The Highlands Pilot

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AVON PARK BADLY IN NEED OF CONTINUOUS ELECTRIC SERVICE

One of the greatest needs of Avon Park today is better lighting facilities and an all-day current. We are not knocking the Florida Ice and Power Company, for we believe it is doing all it can with its present equipment to supply our needs, but Avon Park has outgrown the "one-horse shay" period and the time is at hand when steps should be taken to gives us better service and an all-day current. This could be done, even with the present high cost of material and labor, at an expenditure that would justify the Florida Ice and Power Company in extending its line from Frostproof.

If this city had day and night service, the use of electrical appliances here would be greatly increased and a considerable amount of patronage in the way of supplying power could be secured. This office needs day current for power, our garages are handicapped without it, at least one of our machinists or blacksmiths would become a patron, the two barber shops would use more or less "juice" during the day, packing houses might be induced to electrify and we do not believe there is an office or business house in town that would not install one or more fans. It is safe to assert that with day current enough additional patronage could be secured to pay a handsome interest on the additional capital invested.

It is but a matter of time when the present company will be compelled to give Avon Park 24 hour service or meet competition either from a municipal electric plant or one installed by private capital. Even now there is talk of a new plant and it would require but little urging to induce some or our apitalists to form a company for the purpose of installing a plant to furnish light and power for the city and its enterprises.

The present company has its lines as far as Frostproof and we are informed by good authority that the extension could be made to this city at a cost of approximately $2,000 a mile. It does not require an expert mathematician to solve the problem of an income sufficient to justify the investment. One has but to look around the town, note the new buildings going up, take into consideration our rapidly increasing population, consider the class of people who are making investments here, count our enterprises that would be glad to use electric power and think of the number of fans and electrical appliances that would be used, had we twenty-four service, to see from what source the revenue would be derived to make this a paying investment.

This is an age of progress and Avon Park people are not behind the times in progressiveness. In fact, the Scenic Highlands, from Haines City to Sebring, are developing more rapidly than any other section of the state. It is growing by leaps and bounds and the development as of a permanent nature. Avon Park is bound to become a large, thriving business center and we believe that if the officials of the Florida Ice and Power Company will take these facts into consideration they will see the handwriting standing out so clearly on the wall and take immediate steps to reap the harvest that is coming in the near future.

Since the above was written one of our prominent citizens informs us that in a recent conversation with an official of the Florida Ice and Power Company, he was assured that the only reason for delay in extending the line from Frostproof was the inability to secure material. We trust every effort possible will be made to give us this badly needed improvement in the near future. We have within the last two weeks lost one new industry of considerable importance that wanted to establish here, but used electrically driven machinery and could not do so.

O. E. S. SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

Leigh Chapter No. 85, Order of Eastern Star, held a school of instruction in the Masonic Temple Thursday of last week, Grand Matron Mrs. Alice E. Schultz, of Sarasota, and Past Grand Matron Mrs. Lulu M. Scott, of Fort Meade, being present. Local Stars were in attendance in full strength and there was a sprinkling of visitors, from neighboring Chapters. The meeting was an enthusiastic one, resulting beneficially to all who attended.

The lodge room was beautifully decorated with cabbage palms, holly and spruce, white and pink roses mingling with the green, giving an artistic touch of color pleasing to the eye and speaking volumes for the artistic taste of the decorative committee. In the east and west ends of the room cabbage palms were placed, sprays of holly lending an additional charm to the effect. The four pillars in the center of the room were entwined with jasmine and over each window was placed a twig of spruce, blended with white and pink roses.

A delicious luncheon of boiled ham, fruit salad, saltines, mince pie, cheese, coffee and cake was served and at the close of the school in the afternoon cake, pie and coffee were enjoyed.

As a fitting close to a most enjoyable day, a special meeting of the Chapter was held in the evening.

Town Council

The town council met in adjourned session Dec. 5, at which time the newly elected officers took the oath of office and organization was completed. George F. Kellogg was elected president. Various reports were received and accepted. Chairman of the various committees were appointed as follows: C. E. Lanier, finance; A. V. Anderson, street; C. N. Ott, sanitary; O. E. Wolff, light and water. Attorney Rouse was instructed to draw an ordinance regulating street traffic and the street committee was instructed to purchase wire baskets for use as garbage baskets and place them where needed. Current bills were audited and ordered paid. Adjourned to meet Dec. 12.

Business Meeting of Congregational Church

The annual business meeting of the Congregational church was held Monday night and the following officers elected:

George F. Kellogg, trustee for three years.

Miss Ethel Dickinson, clerk.

J. R. Bennett, treasurer.

J. R. Bennett, Sunday-school superintendent.

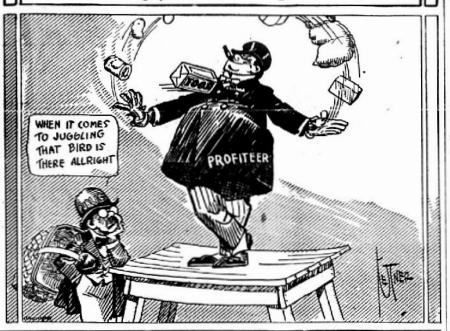
James Boyer, assistant superintendent.

W. S. Butler, auditor.

The annual church reunion meeting will be held Thursday evening, Jan. 8.

It was voted to increase the pastor's salary to $1,000 a year.

Waiting for Something to Drop



BELIEVES IN FUTURE OF AVON PARK

We are in receipt of a letter from Congressman H. J. Drane, the sentiment of which we are sure will be appreciated by our readers as fully as it is by the writer—especially that portion referring to the future of this city and section. The letter:

"Washington, D. C., Dec. 1, 1919.

"Mr. George W. Adams, Editor The Highlands Pilot, Avon Park, Fla.

"Dear Mr. Adams:—

"Upon my return to Washington this morning, at the close of a very pleasant visit to my Congressional District, one of the first papers to greet me was The Pilot of Nov. 28. I have watched your newspaper career in Florida with very great interest and I am now writing to wish for you an abundant measure of success in your new location.

"Avon Park is destined to be a town of very great importance at a very early date and I am convinced of this by observations which I have recently made. I am sure you have made a wise selection and trust that you may be as much enamored of the country as I have been.

"With very kind regards, I am, dear sir, yours sincerely,

HERBERT J. DRANE, M. C."

EVEN WEDDING TRIPS TABOOED

According to a ruling of P. S. Eustis, chairman of the Western passenger managers' traffic association, only those who have death or sickness in the family or who have important business missions will be permitted to travel while limited train service continues during the fuel famine. Even a wedding trip is taboo.

The following has been designated as essential travel:

Persons who have sickness or death in the family.

Business men who must get to plants to save them from harm.

Traveling salesmen.

Here is the order to the public in general:

Don't travel if you can help it.

If you must travel, take your lunch box. Trains will have but one diner, if any.

Do not send any Christmas presents through the mail, express or parcel post. Buy them and send them when things become normal

Gathered Specimens

The botanical class of the High School made an excursion around Lakes Tulane and Lotela Tuesday, gathering specimens of Florida flowers.

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

The Woman's Club held its biennial meeting at the school auditorium Dec. 5. There was a good attendance and fifteen names were added to the charter roll.

At the business session a committee was appointed to confer with the Sunday-school committees in their final arrangements for the community Christmas tree. Mrs. Swearingen reported that a house-to-house canvass Saturday morning was the plan decided upon for selling the Red Cross Christmas stamps. The Club pledged hearty cooperation in this drive.

"Music, Classical and Jazz," was the subject for the afternoon. The program was arranged by Miss Lisabeth Purdom, in charge of the music in the schools, who, during the short time she has been with us, has "made good" in her professional work, and her charming personality has made her a valuable acquisition to the town in church and social circles.

The program of classical, semi-classical and jazz music was varied with readings by Mrs. Charles Sherman and Mrs Katherine West. Mrs. Sherman gave an interesting and well-worded synopsis of "The Music Garden," by Chas. E. Isaacson, bringing out the fact that music is not merely an assembly of harmonious sounds, a collection of chords and ripply runs, but that the soul of the composer is as truly expressing, or trying to express, pictures and ideas, as the poet in his poems, the writer in his articles, the painter on his canvas or the sculptor in his marble. The influence of music on people, civilized and savage, is recognized by all, as witness the practical use that is being made of it in the treatment of the insane. The main thought, however, was that our own higher nature would be developed, we would have a better appreciation of art and of the harmonies of nature, if we were trained to properly understand and feel what music really expresses.

Mrs. West read from "The World of Music" interesting and timely notes about composers and musicians, past and present, and among the news items of today that Germany, whose workmen are persuaded and coerced to work a 14-hour day, on less wages than ever, is preparing to flood America with pianos and other musical instruments at much lower prices than they can be produced here.

All the young ladies on the program deserve special mention and the Club takes this way of thanking all who took part Friday afternoon, in addition to the vote of

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PITTSBURGH-FLORIDA COMPANY SENDS PILOT TO ITS CUSTOMERS

The Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers Association has adopted the plan of sending out yearly subscriptions to this paper to its clients in the north, therefore every week several hundred northern people with financial interests in and around Avon Park will not only be kept informed as to the progress this big development company is making, but also as to the general news of the city and surrounding country.

The plan will save the Pittsburgh-Florida people a vast amount of correspondence and at the same time will create an added interest in our prosperous section, for it stands to reason that the majority of those who have invested with this big company have friends that are interested in Florida, to whom they will show the paper after reading it themselves.

Various sections of the state have at one time or another adopted the plan of sending out the local paper to those interested in Florida, with beneficial results. It has been proven the most effective means of advertising ever chosen. The reports appearing in the local newspaper are never highly colored and seldom misleading, as it the policy of the majority of our newspaper men to underestimate rather than exaggerate the opportunities existing in their respective communities. They adhere to the policy that "the truth is good enough" and the whole truth is sometimes so wonderful that they hesitate about telling it all, fearful that they might be placed in the Annanias class and their reports work more harm than good.

In our various write-ups of this rapidly growing section of the state we shall endeavor to confine ourselves strictly to the truth and not paint in too rosy a hue, for truly, Avon Park has a wonderful future and it is unnecessary to draw upon one's imagination in order to get something to write about.

The sending out of a large numbers of our local newspaper by our largest and oldest development company cannot but result beneficially to our community and a vote of thanks is in order from every property owner or resident interested in the suture of this city and its surrounding country.

A Delightful Evening

A delightful social affair occurred at the Avon last Friday evening, when Miss Helen Farrington entertained her dancing class. The Avon is always a pleasant place to while away a few hours, but it is made especially so when Mrs. Farrington's charming daughters "prepare" for an occasion. The evening was spent in dancing to the strains of sweetest music, and singing with excellent accompaniment. Pineapple punch was served between dances. Those of the class present were the Misses Ethel Marsh, Maude Brown, Beatrice Bass, Elizabeth Clark, Caroline Parks, Marjory Lacy and Helen Smith; Messrs. Murray Laswell, Joe Langford, Melville Bass and Prescott Brooks. Other gues's were the Misses Elizabeth Purdom, Ethel Oliver, Winifred Reck, Ruth Bass and Henrietta Farrington; Messrs. Yager, Andres, Vancliett, Wolfe, Vancliett, of Sebring, Mark Lance, W. L. Mac Goodwin, J. Chatham, Clinton and Carlos Skipper.

Try a little want ad in The Pilot if you would secure quick results.

"CLEANLINESS IS NEXT TO GODLINESS"

In looking over the notes left by our reporter on the pine-top table we call our desk, we find one as follows: "Council would like to have you touch up the matter of keeping properties clean."

Now we always were a firm believer in the old saw that "turn about is fair play." In every place where we have resided there have been many complaints of what the city council has or has not done. Its sins of omission and commission, from the public viewpoint, have been as many and varied as those of our erratic governor. It has failed to improve streets where improvements were needed and it has improved those streets which did not need the improvements. It has been responsible for high and low taxation, the high cost of living, breach of promise suits, ill-mated weddings, tire blowouts and every other calamity or mishap that could possibly be laid at the door of a civic body.

And in a great many cases the complaints were justified, although in the case of our town council, from what we have been able to learn during our brief residence here, as much has been done for the benefit of the community as could posibly be done with the funds available for public improvement and carrying on the town government.

Now the worm has turned and asks us to tell the public about some of its shortcomings and one of these is the failure on the part of some of our citizens to keep their premises in a tidy and attractive condition. "Cleanliness is next to Godliness," we are told, and although the author of this trite saying is unknown, it is certainly applicable to our premises as well as our persons.

Avon Park is making a bid for more residents; for men to come here and make investments; for men and women to make this their winter and permanent homes; for everything that goes to make up a good business and residence city. Her people want to make it a good place in which to live and a good place in which to make a living.

If we would do this, we must make the place attractive to the eye. We have much here to induce people to come and locate. We have climate, soil, citizenship. But there are many other localities in Florida which can present the same claims. All are bidding for the same result. All want additional capital, more residents, more business.

Permanent and winter residents and tourists are going to those places which appear the most attractive to them and cleanliness goes farther than any other one thing in making a place attractive. If you were thinking of locating in a city you would not select as a location for your residence that part of the city where the yards were covered with tin cans and waste paper or grown up to weeds. You would not live in a location where children were reeking in filth or where every outward evidence indicated slovenliness and indifference.

If we would make Avon Park an inviting place we must keep it clean and if every citizen will cooperate one with the other we can with but little effort make this one of the cleanest and most inviting cities in the state.

The results will justify the effort.

THE HIGHLANDS PILOT AS VIEWED BY OTHER FLORIDA NEWSPAPERS

Real Issues Before Us—

The newest south Florida newspaper to come to our table is The Highlands Pilot, "published in the interests of its owners, the town of Avon Park, County Division, the Scenic Highlands, and the Best State in the Union," so it says itself. George Adams, late of Manatee Banner editorship and ownership, is the editor. Mr. Adams is known for his fearless trenchent pen. He has real "issues" before him, and will, we are sure, make The Pilot one of the best of the many good South Florida weekly newspapers. — Tampa Tribune.

A Model of Its Kind—

Editor George W. Adams, one of the best known newspaper men in the state, has just started his new paper (The Highlands Pilot) at Avon Park and it is, as all had anticipated, a model of its kind. The Pilot will be issued weekly, on Fridays, at Avon Park, and certainly it will help that attractive town and excellent locality to grow and prosper. In his salutatory Editor Adams makes the usual promises and in his case there will be a multitude ready to endorse his notes and feel certain that all he proposes to do will be done, cheerfully and well. The Pilot's first number was neatly arranged and filled with interesting news and information.—Times-Union.

Speaks Well for The Town—

We are in receipt of Volume 1, Number 1, of The Highlands Pilot, issued at Avon Park, Fla., by George W. Adams, who moved his office from Manatee to that point to establish a new paper. The eight pages are filled to the limit with attractive advertising and news matter concerning the lake highlands section, a portion of Florida around Avon Park that has been doffed the "Highlands" because of the rolling country and not necessarily because of high prices. The first issue speaks well for the town, and knowing Adams as we do if the local merchants will keep up their support The Highlands Pilot will always be a credit to the town and be very beneficial in bringing new settlers to that section. We wish Adams and Avon Park much success in the new venture.—St. Cloud Tribune.

A Success From the Start—

The first number of Avon Park's new paper, The Highlands Pilot, appeared on our desk this week and from its looks will be a success from the start. Editor Adams recently moved his plant from Manatee on account of lack of support, but from the first issue of The Pilot we are of the opinion that he will never have to move again. We wish every success to the new venture and congratulate Avon Park. —Central Florida News.

A Good Paper—

George W. Adams puts out a good paper in the first issue of The Highlands Pilot. It is bright and spicy and carries a very liberal amount of advertising, as well as a large volume of live reading matter. Here's wishing Editor Adams and The Pilot the success they richly deserve, for both will aid materially in the development of Avon Park and the northern part of the county.—Punta Gorda Herald.

Up to Usual Standard—

We have received the initial issue of George Adams' new paper, The Highlands Pilot, which he started at Avon Park last week. It is up to the usual high standard of Adams' efforts. He has our best wishes in his new field.—Palmetto News.

A "Humdinger"—

The first issue of George Adams' Highlands Pilot, of Avon Park, comes to hand and, just as we expected, it is a humdinger, chuck full of bright things and advertising.—Winter Haven Chief.

They Do Appreciate It—

Vol. 1, No. 1, of The Highlands Pilot, published at Avon Park by George W. Adamr, well known in South Florida, has reached our exchange table. The new visitor is eight pages in size and well filled with advertisements, which shows that Avon Park will appreciate and support a good paper if given a chance.—Moore Haven Times.

Continued Support Needed—

A copy of The Highlands Pilot, Avon Park, Fla., George Adams' new paper, reached us Tuesday. The paper is well patronized by local business interests and if given their continued support the people of that place will find the paper and its publisher among the town's best assets.—Bristol (Ind.) Banner.

Fulfilled Expectations—

Avon Park's new paper, The Highlands Pilot, has made its appearance and is just such an excellent paper as one would expect George Adams to issue. Avon Park is fortunate in securing a real newspaper man and should see that he gets support enough to keep him. —Wauchula Advocate.

Merits Success—

George W. Adams has hauled down his Banner at Manatee, for lack of sufficient financial breeze to keep it floating, and established The Highlands Pilot at Avon Park. It is a good looking, well edited sheet, as was to have been expected, and merits success.—Tampa Times.

Wishes Us Success—

The first number of The Highlands Pilot, published at Avon Park by G. W. Adams, has been received. It is a newsy paper and has a splendid advertising patronage. We note the subscription price is $1.50 a year and will be raised to $2.00 the first of January. We wish Editor Adams success and are sure that The Pilot will be the means of guiding many from other states to the pleasures of this scenic part of the state.—Sarasota Times.

Speaks for Itself—

Volume 1, No. 1, of The Highlands Pilot, published at Avon Park, Fla., George W. Adams, editor, has been received at this office. The copy before us speaks for itself. It shows that Avon Park has a number of enterprising business people. Typographically the paper is neat, while the news service is excellent. Success to The Pilot.—Apalachicola Times.

Our subscription price advances to $2.00 a year Jan. 1. Get your order for subscription in now.

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A story is told of Mendelssohn to the effect that the charming arpeggio figure in the Spring song of his "Song Without Words," came to him on a day when he played with his children at the piano, and allowed them to catch his hands as they wandered over the keys; and it is a fact that many of our most beautiful musical productions owe their origin to extemporizing on the piano.

This is not to be wondered at for many of our greatest musicians have poured out their heart's deepest feelings as their fingers have flitted, in a desultory fashion, over the keys, producing corresponding notes and chords to their ever-changing moods; finding at the keyboard a vent for their inmost thoughts and desires, often meeting with that triumphant response that time can never diminish.

We can see in the works of Chopin and Schumann a proof that in the piano is the origin of many of their most beautiful productions, while in the great symphonies of the old masters their shape, form, and color have been gained at the piano where their fingers "wandered idly over the noisy keys."

This is not so hard to understand when we consider that the method of composing a melody is, in essence, but the picking out and assimilating some melodic tune to which the harmony is afterward added. From this primitive instinct is ultimately produced the immortal tone pictures of the great musicians.

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Eustis, T. J. Cochran, Mgr.
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Orlando, Harold Bourne, Mgr.
Eagle Lake, W. W. Scott, Mgr.
Tampa, L. M. Godwin, Mgr.
Manatee, L. M. Godwin, Mgr. (Ad Tampa).
Frostproof, M. E. Stewart, Mgr.
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Arcadia, Jas. H. Jones, Mgr.
Cocoa, W. M. Moseley, Mgr.
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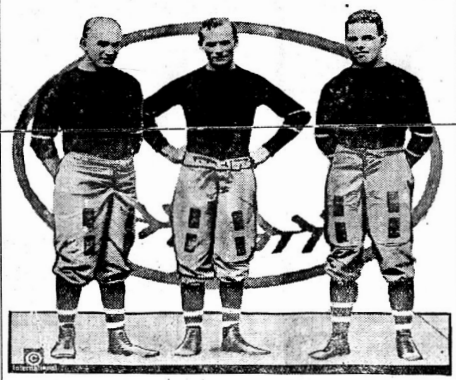

The photograph shows Coaches R. Van Orman, J. H. Rush and W. C. Cool who have worked hard to get their gridiron stars into condition for football honors.

PREACHES AS WELL AS HE POLE VAULTS

Oregon Minister Succeeds in Breaking Coast Record.

Rev. Mr. Spearow, Member of Multnomah Athletic Club, Is All-Round Athlete—High and Broad Jumps His Specialties.

A minister of the Gospel broke the Pacific coast record in the pole vault, and is considered a promising candidate for the world's record.

He is Rev. Ralph A. Spearow, pastor of a Unitarian church in Portland, and member of the Multnomah Athletic club.

Sunday finds Rev. Mr. Spearow delivering sermons to large-sized congregations, in which young men and boys are conspicuously present. He is adored by the youth of Portland, who regard him as an athlete who preaches "on the side," not as a preacher with an athletic bent.

Monday finds the young minister out on the athletic field keeping up his training. He is an all-round star, with special ability at the high jump and broad jump as well as the pole vault, and is also an excellent sprinter.

Rev. Mr. Spearow's coast record was made recently in a track meet held at Tacoma. He soared over the bar at the dizzying height of 13 feet and 3-8 inches, the first time any coast vaulter had ever exceeded 13 feet. The former record was held by Sam Bellah, of Stanford university.

The world's record stands at 13 feet 2¼ inches.

Rev. Mr. Spearow at the Tacoma meet won the high jump at 6 feet 2 inches, which is some jump, and did 22 feet and one-half inch in the broad.

Rev. Mr. Spearow frankly attributes his success, not to coaching, but prayer. He has never been in the hands of an expert coach, but worked out his own methods entirely. Prayer, he says, carries him over the bar.

COZY DOLAN GOOD AS PILOT

Former Major League Player Turns Out to Be Successful as Manager —Won for St. Joseph.

Cozy Dolan, who once played third base for the Yanks and later played in the National league with Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and St. Louis, has

Cozy Dolan.

turned out to be a successful manager. Dolan turned a Pat Moran stunt in St. Joe this year. He gave St. Joseph its first pennant, and now Cozy can have anything in the Missouri town.

ODD ANTICS OF MARANVILLE

Boston Shortstop Bids Fair to Step Into Shoes of Veteran Nick Altrock of Washington.

"Rabbit" Maranville is still the same brilliant performer as of old in the short field, but he is furnishing the fans with plenty of laughs these days with his funny antics. The "Rabbit" bids fair to step into the shoes of the veteran Nick Altrock when the latter steps out.

BUSH IN TRIPLE PLAY

The first triple play ever executed at Navin field was seen by a large crowd. In a recent game between Tigers and Yankees Pratt doubled and Bodie strolled with none out. Ruel lined to Bush, who, as quick as a flash, tagged Pratt going back to second and then whipped the ball to Heilman, completing an exceptional play.

PRINCETON WARRIORS NOW IN FIGHTING CONDITION

William Roper, Princeton coach, who has been working hard this fall getting his football team into shape for this season's gridiron battles.

UMPIRES BLIND BY INSTINCT

That Is Opinion Held by Pick of Boston Braves Who Was Hit on Head by Pitched Ball.

Charley Pick of the Boston Braves is only another of the vast army of ball players who think that all umpires are blind by instinct and insane by choice.

During a recent game Charley claimed he was hit on the head by a pitched ball. Umpire Quigley, however, thought otherwise, although Charley was really in a position to know. It was his head. Mr. Quigley was obdurate, however.

The following day the denouement came when Charley was unable to appear because the side of his head looked like a filigreed door-knob.

DISPUTE OVER "INFIELD FLY"

American League Umpires Do Not Agree on Question—Decisions by Connolly and Moriarity.

American league umpires evidently don't agree on what constitutes an "infield fly." In one game a third basemen muffed a fly, just getting his hands on it, after a hard run into left field. Tom Connolly said it was an "infield fly." A few days later a shortstop lost an easy fly in the sun and it dropped safe four feet away. Umpire George Moriarity said it was not an "infield fly" because the shortstop did not reach it.

FAVORS MILITARY ATHLETICS

Colonel Thompson to Urge Government to Promote Fencing, Shooting and Horsemanship.

Col. Joseph H. Thompson of the 110th infantry, Twenty-eighth division, who had charge of the conveying of the United States athletes to the inter-allied meet and home again, is preparing to urge the government officials to officially promote fencing, pistol shooting and horsemanship, which are fundamentally military and should be conducted as such.

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10-acre orange and grapefruit grove; half bearing, balance two years old; located on asphalt road just over city limits. Good two-story house, barn and outbuildings. A little cash, balance on easy terms buys this elegant property.

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The above is only a few of the many bargains we are now offering in grove property around the city. We also have a large listing of both business and residential property, improved and unimproved, which we would be pleased to show you.

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Friday, Dec. 12, 1919

Are you being loyal to your home town by patronizing its institutions?

Poor Russia—now she is to have Alexander Berkman and Emma Goldman inflicted upon her

Those who have invested in grove properties in and around Avon Park have something good to look forward to.

"The early bird catches the worm" may hold good with the green fruit shipper sometimes, but he and every other fruit grower catches — well, something worse later on.

The coal strike will have its effect upon Florida, even though we will suffer no physical discomfort from the cold. Train service has been cut to such an extent that many who contemplated coming here for the winter will either be delayed or will not come at all this winter.

Consider the number of acres of land immediately contiguous to Avon Park that are being developed, think of the great quantity of citrus fruit that will be harvested annually in the near future, estimate how many men and women it will take to care for the groves, harvest and pack the fruit, manufacture the containers, take care of the unmarketable fruit and serve those engaged in this work. When you have done this, can you doubt the future growth of Avon Park?

The advertising fakirs are flocking to Florida again to escape the intense cold caused by the weather in the north and intensified by the lack of coal and they will proceed to work the business people of the state for a living, and then some, with a variety of advertising schemes that are valueless. If you are solicited by one of these gentry tell him to come back in a week and you will decide. You will never see him again, as he does not stay that long in any one place.—Times-Union.

Manatee county is fortunate in that a company, to be known as the Potter-Florida Company, has been formed to develop the Palmer estates, consisting of nearly 50,000 acres in that county. Sixteen thousand acres located on the Miakka river will be developed into one large stock ranch and several thousand acres lying along the Gulf of Mexico and Sarasota bay will be set to citrus groves. The company has already purchased several tractors and steam stump pullers which, in addition to the equipment already owned, will give Manatee county one of the largest and best equipped development companies in the entire state.

The Punta Gorda Herald has changed hands and there is a genuine feeling of regret among the newspapermen of the entire state over Col. A. P. Jordan's retirement from the field. Editor Jordan is one of our best and most fearless writers and his opinions, as expressed in the editorial columns of the Herald, were always respected and as liberally quoted and commented upon as those of any other editor in Florida. The press suffers a real loss in Editor Jordan's retirement. His successor, Paul K. Garrett, recently of Corapolis, Pa., but formerly of Leesburg, assumes the editorial management of the Herald with the best wishes of all, who trust he will keep up the splendid work Editor Jordan has carried on for more than a quarter of a century.

"Three thousand population in three years."

More houses for rent means more people for Avon Park.

We thank you for all the nice things you have said about The Pilot.

We haven't much room in our office, but the welcome sign hangs alongside the s. r. o. sign.

We are rapidly becoming acquainted here. Even the cows and chickens come in our back door to give us the "once over."

The days of plenty of sugar are rapidly approaching, but "plenty of price" is coming in the same stride. Government restrictions will be off Dec. 31.

If you know anything good about your neighbor, don't hesitate to tell it, but if you imagine or hear anything to the contrary, just keep it under your hat. Such a course will make a better town of any place.

We would like to know for the fun of the thing what the Cubans think of the Florida Shriners.—Winter Haven Chief.

And we would like to know what the Shriners think of the Cubans, their cooking and their concoctions. Sabe v?

Rube Allyn is said to have left Hog Island and is coming back to Florida to re-enter the newspaper game. We knew Rupe had gall enough to tackle anything, but thought he was too much of a real sport to take a chance with the odds so heavy against him. Things "ain't" what they used to be, Rube.

The following appeared in the comic column of a New Orleans paper of Oct. 8 under the heading of "The Famous Catts:" "A South Florida pastor, a few Sundays ago, incorporated something like the following in his forceful prayer: 'We pray thee, O Lord, to be with the president of the United States in the arduous task he has before him to make the world safe for democracy. We would also make intercession for the governors of the several states forming this, the greatest nation on earth; particularly, O Lord, we would ask thy blessing on the governor of the great state of Florida; be a light to him in his darkness, a guide to him in his ignorance; but above all, O Lord, make his heart as soft as his head.' "—Haines City Herald.

An extract from an editorial in the Tampa Times, under caption "Some Recent Changes in the Florida Press," says: "It requires some nerve to enter the journalistic field at the present time when the price of white paper is away up in the fleecy clouds, and may be impossible to get at any price, soon; and all other essentials of publication, including labor, are also past all previous experience; with the price of the little old sheet remaining the same as in pre war days, but the publishers of Florida have the nerve, and the knowledge, and above all, the abounding faith in the future of the state, which they are helping to make. Florida ranks high among the states of the Union, in the character of of its country papers, and the recent additions will detract nothing from its good reputation."

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Depends upon the quality of your

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We specialize in quality and service.
Try us and you will become one of our regular customers.

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FLORIDA POLITICS

Tampa's Preference—

Tampa is overrun with rats—so much so that she is offering a bounty for every dead rodent. But, even so, she'd rather have rats than Catts.—Lakeland Telegram.

In a Receptive Mood—

Hon. James E Calkins, president of the Florida State Senate, is a receptive candidate for governor. He says he is being urged to enter the race. If Mr. Calkins announces he will learn his status among the voters in short order.—Apalachicola Times.

Make It Unanimous—

The re-election of Senator Fletcher next year should be unanimous. He has been one of the senators that has always backed up President Wilson's policies, and has been an important factor in passing a number of the really great measures that have been put on the statute books during the present administration. He has always looked carefully after the interests of Florida.—Manatee River Journal.

Will Restore Lost Confidence—

We have heard the question asked: "Why do we want Hardee for governor? What is there to Hardee any way?" This can easily be answered in few words: We want Hardee for governor because he is the man that will restore lost confidence, and there is a plenty to Hardee's credit to emphasize his ability for the position as Florida's chief executive. Investigation will reveal sufficient facts to convince the most skeptical.—Macclenny Standard.

An Important Question—

With the conservatives rallying to the support of Hon. Cary A. Hardee for governor and and Hon. D. U. Fletcher for senator, and the radicals lining up in support of Hon. Van Swearingen for governor and Hon. Sidney J. Catts for senator, it requires no wise politician to forecast the issues in the coming election in Florida. A conservative, peaceful administration, or a continuation of the Catts' policy of radicalism, extravagance, class-hatred and petty politics—which do the tax payers and voters prefer?—Palatka Times-Herald.

WAR AS A LAST RESORT

There are plenty of men, principally those who expect to reap a financial harvest, who would like to see the United States again engaged in war—this time with revolution-torn Mexico. While we believe that Mexico has given us plenty of provocation to warrant the severance of diplomatic relations, we do not believe the specific instance in connection with the arrest of Consular Agent Jenkins would justify such a proceedure. We have spent some time in Old Mexico and have some personal knowledge of existing conditions, and it is our opinion that if the United States can do so and preserve its honor and dignity, no severence of relations should be made, except as a last resort. We are all paying a heavy price as a result of our participation in the world war and to unnecessarily add to our present burdens would be a monstrous crime against our great commonwealth.

Congratulations From Washington

"Washington, D. C.,
"Dec. 2. 1919.

"Highlands Pilot, Avon Park, Fla.

"Gentlemen: I congratulate you upon the first issue of The Pilot and enclose check for $1.50 to cover a year's subscription. Will you please have this sent to my home address, 1834 Lamont street.

"Yours very truly,
"F. L. MIDDLETON."

For Sale or Rent—Two acres with 4-room bungalow; on lake front and hard road; two miles from town; 65 3-year-old citrus trees. Bargain for quick sale. J L. Masters, Avon Park.

REVOLUTION IN OLD EGYPT

Records Tell of Uprising Which Evidently Ended Unhappily for the Rebellious Citizens.

A recently deciphered papyrus shows a pretty revolutionary spirit among the Egyptians in the year 2000 B. C., or nearly 4,000 years before the French thought of an uprising. The period is between the old and the middle kingdom, and an Egyptian sage plaintively invites the king to save his people in telling him of the conditions of the country. He tells him that "that is past which yesterday could be seen. The land turns like a potter's wheel. The noble cry out and the poor are full of joy. Each town says, 'Let us drive the strong from without our midst!' Those who wore clothes are now in rags. Noble women trull through the land, and housewives say, 'Had we only something to eat!' . . . The poor possess lordly things, and those who could buy themselves no sandals now have treasure. . . . The people have dethroned the king and persecuted his officials." That the revolution was a success seems hardly to have been the case, for the papyrus goes on to say that laughter has gone; misery is in the land; big and small say, "If only I were dead."

Up a Tree.

While in Africa recently Mr. A. S. Le Souef, director of the Taronga zoo (Sydney), saw plenty of elephants, which were destructive to the crops put in by the natives of the Uganda country. He also observed the body of a small antelope about 14 feet up a tree. The carcass of the antelope had been put in this position for safe keeping, by leopards. "These members of the cat family are handsome, and extremely active," says Mr. Le Souef. "They play about in clear places in the forest, tear up the ground, and spring far up the trees. They are most active, but they do not readily attack humanity, unless it be a child at evening, and they are hungry. The beauty of their fur makes them desirable for a zoo and for rugs, but the number that may be killed is limited. I saw the beautiful Colobus monkey, which, in spite of its striking black-and-white coloring, was difficult to observe among the juniper trees from whose branches hung long pieces of lichen."

No Man's a Hero to His Wife.

While the fire that destroyed the four-story Stillman department store in Muncie recently was at its height an excited woman called police headquarters, saying that her husband, a workman, was supposed to be repairing the roof on the Stillman building and she feared he might have perished in the flames. A policeman who investigated found that the man in question not only had escaped but had helped to save a woman clerk who was in danger. The officer informed the wife of this, thinking she would not only be relieved but proud of the husband. Instead she snapped back: "What was my husband doing on the roof with a woman?"—Indianapolis News.

Length of Life Extended.

In 1348-50, 25,000,000 deaths from the plague or "black death" occurred, which was one-fourth of the entire population of the world at that time. The average length of life in the sixteenth century was only 21 years, while in this, the twentieth century, the average life is forty-five years. In India, however, the average life today is only twenty-four years. We are enabled to see what the science of medicine is accomplishing in more civilized countries, where ignorance and superstition do not prevail to any great extent.

Precocious Youth.

Mary and Ruth were discussing plans for playing house and Mary said, "I'll be the mother and you be my little girl."

"No," said Ruth, "I want to be the father."

"Oh," said Mary, "let's play we've got plenty of money, and then we won't need a father."

KILLS RATS

and mice—that's RAT-SNAP, the old reliable rodent destroyer. Comes in cakes—no mixing with other food. Your money back if it fails.

25c size (1 cake) enough for Pantry, Kitchen or Cellar.

50c size (2 cakes) for Chicken House, Coops, or small buildings.

$1.50 size (5 cakes) enough for all farm and out-buildings, storage buildings, or factory buildings.

Sold and Guaranteed by F. C. Rae, Avon Park Drug Co., Park Mercantile Co.

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overlooking Lakes Byrd and Brentwood.
Superior Citrus land.

15 ACRES
with 5-room house and 125 bearing citrus trees.
$5,000.00.

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Garden land, between Lakes Brentwood and Damon, south side of Damon; free from frost.

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We also have a complete line of Post Cards for the Holidays, from one cent upward.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL MENTION

Council meeting tonight.

Pure lard at James' Grocery.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hart visited Lakeland Friday.

Sliced breakfast bacon in packages. Phone 19.

Jenny Wren Chocolates at the Woman's Exchange.

Christmas goodies—dates, figs, citron, etc.—James' Grocery.

L. P. Hagan, of Sanford, was a business visitor here Saturday.

Born — Wednesday, Dec. 3, to Mrs. Clyde Christopher, a daughter.

See the line of Christmas goods at the Park Mercantile Company's store.

Perry Lamb, of the Maude district, spent Saturday in town transacting business.

E. D. Kelly, of Monticello, Ga., is a new arrival, coming here Saturday to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Godwin and Lon Raulerson spent Sunday in Fort Meade attending camp-meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Z. Hughes, of Columbia, Tenn., arrived here Saturday night to spend the winter They have rooms with Mrs. J. B. Starkey.

If you haven't purchased a season ticket for the entertainment course, better do so now. Any profit made goes toward securing a better course for next season.

Mr. and Mrs. George Godwin, Mr. and Mrs. Gus McCully, Mr and Mrs. Allison Roberts and Miss Letty Crews attended the funeral of Prof. Thornhill at New Hope church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Allison and son Swar, from Calloway county, Kentucky, are now with J. W. White. They have engaged rooms with "Daddy" Wolff and expect to spend the winter here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. McGeer have arrived from Auburn, N. Y., to spend the winter. They own the Barney Bloom place and are having the house remodeled. They are considering making this their permanent home.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Leshore, Mrs. Harry Stodden, Mrs. L. M Marsh, Mrs. Philip J. Leigh and Mrs. D. F. Canfield motored to Lake Wales Friday evening to visit the Lake Wales Chapter, O. E. S., it being Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Alice Schultz's official visit there.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stodden, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Marsh and Mrs DeForest Canfield, took Mr. Stodden's new Ford on its maiden trip through the neighboring towns of Frostproof Fort Meade, Bowling Green and Wauchula Sunday. Mr. Stodden proved to be an apt pupil in driving under the officient tutorship of Mrs. Canfield.

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Don't forget the entertainment Dec. 19.

Virginia Dare wine—all sizes—Phone 19.

Jenny Wren Chocolates at the Woman's Exchange.

The ingredients for your fruit cake can be found at James'.

Judge Boswell, of Bartow, was one of our Monday's business visitors.

We want a correspondent in every section of the vast Empire of DeSoto.

The editor and family moved into one of the Putney cottages yesterday.

See the new line of dry goods just placed on sale by the White Dry Goods Company.

Frank Pierce and son Austin were business visitors here Monday from Fort Bassinger.

Col. A. E. Lawrence, of Sebring, passed through here Monday morning on his way to Arcadia.

F. M Whidden purchased a Stewart truck last week through the Auto Exchange in Tampa.

The school entertainment Dec. 19 promises to be one of the best you have ever attended. Don't miss it.

The White Dry Goods Company has just received a fine line of new dry goods, which you are invited to call and inspect.

Max Wilde, who has been remodeling the Marshall home and the residence of Mrs. L. E. Bass, out on Lake Lotela, has almost completed the work.

Mrs. H. E. Godwin and nephew, Lon Raulerson, motored to Fort Meade Tuesday, where they were joined by Mrs. Charley Hart and motored from there to Tampa.

J. P. Gaines, of Adairsville, Ga., has arrived here to look after business matters. Mr. Gaines has made some good investments here and is having three new houses built out on Lake Anoka.

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Woodruff and grandson, Roy T. Woodruff, passed through here Monday enroute to Tampa. They have just come from Peoria, Ill., making the trip in three weeks' time in a Ford, and spending a couple of days on the East Coast.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Parker came over from Tampa Satuday to renew acquaintance with our city. Mr. Parker will be rembered as having built our new school house. He says that Avon Park is the busiest little town on the map and that he may decide to make this his headquarters. Welcome to our city.

The Misses Maude Brown, Nona May Crews, Myra Roberts and Virginia Dickinson and Messrs. James Craw, Olin Clark, Joe Langford, Leon Starkey and Alex Dickinson enjoyed a moonlight ride to Sebring Tuesday night. They were chaperoned by Mrs. L. D.Roberts. While returning they captured a 'possum, which attempted to cross the road ahead of the car and was blinded by the headlights.

E. C. Stewart of Bartow, and T. H. Atkinson, of Washington, D. C., registered at the Avon Monday. Mr. Stewart is president of the Florida Ice and Power Company and was looking over the town and going into the details of improvements soon to be undertaken by the company, which include extension of the line from Frostproof and that much needed twenty-four service. He was astonished at the progress our city is making and we believe every effort will be put forth to give us increased and better service at an early date.

Hip-o-Lite—Phone 19.

A good draft horse for sale. Apply at this office.

Buy your dates, figs, citron, etc., at James' grocery.

B. F. West made a business trip to Tampa Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Harris spent Sunday and Monday in Tampa.

Subscription price of The Pilot will be $2.00 a year after Jan. 1.

Jim Godwin, of Frostproof, was one of our business visitors Monday.

J. O. Densford, of Fort Meade, was transacting business here Monday.

W. P. Sessions, grocery salesman, made his usual business call here Monday.

The Park Mercantile Company's Christmas line should be seen to be appreciated.

L. A. Wolff and S. P. Durrance were business visitors to Bartow and Winter Haven Monday.

The Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Fischer are in attendance upon the South Florida conference at Lakeland this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Roberts, the Rev. J. A. Davis and the Misses Annie Ginn and Loca Hart motored to Fort Meade Sunday.

Watch for the White Dry Goods Company's advertisement next week. Opening new goods this week and no time to write an ad.

Mrs. M. O. Fagin, who has been spending a couple of weeks with her daughter, Mrs. S. P. Durrance, left for her home in Eagle Lake Tuesday.

Ralf Burleigh, who is taking a business course in Tampa, spent Tuesday here visiting his schoolmates. He was the guest of Melville Bass while here.

J. H. Gunn and Charles Maxwell, of Adairsville, Ga., arrived here Saturday for the winter They are delighted with the climate and what they have seen of this locality.

Frank Elliott, of Morton, N. Y., arrived in Avon Park Saturday for the winter. Mr. Elliott has spent several winters in Florida, but this will be his second winter in our delightful town.

G. W. Gadd, W. S. Decker and Burton B. Nicholas, of Cleveland, O., are here inspecting Hillcrest grove property purchased through W. M. Reck. They express themselves as being well pleased with their investments and everything they have seen here.

Mrs. Jenks, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Murrish, entertained the school faculty and their husbands and Prof. and Mrs. Ellenberger and daughter, Miss Bessie, Tuesday evening. Literary discussions, and vocal and instrumental music were enjoyed, after which a dainty lunch was served.

Mrs. J. H. Randall received news last week of the death of Mrs. T. B. Todd at her home in Meriden, Conn. Mrs. Todd will be remembered by our old settlers as having lived out on Lake Lotela several years ago, where her home was destroyed by fire at the time the homes of George Smith and others burned.

Mr. Fred White Says, "Don't Idle Because You Only See One Rat."

"I did, pretty soon I found my cellar full. They ate my potatoes. After trying RAT-SNAP I got 5 dead rats. The rest later. They pass up the potatoes to eat RAT-SNAP." If they are around your place follow Mr. White's example. Three sizes, 25c, 50c, $1.00. Sold and guaranteed by F. C. Rae, Avon Park Drug Co., Park Mercantile Co.

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Get your syrup labels printed at this office.

Prince Albert in glass humidors at James' Grocery.

For Sale—Good draft horse. Inquire at this office.

Look for the White Dry Goods Company's ad next week.

Mrs. C. P. Anderson is driving a new Oakland, purchased last week.

Mrs. C. P. Anderson was a Bartow and Winter Haven visitor Monday.

D. F. Canfield, G. W. Gadd, Burton Nicholas and W. S. Decker spent Sunday in Punta Gorda.

The lecture given in the skating rink Wednesday night was well attended and it was voted to give anotner lecture Dec 30.

The Philathea class of the Baptist church held a miscellaneous sale Friday and Saturday, which netted the class nearly $100.

Every grade takes part in the school entertainment Friday night, Dec. 19. "Too Much of a Good Thing" will be the play rendered.

Mrs. B. F. Martin, of Adairsville, Ga., who has been here for some, was joined Saturday by her husband, who has purchased land out on Lake Anoka and who expects to build soon. They are occupying the Canter cottage.

Your Money Back If Rat-Snap Doesn't Come Up To These Claims.

RAT SNAP is absolutely guaranteed to kill rats and mice. Cremates them. Rodents killed with RAT-SNAP leave no smell. Rats pass up all food to get at RAT-SNAP. Their first meal is their last. RAT-SNAP comes in cakes. No mixing. Cats or dogs won't touch it. Three sizes, 25c, 50c, $1.00. Sold and guaranteed by F. C. Rae, Avon Park Drug Co., Park Mercantile Co.

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Your patronage will be appreciated.

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John E. Simmons

Church Notices

UNION EVANGELICAL CHURCH
Rev. Benjamin Stout, Pastor

Sunday school 9:30 a. m.
Morning service 10:45 a. m.
Evening service 7:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.
You are welcome to all the services.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH
(The Church of the Redeemer)
Rev. J. Thomas Murrish, D.D., L.L.D., Rector.

Services on Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Sabbath school at 10 a. m.
Sermon by Dr. Murrish every first, third and fourth Sunday.
A cordial welcome is extended to all to attend these services.

FIRST BAPTIST
J. A. Davis, Pastor

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NOTED BURGLAR "RETIRES" AT 75

"Frank Fores," After Serving 14 Prison Terms, Becomes an Apple Picker.

Jefferson City, Mo.—After an exciting career of burglary and jail breaking which has netted him 52 years of prison sentences, of which he spent 32 years and a month in actual confinement, "Frank Fores," at the age of seventy-five, is to settle down to apple picking in Maries county, Missouri.

"Fores," which isn't his real name, has just been released from the Missouri state prison after serving his fourteenth "hitch"—his eleventh in this state. He announced that he had

Settled Down to Apple Picking.

been given a job in an apple orchard near Vienna and was going there. His wife and children all are dead.

Fores served his first term in Joliet, Ill., prison in 1867 and later served a five-year term in the Fort Madison, Iowa, prison for robbing a post office.

In 1885 he first became acquainted with the Missouri penitentiary as an inmate and has spent most of his time there since. He managed to escape the habitual criminal act, probably through the fact that he has never been tried more than twice in any one county in the state. His trade, before taking up that of burglary, was engineering.

Young Boys Beat Brother to Death

Renfrew, Can.—A gruesome tale comes from Griffith township in the southwestern portion of Renfrew county.

Three young brothers were left alone for the day on the farm of a man named McMahon, their father. The two older ones, aged ten and twelve years, started away to the home of an uncle. The youngest, aged seven years, wanted to accompany them, but they refused to allow him, and when he persisted they beat him to death.

The two older boys had never liked their younger brother, and frequently abused him.

GIRL FRIGHTENS BURGLARS

Talks in Sleep and Robbers Flee Before They Can Crack Safe.

Lorain.—Because Alice Deckerhoff, 15, talked in her sleep, burglars on the first floor of the home of Adolph Hengartner fled before they could rob a safe containing several hundred dollars.

"I guess I'll get up and mail a couple of letters," said Miss Deckerhoff. A clock down stairs had just struck three. The girl's mother, Mrs. Frieda Deckerhoff, was awakened by her daughter's remark.

She heard a noise in the dining room and upon arising saw two men climb through a kitchen window and vanish in the darkness. They had been frightened by the girl's voice.

Their only loot was a $35 gold watch which lay on the dining room table.

BANK ROBBERS BUT SHADOWS

Mystery Surrounding Pennsylvania Institution Is Explained When Police Are Called.

Gettysburg, Pa.—Mysterious shadows in the main room of the Gettysburg National bank and the noise of an explosion reported by several persons recently gave rise to the rumor that the institution was being robbed. State police stationed near by were summoned, county officers and the borough force were called to the scene.

After an investigation it developed that the mysterious shadows seen in the bank were projected from a club which is located on the second floor of the adjoining building. The explosion was explained later when it was learned that a large can of tomatoes in the cellar of a nearby hotel had exploded.

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ANIMALS POINT OUT RICHES

Innumerable Instances Where Prospectors Have Been Aided in Search for Earth's Treasures.

A very large gold nugget is said to have been found the other day in a wild bee's nest in Australia. The story seems likely enough, for Australia has yielded all the really monster nuggets to date—the "Welcome" weighed 2,195 troy ounces and was valued at $43,500—and one of the biggest was discovered by a prospector who stubbed his toe against a projecting angle of it.

On the Wind river Indian reservation, in Wyoming prospectors look for grains of gold brought to the surface of the ground by ants. And in Arizona anthills are a common source of excellent garnets which are fetched to the surface by the industrious insects.

During the war we had grievous need of antimony to harden shrapnel bullets. The latter are of lead, but require the addition of 15 per cent of antimony to enable them to hold their shape when the containing shell explodes.

Accordingly, the government sent out experts to look for deposits of the metal, and the most productive antimony mine that we now have in this country was located by the help of a badger, earth thrown out of the creature's burrow showing a glint of the precious stuff.

TNT Wins Contest With Dynamite.

A contest was recently staged between 40 per cent dynamite and trinitrotoluene, and the latter won, says the Scientific American. Two concrete piers had to be blasted out and this gave an opportunity for a comparative test of the two explosives, with the result that 14.9 cubic feet of concrete were removed per pound of TNT, and only 14.1 per pound of dynamite.

TNT is no doubt destined to be used extensively in engineering work, as it is less sensitive than dynamite, but greater precautions must be taken to ventilate after a shot, owing to the large amount of carbon monoxide which is one of the principal products of combustion.

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PARROT BRINGS SNAKE IN HOUSE

Re-enforcements Needed to Remove Reptile From Under the Carpet.

Kellerton, N. Y.—Mr. and Mrs. Adam Metz of this village have a parrot. Polly has been allowed the freedom of the house. The door of her cage has always been left open for her to come and go when she pleased. The bird has enjoyed outdoor life all summer, but her vacation is over. The door of her cage

Polly Flew Into the House.

has been closed and Polly is a prisoner and will remain one for a long time if Mrs. Metz has her wny.

Polly's downfall occurred on a recent afternoon.

For several weeks Polly has been in the habit of picking twigs from the trees, grass and other things from the lawn and carrying them into the house. Mrs. Metz would scold Polly, but it did no good. On the afternoon alluded to the parrot was in the garden. Mrs. Metz was attracted by her chatter. She went to the door and spoke to Polly, leaving the door open. Pretty soon Polly flew into the house with a long, squirming object dangling from her mouth, and entered the parlor, followed by Mrs. Metz. When Polly dropped the object Mrs. Metz fled from the house.

The object was a brown snake two feet long. The woman called her husband, who was working in the garden. Metz secured a club and found the snake behind a chair. He struck at it, missed it and the snake crawled under the carpet. He tried to drive it out, but it would not move. Metz called a neighbor, John Boots, who came at once. The men removed the furniture, took up the carpet, rolled the snake up in it, carried it outdoors and there killed the snake.

Meanwhile the bird set up a screeching and frequently shouted: "Hard luck, Polly; hard luck, hard luck!"

HE SLAPS 'SPIDER' ON WOMAN

Whisky Soaked Imagination Leads Oregon Man Into Police Court.

Portland, Ore.—It wasn't a pink elephant or a purple snake that John Dick thought he saw upon the shoulder of a woman pedestrian on the downtown street, but the bibulous John's whisky-soaked imagination inveigled him into believing that a large crimson spider was crawling stealthily upon the woman's coat, near her throat.

John crept slyly upon the woman and his fist came down with undue force where he thought the spider was crawling. In another instant the woman called for help, and a few moments later John was aboard a police patrol on his way to the station.

In the police court John admitted he had partaken too freely of a bottle of "white mule" moonshine. He was surprised to learn that the blood red spider was but a figment of his whisky soaked brain, but he sorrowfully admitted that the liquor had been potent enough to produce almost any result.

Judge Rossman prescribed a $10 fine and seven days in jail as a fitting treatment for his ailment.

Bird, Smoking Cigarette, Sets College on Fire

A cigarette-smoking sparrow set fire to Geneva college at Beaver Falls, Pa., and this fact will be duly recorded in the official report of Fire Chief Richard Timmons of the Beaver Falls department when he makes it to the state.

A student threw the butt of a lighted cigarette from a window to the grass. A sparrow pounced upon it and soared to his nest in the eaves of the dormitory. Next came a fire alarm. Not much damage was done.

TIMES "SURE HAD CHANGED"

Doughboys in France Hailed as Friend Man Whom They Had, When "Kids," Feared Greatly.

The story of how two doughboys found their old enemy in France is told by Mike Nolan, former police lieutenant of New York city, who served as a K. of C. secretary assigned to the Sixteenth infantry, First division. Nolan is fifty-two years old and put in 23 years on the New York police force. When he changed the blue uniform for khaki, he was in charge of the twenty-third precinct, the old Tenderloin.

On his breast is a victory ribbon with two bronze major offensive stars and three silver citation stars. He has been recommended for the D. S. C. by the commanding officer of the Sixteenth infantry.

He had wandered up to a "little bunch" of doughboys who were "shooting craps," and gave each of the boys a pack of K. of C. cigarettes. The game was an exciting one, and a soldier who was about "to roll the ivories" looked up at him and asked him to "kick 'em for a five." Nolan did so, and the dice turned up a two and a three.

One of the unlucky boys who had lost on the toss of the dice looked up at Nolan and recognized him as an old enemy.

"Holy cat! Look, it's Tenderloin Bull Nolan!" he said to his pal. "Don't you remember, he's de cop who used to chase us from doorways for shooting craps when we was kids?"

"Sharre," said the lucky soldier, "and he pulled us once for smoking butts. And here he is shelling out packs of real cigarettes and kissin' de bones for us. Dawid if it ain't right dat de war changes de whole world!"

INSIGNIA OF ANCIENT ORDER

That Now Worn by United States Army Medical Officers Goes Back Four Thousand Years.

The caduceus, which was introduced in 1902 by Col. John Van R. Hoff, M. C., U. S. A., editor of the Military Surgeon, as part of the medical officers' insignia, dates back 4,000 years, according to F. H. Garrison, M. D., U. S. A., writing in the Journal of the American Medical Association. For a number of reasons the serpent was always the symbol of medicine in antiquity. The Babylonians' caduceus, which as the insignia shows today—two snakes entwined with wings at the top of the staff—occurs in Hittite remains. It stands for an actual serpent god, Ningishzida, who as the special messenger of Ishtar, was the awakener of life in the springtime, and the Mesopotamian prototype of the Greek Hermes. The Romans had a special functionary, the caduceator, who was a sort of peace commissioner. The caduceus was used on the title pages of books published by the famous medical printer, Frobenius, in 1460 to 1527. The "wand of Mercury," as it is sometimes called, was also carried by merchant traders in ancient times, on excursions where peaceful negotiations were desired and they wanted to be known as neutrals.

Labor Troubles in China.

The $40 a month which the Chinese coolie with his family drew from the Chinese government during his period of enlistment in the army is the basis for the labor disturbance which is rocking China at the present time, says C. C. Thompson of Shanghai in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Mr. Thompson explains that prior to the war the average coolie made a monthly wage of $12 to $15, while having become accustomed to the new standards of living made possible by the $40 allotment he declines now to return to the old basis. Even household domestics have become affected by the new unrest and are demanding more money, he says. Recently because of the unsettled conditions there was a strike of dockworkers in Chinese ports which held up all trans-Pacific traffic for a considerable time, Mr. Thompson states.

Owes All to Uncle Sam.

Building upon his past experience as an employee in a shoe factory, the federal board for vocational education placed a young chap of 24, who was disabled at Soissons, in a shoe manufacturing plant for training. His left hand and arm were severely injured by a high-explosive shell, but he finds he can carry on, in spite of the handicap, and is fast becoming an expert shoe cutter. The management, finding his service valuable, are paying him $1 a day—this, of course, in addition to his training pay, which comes from the board. He is enthusiastic and writes: "This training is great stuff. Everything is going fine. * * * I wouldn't have been able to do anything if the government hadn't given me this chance."

Movies Set Distance Record.

Two moving picture records were broken recently, according to the Popular Mechanics Magazine, at the centenary celebration of the Methodist church in Columbus, O. An ordinary projecting machine, equipped with a special lens, a rapid shutter, and a 150-ampere light, was used to throw pictures 100 by 75 feet, on a screen 350 feet away from the machine. The light employed was three times the strength of those commonly used. It generated so much heat that it was necessary to operate the cinematograph at great speed to prevent burning the film. The screen on which the pictures were thrown was 115 feet square.

The Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers Association

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The home-site grounds around Byrd Lake are being improved and tropical trees, plants, shrubs, etc., have been planted and are taking on a healthy growth.

Those having holdings in these developments are advised to

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from week to week for detailed information concerning progress of development and information of value and interest.

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has been carefully considered by the men in charge of the big development projects of Avon Park. Overproduction and waste have been guarded against by the organization of the

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School Notes

There are 57 pupils enrolled in the Fourth and Fifth grades.

Mrs. M. W. Parks and Mrs. Lacy visited the Fourth and Fifth Friday afternoon.

Callers at the school Thursday afternoon of last week were Mrs. McCauley, Mrs. Gantor and Mrs. Ray.

J. V. Chapman, able cashier of the First National Bank and formerly principal of schools, gave a most interesting talk to the pupils of the Fourth and Fifth grade Friday afternoon. He was requested to talk on "Italy and Venice," which he did. He told the pupils of the famous "Bridge of Sighs" and why so named, of the wonderful Venetian clock and the pigeons of St. Marks. He displayed numerous views of the city, which he had taken, also beautiful colored scenes. After exhibiting some foreign coins he closed by telling the pupils they might ask questions, which they did with much enthusiasm. He was cordially invited to return at some future time.

Avon Racquet Club

The Avon Racquet Club has begun the season in a prosperous manner, having already enrolled about thirty members. In addition to the other amusements, volley ball has been installed. The club will give a banquet and dance at the Hotel Avon sometime in January, which promises to be a social event of more than passing interest. Henry Farrington has been made secretary and treasurer of the club and to the president (R. R. Long) and secretary we are indebted for a complimentary membership ticket.

Frank Carpenter fell from his wagon Tuesday, striking on the pavement and injuring his head, besides breaking his breastbone. His connition is considered quite serious.

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SKIRTS ARE WIDER

Smartest Models Show Difference From Summer Styles.

Advance Fashions, Especially Evening and Dance Frocks, Show Fullness at Hip Line.

There is every indication of the return of the full skirt, for the smartest models now on exhibition show much wider skirts than was the summer fashion. Indeed, in many instances the advance models, especially among the evening and dance frocks, show decided fullness at the hip line.

The fullness may be obtained by flouncing or a full peplum of the silk, as in the case of a very chic little debutante dance frock, which was shown with an interesting collection of youthful evening frocks for the debutante.

The frock under discussion was of black taffeta, combined with changeable black and green taffeta. The black taffeta bodice had a full peplum to the lower edge of which was attached a full gathered peplum stiffened at the hem. Sewn to the lower edge of the taffeta peplum was a deep, full flounce or tunic of black chantilly lace. The underskirt was of black and green changeable taffeta.

"Taffeta is to have a decided vogue this winter, so the Paris fashion journals state—and judging from the number of taffeta frocks recently noted, the report is not without foundation.

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Pale Blue Chiffon Dancing Frock.

A chic dance frock also of taffeta included in the same collection as the one described, also showed a decided width at the hip line. This model was of the loveliest pale blue tint, with changeable silvery sheen to it. The full peplum stiffened at the lower edge to give width at the hip line, was trimmed with silver lace, the bodice was draped in silver threaded chiffon.

CONSERVATION IS GOOD PLAN

Parents' Worn-Out Garments Afford Good Material for Apparel for the Youngsters.

Fabrics of all kinds are very high in price and there seems to be no immediate prospect of a reduction, so that using every available inch of material to the best possible advantage is advisable and, in the average home, necessary. One mother of a small daughter makes charming smock frocks for the little one by using her own half-worn tub skirts for the purpose, now that the summer is ended. These little smocks are embroidered in color. Bloomers in matching shade, made of gingham, chambray or linen, accompany each dress.

Having the children well dressed at all times is often more a question of management than money, and the same mother who uses her half-worn summer skirts to make smocks for the small daughter finds material for many bloomers and rompers in the unworn parts of her husband's shirts. Men's shirtings are usually woven in attractive colors. The sleeves generally wear out while the body of the shirt is still in excellent condition. Here is found an abundance of material for bloomers or a pair of rompers for a little lady of three or four years.

Vandykes and Scallops.

The latest dress finish is the vandyke or scallop of the material itself, either made double or cut single and buttonhole stitched with silver, gold or tinted silk.

WORK OF PLANT INVENTOR

His Skill Produces Variations That Nature Would Require Thousands of Years to Accomplish.

With a watch glass and a fine camel's-hair brush the plant inventor performs miracles. He causes more changes in six generations than Nature, unaided, would produce in 100,000 years. Two plants may be growing in his garden, native of countries separated by continents. Their structures, habits, hereditary tendencies and identities have been preserved through thousands of years. The plant inventor takes the pollen from one, transfers it to his watch glass, carries it to the other, and from the glass transforms it to the bloom. The resultant seed is sown. The new plants may resemble one plant or the other, or they may be like neither, or they may be the veriest monstrosities. There are thousands of disappointments for one success in the work.

Luther Burbank chose one seedling out of 65,000 when he invented the primusberry. The rest were remorselessly destroyed. The new primusberry is a cross between the raspberry and the blackberry, but has a fruit much larger and finer than either. Mr. Burbank has produced 300,000 varieties of plums, 60,000 peaches and nectarines, 500 almonds, 5,000 walnuts, 3,000 apples, 2,000 grapes, 2,000 pears and thousands of different kinds of berries, flowers and vegetables in equal profusion.

WEALTH IN BAMBOO GROVES

Their Cultivation in the Southern States Is Expected Soon to Be a Recognized Procedure.

One thinks more readily of an American farm with a wood lot than of one with a bamboo grove, but bamboo groves may yet become common in the southern states, if the idea of "instruct the farmer" in the desirability of planting them makes reasonable progress. It will be a new idea to the farmer, and he will have to think it over. Meantime the country has one important bamboo grove flourishing in the state of Georgia, where it stands in the custody of the United States department of agriculture, to serve as an object lesson. The young bamboo shoots provide an early spring vegetable, said to have a flavor much like that of sweet corn, and the stalks have a wide range of uses which should make a bamboo grove profitable. It is worth the farmer's consideration, for example, that millions of small canes are yearly imported from Japan, and fishing rods made out of them, for which the United States pays annually about $5,000,000.

Hard to Account for Figures.

Statistics have recently been published in Germany which are so striking that the Medical Record's Geneva (Switzerland) correspondent says they "need confirmation." It is stated that for every 1,000 boys born in the later years of the war, 1,086 girls have been born. Before the war the ratio was 1,000 boys to 1,024 girls. "Nothing," writes the correspondent, "is known with certainty as to the conditions that determine sex in the human species, but there is quite a large amount of evidence in support of the generalization that during wars and famines, when the conditions are generally adverse, especially with regard to nutrition, the proportion of male relative to female births increases. If there is any foundation for this generalization, then we must conclude either that the figures are wrong or that Germany was mighty well nourished during the war, or else that some entirely aberrant influence was at work."

Koran Brought Up to Date.

It is not surprising that most of the Arab population should be illiterate since the language used in writing and printing is literary Arabic, the very same in which the Koran was composed 12 centuries ago. It has been preserved intact, while the spoken tongue has gradually changed, as spoken tongues will. Literary Arabic today is about as much like the ancient language as Latin is like French. Ninety per cent of the people do not understand the language in which the books are written.

An interesting experiment has been begun by Rev. Percy Smith, a missionary in North Africa, who is translating the Bible and the hymns of the church into the ordinary speech of the people, instead of in literary Arabic.—Christian Herald.

New Power Is Wanted.

In the field of research in connection with automobile underwater torpedoes, there needs to be developed a new source of power, said Rear Admiral Ralph Earle, U. S. N., chief of the bureau of ordnance, at a recent meeting of the American Chemical society. The present source is compressed air and the new source must be of greater potential per unit volume and weight and be nearly as safe to handle and store on board ship. Oxygen has been proposed but is too dangerous to handle.

Quite Henglish, This.

"Hout!" cried the umpire as the wicket keeper made a catch.

"Look 'ere," protested the batsman, "it wasn't off my bat, it was off my 'ead."

"Oh!" said the umpire. "My mistake. I 'eard the ball 'it wood and I supposed it was off the bat."—Boston Evening Transcript.

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Woman's Club Meeting

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thanks extended that day. All the selections were enjoyed and the five or six jazz numbers that ended the program were so breezy, so swingy that the audience spontaneously responded to the merry mood of the jolly jazzers and many a sedate foot unconsciously kept time to the sprightly music.

PROGRAM

Piano solo.....Miss Ethel Oliver
Piano solo...Miss Myrtle Conoley
Reading.....Mrs. Charles Sherman
Vocal solo (2 numbers).....
.....Miss Lisabeth Purdom
Reading.....Mrs. Katherine West
Piano solo (2 numbers).....
.....Miss Winifred V. Reek

JAZZ NUMBERS

Violin ..... Miss Purdom
Ukelele .....
.....Miss Henrietta Farrington
Piano.....Miss Winifred Reek

At the close os the musical program Mrs. S. A. Fairbanks, in her own charming way, gave a report of the meeting of the State Federation of Womans Clubs, held recently at St. Petersburg, emphasizing that what impressed her most of all was the personality of the women attending that meeting—bright, intelligent, earnest, well informed and altogether charming. Mrs. Fairbanks pronounced them, and when one remembers that during her 80 years interesting life, Mrs. Fairbanks studied art in Paris and other continental cities, and all her life has traveled extensively, she surely is competent to judge the people she meets, and her verdict in this case is very complimentary.

The second meeting in December, falling so near Christmas, will be omitted. The next meeting, an open meeting to all the women of the Park, will be held at the regular time, the first Friday in January, when Mr. Fairfax Haskins will discuss "Florida Laws relating to Women."

"Over The Top"

The local Baptists have gone way "over the top" in their $75,000,000 campaign. The quota was $5,000, but up to Wednesday night $6,100 had been pledged and pledges were still coming in.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lanier spent Tuesday in Punta Gorda.

Mrs. Margaret Barton, of Buffalo, N. Y., is visiting her mother, Mrs. L. M. Barton, of this city.

Miss Agnes Cain came down from Lake Wales Tuesday with her brother-in-law, J. R. Henry, to visit our city.

The Misses Abbie Connor and Alice Dutton and Messrs. Carlos Skipper and Bill Speer went to Lake Wales Sunday to attend the dedication services by Bishop Candler at the new Methodist church.

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COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE TO BE HELD NEXT WEDNESDAY NIGHT

A community Christmas tree will be one of the holiday features for Avon Park next week and promptly at 7:30 o'clock next Wednesday evening, Dec. 24, the program arranged by the various committees will begin.

The tree will be placed on the vacant lot opposite the First National Bank building, which will be cleaned off and placed in apple-pie order for the occasion under the direction of Chairman M. T Merwin.

Every effort will be put forth to make this a joyous Yuletide for the little folk of Avon Park and an entertaining one for the grown-ups, who many years ago hung up their stockings regularly at this season of year, spent a sleepless night speculating on what Santa Claus would bring them and arose early Christmas morn to see if their hopes had been realized or if 'Santa" had got stuck in some "chimbley" before reaching their house.

Good speakers have been secured for the occasion and their idea will be not only to entertain the multitude that will surely gather 'round the big tree, but to create a greater interest in the minds of the children in attending our various Sunday-schools, that they may learn more of the lowly Nazerene and why we celebrate the anniversary of his birth with gifts and rejoicing.

The chairmen of the various committees to arrange for the celebration are:

Grounds—M. T. Merwin.
Tree—L. D. Roberts.
Decorations—Mrs. W. M. Reck.
Entertainment—J. V. Chapman.

The superintendents of the various Sunday-schools will provide presents for every child in town, including the High School pupils, so there will be no "empty stockings" in Avon Park this Christmas. No other presents will be placed on the tree, therefore the public is warned against bringing presents for distribution.

A community Christmas tree in the open will be a novelty to those who are spending their first winter in Florida—those who come from parts of the country where the word Christmas is suggestive of snow and ice and where Santa Claus is always pictured as driving a reindeer over snow-covered roofs and descending a chimney, the heat from which has caused the snow to melt and run down the sides, only to again solidify and form miniature icebergs at its base. To them the "summer-time Christmas" will be a pleasing contrast to that to which they have been accustomed and we hope they will turn out en masse and make this an occasion they will delight in talking over with their friends, on their return to the northland, and create a longing in their hearts that they may spend next Christmas under our southern sunny skies, where children romp barefooted in the open and the grown-ups celebrate the birth of the child of Bethlehem midst the fragrance of flowers and the glad song of birds.

Rev. W. A. Fischer Returned

At the Methodist conference held in Lakeland last week the following were recommended as conference evangelists: A. D. Buck, J. B. Culpepper, C. M. Dunnaway, W. H. McCloud F. C. McCall and Sam A. McCook. W. A. Fischer was returned as pastor at Avon Park and DeSoto City. G. H. York was assigned to Moore Haven.

EVERYBODY GO TO THE SCHOOL HOUSE TONIGHT

Tonight (Friday) the second entertainment of the season's course provided by the Board of Trade and to be given at the High School auditorium.

While this is a school entertainment, it promises to be a very interesting number, well worth your while to see. Prof. Ellenberger and his efficient corps of teachers have been working diligently with the pupils who are to take part, and each one will put his or her best foot forward tonight to show you that the pupils of our school are not behind those of any school in the state when it comes to entertaining an audience.

Your presence at tonight's entertainment will not only encourage teachers and scholars to redouble their efforts to excel in everything, but will add to the fund to provide for a higher class of entertainments for next season's course.

Avon Park wants the best to be had in everything and by cooperation along all lines we are pretty sure to get what we want.

Pack the school auditorium tonight.

WINTER VISITORS ENJOY CAMP HUNT

A party of our winter visitors, composed of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Kelly, of Monticello, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lewis, of Greenville, Ky., Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Jewell, of Terre Haute, Ind., and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Luman, from the Buckeye state, enjoyed last week camping at Arbuckle Lake, where they spent the time in hunting and fishing.

All members of the party are great lovers of outdoor sports and as the territory around Arbuckle lake is the abiding place of game of every description and the waters of the lake abound in fish, the party had an opportunity to indulge in the favorite pastime of each of its members, with results that were highly satisfactory. In addition to catching all the fish they wanted and shooting a number of squirrel, a 20-pound turkey gobbler was bagged and brought home with them for their Sunday dinner. They also saw four deer and wounded one, but having no dog were unable to get it.

Some of the members of the same party are off on a hunt again this week.

Of Interest to Syrup Makers

Senator Duncan U. Fletcher has been after the bureau of chemistry asking for information regarding the manufacture of cane syrup that will not crystallize or readily ferment. He has been informed by C. L. Alsberg, chief of the bureau, that although work on a process to bring about the desired result had been going on for years, he was not yet able to furnish the desired information, due to interruptions caused by resignations of members of the bureau. As soon as practicable the bureau intends to carry the work to completion and publish a bulletin on same. Those desiring a copy of the buletin, when available, should communicate with Senator Fletcher, who will see that they are supplied.

FRIENDS SURPRISE MRS. PHILIP LEIGH

Mrs. Philip J. Leigh met with the surprise of her life last Saturday evening, when a host of her friends trooped into her home bearing baskets of beautiful roses and a number of suspicious looking packages. The following day being her birthday anniversary and that falling on Sunday, her friends preferred to be forehanded, perpetrating the agreeable surprise when it was least expected.

Immediately upon arrival they took possession of the house, almost like magic the tables were spread and the jolly crowd was at supper, partaking of dainty sandwiches, cheese, pickles, salad, marmalade, cake, coffee and tea, the contents of the mysterious packages.

The birthday cake—a magnificent sponge cake, iced in lavender and decorated with a beautiful white rose (Frau Carl D.) and foliage—was made by Mrs. DeForest Canfield, who is an expert in the art of cake making. Although the candles were lacking, Mrs. Leigh, upon being asked, frankly admitted that she was born Dec. 14, 1863, making her 56 years young.

After spending a very pleasant evening, the merry crowd departed, wishing Mrs. Leigh many happy returns of the day. Those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. William Dart.
Mr. and Mrs. John Lesure.
Mrs. Annie Lesure.
Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Canfield.
Mrs. J. P. Canfield.
Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Marsh.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stodden.
Mr. and Mrs. George F. Smith.
Miss Margaret Campbell.
Mrs. Minerva Rae.
Capt. F. C. Rae.
Mr. and Mrs. Norton T. Smith.

Especial mention should be made of the beautiful roses furnished from Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Coy's lovely rose garden at their home on the north shore of Lake Lotela.

TWO IMPORTANT ORDINANCES PASSED

The town council has passed two ordinances, which will be published in next week's Pilot, that should be carefully read by every owner or driver of motor-driven vehicles.

Ordinance No. 62 pertains to speed limit, which is placed at 15 miles an hour within the corporate limits, to be reduced to 8 miles when approaching or turning any corner. It also provides that lights must be displayed, both front and rear, between the hours of fifteen minutes after sunset and daylight. It also makes it unlawful to operate a motor vehicle within the corporate limits with open cut-out.

Ordinance No. 61 prescribes the traffic regulations, which are similar to those adopted in all well-governed cities.

It should be remembered that ignorance of the law excuses no one, therefore it would be well to familiarize yourself with the provisions of these two ordinances as quickly as possible.

Will Plant 200 Acres

S. Y. Hartt and son have finished clearing and have ready for the plow 200 acres out on Lake Letta, which they will plant to citrus fruit. They also expect to erect two nice bungalows on this property before the winter is over

Holiday Vacation

The schools have closed for the regular Christmas-time vacation and will reopen Monday, Jan. 5.

Christmas gift suggestion—send The Pilot to a friend or relative.

MORE HELP NEEDED AT A. C. L. DEPOT

The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company has built a 25-foot addition to its freight depot, the capacity of which has for a long time been insufficient to care for the ever-increasing freight business of this city.

Now the company should go a step further and provide more help at this agency. Agent Conoley and his assistant, Mr. Sherman, are doing everything in their power to handle the large volume of business with as little annoyance and inconvenience as possible, but there is simply too much business for the present force to handle and it is an imposition upon the public to make busy men stand and wait, sometimes an hour or more, before they can be waited upon.

Agent Conoley needs an operator and another clerk and the receipts of this station would justify employing both, but if the powers behind the throne cannot give him but one, they should at least do that much. Last week an operator was here for a few days and we had hoped he was to be a permanent fixture, but this week our hopes have gone a-glimmerin' along with the operator and the same old "wait with patience and trust in God" policy of hoping that the agent will get to you some time during the day must be adopted by those having business to transact at our depot.

Ankle Severely Sprained

Monday while starting his car Harry Stodden was the victim of a painful accident, which will lay him up for several days and always be a reminder that one never can tell just what a Ford will do. As he cranked the car it started, running over one of his feet and throwing him down. One of the rear wheels struck his ankle, which was severely sprained—so badly that it was first thought the ankle was broken. His many friends extend their sympathy and hope that he will soon be "on both feet" again.

Cemetery Ass'n Meeting

The Avon Park Cemetery Association held its annual meeting Tuesday evening, at which time the old officers were re-elected for another year. The officers are Herbert Seaverns, president; S. F. Tucker, secretary and treasurer; Charles Krause, sexton; Mrs. Philip J. Leigh and Mrs. Herbert Seaverns were continued on the executive committee.

To Royal Arch Masons

All Royal Arch Masons are requested to attend the Blue Lodge meeting in the Masonic Temple tonight (Friday), as at the close of that meeting a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons will be organized. Please make a special effort to be present, as it is desired to have our Chapter organization completed at the earliest possible date.

New Firm

Guy McGiboney and R. R Long have formed a co-partnership and engaged in the electrical contracting business. They expect to open a store in the Brickell building, when completed, and carry a full line of electrical appliances and supplies. At present their attention will be paid mainly to wiring. See their ad in another column.

Change of Schedule

The schedule of the north-bound passenger train has been changed from 9:45 to 9:18 a. m. The mail for this train now leaves the post-office at 8:45 a. m. The time of the night train has been changed fram 9:10 to 9:02.

CHURCH BAZAAR IS CROWNING SOCIAL EVENT OF THE SEASON

Last Thursday afternoon, Dec. 11, the Ladies' Aid Society of the Congregational church and the Woman's Guild of the Episcopal church held their annual sale and supper in the parlors of the Congregational church.

This is one of the big social events of the year, for here the people of all the churches meet and have a pleasant social time and while helping a good cause on, they know that they always get more than value for all they invest, whether it be in lace collars, shoe bags, or supper.

All year, at their weekly meetings, as well as privately at their homes, the ladies of the Aid Society prepare for this bazaar, so very many dainty articles, both useful and ornamental, that are on display when the doors open for this event that people have acquired the habit of waiting for this bazaar before making their selections for Christmas, for they can fill out a long list here very satisfactorily.

Miss Alice Davidson, who spends her summers at Chicago, Lake Geneva and various other northern points, but spends all her winters at Hollyhurst, the beautiful Avon Park winter home of the Davidson family, had charge of the bazaar, and she and her able assistants were kept busy all afternoon and evening in the tastefully arranged booth showing their attractive wares to the customers who fairly swarmed there for the many bargains they knew they would find. Miss Lillian Dilley's class of young girls deserves special word in this connection. They met and worked together till they had enough articles to fill a booth of their own. Their dressed dolls, guest towels, doilies, Christmas tree ornaments, etc., made an attractive display. This little booth, with the candy table that was a part of it, netted more than $30.00—a fine showing for these girls, who are in the teen age and under.

The supper is the combined work of the two societies and the proceeds are equally divided. Mrs. Norton Smith was chairman of the supper committee.

Profusely decorated with roses of many varieties, that all winter with their delicate coloring and rich perfume do their part in making Florida famous, the long tables in the parlor were filled time after time, the finest proof of the popularity of these suppers. And the ladies had provided so bountifully of the good things on their tempting menu that the last tables were served as well as the first—and speedy, skilled service it was—no delays of any kind.

During the evening Miss Lisabeth Pardom added to the pleasure of those present by singing a number of selections, her clear, high soprano, as usual, delighting the audience.

The people lingered, visiting and renewing acquaintance, so it was late before the doors closed, marking the end of this year's efforts of these earnest women.

It is needless to add that the bank accounts of the Ladies' Aid and the Woman's Guild show handsome additions as the result of this affair—a just reward of their strenuous efforts and faithful work, typifying their love for their respective churches.

St. Johns' Day services will be conducted by Dr. J. Thomas Murrish, D. D., LL.D., in the Masonic Temple next Sunday afternoon. Members of the Masonic fraternity and their families and friends are expected to be present.

PROMINENT MILL MEN PAY US SHORT VISIT

Messrs. W. P. Barr and F. K. Webb, of Manatee, were business ness visitors to Avon Park Monday, making us a pleasant call. These gentlemen are connected with the Schroeder Lumber Company, of Milwaukee, Wis., one of the largest lumber manufacturing concerns in the United States. Mr. Barr as general manager and Mr. Webb at resident engineer of a huge mill the company is installing at Manatee, the initial cost of which will exceed half a million dollars. They were here endeavoring to purchase a small mill with which to saw the timbers for the new mill at Manatee.

Mr. Barr spoke of the difficulty being experienced in securing lumber for building purposes, stating that the same condition prevailed in all parts of the country and that his company had been offered a contract to sell its entire output for the first year.

Both gentlemen were greatly impressed with the development work going on here and all along the Scenic Highlands, from Haines City down, and were unanimously agreed that Avon Park's outlook for the future was indeed very bright.

Mr. Barr is positive that there will never be an overproduction of Florida citrus fruits and that when our oranges and grapefruit become better known throughout the country we need have no fears of California competition, for the quality of Florida fruit is so superior to that grown in California that it is only a matter of educating the people, through proper advertising, as to the difference between citrus fruits. He mentioned the fact that it was a difficult matter to pick up a magazine of national reputation without being confronted with highly-colored page and double-page advertisements exploiting California fruits, while if any advertisements concerning Florida fruits appeared, they were small and inconsequential. "When Florida fruits are properly advertised," said Mr. Barr, "your fruit growers will not only secure better prices, but will find a ready market for all the fruit that can be produced here."

Old-Time Reception

The park committee for the Masonic Temple Association has arranged to hold and old-time reception and watch party in the commodious club rooms of the Temple New Year's eve. All members of the various Masonic bodies, together with their families and the friends they wish to invite, are expected to be there to speed the parting year and welcome the new with mirth and hilarity. Refreshments will be served and a nominal charge made to create a fund for improving the park. Take notice thereof.

Quoit Game a Draw

The Quoit Club held its first game Monday morning in Recreation Park at the Masonic Temple. The contesting teams—Capt. Mallory and Frank Elliott and A. J. Nichols and Norton Smith—broke even, the games being tied. W. M. Reck acted as referee. Capt. Mallory was in particularly good form, showing diligent practice. The referee's decisions must have been satisfactory to both teams, as we note that he is still alive.

Get your Christmas suggestions from our ads.