sock-Eye, after spitting into the rusty stove front, reached for his coat and crossed to the door.

"I'm again?" he asked. "We've a one-bass store here. I'll see if I can rustle a pair of blankets and pack in a mile of grub for you."

When he returned, I stood blinking at the size of his sleigh load.

"Out in out of the cold," he commanded. "I reckon I purty well 'git what a cheechako needs."

I felt my throat tighten.

"You can't do this for me," I contended as Sock-Eye piled things on the table end.

"I ain't a-doin' it for you," he retorted. "I'm a-doin' it for your 'pappy. He rustled many a mess of grub for me."

That didn't take the lump from my throat. I watched him in silence as he disintegrated two candles from his store supplies and piled them on the table.

"Evening" he said, "I reckon I may as well stay 'n' have supper with you."

I started to thank him, but he cut me short.

"When you get settled," he said, "You'll have a bank of soup. And I'll tote over a hunk of sourdough for your bread-making. And, meanwhile, I'll have you a hunk of deer meat that'll help tide over the week end."

I laid the table, using a newspaper for a cloth, while the old-timer bade the stove cooked bacon and eggs and put coffee on to boil and punched two holes in the top of a milk tin with his hunting knife. He was surprisingly adroit and quick-

young mining engineer, Lander, working for the Trumbull company, which is fighting Coburn's claim, is engaged to Trumbull's daughter.

Lander breaks with Trumbull and moves to Sockeye Ship's shack.

INSTALLMENT VII

handed about it all. When he sharpened a pick and one appeared a slice of bread, which he began toasting at the stove front. I found the aroma of that browning bread mixing with the aroma that came from the coffee pot. And I realized there were times when food was more important than philosophy.

"Things is goin' to come easier," explained Sock-Eye as we ate together with the honest and un-bashed appetite of the hungry, "once you've took root here."

I made friends with my neighbor. I added:

"You ain't got no neighbors within a mile," countered Sock-Eye. "And the valley folks natcherly ain't got 't fall over themselves 't welcome you, seein' you was sent in here by them Junes' bureaucrats. Yep, you'll have 't stake out a firebox yourself. And rustle your own grub and wood and water. I'm a-doin' it, and I'm a-doin' it."

I didn't see. I told him, now a shooting iron could save any of my money.

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BACK-TALK OF A NEW YORKER: A weekly "liberal" publication reports that James True and Robert Edward Edmondson have been forced to stop spreading their libelous garbage because of a lack of backers. . . . I don't believe it. . . . Another weekly which features profiles complaining against gossip bases all of its profiles on gossip. . . . One of those "Americans" who is this: If Hitler loses, then he loses his position as a billion-dollar millionaire, and a bank in the Northeast will fail. . . . Nice guy, huh? He doesn't know what happens to your son's life-long as he doesn't lose his dough!

now one of the familiar ways of treating a cold is to break off the regular diet and drink large quan-

Many are of the opinion that hot grapefruit juice is beneficial in warding off and checking colds; some suggesting mixing soda with it and some taking it without.

Many freak ways of checking and curing colds have been advanced, but the general consensus

ones feet dry and warm, don't overeat, go easy on the sweets, and drink plenty of grapefruit juice.

In California, one winter visitor mentioned, cold sufferers wash the grapefruit, cut it up, rinse and all, boil it for twenty minutes

benefit of the quinine content in the rind of the fruit. Reading between the lines of this remedy one would find out that in sunny California, as in sunny Florida,

Another newcomer in the weekly newspaper field was issued a couple of weeks ago at Anchorage. It is called the Alaska Times, and is published by E. E. Hulse, publisher of the Williston Star, and is edited by W. G. Orell.



INSTRUCTION

to improve our gas extraction project 300,000 cubic foot gas pressure gas holder system was also built at daily gas capacity. New tower were installed to remove foreign gas. J. systems totaled 550,700 gallons this included sulfur storage tank of 100,000 gallons, gas and oil storage tank of 100,000 gallons. New deep well was added. New water pump was added. New fire protection throughout the water tanks were purchased.

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1990 expenditures for construction totaled \$84,513. This large expenditure was made financially possible by a favorable bond sale to the John Hancock Insurance Company. Included were improvements to existing facilities, as well as additions to, and extensions of, our services.

Electrical construction included new substations at Winter Garden, Mount Dora, Deland, Oviedo, Longwood, Haines City and Sebring; a 115-kv transmission line from Winter Park to Winter

tion against service interruptions. Complete rehabilitation of distribution systems at Haverhill City, Davenport, and Sebring. Water walls were added to boilers at the Enterprise Power Plant. Boilers at our Avon Park Power Plant were re-lined and superheaters added for better efficiency. This plant has now been placed on full-time operation to take care of increased power

LOW RATES

We believe a low electric rate is an attraction for any community. Our electric rate is one of the lowest in the state. In 1940, our domestic electric rate was again simplified, bringing all customers under the low Objective Rate. Electric rate reductions in 1940 represented a saving to our customers of over \$8,000,000.

Reductions in water rates during 1940 saved our customers over \$1,500.00.

COMPANY OPERATIONS

For 1940: Electric sales to domestic customers were 13,262 million kilowatt-hours, an increase of 14.2% over 1939; to commercial customers, 4,887, 15.9% increase; to industrial customers, 4,587, 15.0% increase. Kilowatt-hours, as compared with 1939, were 10.5% more for domestic, 10.5% more for commercial, and 10.5% more for industrial, with 42,549,438 in 1939, a decrease of 10.5%. Total electric sales were 2.3% greater than 1939 despite the decline of industrial sales. The main factors conditions causing a loss of European markets to the phosphate industry and to the loss of citrus treatment plants by the citrus fruit industry.

Gas production in 1946 for Orlando, Winter Park, Sanford and DeLand totaled 232,747, 100 cubic feet, an increase over 1938 of 51,005,500 cubic feet, or 21.1%. An important new gas load has recently been added at the Orlando Army Air base where gas is used for cooking, heating and water heating.

Water supplied to the various municipal systems in 1946 totaled 226,921,400 gallons.

We are serving a total of 8,777 gas customers and 18,499 electric customers.

During the year our ice plants were leased for operation by the Atlantic Company, one of the largest operating ice companies in the United States. This move is in line with a trend toward separation of utility companies from such extra activities and will enable us to concentrate our efforts in the electric field.

\$682,000 PAYROLL

Florida Public Service employees friendly, neighborly citizens in your town and other towns we serve.

During the year we operated a fleet of 85 cars and trucks, some of which run day and night rain or shine, to give you an efficient service without interruption. These cars were driven a total of 1,140,965 miles in 1940 without injury to employees or public. Our company has a full time Safety Director and employees attend safety meetings regularly as a part of their work. We have an enviable safety record in all departments.

EN 1940	
Average number of employees	405
Total Payroll	\$682.68
Payroll per Working Day	\$ 2.22

All these payroll dollars were paid out

Much of the efficiency of our business operation can be attributed to the prompt payment of bills by our customers. We thank you for this.

Respectfully,
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TAXES UP 14.70%

This company paid direct taxes in 194 as follows:

To the Federal Government	\$ 59,156.3
To State, County and Local	160,428.2

Governments	169,885.1
Total direct taxes	\$228,855.1

This means \$825.39 paid in taxes for each

Taxes on corporations and utility companies are increasing. Our 1940 tax pay-

Our tax burden is cheerfully borne, since

it is this money which supports our government and guarantees our American way of life.

DEFENSE

DEFENSE

It is the policy of this company to co-operate fully with the National Defense Program.

Our facilities are ready NOW to meet greatly increased demands for elec-

This company guarantees any of its employees called for selective service will find their jobs waiting on their return with full seniority rights and part salaries and life insurance prem-

iums will be paid during their service. We are proud of our selection to supply the new Army Air Base at Orlando with electricity and gas.

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December 31, 1939. We will be
any's activities or policies.

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Respectfully submitted,

D.H. Blend

Vice President & General Manager
Florida Public Service Company