

Round About Avon Park

by W. C. Beckett

Buses and Trucks
The frightful death of 10 passengers who were burnt to death in a bus early this week up in Alabama again brings to mind the menace that buses and trucks are to highways and all others who use them. If buses and trucks want to operate they should be required to build and maintain their own right of way and pay taxes on them the same as the railroads do.

And take right here in Avon Park. The railroads pay heavy taxes and also license but, as far as we can discover, the buses and trucks do not contribute one thin dime to the city. They use the city streets and "tear hell out of them," obstruct traffic and are a nuisance in every way. They ought to be some way to make them pay their share of city's tax burden.

The last session of the legislature passed a law for the state road department to maintain state highways through cities and towns. We are told this is being done in the northern part of the state and the work is coming south. But we doubt if this will be enough to compensate the cities for the damage done to the streets by the trucks and buses.

The WPA And The Airport
At the council meeting Monday night Councilman Anderson stated he believed disgruntled local individuals were being used by the WPA to quit work at the airport. We have heard rumors to this effect that letters were written to state Director Harlow alleging a number of irregularities and which were said to be untrue. We have heard names named as to who were doing this. Those responsible for this condition do not have the good of Avon Park at heart and are evidently trying to pay off the problem and can be placed in the fifth column.

Gene Army
Farnest C. Trout, head of the accounting department of the Lockheed Aviation Military Academy, did not wait for the draft to go into him. He up and enlisted and left Wednesday for service with the army. His draft classification was 1-A. His many friends out at Lockheed Inn gave him a good sendoff and wished him all the luck in the world.

Nice Thing
That was nice thing, Mr. Pardee, Monday night when you right walked into the council room right after Miss Tompkins moved to name you as city attorney. You were listening to the loud under the window listening for the motion, already to step into the job? But there was no second motion. Too bad, Mr. Pardee, too bad.

No Answer
Mayor Covington wrote Mayor McCue of Sebring inviting him to get some contestants for the soap contest. No answer. The soap contest has been rejected. Maybe the Sebring youngsters are not used to soap and too close association with it might harm them.

Likely Bats
Hey, Sebring, doesn't the Elks Club in Sebring sell liquor? We've been told it does. Or did it get tipped off? Some of the Elks up here feel alright because you missed "the best people on earth."

We Wonder Why
We wonder why the police department always is on hand at council meetings. It can't be they expect a rat break out at any time, can it?

Russell Barber Is Now Army Chaplain
Russell Barber, former resident of Avon Park, is now chaplain of the U. S. Army and stationed in California. His many friends will be interested to learn. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Barber. He recently wrote his parents and grandfather as follows:

"Here I am in the army. I am with the 11th Cavalry at Camp Shelby, Illinois, Calif. So far the life is very much. I have the new chapel where we move up in the mountains at Camp Lockett. It is beautiful. I have between 1,000 and 1,500 men in the chapel. It is very interesting. I hope I can do lots of good and save some souls. Write me here."

Kindness in ourselves is the honey that binds the sting of unkindness to another.—Lander.

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ARRANGEMENTS ALL MADE FOR SOAP CONTEST

WINDOWS ASSIGNED TO VARIOUS GRADES; JUDGES APPOINTED; SEVERAL STORES OFFERING ADDITIONAL PRIZES.

Mayor Covington's window soap contest for this year is now in full swing. The student council under the supervision of Dr. S. N. Reeves has taken charge of the contest. Windows have been assigned to the various grades and students are getting ready to start work Saturday morning. The windows on the south side of the Mall from the A & P Store east have been assigned to the junior high school students. Windows on this side of the Mall west of the A & P Store have been assigned to the eighth and sixth grades. West of B & C on this side of the Mall to the lower grades.

All students entering the window soap contest will call at the Chamber of Commerce building Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock to see Mayor Covington who will be there at that time to distribute soap. The judges for this contest will be Miss Pearson, Judge will take place at 3:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

In addition to prizes offered last year, Mrs. Ott is offering a scarf to the girl painting one of her windows and winning first, second, or third place. Mr. Ward is offering a prize to the boy painting a window and winning first, second, or third place. Mr. Ward is offering a prize to the boy painting a window and winning first, second, or third place.

Boys and girls entering the soap contest are requested to go to the Chamber of Commerce building Saturday morning and get a bar of soap for carrying. This contest may be any time the student desires. When the carvings have been finished and taken to the Chamber of Commerce building, the Chamber Bank will give ten cents for each carving in the contest.

Our judges for this contest are: J. P. Garber, Mrs. M. V. Pitcher and Dr. Stanley N. Reeves. Judging will take place at the Chamber of Commerce building.

**LOCAL STATE PARK
TO OPEN SATURDAY**

**State Department Sets Up
New Admission Rates**

Highlands Hammock State Park will officially open its winter season Saturday, November 1. There are several changes in administration and rules since the park was taken over by the state.

Allen Alkire, park superintendent, succeeds Hayden Williams, who recently accepted a job with the United States army air corps. According to a statement issued by L. G. Rogovin, director of state parks, a new admission rate will go into effect Saturday. A flat rate of 10 cents admission per person will make the place of the former fee of 35 cents for car and driver and 15 cents for each additional person. Season tickets will continue to be sold for the winter season.

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It was thought advisable to send a delegation of council and others to Jacksonville on the matter. WPA Director Harkness and this is expected to be done in the immediate future.

Kiddies Parade Big Feature Of Halloween Night

With Miss Alma Harrell and Mrs. S. N. Reeves in charge, the kiddies parade promises to be the big feature of the Women's Club annual Halloween Carnival Saturday night. The parade will be divided into four groups and those taking part are asked to assemble at the Jacksonville Service Station at 7:15 P. M. The parade will start at 7:30, Miss Harrell says.

The four groups are: pre-school age; the primary group which includes the first three grades; the elementary group which consists of grades four, five and six and the fourth group will include the junior high, the senior high and all others taking part in the festival.

Two high school girls will march between each group and three prizes will be given in each group. Al Rodgers will act as master of ceremonies for the evening and will handle the loud speaker as in former years.

There will be plenty of other things, including a hot dog stand, ice cream, candy and other good things to eat.

**TRY TO NAME
PARDEE AS CITY
ATTORNEY FAILS**

**MOTION BY MISS TOMPKINS
DID NOT GET A SECOND;
PARDEE APPEARED ON
SCENARIFF MOTION MADE**

An unsuccessful attempt to reappoint J. C. Pardee as city attorney was made at the council meeting Monday night. Miss Tompkins motioned that she appoint claiming Pardee is still city attorney as his successor has not been appointed. The motion failed by a vote of 3 to 2. Just as soon as it was made, it was walked Pardee, pulled out a chair and sat himself down at the council table. The question came up in discussing the new suits against the city calling for additional millage in the new budget. Councilman Ward suggested that Davis and Davis of Orlando be asked to handle the suits as they are already representing the city in similar fund matters in federal court before Judge Ackerman.

Ward's suggestion got so where Miss Tompkins made her motion regarding Pardee. Miss Tompkins made her motion to include these new suits as well as the city legal matters now pending. No action was taken, the entire matter being deferred.

Gilbert Lester presented his audit to council and went over it page by page, explaining numerous items. Council accepted the audit and employed Mr. Lester for a period of two years.

Major Austin, director of the Lockheed Aviation Military Academy, said castle are wandering onto the west auxiliary field and some wire and fence posts are needed. Two runways are now ready on this field, he said and it would have to be ready for use by November 15 as a new class of cadets is due in here about November.

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The Call America Heeds



"The Red Cross nurse is the symbol of the 1941 American Red Cross Roll call parade, appealing to all men and women to join their local chapters of the annual Roll Call."—Adelard Crandall, distinguished poster artist, painted the poster and Frances Fedden is the model.

LAMA To Hold First Dance Tomorrow Night

Saturday, November 1, marks the advent of the first dance, the school of cadets and invited guests, at the Lockheed Aviation Military Academy. It is the traditional function of the lower class of cadets to organize a dance in honor of the graduating upper class, but as there is only one class in the Lockheed School at present, 42-D, the present class, has taken it upon itself to present their own private affair.

There will be a reception for the cadets and their guests at the Jacksonville Hotel, at 4:45 P. M., followed by dinner at LAMA at 5:30 P. M.

The dance will begin at 8:00 P. M. and continue until midnight. The music will be furnished by Eddie King and his orchestra from Orlando, a ten-piece band, well-known to the surrounding community.

The chairman of the Dance Committee, Cadet R. E. Kendig, declared that there are between seventy and fifty couples expected to attend the dance. An interesting note is the fact that one cadet's guest is coming from York, Penn., to attend the function. The majority of the remaining guests are from Webster County, Stetson University, and surrounding towns.

Special credit should be extended to the Dance Committee, composed of Cadets R. E. Kendig, Chairman A. J. Hammer, and V. A. Dunham, and to the Dances Committee, composed of Cadets K. S. Bromage, H. J. Kennedy, and H. J. Kennedy.

The cadet's guests are: Captain and Mrs. A. P. Sights, First Lt. and Mrs. D. T. Benning, First Lt. and Mrs. L. B. Second Lt. T. H. Watson, Second Lt. E. D. Eaton, Mr. and Mrs. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Lovelock, Mr. and Mrs. Heiberg, Mr. Emerson, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Pigeon, Mr. and Mrs. Betz, and Mr. Paul Leathers.

School Board Recommends 3-1-3 School Millage

The county board of public instruction, on the advice of Superintendent F. N. K. Bailey, has recommended a millage of 3-1-3 for all school districts in Highlands county. This action was taken at a meeting held Wednesday afternoon and is in conformity with the new tax law which requires 100 percent valuation of property with a corresponding lowering of millage. The millage last year for the Avon Park district was 10.

The millage will be voted on, together with the school trustees, at the election to be held on November 4. This election will not be postponed in this county, as has been suggested by Gov. Holland for some counties. Col. Bailey says this applies to any amount they think have not completed their budget or had them approved as yet by the state comptroller's office.

The polls will be open from 8 A. M. until sundown and the two regular precincts will be used in Avon Park. Poll officials have been named as follows: Prec. 1: C. H. Shepherd, clerk; Miss Margaretta Vogt and Mrs. Thekla C. Dille. Prec. 2: L. A. Lester, Armstrong, clerk; L. D. McDougal and Mrs. B. Bea Anderson.

There are five candidates for school trustee in the Avon Park district of which three will be elected. The candidates are: I. H. Ford, Mrs. M. V. Pitcher, Francis Shockley, J. J. Ward and Mrs. J. Pendleton.

The call to the voters to decide the millage for the schools. They do not have to follow the recommendation of the county board and can write in any amount they think is proper. Only property owners and tax payers who have paid their taxes are eligible to vote in this election. A list of the qualified voters has been posted in each drug store in order that any errors can be rectified before the election.

Boy Scout News
Avon Park Boy Scouts met Monday evening and underwent a close inspection. Mr. Mayack and staff officers gave instruction in tenderfoot and second class badges and this was followed by games. After Tap and the scoutmaster's benediction the meeting adjourned. There were 25 scouts present for this meeting.

Next Monday evening at 8:00 P. M. Scout of Honor will be held at Sebring and everyone is invited to attend.

Arthur G. Carratt, Troop Reporter.

Moderator



Rev. Jack Dalton, moderator of the Orange Blossom Baptist Association which will hold their annual meeting here next week.

Orange Blossom Baptist Assn. Will Hold Meeting Here

A number of prominent Florida Baptists are expected here next week to attend the tenth annual meeting of the Orange Blossom Baptist Association which will be held Wednesday at the First Baptist Church. Rev. Jack Dalton is the Florida Convention, which comprises 28 Baptist churches in Polk, Manatee, Hardee and Highlands counties.

The First Baptist church will act as host for the meeting and will serve dinner both days on the church grounds. This is the first time in eight years that the association has met in Avon Park and the speakers will be representing some 1,000 Baptist churches in the state of Florida.

Noted members of the church who will speak during the meeting are: Dr. Solomon, editor of the Florida Baptist Witness; Dr. Chas. Bolton, executive secretary of the Florida Convention; Dr. J. Harrison Griffin, secretary of the Florida Baptist Brotherhood; O. K. Rufford, state secretary of the Florida Baptist Convention; Dr. W. S. Allen, President of Stetson University; and President of the Florida Baptist Convention; and T. M. Johns, superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage at Arcadia.

Included on the program is special music by the Avon Park Young People's Choir of 30 voices under the direction of Prof. E. L. Roberts. They will be heard at 7:30 Wednesday evening.

The meeting opens Wednesday morning at 9:30 with a song period and closes Thursday afternoon following the reports of the nominating and resolutions committees and the election of officers.

Harold McClelland Gets His Wings; Now Lieut. In Air Corps

Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala., Oct. 31.—Aviation Cadet Harold Moody McClelland, Air Corps, U. S. Army, of Avon Park, graduated from the Air Corps Advanced Flying School, Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala. today. He participated in the brilliant military graduation ceremonies on the ramp of the flying field and was presented with his diploma and "silver wings." He was one of 86 students to complete the course in Class EE-41-H, which is the last to be graduated from this field.

Lt. Harold Moody McClelland made an excellent record at the Maxwell Field Flying School, according to Major Clinton W. Davis, his instructor. The Director of Training, he has completed two hundred hours of flying training in Army aircraft, 70 of which have been in low-wing EC-1A and AT-6A airplanes which the students use at the Alabama school. Practice in gunnery, formation flying, instrument flying and night flying are a part of the course. In addition to this, the ground instruction which consists of military organization, signal communications, code practice, combat or a part of the course of junior officers. Infantry drills and ceremonies, and pistol practice. Prior to his coming to Maxwell Field, he was given a commission in the Air Corps as a second lieutenant on October 1, 1940.

Lt. Harold Moody McClelland is stationed at Maxwell Field awaiting orders to be transferred to an Air Corps Tactical Squadron for duty as an instructor.

MORE MILLAGE; HIGHER WAGES IN AVON PARK

COURT ORDER FORCES BIG-GER LEVY ON R. O. N. D. S. COUNCIL VOTES INCREASE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES.

More millage, meaning higher taxes, and increased salaries for most of the city employees were the high lights of the city council meeting Thursday night at which a number of taxpayers were present. S. C. Pardee, former city attorney, claimed ownership to a forty-acre grove in Cherokee Heights and offered \$125 in settlement of all taxes to date. Pardee said he had no more on the city and that it had been foreclosed by the city some years ago and title of record is in the city's name but the city never had any power. He also owned tax certificates on the grove Pardee said and added he had been making care of the grove by sending the fruit. No action was taken on this as Chairman Ed. DeLaney said he did not want to see any more adjustments.

The increase in millage comes through a federal court order on judgments against the city and which the E. E. Crummer Co. are back of. They have come into possession of several of them. There was no action on this regarding the bond problem in which taxpayers freely joined. Some were of the opinion the city should levy enough millage to go over all bonded indebtedness which would be greater than could be paid and hence a tax strike. This was stated by Chairman DeLaney that compromise had been effected with the Crummer Co. whereby they would be satisfied with an additional nine mills for the present. He urged this be done as it had opened the door for further negotiations on the bond problem and something might be worked out in time. No definite action was taken on this. The bond issue will be completed in order to determine if nine mills is the correct figure as Crummer wants an additional nine mills from \$40,000 to \$50,000 and the extra millage must be levied by November.

Charles Betts asserted that Crummer does not want to settle the bond issue as they are just racketeering and \$50,000 levy does not help a thing. C. E. Lanier said it might be hard to operate the city but millage would be paid and the bond issue and bring the entire issue to a head. The money spent on the airport by the previous council was \$100,000 and the city had more for the city and taxpayers than Crummer had got it. The bond situation is a problem and it is the council's, he said and should be well aired and all taxpayers have their say.

Betts claimed the assessments are a part of the tax evil as they are not equitable. He said an outside assessor, he said, and get the assessments right. He said he had been only one commissioner of the city and he had been a citizen committee to work on a bond refund plan. DeLaney made plans for harmony in order that some plan might be worked out.

S. C. Pardee was in and out of the meeting, several times and finally sat at the council table. On the employees salary question the following amounts were finally voted: City Clerk \$160.00; Assistant Clerk, \$75.00; Chief of Police, and Night Police, \$115.00 each; Fire Chief, \$115.00; Assistant fire chief, \$80.00; Street trucks and helpers, \$78.00 each; Park employees, \$65.00 each; Gasoline trucks driver, \$87.50 and helper, \$82.50; Superintendent of public works, \$100.00 plus gas and oil expense. The councilman's and mayor's stipends were left as at present. There has been named for the office, was set at \$400.00 per year. The councilman's and mayor's stipends were left as at present.

In making his claim for tax adjustment on the Cherokee Heights grove, Pardee gave a history of the property. He said it was originally developed by Wignam Development Co. during the boom of 1910-1915. The property was sold to the city which was taken over by Pardee when the banks closed. He could have foreclosed, but he did not. But there was a tax situation involved. It was foreclosed by the city in 1934 in a "friendly suit" when the grove was due in taxes and for the purpose of

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State Press Comments

THE CROSS STATE CANAL

The following taken from Tuesday's issue of the Tampa "Tribune" should be read by everyone who has the welfare of Florida at heart:

SALT IN THE PORK BARREL

We print on this page the text of a remarkable thorough analysis of the proposed Florida ship canal, with particular reference to its effect on the water supply of the area the canal is routed to traverse. This analysis, prepared by competent engineers, appears in a pamphlet distributed by the Association of American Railroads. While the railroads may be accused of having a selfish interest in the canal project, that does not and cannot affect the authenticity and truth of the statements made in this survey.

The canal has been opposed as both economically fallacious and physically dangerous. It is with the latter phase of the question that this analysis deals. We have read the report carefully and we believe the points it brings out are conclusive and unanswerable. We ask our readers to read it and give it unbiased consideration. If they are convinced, as we have been, that the water supply danger is real, we suggest that they make themselves heard in Washington, where the canal project is pending as an item in the rivers and harbors bill.

This rivers and harbors bill is a "pork barrel" measure, involving the expenditure of some \$900,000, most of it in pet projects of members of Congress. The principal item in it is \$27,000,000 for deepening the St. Lawrence river channel to 27 feet. This is a favorite project of the President's who regards it as essential in the program of national defense. The Florida canal is the second largest item in the bill, \$107,521,000. Canal proponents, who maintain a perennial lobby in Washington, were adroit enough to see the advantage of incorporating the canal in the "pork barrel" bill, hooked up with the St. Lawrence project. They figure that the President, eager for the Louisiana improvement bill, will accept the canal, rather than lose the river.

The President, however, is on record as saying no longer ago than August 19: "During the present emergency I do not intend to submit estimates of appropriations or approve allocations of funds for any project which does not have important value in the national defense." It would require a broad stretch of imagination to expect the Florida ship canal from that disapproval. Even the most enthusiastic canal boosters have not and cannot show where it is in any sense of "important value in the national defense."

The rivers and harbors bill is not an appropriation bill. It is an "authorization" measure, and, before any item in it can be implemented with money, it must be considered by the Priorities Board, and approved by that authority before actual appropriation is voted. This is heartening to canal opponents, because it is reasonable to believe that the SPAB will consider each proposition on its merits, as directly related to national defense. If the canal scheme gets by this hurdle, it is surprising to those who have confidence in the business sense of the Board.

However, there exists a real danger that the canal project will go through Congress, on the impulse which "pork barrel" legislation gives to the rivers and harbors bill. Its reception by the President is uncertain. So it behooves Floridians who see both the economic fallacy and physical menace of the scheme to use every medium and influence to get the truth about the canal to the immediate attention of members of Congress.

Here is the article referred to in this editorial:

SHIP CANAL "NOT WORTH ITS SALT"

(From a pamphlet Entitled "Not Worth Its Salt," Published by the Association of American Railroads)

Salt in water—as little as one part of salt to a thousand parts of water—makes it unfit for men to drink.

And plants are just as particular about the water they drink. One part of salt to one thousand parts of water will turn a garden into a desert plain.

That's the first fact to bear in mind about the proposed ship canal across Florida—what salt does to water.

The Florida peninsula is the winter garden of the eastern United States, providing the major portion of the vegetables and citrus fruits which are a vital part of American diet.

Thousands and thousands of carloads of these winter fruits and vegetables are raised during Florida's dry season because the extraordinary natural underground waters of the peninsula make possible irrigation from artesian wells.

Such wells can exist only where there is a layer of porous rock which receives fresh water at the surface, and carries it down into the natural underground storage reservoirs which are tapped by the boring of the wells.

In Central and South Florida, this layer of porous rock which receives and stores the fresh water upon which cities and towns depend for drinking and domestic water, and groves and gardens depend for their irrigation, is the Ocala limestone—because it causes the major outcrop of the rock, where it comes to the surface and receives most of the water it stores deep underground, is located at and near the city of Ocala.

From its outcrop in the neighborhood of Ocala this layer of limestone, described by geologists as being "as porous as a sponge," dips downward beneath the surface of other lands which rest in these precious underground fresh waters.

That's the second thing to bear in mind in considering the proposal to cut a ship canal across Florida—the dependence of that state upon water stored underground in the pockets of porous rock, sealed in by impervious rocks above.

SALT WATER WOULD REPLACE FRESH

The proposal to build a sea-level ship canal across Florida at a cost to the nation's taxpayers of \$197,000,000 to \$150,000,000 is before Congress now.

The ship canal, if built, would pass through the Ocala outcrop of the limestone which stores Florida's underground waters.

It would pass through it for a distance of 25 miles with a ditch 400 feet wide, excavated to a depth of not less than 35 feet below sea level, and not less than 75 feet below the present level of the underground waters in the Ocala region.

Sea water—salt water—would take the place of fresh water from sea level down to the bottom of the ditch, and the fresh water in the Ocala limestone would begin draining away into the ditch—lowering the level of the underground fresh waters.

That much is admitted even by those who favor the project.

But, they say, the ill effects of this lowering of the level of the underground water table, and its possible contamination with salt water, would be offset and checked about 15 miles from the canal on either side.

Even that is serious—a belt of land 30 miles wide, now fertile and productive, which would find itself drained and dried, with its water table lowered and its underground waters, in all probability, contaminated.

And included in that belt are the great Silver Springs, 42 feet above sea level and only three miles from the canal, and the Rainbow or Blue Springs—two natural wonders which, between them, flow nearly a billion gallons a day—more water than the cities of New York and Chicago combined use. The waters of these springs would seek the lower level of the ditch to be dug, although proponents of the canal say that they could be prevented from draining off into the canal by building elaborate underground dams to hold them back.

But, as it was put by the one and only geologist who has said he does not fear the effects of the ditch, the Ocala limestone is made up of a "ramifying" system of ground-water drains which has been developing over a period of millions of years—and who can be sure that the dam and levee proposals would keep the fresh waters out of the canal—or the salt waters of the canal out of the Ocala limestone?

CERTAINTY OF HYDROSTATIC LAW

Serious as they are, local drainage and draw-down of the fresh underground waters and local seepage of salt water into the limestone are but a small part of the danger in this proposal to cut below sea level the level of the fresh water provided by Nature for the underground waters of Florida.

The great danger lies in reducing the head, or pressure, by which the fresh water holds down the vast reservoirs of salt water beneath them, which, all geologists agree, underlies the peninsula of Florida.

Experience with such situations in countries all over the world has demonstrated that where a body of fresh water overlies a body of salt water, as it does under Florida, a one-foot reduction of the head, or level, of the fresh-water will cause the salt water to rise about 38 to 40 feet—depending upon varying differences in density between the two kinds of water. This hydrostatic law and the reason for it, which are beyond the scope of this brief discussion, are accepted and well understood by geologists and hydraulic engineers.

The proposed canal, it is admitted by all, would lower the fresh water head at the canal itself by a minimum of 40 feet—while, under this well-established and universally accepted hydrostatic law, it means that the salt water beneath would rise about 1600 feet closer to the surface.

FRESH WATER WELLS WOULD BE SALTY

And that means, according to most students of the subject, that many fresh water wells which are now flowing under their natural head or pressure would have to be pumped. More serious still, it would mean that nature's delicate balance between fresh and salt water beneath the surface of much of Florida would be disturbed, and that wells which are now fresh would become salt with salt.

Even now, in fact, in seasons of prolonged drought, some wells normally fresh become saline and cannot be used until nature has restored the balance by rainfall.

And yet, it is seriously proposed to disturb this delicate and sensitive balance upon which so much of the plant life—and the human life, too—of Florida depends.

Those who propose it say that the belt in which the lowering of the fresh ground waters would take place would be only about 30 miles wide. That's a little bit of territory—but other students of the subject from the United States Geological Survey, from the Florida Geological Survey and from the United States Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors say that while no man can tell exactly how far out from the canal the harm would extend, it is likely to effect a belt as much as 100 miles or more.

In fact any salt water there is danger it would move further—particularly if it is possible that certain areas of water-bearing underground rocks in Polk and Putnam counties where the head now stands from 60 to 80 feet higher than it does at the Ocala outcrop.

SHIP LINES WOULD NOT USE IT

And what are the supposed advantages of the ship canal for which it is proposed to run such risks?

Its proponents say that it would shorten the line of passage of ships between the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic ports—but the operators of ships say they want none of it. At hearings before committees of Congress in 1937 and again in 1939, no operator of ships flying regularly between the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic ports appeared to say that he would use such a canal—even if it were built and offered for free use as is proposed. A score of ship operators, on the other hand, advised the committee that they would rather sail the open seas around Florida than to crew through the 200 miles of crooked and narrow channels in the Ocala limestone and with incoherent rivers and the rock cuts of the canal.

The canal is urged as a storm-free passage across Florida, but every ship operator who expressed

himself said that in times of storm he would prefer to be found in the Florida Straits—away 40 miles west of the narrowest point, and 1000 feet deep at the shallowest—to being caught in any part of the 200 miles of tortuous narrow, rock-bottomed and rock-banked canal, or the approaches to it at either end.

Is it worth while to run such risks for such a project?

Is it worth while to spend labor and materials to say nothing of from \$397,000,000 to \$550,000,000 of taxes—in the building of a project whose possibilities for harm are so tremendous and so insensible?

Yes—and here is the last fact to bear in mind—once the great bed of salt water lying beneath Florida is allowed to rise up into the underground reservoirs of fresh water which are the very lifeblood of the state, there is no power on earth which can ever turn it back again.

Florida—or at least a large and productive part of the peninsula—would be permanently salted.

EXPERT GEOLOGICAL OPINION

Claims no extensive damage will result from the Florida ship canal:

1. Mr. Sidney Page, Geological expert in employ of U. S. Engineer Corps.

2. Dr. C. M. Menckel, Chief, U. S. Geological Survey.

3. V. T. Stringfield, U. S. Geological Survey.

4. Henry A. Sharp, Geological School, Columbia University.

5. Dr. J. E. Spurr, Former Chief Geologist for American Smelting & Refining Co.

6. Sidney Alton Stubbins, Graduate geologist, University of Texas.

7. Dr. F. H. H. Calhoun, Dean of Geology, Clemson University.

8. Dr. Pools Maynard, Industrial geologist, Atlanta.

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because of that same and the reputation it carried the purchaser knew that the unseen features were as represented and that the car would perform perfectly.

Suppose that while every visible part—the body, upholstery, trim, paint job—were of finest quality, but everything beneath was cheap and of low quality, and when the purchaser tried to drive it the motor would knock, the transmission growl and groan and as far as utility was concerned his bright, new, beautiful car turned out to be a total loss.

Do you think that after such an experience a customer would go back to that dealer and buy another car of the same make? Would YOU? Would you such a disgruntled customer recommend the product to his friends? Would he be impressed by any future advertising of that car or have any confidence in any statements the manufacturer might make?

This month Florida put her new models on the market. Fruit stands and grocery stores in metropolitan areas displayed beautifully packed boxes of what to all appearances was the choicest orange and grapefruit. They were too bright and shiny, their color was perfect and they looked so GOOD that the housewife just couldn't resist them. The price was high, but she visioned the health value of Florida oranges and her mouth watered at the thought of juicy, delicious grapefruit for breakfast. She took it for granted that the fruit would be good another year about it—but, for years Florida has been advertising her tree-ripened, juicy, delicious fruit, and these ads further assured her that the State itself saw to it that no fruit left Florida until it was ripe. They had a special Commission appointed by the Governor to insure that. Every box was carefully inspected; all fruit was checked for sugar and juice content—and certainly anything bearing the fair name of FLORIDA would have to be good.

But what does the trusting housewife feel? When she attempts to prepare her beautiful fruit for breakfast she finds that inside of that appealing outer, artificially colored skin, is nothing but a mess of half dry, bitter meat and about a teaspoon full of quinine-flavored juice. She realizes that she is a sucker and a mope. What she thinks of Florida she doesn't print it as a long day before she lets herself in for another real deal like that, FLORIDA—Don't say FLORIDA to her, brother!

Each year we permit the selfishness and greed of a few ruthless operators to ruin the market, and a vast majority of honest, hard-working people are still, the integrity and honesty of the State itself. We have laws—books full of them; we have inspectors—dozens of them. And still we continue to ship worthless, low, green fruit that even a hog wouldn't eat—and that's SMART.

I still contend that no more profitable way could be found to spend the advertising fund of the Florida Citrus Commission than to carry a full page in every paper published where such fruit is shipped, warning people NOT to buy Florida fruit regardless of the price, because it is green, and bitter, and not fit to eat.

If regulation and inspection and law can't control this evil, let's at least be honest and make some effort to protect the good name of Florida, and stop to insure the shipment of nothing but good fruit. It would make millions of friends for the State and for Florida fruit.

A few selfish, greedy operators wouldn't like such a program. But everybody else would, and we wouldn't have to do more than that. It's GOOD fruit. On the other hand—the heck!—it's shipping FROZEN fruit in all probability later in the season!

The only members present were Chairman DeLaney, S. E. Booth and Miss Mattie Tompkins. The council resumed to meet today tomorrow or to try the additional millage as required by court order.

DeLaney said the city has no right to make an adjustment unless the assessment is out of line with adjacent property. The property was described as all of block D, except lots 1 and 24, in Cherokee Heights.

The monthly meeting of the subject of the League-Sermon will be held on Wednesday at 8:00 P. M. at the home of Mr. J. Paul Garber. There will be no Choir rehearsal this week.

Episcopal Church Services Holy Communion, 7:30 A. M. Sunday School, 9:30 A. M. Holy Communion and Sermon 11:00 A. M. Y. P. S. L., 6:30 P. M. Richard L. Brown, vicar

Churches of Christ, Scientist "Everlasting Punishment" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read in Churches of Christ, Scientist, throughout the world on Sunday, November 3. The Golden Text is: "Whoever exalteth a man shall be brought low; but as it is a reproach to any nation" (Proverbs 14:34).

Among the citations which complete the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: whatsoever man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap everlasting life" (Gal. 6:7-8).

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Believe and Health with Key to the Bible" by Mary Baker Eddy: "Divine Science reveals the necessity of sufficient suffering, either before or after death, to quench the love of sin. To remain in sin day for day, would be for truth to pardon error. Escape from punishment is not in accordance with God's government. Truth is the handmaid of mercy" (p. 38:4-9).

St. Petersburg, Oct. 30 (FNS)—A new song, "Bowl of the Swamps" dedicated to the memory of Stephen Collins Foster, came from a long established music publishing house of Volkwein Brothers, Inc. (Pitts.)

The lyric is by Alycia Ott of St. Petersburg, who also wrote the melodic contours and the harmonization. The song was arranged by Dr. Wendell Ott, recently on the music staff of the University of Pittsburgh, and now Assistant Professor of Music at the San Francisco State College of California.

In harmony with the memorial dedication from front cover of the song is published in solo form, piano accompaniment, carries a very beautiful view of the Swamps River in Florida, and a reproduction of a rare photo of Foster, the only one known to have been made of him, used by special permission of the Foster Hall Memorial of Pittsburgh.

So popular has the melody become that it is now in the third edition of the song book, and is available for mixed choir in solo form.

NEWS AND VIEWS ON ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

Criticism of this nation's arms output continues to mount. According to one of the latest surveys, it will be another year before our military production rivals that of England. In the meantime, we have three times the population of Britain, and have many times the resources of all kinds, it is apparent that we are still a long way from anything resembling an "all out" armament program.

In some quarters it is believed that our actual production may be greater than official announcements indicate—that, in other words, the extent of our arms output is being deliberately played down as a matter of policy. Whether this is true or not, however, a great many authorities are of the opinion that radical changes must be effected before this nation's "arsenal of democracy" dream is even partially realized.

There are three definite factions involved in the defense program. One is the military establishment. Here there has been an excessive overlapping of activity. There has been too much divided responsibility among the military, Navy, War, and Navy Departments. The military, according to informed critics, have put their ideological ambitions ahead of anything else, and the Navy and War Departments have been too cautious, too fearful of losing power. That has delayed the harsh changeover from a peacetime to a wartime basis of production.

The third factor is labor. Here, again, an important segment has split. The labor movement, in its absolute of the needs of the nation. Strikes in defense industries have cost the country millions of man-hours of production. There is the manufacture of unknown quantities of planes, tanks and other weapons of war. In these days, a strike in the defense industry is a vital plant, can stop production in a hundred plants. A late example is the strike in a plant which produces the motor vehicles for motor vehicles. That brought the production of trucks, jeeps and cars to a halt. This particular strike was purely a jurisdictional disagreement between the A. F. of L. and the U. M. W.

It is reported that the President is considering a tremendous "victory drive" involving the spending of \$400,000,000 a year. Some of the more level-headed friends of labor are telling that continued strikes will result in disaster for the nation. There are rumors to the effect that production of heavy consumer goods, such as motor cars, may come to a virtual standstill in a few months. What will come of all this remains to be seen. In any case, it is plain that the tempo of America's war effort must be tremendously accelerated if we are to produce the goods which the beleaguered Allies require, must have if

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Fun for the Whole Family

BIG TOP

WHAT AFTERNOON AT THE COOK HOUSE, HAL HAD A CHANCE TO TELL JEFF BANGS ABOUT THE VISIT TO THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.



HE HAS COME OUT OF HIS COMA NOW BUT HAS COMPLETELY LOST HIS MEMORY. HE'S STILL IN A VERY SERIOUS CONDITION AND MAY HAVE TO STAY THERE FOR MONTHS!!



"LATER, AS HAL WAS PREPARING FOR THE 'WILD WEST' CONCERT--



By ED WHEELAN

LALA PALOOZA A Great Help



By RUBE GOLDBERG



By C. M. PAYNE

MESCAL IKE By S. L. HUNTLEY



Maybe That's Why Muley Sold Him



By J. MILLAR WATT



Camp Cavalcade

SHADOWY figure in a cave of American history--such as the man behind the names of the great army commanders scattered all over the United States, where young Americans are taught to be soldiers in order to defend their country when the need arises.

If, for many years, Uncle Sam's soldiers have been the best equipped for any of the world, much of the credit for that fact belongs to the man for whom Camp Holbrook near Baltimore, Md., is named. Samuel B. Holbrook, a native of Connecticut, was graduated from West Point in 1888 and after several years' service on the frontier was appointed captain and assistant quartermaster soon after the outbreak of the Civil war. Much of his service during that conflict was in Maryland and West Virginia as chief quartermaster in various divisions and corps of the Union army. After the war he was chief quartermaster-general of the United States army, a position which he held until he was retired in 1900. At that time it was said of him: "General Holbrook was ever alert to the needs of the army and while occupying the position of quartermaster-general he introduced many reforms to improve the condition of the soldier's life, supplying them with comforts and conveniences which soldiers could scarcely have dreamed of 25 years earlier."

S. B. Holbrook

Our confidence in the confidence which we have in ourselves gives birth to much of that which we have in others--La Rochefoucauld.

By RUBE GOLDBERG

OW, MY JEWEL CASE WITH \$200,000 WORTH OF JEWELS!

Camp Gold near Wakefield, Mass., is named for a journalist and soldier, Curtis Gold, (1880-1915) who was born in Boston and succeeded his father in the ownership of the Boston Commercial Bulletin. He was brigadier-general of the Massachusetts militia at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war and after being mustered into the volunteer service was inspector-general of the department of Havana in Cuba. General Gold was elected lieutenant-governor of Massachusetts in 1902 and served two terms.

Camp Michie at Del Rio, Texas, honors the memory of Virginia-born Robert E. Lee Michie (1866-1918), who was graduated from West Point in 1885 and served in the cavalry at various posts in the West. During the Spanish-American war he was adjutant-general of the department of Havana in Cuba and served in the Philippines in 1902-04. At the outbreak of the World war he was made a brigadier-general of the national army and was commander of the Fifty-third infantry brigade at Camp Meade, S. C.

Camp Calles, near San Diego, Calif., bears the name of Maj. Gen. Robert Emmet Calles, born in Maryland in 1874 and now retired. He saw his first active service in the Puerto Rican campaign in 1898. As chief of staff of the army artillery of the First army of the A.E.F., he won the I.S.M. for having "developed the heavy artillery regiments under his command into combat units of remarkable efficiency which proved to be of the utmost value during the St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne offensives."

Heroes of World War I, both officers and enlisted men, have provided names for numerous training camps. There is Camp Elliott near Boulder City, Nev., which recalls the services of Maj. Gen. William Leiber Elliott (1880-1932) the Alabama engineer who built the Gatun locks and dam in the Panama canal, for which he received the thanks of congress, and who commanded the First division of the A.E.F. in France under General Pershing.

There is Camp Edwards near Fort Meade, Mass., named for Maj. Gen. Clarence E. Edwards (1880-1931), commander of the Twenty-Sixth ("Yankee") division of the A.E.F. who was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for having organized that division and commanding it with distinction during all but 18 days of its active service at the front from February 4 to November 11, 1918.

"A trait to one of the nation's is unforgettable. The greatness of this superb effort to raise an army that will be truly national needs the heart with fire and pride. These molten pools of manhood have been poured into the crucible. The steel is being forged, the lightning metal tempered and welded. I think it will be the finest army the world has ever seen, because it is a true cross section of a nation."

Christopher Morley, writing from Camp Dix, October 24, 1917.

WE FOUND A BETTER WAY

SEWING MACHINE INVENTED THE SEWING-MACHINE IN 1852. A HOLE, SEWING HIS SEWING MACHINE DESTROYED IT.



THE BETTER WAY TO BREAK DOWN WHAT ONE OF THE PROVERBS "SAYS" IN THE DIT IS TO CORRECT THE CAUSE OF THE TROUBLE WITH A DELICIOUS CREAM, SWEETENED, ALL-DAY... EAT IT EVERY DAY AND YOUR BODY OF WATER.

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Boy Scout Court of Honor To Be Held Here Monday Night

The court of honor of the Boy Scouts from Lake Placid, Sebring, Avon Park and Frostproof, will be held at Sebring Monday night.

The program will be opened by an invocation by the Rev. S. A. Boyce. The presentation of colors will be by the Sebring troop and pledge of allegiance by Fred Wild. E. G. Todd of Avon Park will make the welcoming speech to the parents and will state the function of the court.

In the presentation of awards A. B. Whitte will make the statement of procedure. M. Jordan will make the first and second class awards.

Merit badges will be presented by M. V. Filcher, M. M. Perusse and the Rev. S. A. Boyce. A. B. Whitte will make the star award and the life rank award. Banners will be awarded.

Speaker for the evening will be the Rev. R. I. Brown. At the close of the address, there will be retirement of the colors by the Sebring troop. A scoutmaster will lead the scout oath.

The public is urged to be present.

AVON PARK PLANS HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

Score of Radio Stars Secured For All-Day Celebration, Is Legion Project

Planned on a larger scale perhaps than that of any similar undertaking in Avon Park or the Ridge Section for years and with groups of some of the nation's popular radio stars in the South to appear in person on the stage, announcement has been made for an all-day and evening Music Festival and Armistice Day celebration to be held at Avon Park, Tuesday, November 11. The affair will be staged at the ball park grounds, where accommodations are being provided for several thousands.

The event will be under the sponsorship of the American Legion in conjunction with promoters who have conceived similar large-scale outdoor rural entertainment projects in Kentucky, Alabama and Tennessee including the famous Princeton (Ala.) homecoming celebrations and the colossal Snead Grove meets of 25,000 and over. The program will include not only numbers and themes patriotic, it is announced, but will range from comedy to classic. There will be a night program.

The radio stars for the event, as far as announced, will include the widely known Norman Beasley group, with its variety of music and comedy and depicting manners and customs of country and cowgirl life. And suggestive further of the announced purposes of the managers to go to the top of the entertainment stage for the day's talent, arrangements have just been perfected securing the "Sunny Soiree" vocal quartet of Tampa, perhaps the South's most popular and certainly among the topranking vocal artists.

From correspondence and contacts with other American Legion bodies and otherwise an attendance is anticipated of many thousands for their first time to hear and see in person those figures of the air, music or otherwise, whose names are household words and whose voices are familiar for a thousand miles but to scores of thousands of people who have never seen them in person.

Highlands County Students At FSCW

Tallahassee, Oct. 30.—Twenty students from Highlands county are registered at Florida State College for Women which is experiencing its highest fall enrollment in history with 1985 students. All 67 counties are represented at the state college this year where students from 15 other states as well as Brazil, the Canal Zone, Chile, Cuba and Puerto Rico also are enrolled.

The Highlands county students listed according to cities are as follows: Avon Park: Dorothy Hughes, Ruth Elizabeth Whit.

De Soto City: Emily Barrow, Clara Evelyn Pearce, Ruth Myrtice Pearce, Martha Twitty.

Lake Placid: Betty Jane Ozer, Dorothy Evelyn Sims, Gloria Irene Waters.

Sebring: Mildred Hoston, Anne Perry Bolter, Virginia Updike.

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high minded nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy. — 1 Timothy 6:17

SEBRING MAN ENGINEERS BIG GROVE PURCHASE

ARCH UPDIKE TO HEAD COMPANY TAKING OVER ALCONA GROVES AT LAKE WALES FROM THE HECKSCHER ESTATE.

Tampa, Oct. 30.—Growers may have greater confidence in the future of their own industry when "Yankee" bankers are willing to invest nearly a million dollars in it, according to A. R. Updike of Sebring. Updike arrived here by plane this morning from Boston after closing the purchase for himself and associates of the 2500 acre Alcona properties at Lake Wales, scheduled by the late August Heckschere.

The deal for this property is the largest single transaction for grove property in the history of the Florida citrus industry. It involves the largest grove in one block under one ownership in the State of Florida. It is composed of more than 154,000 bearing citrus trees, more than 51,000 of this block bearing Valencia trees. This block of Valencia makes it also the largest Valencia grove in the state.

In addition to the trees, the property includes one of the largest and most modern packing houses, eighty dwelling houses, machine sheds, cultivation equipment, etc. The transfer of the property above the purchase for himself and associates of the 2500 acre Alcona properties at Lake Wales, one of the largest citrus processing units in the state. This assumes the new association of a satisfactory outlet for its canning grade production.

The transaction to Updike and his associates was handled under the auspices of the F. L. Putnam Company, one of the outstanding investment banking houses in Boston. Updike himself is the largest stockholder in the new organization; will act as president-manager of the operation.

The fact that we have been able to complete a transaction of this magnitude on Florida citrus property has caused many bankers to think of the future of our state and industry. It is an action which should hearten all Florida growers and strengthen their outlook on their investments.

"This property is the largest grove in one body under one ownership in the state. There are 154,000 bearing citrus trees including over 51,000 Valencia trees which in itself is the largest Valencia grove in the state. The property represents an investment of about \$3,500,000 made by the late multimillionaire August Heckschere. The purchase makes a good deal for all concerned at the price of nearly \$1,000,000 which changed hands after all the bids and ends were buttoned up."

One of Oldest Groves "The Alcona grove is one of the oldest commercial groves in the state. The planting of a substantial part of it dates back to 1900. Additional blocks were set out in 1910 and 1912. The planting of a large part of the original plantings were of Temple oranges. All but 100 acres of the Temple trees have been cut and replaced with other varieties at the present time.

"The picking records for the past five years indicate will over 400,000 boxes per season. The estimated 450,000 boxes on the trees which will mature this season is an confident and cultivated. The parties agree with and related to proper management and operating practices the production can be increased to reach a million boxes a year from 800,000 to 1,000,000 boxes per season within four years."

John Kachage "The sale of the Alcona tonnage in the future will be handled by the Florida Citrus Exchange, I have made this selection freely and without prejudice. I believe in co-operative marketing sincerely as the ultimate solution to the problems of the Florida citrus grower. And I believe that the facilities of the Florida Citrus Exchange offer growers the best all-around representation and service available in the industry."

"The organization has asked me to accept a seat on their Board of Directors to help work out the policies of the organization in cooperation with other growers on the Board. I would be glad to lend my best efforts to the development of the industry in this manner."

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WHOLESALE ARRESTS FOLLOW HOOK RAIDS

Nine Arrested On Liquor Violation Charges, Five Make Bond

The most far reaching and effective drive ever made against the sale of liquor in Highlands county was put on by Sheriff E. G. Long yesterday and last night with the aid of two representatives of the State Beverage Department and a representative of the Federal Revenue Department.

Cash bonds in the amount of \$1000 were taken out four of the parties arrested and five balance are being held in jail in default of \$250 bond. Sheriff Long stated last night, except in the case of George Morris, Avon Park pool hall operator, charged with possession of liquor for sale who was released on a \$200 paper bond signed by Max Wild and Gus Carrot.

W. Cook, said to be the operator of the "Eight Ball" joint at De Soto City was arrested on a warrant charging him with operating a place where liquor is sold. He put up a \$250 cash bond.

Henry Parker arrested at the same place on the same charge in jail in default of a similar bond. Allen Keith arrested at the same place on a similar charge and is also in jail with his bond set at \$250.

B. M. Smith, said to be the operator of the Cox Pool Hall in Avon Park was in jail charged with selling liquor. His bond was also set at \$250, and this was made.

Mr. Betty Harder and her son, Robert J. McComb, owners of a pool hall at Lakewood, were arrested on a warrant charging illegal sale of liquor and put up \$250 cash bond.

Fred Mettrey, operator of the City Cafe in Sebring was released under \$250 cash bond.

George Wood, Avon Park pool operator arrested last week charged with selling liquor was tried Monday and convicted. He is in jail with the alternative of paying \$250 or serving six months in jail.

Three Sebring women were arrested on warrants charging sale of liquor. One pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$250, her daughter pleaded not guilty and was released on her own recognizance. The other woman was released due to her health on her promise to appear for trial.

Several other warrants were served this morning too late to get the particulars before going to jail. All of the arrests were made, Sheriff Long stated, "after sufficient evidence had been obtained to justify the issuing of the warrants and I am determined to keep on obtaining warrants and making arrests as long as there is any sale of liquor in the county."

Motorists Asked To Save Old Car Tags

Tallahassee, Oct. 30.—The Federal Government, through the Conservation Section of OPM, has requested that all persons cooperate with State License Tag officials in the conservation of 1941 and previous year tags.

Conservation of old tags is not compulsory but merely a request, says Henry J. Driggers, Motor Vehicle Commissioner, and he is notifying all tag agents to request owners of 1941 license plates to turn in their old tags to the tag agent, upon purchasing 1942 tags, or as soon thereafter as possible. Driggers says that in early spring trucks will gather these old tags and carry them to Raleigh, where they will be packed and held for disposal by the Government during the present defense emergency. Mr. Driggers makes it plain that the saving of old tags is purely voluntary but he hopes that each owner will cooperate in this emergency, as it will mean the saving of general hundred tons of steel.

Motor Vehicle Commissioner Driggers has been notified by the Conservation Division of OPM that there is a scarcity of steel in the following language: "It is also hoped that measures will be taken by the States to provide some means of a substitute for 1943 tags inasmuch as it is very doubtful that steel will be available for the purpose."

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Sherman Deplores Misused Heroes

By Dr. John H. Sherman President of Webster College

Belmont Park, Fla., October 28.—American statisticians, notably Sir Charles A. Lindbergh, are being used in a way that tends to attribute universal wisdom to the popular hero. But we have not learned—either from bitter exile or equally bitter experience.

Because Henry Ford grew rich at his expense, flooding the roads with cheap cars, we allowed him the impudence of posing as an authority on international affairs. His "Peace Ship" will be remembered by the oldsters, was to end the first world war by Christmas of 1915. The Peace Ship reached Europe. The war ended in 1918.

Because the beloved Thomas Edison lighted our lives with light and sound, we allowed him the luxury of telling us how to reform the banking system. His "color" was an ancient fallacy with a ripe history trial and failure. But we could not believe that "a genius" man could mislead us. Instead, public pressure was put upon Congress to adopt the "Edison plan."

The latest specimen of this public indulgence in uncritical hero-worship is Charles A. Lindbergh. A young man of very limited experience, and with a poor educational record on his scanty general education, this mechanically minded athlete was in 1927 the sixty-third person to fly the Atlantic, but the first to do it without a passenger. The stunt was not so difficult as it appeared, so no scientific epoch-making as was Heriot's across the English Channel in his biplane and chessboard "flying machine" in 1910.

But it caught the imagination of the American public. Overnight he became an "authority" on commercial aviation, military aviation, airplane design and motor construction. There is no evidence that any manufacturing company has ever modified its policy or its plane design as result of his suggestions, but it paid them to buy the use of his name with cash and with official titles, just as it has paid automobile companies to get out of the business of producing drivers. What then has been the

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history of his expert authoritative recommendations and reports?

(1) The Army Air Service, responsible for results, has had occasion to compare and contrast between recommendations of Lindbergh and of Major de Bessy and found the lower ranking, foreign born de Bessy the more practical and efficient.

(2) At the time of the Munich Conference, Lindbergh asserted without qualification that British aviation was vastly inferior to the German. His assertions did much to weaken the British stand on that occasion. The fact? The British R. A. F. has completely outclassed and outflung the Germans throughout the war.

(3) Throughout the war period Lindbergh has emphasized the poor quality of Russian aviation equipment and flyers, and the superiority of the Germans. The facts? The Russians have maintained air superiority over approximately 3 years of the Eastern front and have stood off the Luftwaffe on the other hand. Aviation has in fact been in the field in which Russian have shown fully equal.

So we find the popular idol not truly expert even in the field of his questionable exploit. But he certainly should know all about routes and maintenance, so in January 1941 Congress consulted him. He advised that of all possible air routes between America and Europe the one over Greenland would be the poorest and the hardest to maintain. He said he had made through study on the spot, and that this was his well considered opinion. Since then (Greenland) routes has been found safe, economical and satisfactory, performed by service pilots; and the Greenland route are routinely and satisfactorily maintained.

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