

A WEEK OF THE WAR

Twenty-six nations, including the U. S., Britain, Russia and China, signed an agreement under which military and economic resources in a flash fight against the Axis and against any aggressor who might attempt to dominate the world. The nations also subscribed to "a common program of purposes and principles" embodied in the Roosevelt-Churchill "Atlantic Charter."

The signatories of the declaration include Australia, Belgium, Canada, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, the Dominican Republic, Salvador, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Poland, South Africa, and Yugoslavia. The declaration may, it is said, be "adhered to by other nations which are, or may be, rendering material assistance and contributions to the struggle for victory over Hitlerism."

The War Front
The Navy said it had evacuated Cavite and the Army announced Japanese troops entered Manila which earlier in the week had been declared an open city by General MacArthur, commander of the U. S. Forces in the Far East. Before entry of the Japanese, American and Philippine troops were withdrawn and all defense installations removed or destroyed.

General MacArthur earlier reported the enemy had "overrun" the city, schools and other civilian installations in Manila. He said he declared an open city, whereas they had only attempted bombing military installations previously. The President said, however, that the Philippines Islands, which they had only slightly damaged.

Production For War
OPM reported \$78,212,000,000 has been authorized for war purposes. The President told a press conference that although war spending is at the rate of 27 percent of the estimated 1942 national income of \$285,000,000,000, production will be stepped up to meet the need by July 1, the rate will be spending at the rate of \$300,000,000 a year or half the national income.

Asked about reports that Canadian, British and U. S. production would be stepped up to meet the need in the end of the lend-lease program as such, the President said that military resources have been pooled since the Japanese attack. The matter of repayment would be adjusted, he said, and would largely depend on where the articles sent other nations were used.

Ships
The Maritime Commission said the ship-a-day goal in launchings of new ships has been reached and the second quarter 1942 delivery should reach two ships a day. The Commission took over 16 Finnish ships that have been tied up in U. S. ports. The Navy announced launching of a destroyer, a floating workshop and a minesweeper, and said boats were laid for two more destroyers. The Navy also said it is converting the French liner Normandy into an auxiliary.

Labor Supply and Training
President Roosevelt denounced as "stupid" and "unjust" the increasing discharge of loyal, efficient workers in American industries "simply because they were born or because they have foreign-sounding names." He said such unfair discharges endanger "the very discharge and dignity with which our enemies are counting."

OPM Associate Director Hillman announced almost 2,500,000 persons have been enrolled for training for war industry work since July 1, 1940. He asked vocational schools to expand their courses to permit use of all their facilities on a "round-the-clock" basis. Some contractors are planning to employ as many new men in the next six months as they have in the last eighteen, he said.

Auto And Tires
The OPM banned all sale of new passenger cars and light trucks until after the SPAS approved an OPM plan to halt production of these vehicles "within a few weeks." The temporary ban on the retail sale, delivery, purchase, or lease of new passenger cars and of new light trucks is for the following purposes:

1. Transportation of material and equipment for the building and (Continued on page five)

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AVON PARK TIRE RATIONING BODY IS ESTABLISHED

Gives Rules And Regulations Governing Those Eligible To Secure New Tires And Tubes.

Local Tire Rationing Board No. 27-1, Avon Park, State of Florida, has established an office at the Chamber of Commerce building in this city, and will be given to the public the meetings of the Board will be held at this office from time to time.

The jurisdiction area of this Board has been defined by the Highway Council Defense Council as comprising legal subdivisions number 1, Highlands County. The members of this Board, appointed by the Office of Price Administration, Washington, D. C., are: W. L. Williams, Chairman, C. B. Cannon, S. P. Longbottom, and alternate members: Leon Regalado and S. S. Thayer.

A closed conference with tire dealers in this district is going on at the moment to go over the details of the system which will be used and they were selected as representatives to serve as an advisory committee to the Rationing Board.

O. P. M. regulations prohibit a change in tire installation, but allow the inspector to charge a fee up to fifty cents for removing and replacing a tire when it is necessary to change a tire. The following inspectors for Avon Park district were named by the Defense Council: E. H. Green, E. Ray Wells, Albert Garrett, J. E. Turner, I. H. Ford, L. R. Waters.

Handling of Applications
Under the system agreed upon between the Board and the dealers, this is how the applications will be handled:

1. The man who wants to buy a tire goes to his dealer and there obtains and fills out an application. The dealer takes it to the following inspectors for Avon Park district who are named by the Defense Council: E. H. Green, E. Ray Wells, Albert Garrett, J. E. Turner, I. H. Ford, L. R. Waters.

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3. The dealer then takes the application and notifies the applicant by postcard. If it approves, the car owner then goes in person to the dealer and gets a certificate which permits him to buy the tire. It is good for only 30 days.

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5. On a vehicle which is operated by a physician, surgeon, visiting nurse, dentist, lawyer, and which is used principally for professional services.

6. On an ambulance.

7. On a vehicle used exclusively for one or more of the following purposes:

1. To maintain fire fighting services;
2. To maintain necessary public police services;
3. To enforce such laws as relate specifically to the protection of public health and safety;
4. To maintain garbage disposal and other sanitation services;
5. To maintain mail services;
6. On a vehicle, with a capacity of not more than two passengers, operated exclusively for one or more of the following purposes:



REAL FLORIDA ORANGES played a big part in the 1942 Orange Bowl classic at Miami on New Year's day. Left to right, Quarterback Cliff Kinsey and Center Bill Goodwin of the University of Georgia and Right-end Phil Rosh and Captain Bill Crawford of Texas Christian making a spectacular entry onto the field through a curtain of oranges.

Red Devils Twist Wild Cats Tails Here Tuesday Nite

The Avon Park Red Devils and Devilettes gave the Wausau White Cats a hefty twist Tuesday night in a double header basketball game at the Armory. The tom cats were sent home with a trouncing of 33 to 13 hanging on 'em but the pussy cats did a little better but had to take a 23 to 12 defeat home with them.

In the boys game the visitors were ahead in the first quarter and the scoring was close at the half. The Devils drove ahead in the last half and finished with plenty of points to spare. Ed Williams was high scorer with 14 points and Ed Sherman came a close second with 10.

The Devils were ahead all through their game and never gave their opponents a chance to catch up with them.

The Devils first string consists of Ed Sherman, captain; Jack Williams, alternate and James Pordes, Albert Wester and Wendell Smith. The first string Devils are: Tom Martin, captain; Robbie Lee Hart, Mildred Bernard, Madge Pinder, Marjorie Wells and Mary Townsend.

Lake Field plays here tonight in a double header, the game having been changed from there on account of the weather.

Harold Hayes Is Aviation Mechanic

Sheppard Field, Texas, Jan. 8.—Beginning the first part of a course that eventually will give him a rating as a qualified aviation mechanic, Harold Hayes, of Avon Park, today is enrolled in the Mechanics School at Sheppard Field, Texas.

Private Hayes, attached to the 31st School Squadron, began class work Jan. 1 and is scheduled to graduate in May. The son of Mr. Wiley H. Hayes, Lake Wales, Fla., attended Brookville High School.

At present, Private Hayes is in the last week of school and is studying the basic phase. Before he qualifies as one of the eight specialists necessary to keep one plane in the air, Private Hayes will have undergone intensive training designed to give him a complete working knowledge of the battle field.

Entertainers Radio Artists Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Murphy had as their guests Wednesday night for supper Roy Acuff and the Smoky Mountain Boys of Nashville. The radio artists had appeared in person the same evening in Sebring and stopped off here with the Murphys while en route to Lakeland. In the party also were the Williams sisters and Rachael and brother Oswald. Both hosts and guests spent a very enjoyable time.

Red Cross Party
Mrs. Walter R. Stiles, local Red Cross chairman, announced this morning that the Joannara Hotel and guests are giving a benefit party for the Red Cross on Tuesday, January 20. The affair will be held at the hotel and is scheduled to start at 8 o'clock. Further details will be announced later.

SCHOOL HAD AIR RAID PRACTICE ON WEDNESDAY

Pupils Are Safer In School During Raids And Cannot Leave For Home, D. R. Reeves Says.

The student council under leadership of Leon Shumaker and supervision of Dr. R. N. Reeves perfected this week air raid instruction. The first practice was held in the high school building Wednesday afternoon. The elementary building will hold a similar practice early next week. The elementary teachers met Friday and worked out necessary steps for the practice.

During the first practice all students moved orderly to the central part of the building. This has been suggested by central defense officers in order to protect children from flying glass in case of a bombing. No student will be allowed to leave building during an air raid or practice. The students are taking this practice very seriously.

Eight boys have been appointed to man the fire hose of the school during practice period. All hose were tested and put in condition Wednesday morning before the drill. Boys in charge of this and known as fire wardens are Desmond Roberts, Chairman; Sanford Hart, Alta Prissell, Cecil Skipper, James Lawson, Dorothy Williams, Winifred Dornier, and Gregory Godwin. These wardens will assist in discipline in the halls as well as children passing into and out of classrooms. They will guard all outer doors so that no student may leave the building.

The student council, under the supervision of Dr. Reeves, is doing a good job and the parents should feel that their children will have the best protection possible in case of a local emergency. Parents are requested to remain calm in such an event and not try to get to the school building and late children home. The children will be safer at school than out on the streets going home.

Governor Holland has proclaimed the week of January 5 to 12 "Florida Aviation Cadet Week" during which he urges young Floridians to give serious consideration to flying as a career. Flying tax payers are urged to support the aviation service and peacetime opportunity.

Miss Chandler Was Buried Here Sunday; Died In Orlando

Funeral services for Miss Elizabeth Chandler, 28, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. L. W. Chandler, who died Friday night in an Orlando hospital, were held Sunday afternoon at three o'clock from the Methodist church here. Rev. C. R. Migheloff of Jacksonville and former pastor of the church here officiated. He was assisted by Rev. G. S. Roberts, present pastor of the church. Interment was in Highlands cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: L. D. McGilchrist, E. Ray Wells, L. D. Gieger, Charles L. Shepherd, C. E. Ginn, Jr., and S. S. Thayer. Honorary pallbearers were: J. M. Lee of Tallahassee, J. B. Hart of Orlando, Dr. H. V. Worme of Sebring, Col. F. N. K. Bailey of De Soto City, Mayor M. E. Covington, C. H. Walker, J. F. Martin, G. D. Grier, D. G. Perry, J. S. Francis, Floyd Hougham, and C. H. Shepherd.

Miss Chandler was born at Lake City on August 24, 1913. She attended school in Avon Park and graduated from the Florida College for Women at Tallahassee. She taught school in Avon Park for two years and was on the faculty of the Brookline school when she became ill, necessitating her removal to the hospital at Orlando where she has been for several years.

Besides the parents, the deceased is survived by one sister, Mrs. W. R. Carter of this city.

Mrs. Maxwell Is P. T. A. Speaker

Using as her subject "Home: The Foundation for the Community," Mrs. T. H. Maxwell will be the speaker for the day at the P. T. A. meeting Thursday afternoon at the high school auditorium. She stressed the fact that the influence of some home touches the life of every person, and that home is the place where the foundation for our way of life is laid, and also where people learn to live together. She also stated that the home is the first line of defense for our nation.

Mrs. Raleigh Lawhorn, program chairman for the year, introduced Skipper, Ruth C. Weeks, Secrecy Gribble, James Purdie, Arthur Gregory, Charlotte Orr, Kylene Williams, Winifred Dornier, and Arnold Godwin. These wardens will assist in discipline in the halls as well as children passing into and out of classrooms. They will guard all outer doors so that no student may leave the building.

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Mrs. Stodden made the announcement that the next meeting would be the Founder's Day program and would be held February 12th at eight P. M. in the school auditorium.

Mrs. E. G. Todd, chairman for the membership committee sent a report stating that in the P. T. A. had 175 members to date.

First Aid Classes Start Here Tuesday

The Highlands County Defense Council is appealing to men and women to take the standard first aid course. Defense council officials state that Red Cross headquarters in Washington are demanding that all teachers in the school, all employers and employees of public utilities take the first aid course in case of an air raid or other emergency.

A first aid class will start in Avon Park next Tuesday at 7:30 P. M. The class will be under the direction of Mrs. J. M. Huber and will be held twice weekly, every Tuesday and Thursday night.

Those interested are asked to contact Ben Stewart or any other member of the defense council.

COUNTY SAVED LARGE SUM IN CRUMMER DEAL

Refunding Fees Settled At Big Discount And Time Warrants Issued To Pay The Bill.

Highlands county commissioners saved the county \$11,060 of the first bond issue of E. Crummer & Co. on the recent refunding of the bond debt of road and Bridge District No. 8, Tuesday when they passed a resolution to issue \$15,000 in time warrants to pay the debt at a discount.

The total amount owed Crummer on the refund was \$24,885.00 and their representative was present at the meeting of the board and agreed to accept \$13,825 as full payment if the county would pay by January 15. The board voted to issue the time warrants which will bear a four percent interest and will be sold to the county bond trustees at par so the county will be paid into the county bond interest and sinking fund.

County Attorney M. R. McDonough reported that all the right-of-way for Federal Route 19 has been secured by the county except some parcels of land between the southern limits of Sebring and the northern limits of Avon Park. He recommended that the county start condemnation suits at once on that part along the south and west shore of Lake Jackson.

A newspaper man present at the meeting called the board's attention to the fact that it had been stated by reliable sources that the Federal Bureau of Roads would be paid into the county for roads except those specified by the Army and Navy as "must defense roads," and that there is little likelihood of any more road contracts for paving being let on route 19 until after the present war emergency is past. He urged that the state road board will not in the future use convict labor on grading federal aid roads because the state can save seven cents per yard of dirt moved by contracting the grading because it costs the state 22 cents per yard to grade the roads with convicts and not help on the cost of work done by prisoners. If the grading is done by the state, the federal government pays half which cuts the cost to the state to 15 cents per yard.

According to statements made by reliable sources the state in the future expects to use prisoners on roads which are not in the federal aid class. This means that the present state road camp will probably be moved to another point on route 19 when the grade is completed between DeSoto City and Sebring.

Under this arrangement the contract that was let on December 11 for the paving of the 12 miles of route 19 in the south end of the county is the last work that will be started on an important highway until after the war.

If such is the case any money paid out now for right-of-way by the county will be a loss.

Tax Payers Meeting
A regular meeting of the Avon Park Tax Payers Association will be held Tuesday evening at the Florida Public Service Co's customer room. The meeting is called for discussion, including the present tax millage and the bond sinking fund. Flying tax payers is urged to be present.

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BLACKOUT PLANS COMPLETED FOR THIS COUNTY

Air Raid Wardens Named And Instructions Issued As To What To Do In Case Of An Alarm.

A complete air raid warning system for Highlands County has been set up with Howard G. Livingston, Sebring attorney, as county air raid warden, who reports the machinery is complete and ready for a real or trial blackout any time.

The signal for a blackout in Avon Park will be a long, waving 2 minute blast on whistles and sirens. An alert lights will be turned off and wardens will enforce lights out in all residences and business buildings.

District Air Raid Warden Albert Baumberger of Lakeland met with local members of the civilian defense council Monday afternoon and assisted with completing the organization for the county.

Mr. Baumberger stated that it is not known whether a trial blackout will be called for Highlands County by the Army but he urged that all arrangements be complete so one could be staged this week if the Army should request it.

Mr. Livingston announced yesterday that the following are the chief wardens in Avon Park, Jim Collier in DeSoto City and Tom Bosman in Lake Placid.

Wardens appointed to assist Mr. Whitcomb in Avon Park are: Jack Head, L. D. McGilchrist, W. R. Carter, W. F. Crow, and C. H. Shepherd. W. W. Sherrett, Warren McFarland, Willford Hill, William Williams, Robert Boveil, L. C. Harper, Monroe Powell, "Booker" Crane and others will be added later. Nathan Packard has been named warden for the Collier district.

To eliminate the chance of accidents during blackouts, Mr. Livingston stated, the public is urged to strictly observe the rules and practice the same as though an actual raid is in progress.

Wardens and police will patrol the streets and make a record of the effectiveness of the blackout and it is hoped that the practice will enable the people to follow the rules without inconvenience. Mr. Livingston stated.

It is hoped that an announcement of the time set for the actual blackout can be published in this newspaper, but if that is not possible, every citizen is asked to go to his bed and to turn off the lights in his home as in total darkness, but that their neighbors home is in total darkness, likewise.

The blackout is to continue until the all clear signal is given on the radio. It is given though 11 minutes after the "Blackout" signal may be announced over your radio that the Commanding General in Tampa has given orders that the danger has passed. The local warden cannot give the all clear signal until it has been officially communicated to him by his superior. This information taken from a pamphlet furnished as a guide to insure uniformity in Air Raid precautions throughout the Fourth Corps Area and in order to coordinate the activities of Civilian Defense agencies within the Fourth Corps Area and the Third Interceptor Command. Material has been extracted from "Air Raid Warning Systems" and Blackout Pamphlet, which has been given to the Office of Civilian Defense. For more complete information, consult your radio.

1. The Commanding General, Third Interceptor Command is the sole authority in the Fourth Corps Area for the issuance of the Civilian Defense. The responsibility for execution rests with the warden and the office of Civilian Defense in cooperation with the State and local Councils (Continued on Page Eight.)

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ANOTHER SUGAR GRAB

At a time when the nation's taxpayers are toiling up steep sides of their calvary, the Western beet and the Louisiana cane sugar producers have compounded another shameless raid on the treasury.

They have jammed the Fulmer-O'Mahoney amendment to the 1937 sugar act through the house and the senate and now it is on the way to the White House.

The bill would increase the so-called benefit payments to growers (on crops not produced) from 60 to 80 cents per 100 pounds. This is roughly a 33 1-3 per cent increase. What it would mean to the taxpayers is simply this: A multimillion dollar increase in the subsidies they are paying to a bunch of high-cost, uneconomic producers. And the subsidies would be paid for crops NOT produced at a time when the fire in the Far East has automatically removed from the American market the vast sugar tonnage formerly thrown onto it by the Hawaiian and Philippine growers.

Can the taxpayers afford this generosity, especially at this time when every bit of money they contribute to the treasury should be going into guns and tanks and planes to equip the armies and navies and air forces, including their own, which are marshaled in the fight against the Mikado and Mussolini and Hitler?

Obviously not. The president should veto the bill. It is a pleasure, meanwhile, to note that the United States Sugar Co., which works the Everglades, is on record as wanting no part of this grab bag. In fact, its president, Clarence R. Bittling, has been protesting against benefit payments to all but family-sized farms, since 1937. Because of the Florida soil and climate, among other factors, the United States Sugar Co. is a low cost, economic, producer, and in testifying before a house sub-committee in April of 1941, Mr. Bittling brightened the record with this statement:

We here and now, once more, object to legislation that legalizes a raid, by special interests, on the public treasury, even if, as present legislation now provides, we are entitled to membership in the raiding party.

A little more of this kind of philosophy in Washington would have defeated the present sugar bill before it got to the White House. But it was lacking, even in wartime, and a very selfish chapter has been written into the record just as all of us everywhere are supposed to be tightening our belts for the supreme effort against the Axis.

—Miami Daily News.

HUMAN INCONSISTENCIES

The Oregon Coast country is among the most sparsely settled areas of the United States. Delinquent taxes have always been a problem in this section.

In spite of that, the people of some Coast counties have been induced to adopt a socialized power program, and are preparing to eliminate from their tax rolls one of their few large taxpayers—a local power company—which for years has been giving this section low cost electric service.

All the pressure of the great Federal power socialization bureaucracy has been used to bring this about. The private citizens who pioneered electricity in the Coast area, are to be kicked out and the Federal monopoly is to go in. This is just another step in the power socialization program that was inaugurated with the TVA.

The situation is really beyond understanding. Every storekeeper, every newspaper, every bank, every farmer would object to the same tactics being applied to his own business. And yet they vote for a move to drive their neighbor out of business.

We are giving our lives to destroy dictation from abroad, while we accept at home a domestic form of bureaucratic encroachment on, and destruction of individual initiative and opportunity which a communist ends equally as devastating to the freedom of the individual and the savings of investors, as do the policies of the dicta-

tors abroad.

To anyone who sincerely believes in the American form of government, this growth of bureaucratic domination of the individual, is indeed disheartening—the fact that people accept it calmly and apparently without analyzing the implications involved, is a tragedy.

—Industrial News Review.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

By RUSSELL KAY

In his inspiring "Over in My Corner," editor O. A. Brice of the Lake Wales News tells of encountering a motherly looking soul of past middle age sitting alone in a quiet nook at the Mountain Lake Sanctuary. Engaging her in conversation, he learned that she had tragically lost her husband a few months ago and his passing came only a short time after the loss of their only daughter. Then came the war and her two sons, all she had left, found service, one with the Army and one with the Navy. It seemed that her entire world had been blacked out.

Then she remembered a trip to Florida a few years ago when things were brighter. With her husband she had visited Bok Tower and she saw as in a vision the inscription she found there by John Burroughs: "I come here to find myself. It is easy to get lost in the world."

What a hope that inscription offered. It seemed to grow upon this weary soul until she determined to act upon its promising message. So again she journeyed to Lake Wales, as she expressed it, to the one spot where she might "think her way through" and eventually find herself.

This week I attended a conference of officials representing various Florida attractions, those outstanding beauty spots that annually offer inspiration and pleasure to visitors from all over the world, such as Dupree Gardens, Rainbow Springs, Bok Tower, Cypress Gardens and others. The question in the minds of all was what effect the restrictions on tires and motor cars might have on travel to Florida, and attendance at points of interest this winter.

Would people continue to visit such places? Could Florida expect to attract tourists this season? Should we as a state, and such attractions individually, continue to advertise and invite visitors or should we close down and quit trying?

If there ever was a time in the world's history when such "sanctuaries" are truly needed it is now.—Mankind is nearer his God in a garden than anywhere else.—The peace and beauty and restfulness serve to quiet the troubled soul and generate the faith and hope we need and must have.

I think the story of the troubled soul described by editor Brice will prove typical of countless others and I feel that Florida offers a haven today that stands with outstretched arms to comfort and encourage a nerve-racked and burdened people.

Florida with its flowers, its pure air, its scenic beauty and its healthfulness, can contribute much to the nation's strength and morale in these troubled times.

Let us make even more attractive and beautiful these enchanting havens and let the whole world enjoy and benefit from them. Millions of overburdened executives and workers sooner or later will arrive at a point where to continue efficiently and effectively they must take a brief period for rest and recreation. Dazed and dizzy from the mad pace that war has set, they can in a few weeks "find themselves" in Florida and return to their jobs, refreshed, revitalized and prepared to carry on as before.

Just as our President from time to time finds it necessary to leave his desk and seek recreation in Florida, so will millions of co-workers eventually turn to us for renewed strength and energy.

Florida seeks to take no one from this work. Florida is one hundred percent behind the all-out effort to win the war. Florida already is doing her part to help win it.

But Florida is blessed with life-giving sunshine, with all that gives health and strength and courage. So today we say "When you have reached the limit when you need rest and recreation, come and let us minister to your needs. We will put you back on your feet, give you a new strength and new vision and send you back to your job refreshed in mind and body."

From the standpoint of rest, health and recreation, the nation needs her "playground" today as never before. Come and "FIND YOURSELF."

Church Notes

ST. CATERINE'S CATHOLIC

St. Catherine's Catholic Church, Avon Park, Fla.

First, third and whenever, fifth

Sunday: Mass at 8:30 a. m.

Second and fourth Sunday: mass

at 10:30 a. m.

Rev. J. H. Cann, pastor

First Methodist Church

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

Church school 9:45

Morning Service 11:00

Evening Service 7:30

Young People's Meetings 7:00

Mid-Week Prayer Service 7:30

Choir practice, Wednesday night

following the prayer service.

CRUMBLE OF THE NAZARENE

Sunday school, 10:00 A. M.

Morning service, 11:00 A. M.

Rev. P. E. S. 8:45 P. M.

Evening service, 7:30 P. M.

Prayer meeting, Wednesday's

at 7:30 P. M.

W. D. Craft, pastor.

United Congregational Church

Dr. Alfred C. Elliott, Pastor

Sunday School at 9:45 A. M.

Topic for adults: "The Hopes of

Men Realized in Jesus." Morning

worship service at 11:00 o'clock

with sermon by Dr. Elliott, who

will speak on "New Altars."

Story-telling for the children:

"The Fun of the Palm" Come, and

Join your prayers with ours for

America and for our boys in the

service.

The Young People's Pilgrim

Fellowship will meet at the Church

at 6:30 P. M. Windy Hood will

lead the meeting and Madge Phi-

lippier will introduce the topic: "Who

Decides For You?" Young people

are especially invited to attend this

meeting.

The Ladies Aid will meet at the

Church on Wednesday at 3:00 P.

M. Children's Church rehearsal on

Wednesday at 4:00 P. M. The

"Quiet Hour" service will be held

at the Church on Wednesday at

7:30 P. M. An inspirational wor-

ship service with a brief address

by the pastor.

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. S., 6:30 P. M.

Richard I. Brown, vicar.

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maintenance of public roads;

3. Transportation of material and

equipment for the construction and

maintenance of public utilities;

4. Transportation of material and

equipment for the construction and

maintenance of production facilities;

5. Transportation of material and

equipment for the construction of

detention houses, facilities and mili-

tary and naval establishments;

6. Transportation essential to

water, roofing, plumbing, heating

and electrical repair services;

7. Transportation by any com-

mon carrier;

8. Transportation of waste and

scrap material;

9. Transportation of raw ma-

terials, semimanufactured goods

and finished products, including

farm products and foods, provided

that no certificate shall be issued

for a new tire or tube to be mount-

ed on a truck used (a) for the

transportation of commodities to

the ultimate consumer for per-

sonal, family, or household use; or

(b) for transportation of materials

for construction and maintenance

except to the extent specifically

provided by subsections 2, 3, 4, 5

and 6 of this section (a).

(c) On farm tractors or other

farm implements other than auto-

mobiles or trucks for the operation

of which rubber tires or tubes are

essential.

(g) Industrial, mining, and

construction equipment other than

automobiles or trucks for the op-

eration of which rubber tires or

tubes are essential.

If representations are made

to the procurement of tires, the

person making them will be sub-

ject to federal criminal prosecution

with strict penalties. In addition

to that, his name is put on a black-

list and he will not be able to make

another application for the dura-

tion of his license.

The board was advised of the

January quota for their district.

The county's quota of 46 trucks and

bus tires, 26 passenger tires and 62

inner tubes, is split as fol-

lows: Avon Park District 33 1-3-5,

Sebring District, 33 1-3-5, and Lake

Placid District, 33 1-3-5. The

board used as figures for the num-

ber of cars and trucks the estimate

obtained from R. X. Drott, license

tag agent.

The dealers advisory committee,

told the board that dealers would

not take applications from persons

who do not appear to come within

the rationing rules. The application

goes to the board of the district

in which the car or truck is housed.

Now Start The Law Is

Ben T. Stewart, chairman of the

county Defense Council showed

how strict the regulations are.

"Even those who are entitled to

new tires must show that they need

them," Mr. Stewart said. He also

added, "This thing is to help win

the war. A man who gets tires

can't sell them or transfer them."

Competing with sixteen other

Florida licensees, Miss Eula Packer

of Ft. Lauderdale was chosen

"Sweetheart of the Air Corps" at

Miami Beach last week.

Public Health Committee Will Honor Notables

Gainesville, Jan. 8 (FNB)—Dean

Walter J. Matherly, president of

the statewide Public Health Com-

mittee, stated today that Dr.

Thomas Farran, surgeon general of

the United States, and Mrs. Spe-

sard L. Holland will be honor-

guests at a dinner which will be

the highlight of the conference on

"Health in Home and National De-

fense."

The conference will be held in

Orlando Jan. 16-17 and is sponsored

by the Public Health Committee,

whose officers urge every patri-

otic citizen to attend.

This will be Dr. Farran's first

speaking engagement in Florida

since he became surgeon general

six years ago, and Dean Matherly

pronounced it "an outstanding event

in Florida public health annals."

New Juice Plant For Lake Wales

Lake Wales, Jan. 8 (FNB)—Neg-

otiations for the construction of

a citrus concentrates plant at Lake

Wales were practically completed

this week. Concentrated fruit juices

will be purchased by the Surplus

Marketing Administration and the

new plant will be financed by the

Farm Credit Administration, it

was announced.

Capacity of the new plant, its

cost, and other details have not

yet been made known, but it is

understood that it will be a sizable

institution and will supply citrus

concentrates for use of Allied

forces, primarily for export.

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BLACKOUT

Honey-moon

By JOSEPH McCORMICK

THE STORY SO FAR: Larry Corbett, a young doctor, has just married the beautiful, blonde, and very beautiful, Miss Anne, by taking her to marry him. They are now on their honeymoon, and are staying at the home of his parents, which is a very nice place.

Larry rose without a word, and Jacqueline likewise. She remembered the order and allowed the sunlight to hang limply in her hand, making a pool of light on the floor in which she and Larry stood. Trapped.

"Now then, Miss," directed the voice, "throw that package on the floor, over this way. No fiddling. Pitch it!"

Before she could comply, she was conscious of a lightning-like move by Larry. The torch was knocked from her hand. She heard its shattering crash on the floor and the room was in darkness. She knew instinctively that Larry had hurled himself in the direction of that voice.

There was a red stab of flame. A report that almost stunned her with its intensity.

She frightened to cry out as she listened. There was the sound of falling steps, the whirling of bodies. A vile epithet. Men panting. Then Larry's breathless:

"Jack! Run!"

Blindly she groped her way to the door. Some it was. She could not leave Larry. She must do something!

Before she could collect her wits, she heard a peculiar thump, the sound of a body falling. She gave a scream of fright when she felt a hand clutch her. Then Larry's reassuring:

"All right, dear. Hurry. Get that package!"

"Oh, yes!"

"Feel!" He was almost dragging her. Up the steps, across the clearing, plunging recklessly through the brush, along the fence.

"Larry!" she called breathlessly over her shoulder. "Are you all right?"

"Sure."

Now they were in the car and Larry was driving. He was on the main road. This time, he did not turn on the lights but drove swiftly through the darkness. At the fork, he turned, he peered through the back curtain.

"Look!" he called excitedly. "We don't have much time. Go!"

He gave a scream of fright, and, "I guess he couldn't stand that. Sensitive."

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"You tell me! I didn't mind the money, but I swore, if I ever had a chance, I'd see to it that my father's name was cleared. If the package we got tonight is what I think it is, it's all we need."

"Do you want to tell me what it is?"

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"Under the hearth."

"Exactly. And I grew more suspicious when I learned that this other fellow had bought our old place and was camping close by. The fact that our house was empty. . . . Well, it gave me a hunch. Maybe this guy knew of those records. He couldn't find them, but he wasn't going to take a chance of some bright fellow finding the place and stumbling on them. If he were playing such a game, the stakes were so high that he wouldn't stop at anything to win. Guess that sounds rather fantastic. It took me a long time to figure it out."

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who put most of the savings into it.

"I know," Jacqueline said again. This time, she was thinking of Vincent's daughter.

"I was out of school when the crash came," Larry went on. "Dad had already been rather lavish with money as far as I was concerned, and I never bothered my head where it came from. . . ."

Here, he was interrupted as nearly as could piece it together and from what Mother told her after I got back. She didn't live so very long after the old gentleman . . . died."

"You told me that. Are you all right, Larry?"

"I'm making out. The process proved a failure. The company went into liquidation. . . ."

"I thought Dad had saved them. They brought suit against him."

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"Yes, I do," was the grim response. "I don't suppose I could ever prove that. But I can't get away from it. The whole thing was hushed up too quickly. I hope it's

the same. . . ."

"Oh, what is it?" Jacqueline clutched at his arm. "You've tried to talk too much. Are you faint, dear?"

"Just a bit woozy."

"Of course, I'll get you home . . . get Vince. . . ."

"Don't talk, dear. Just drive."

It seemed hours to Jacqueline before the roadster came to a stop in Cleveland street. She saw into the house where she found Vince, wide-eyed and pacing restlessly up and down her living room.

"Slipped!" he cried anxiously. "Where in the world . . ."

"Don't wait to talk, Vince," she panted. "Larry is on the way. He's hurt. Help me bring him in!"

"I've got to get that book to Hattie," Larry groaned. "He's waiting up for me."

"Vince can take it to him. Come now. I'll help you."

And in spite of himself, Larry was escorted into the apartment.

"Cut that package open and let me see those books," he ordered. "All right," was his comment, when he had leaped through a few pages. "Vince. You know where Hattie lives?"

"Sure."

"Take those books to Hattie. Don't let anything stop you. Then wait there. Vince. You don't fail me, will you, old man?"

"No chance. Shall I take the car?"

"Leave it to me. I don't want to call a cab here. It's pretty dark yet and I don't think anybody'll spot the bus out from here. Just as soon as Jack ties me up . . ."

"Mrs. Cutler."

"Glimpses those books," Vince said gruffly. "You're both of you crazy."

By the time Larry had eased himself painfully out of his coat, Jacqueline was at his side with a basin of hot water and clean clothes.

"Cut the shirt, while I take it easy a minute," Larry suggested. He seemed back with his eyes closed.

"It's a load of my mind to get those books away. They've got to be safe. Vince, a regular little campaigner. Jack. You must be dead for sleep."

"If you weren't hurt, I'd say it was the nicest and most exciting time I ever had," she told him lightly. "Now for coffee." How strong was Larry this way, and how wonderful!

After sipping his coffee, Larry repeated again to Jacqueline that he must rest a few moments longer. She promised to sit close beside him. And he might hold her hand too.

CHAPTER XIV

The next thing Jacqueline remembered was hearing a sharp rapping on the apartment door. She sat up with a start, to find Larry on one elbow and staring about in a confused fashion.

"It's only somebody in the house," she whispered.

"Why, Jack, you're late to sleep," Larry was beginning uneasily, when his words were cut short by another rap.

"Open up," said a quiet voice. "Larry motioned to his wife to go to the door. She opened it, stepped back with a faint exclamation of dismay.

Standing there was Lieutenant Frank Staples. And peering sharply over his shoulder . . .

Old Martin Jacobs, who sold her the Southern Furnace stock.

One-Dish Meals

by Lynn Chambers

Serve One-Dish Meals at Smart Budget-Stretcher (See Recipes Below)

Appetite Appeal Plus

Dens in the budget? Appetites wilted after the rich foods of a well-up of the double holidays? Well, you can smooth and stretch your budget, and at the same time perk up the faded appetites by smart, simple, easy-to-manage one-dish meals.

Here's a parade of palate-bringing recipes with which you can sprighten along even with the slimmest of budgets.

To stretch that food dollar, you can use leftover meats and vegetables that are called for in these casseroles. Yes, and what especially nice about them is that they're tops in vitamins and minerals because they're fortified with those perfect foods, milk and butter. As you're pouring out the milk from a can of condensed milk, you're adding a little extra richness and bursting with health-giving qualities.

Here's a meat-in-a-dish which will be a banquet butter and bread crumb topping to recommend it:

One-Dish-Meat.

2 cups diced carrots (9 medium carrots)

1 1/2 cups diced celery

1/2 cup medium potatoes, pared and sliced

1 tablespoon butter

1 tablespoon salt

1 cup meat stock or 1 bouillon cube in 1 cup hot water

1 teaspoon salt

1/2 to 3 tablespoons grated onion

1 cup peas (canned or fresh)

1 cup diced leftover meat

1/2 cup sliced bread crumbs

1/2 cup buttered bread crumbs

Cook carrots, celery and potatoes separately in boiling salted water until tender. Melt butter, blend in flour, add milk and meat stock. Cook over direct heat, stirring constantly until sauce boils and thickens. Add salt. Combine sauce with remaining ingredients, except bread crumbs, in a buttered casserole or baking dish. Combine crumbs and melted butter, sprinkle over surface. Bake in a moderate (350 degrees) oven 35 to 40 minutes.

Cabbage, one of winter's best vegetables, is featured in this casserole of tuna or salmon.

Scalloped Tuna and Cabbage.

2 cups boiling water

2 cups chopped cabbage

3 cups rich milk

1/2 pound American cheese

1/4 cup sour

1 teaspoon salt

THIS WEEK'S MENU

Cream of Mushroom Soup
One Dish Meal
Green Bean Salad
Bean Muffins
Apple Betty with Pomey Sauce
Milk
Tea
Coffee
*Recipe Given.

salmon and put in buttered casserole. Top with crumbs and bake in moderate (350-degree) oven 20 minutes.

Meat Pie.
(Serves 6)

1 pound ground beef

1 onion, chopped

Salt and pepper

2 1/2 cups green beans, cooked

1 can tomato soup

4 large potatoes, cooked

2 cups diced milk

1 beaten egg

Brown onion in hot fat, add meat and seasonings. Brown and add green beans and soup. Pour in greased casserole. Mash potatoes, add egg, milk and seasonings. Scoop over meat and bake in a moderate oven.

Baked potatoes and salmon are a favorite cold weather combination, but here you've got to think of blending the two.

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A WEEK OF THE WAR

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and heavy trucks will remain in effect until January 15, at which time a permanent rationing program will be put in effect.

OPM delegated to the Office of Price Administration authority to withhold all new tires except for essential health, safety and industrial services. OPM set up three rationing boards in each county of the nation and issued regulations providing no tire can be obtained even for "essential" uses unless a local garageman appointed as an inspector has certified the need. The local board has approved the application and the number of tires sold in each county is within the county quota. New tires were doled as those used less than 1,000 miles. No new restrictions were placed on the sale of retread or recycled tires.

Prices
Price Administrator Henderson set maximum manufacturer's prices for household cooking and heating stoves and for cigarettes, and issued a temporary schedule for rugs and carpets. He sent a letter to all wholesalers and retailers of sugar stating the responsibility for keeping stable the price of sugar now rests with the limited practical era. He set top prices for 38 grades of imported green coffee, and revised previous schedules for some 1,800 fats and oils, as well as Douglas fir, cedar, paperboard and cotton goods.

Opportunities For War Service

The War Department announced it will employ American-born civilian pilots between 21 and 46 to ferry aircraft from U. S. factories to nations receiving Lend-Lease aid. The Air Corps will train a limited number of men 20 to 27 years old in meteorology. Both groups may receive Reserve Commissions. Third and fourth-year medical students and first-year inferns may obtain Reserve commissions in the Army and Navy, and will be permitted to complete their medical training before being ordered to active duty. Between 200 and 300 additional commissions in the Naval Reserve Civil Engineers Corps are available for college graduates with limited practical engineering experience. Former non-commissioned Marine Regular and Reserve officers may re-enlist in the rank held when last discharged, if they have not been out of the Corps more than four years.

The Maritime Commission lowered admission requirements for maritime cadets and cut their training time in half. The Civil Service Commission issued a call for thousands of stenographers needed urgently for national defense work in positions paying \$1,440 a year to start. Applications may be obtained at any first or second-class post office.

Army
The War Department authorized return to active duty by February 1 of all inactive enlisted Reservists—the majority former trainees and National Guardsmen recently released from active duty. The Department said it will continue voluntary enlistment of men from 18 to 35. The Department adopted a uniform system for temporary promotion of all officers on the basis of merit.

Attorney General Biddle ordered all Japanese, German and Italian allies to surrender to local police authorities by 11 P. M., January 5 all radio transmitters, short-wave radio sets, cameras, and firearms of any description. Mr. Biddle mandated regulations governing travel of an alien enemy to permit limited movement in certain cases where special permission is granted.

Agriculture

The Department of Agriculture reported supplies of agricultural commodities are at a high level with record production of many

BLACKOUT PLANS COMPLETED FOR THIS COUNTY

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of Civilian Defense.

2. Air Raid Warnings will be sent direct to the Civilian Defense District Air Raid Warning Centers that he in the probable zone of advance of hostile planes, for notification of interested authorities and special defense establishments and industrial plants. In order to insure prompt receipt of warnings other than by tactical means, Army and Navy permanent administrative installations located in the several Defense Districts will maintain contact with the Civilian Defense District Air Raid Warning Center, Directors of Civilian Defense Air Raid Control Centers will also be responsible for ordering the sounding of sirens and alerting their Civilian Defense Districts.

3. All "NIGHT ALERTS" will be "blackouts." Only districts in the probable zone of advance of the attacking force will be alerted or "blackout cut" except when ordered by the Commanding General of the Interceptor Command decides that neighboring districts should also be alerted or "blackout cut." The "all clear" will be sounded only upon orders from the information center of the Interceptor Command.

4. General blackouts over extensive areas will be ordered only upon direction of the Commanding General, Third Interceptor Command, Drew Field, Tampa, Florida.

5. Commercial radio broadcasting will be shut down when ordered by the Commanding General, Third Interceptor Command, through the Federal Communications Commission.

6. Visual and radio aids to the surface navigation will be discontinued upon orders of the Admiral commanding the Southern Naval Coastal Frontier, Charleston, S. C., when requested by the Commanding General, Third Interceptor Command.

7. The following Air Raid Signal will be used:

(a) Long wailing, 2 minute blast on whistles and sirens.

(b) All clear signal will be a steady 2 minute blast on sirens and whistles.

8. Steps to be taken prior to blackout:

(1) Pass legislation necessary to enforce blackout.

(2) Arrange to supplement fire and police protection.

(3) Place markers showing location of air raid shelters and first aid stations.

(4) Insure that all civil agencies required to operate during blackout procedures to prevent showing lights visible from the air.

(5) Provide method to prevent visibility of traffic signals from air.

(6) Organize Air Raid Warning System and insure that arrangements are made to receive warning from Warning District.

(7) Conduct an educational drive to teach public what to do during blackouts.

(8) By business houses, factories and individuals.

(9) Covering for windows should be provided where lights must be used during blackout.

Double doors with proper covering should be provided for entrances to these buildings.

(10) Auxiliary lights (candles, oil or electric lanterns, power lighting systems) should be provided and kept available for use in case of blackout.

The general level of prices received by farmers during the month ended December 19 was 42 percent above the corresponding period last year. OPM granted farm equipment manufacturers 63 percent of materials used in 1940 for new machinery and 150 percent of 1940 materials to produce spare parts.

of power failure, where work must continue uninterrupted during blackout.

(3) Fire fighting equipment, such as 2 fire extinguishers, fire buckets, and buckets filled with sand, should be readily available and frequently checked to insure that it is ready for use.

(4) Location of nearest cutoffs for gas, electricity and water should be known and necessary tools located in an accessible spot, so that they may be cut off promptly when damage to the building requires this action. Prior to the restoration of the service, the lights should be kept on to prevent accidents due to open burners or fuses.

(5) Important installations should be protected by sandbags, mattresses or other means. Materials should be on hand for use in the replacement of damaged windows, etc., pending permanent repair.

10. Precuations during blackout:

(a) Unprotected lights should be extinguished.

(b) Wardens and police should be held to a minimum. Vehicles must travel without lights visible from the air.

(c) Movement of vehicles and pedestrians should be held to a minimum. Vehicles must travel without lights visible from the air.

(d) Vehicles should travel as slowly as feasible to prevent accidents.

11. Action after blackout.

(a) Check all blackout devices and repair all damaged as soon as possible.

12. Notice to be displayed in street car, store windows, taxis, and other prominent places as follows:

Blackout

1. When you hear a long, wailing, 2 minute blast on whistle and siren, BLACKOUT and get off the streets.

2. Extinguish all lights visible from the air.

3. Warn others.

4. If driving a vehicle, pull over to the curb and stop.

5. Keep streets clear for emergency traffic which must travel without lights.

6. Don't smoke in the open.

7. End of blackout is signaled by steady 2 minute blast on sirens and whistles.

Watch Turncoats

Warns Sherman

By Dr. John H. Sherman

President of Webster College

Babson Park, Fla., Jan. 8—We are all united now—but we are better be careful! Consider our inner danger, and a problem arising from it.

Four short weeks ago a large and energetic minority was directly favorable to Germany as against Britain and Russia. They favored Italy against Ethiopia, Japan against China, and Vichy against Free French. Their customary sort of a speech was "When England and France attacked Germany." They habitually called our president a "warmonger." They opposed lend-lease to Russia, and repeatedly urged that they consider Hitler and Germany far preferable to Stalin and Russia.

These people meant what they said. They believed America was drifting toward participation on the wrong side in this war. They did everything they could to swing American sentiment in the direction which Berlin and Rome openly proclaimed was most favorable to the Axis.

Even in the details of their attitudes they showed un-American feeling. The stronger among them stirred up Anti-Semitism while the little fellows mouthed hatred against the negroes. Thus by inventing his own particular narrowness or envy all contributed to Hitler's planned disruption of American unity.

Then came Pearl Harbor and the declarations of war against us by Japan, Germany, and Italy. How have these people readjusted? The checkup of the leaders is highly revealing and points the need of caution and suspended judgment. Here it is:

Senator Wheeler, who has a distinctive record of mistakes made, frankly confesses to one more called for all-out effort to "beat hell out of them"; and wheeled into line. He did it instantly.

Gerald Nye, the first Jew-baiter, promptly showed his honesty by accusing President Roosevelt of maneuvering Japan into an impossible position and thus forcing a war. Then he returned to his Senate duties and to silence. He did it promptly.

Clark of Missouri and Hamilton Fish each asked for active service in the armed forces. This somewhat obscured the fact that the F. R. I. had uncovered a cash payment accepted by Fish's office from a Nazi propaganda office. But they swayed no instructions. Both acted promptly.

Senators Bone, Hiram Johnson, and Clark of Idaho swung into line for war, but soon singularly convinced that the important enemy is Japan rather than the Axis; while Senators Walsh and Reynolds subordinated to silence within the very important committees which they had purely by reason of seniority. All these decided promptly.

Of the most active women,

Kathleen Norris without a platform in saying nothing. Laura Ingalls is in prison. The F. R. I. saying she took Nazi money, looked her up.

The two La Follettes expressed loyalty and became singularly silent. Even the sensational Phil, with his fascist organization and his cross and circle symbol which looked so swastika-like in the background as he ranted and raved, now is still. But they exhibited very promptly, as free agents making their own decisions.

But what of the figurehead—the flaming orator—the suspected Quaker—the gaudier that conceivably still may be? At first a complete silence, so long continued that many concluded that at last he was to take his medicine. Then, twenty-three days after Pearl Harbor, he offered to resume service with the army from which he resigned, in the cause which he was unapologetically committed.

Why this offer? And why the twenty-three days' delay in making it? The safety of the Nation demands that we consider the possibility that orders were awaited.

As Dorothy Thompson has well reminded us, Laval and Derlan both went through the full form of a sacrificial defense of France, in his laboring with their conquering friend at the end of the day.

Others acted with the instant decision of free agents. Lindbergh

waited twenty-three days. Why? The Secretary of War said that the Army's policy is to accept the services of any person whose training and abilities suggest a probable capacity for good service. But there are two other essential elements in capacity for good service—wholehearted loyalty, and the ability of comrades to feel confidence.

The F. R. I. should carefully investigate Lindbergh's probable loyalty. The personal division should consider cautiously how many officers will willingly serve under him. Then, if accepted, he should be put where essential information is scarce and where attitudes and action can be closely watched.

African Mahogany May Grow In Fla.

Vero Beach, Jan. 8 (FNS)—Six years ago a specimen of African mahogany was planted experimentally at McKee Jungle Gardens as a short, and in that short time it has grown to a height of 40 feet and has a circumference of over 30 inches. So amazing has been its growth that scientists believe commercial plantings of mahogany in Florida would prove profitable and enable this state to supply huge quantities of this valuable wood that must now be imported. Large areas of the state are believed to be adapted to its successful growth.

Opens Filling Station
Engle, Contractor has opened the new filling station just east of the Coast Line tracks on the Mall. Besides a full line of Sinclair gas, oil and grease products. Dampier says he will handle motorbikes and cold drinks.

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