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TIME FOR US TO AWAKEN TO OUR RESPONSIBILITIES TO ONE ANOTHER

In last week's Haines City Herald there appeared an article written by Isaac Van Horn, which is so full of good advice applicable to every town in the state of Florida and in the United States, for that matter, that we have decided to publish it, with the hopes that many Avon Park citizens will be benefitted thereby. Mr. Van Horn, who is one of the most loyal and enthusiastic exponents of the advantages of the Scenic Highlands, that ever came to Florida, expresses our sentiments to a nicety and there is not a man, woman or child in Avon Park who cannot profit by reading his article and resolving to put in practice the excellent suggestions contained therein. Mr. Van Horn says:

"Communities as well as people make mistakes. Peoples as well as communities can rectify the spots that mar the happiness and beauty of living in harmony as a collective community if they desire to. Every person realizes that the ideal way is the best way, both for individuals and communities. But things drift on in the same old way, carrying regrets, disappointments, crimination and recrimination, shattered reputations and characters, disappointing business ethics and the same foolish jealousies, envies and idle gossip. Everyone knows it would be better to pull together, morally and materially, both for the personal satisfaction and community welfare.

"Haines City has, based on the foundation laid by its early pioneers, thrown off its swaddling clothes and taken on a full-grown man's job in its progress. Every man, woman or child in it should cut out unkind feelings; mistakes of the past should be forgiven and forgotten and all work together for the moral welfare and material progress of a greater Haines City.

"There must always be a place to start from, a place of beginning and an objective as a goal.

"So as we view the material progress on every hand, working toward the establishment of a great city here, why not at this thanksgiving time, make our start also towards the establishment of a city, so clean and moral in its individual and community life that it shall stand forth as an inspiration, and draw to it a class of citizenship that shall make this city a happy, prosperous and satisfactory place to live in.

"The president of the United States and the governors of the various states, making as units, in collection our great country, do not think it undignified nor belittling to call upon all the public to raise their voice to Almighty God in thankfulness for all our blessings, the presidents on the part of the whole people, the governor for the individuality of the different great states, under such circumstances then, why should not the call go forth at this time in Haines City when great material advancement is so very apparent, to forget one another's mistakes, follies or wrongs of the past and without regard to creed affiliations or any other thing, send forth a clarion call from the churches as the head of the community, down to each individual to rally to this work of community and individual effort for moral as well as material progress, that this city may be known as one that stands for everything that is best and highest.

"Why isn't this a good time to start a new deal all around? If any of us have made mistakes, how can they be wiped out if others use a megaphone to spread the news to every newcomer, and keep stirring up with idle gossip, a bad mess which is as far behind us as a thousand years ago. None of us are all good, and none of us are all bad.

"Who has appointed you or me the judge to sit in final judgment and pronounce the sentence that may ruin a character, still the happiness of a home, ruin a business reputation because some fault or wrong has been committed? Who appointed us the 'judge'?

"If there are any persons wilfully disobeying the laws, committing any crimes, it is not within your province or mine to sit in judgment and walk up and down the street, passing the sentence along to every ready ear listening for gossip or slander. There are laws on the statute books to reach criminals, and they should be used, and they should be used aggressively against the crimes of the tongue that ruin hearts, homes, business and happiness, as against any other criminal.

"So if we are not ready to back up and slander and gossip with evidence before the proper tribunal provided for that purpose, we should leave the word unspoken and lend our aid to the furthering of things that shall promote and not hinder community and individual unity.

"This community must start some time, both as a community and as individuals to do the necessary things to wipe out condemnation for the past and extend to our fellows the same degree of charity for their weaknesses we desire extended to us, and get our shoulders to the wheel unselfishly in the work of making this a great moral as well as a great business city.

"In a community of this kind, each one of us carries a great unseen personal influence, not alone among adults, but among the children growing up who will be men and women

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ISSUES A WARNING AGAINST THE "BOLS"

The American Defense Society, with headquarters in New York City, is carrying on a vigorous campaign against recognition of the soviet government of Russia by the United States and has sent the following telegram to Governor Catts urging him to take a part in the fight and to oppose the propaganda for recognition. The telegram:

"A vigorous nation-wide campaign to force the United States government to recognize soviet Russia is being made, mainly in the name of organized labor by such men as Harry Weinberger of the farmer-labor party; Leonard Minz of the Independent Workers' League, Edna Kenton and other radicals who opposed the interests of the United States in the great war. There is reason to believe that the movement to promote commerce with soviet Russia is backed and financed by Lenine and Trotzky and their agents in this country whose main object is the overthrow of our government and the establishment of the red rule of revolution. The American Defense Society urges you to call on the newspapers in your stae to thwart this new insidious and dangerous propaganda of the enemies of America. We will be glad to aid in establishing citizens' committees to combat this urgent matter."

The society has also written to people in this city urging their aid in the campaign against recognition. "Never more than at this minute was it necessary to counteract the activities of the radicals in this country who are fomenting bolshevism," it says in one of these letters.—Tampa Times.

With Our Advertisers

The Village Inn is a new advertiser this week, as is also the McGinnis Pharmacy. Read both the ads.

L. D. Roberts is announcing another 20 per cent reduction on those splendid Royal tailor-made clothes. It's good time to order that new suit.

Wolf Bros., Tampa, are calling attention to price reductions mentioned in a large advertisement in the Tampa Tribune. If you haven't the Tribune containing it, drop them a card and ask for it. Or, better still, write for what you want or call on them while in Tampa.

F. S. Jordon is announcing the opening of a new jewelry store in the Bricknell block about Dec. 15. Mr. Jordon will carry a new line of jewelry and attend to your needs in repair work.

Read This Ad

On page 5 will be found a half page ad for the old reliable firm of F. Morgus & Son, Arcadia. This firm is offering special inducements to attract the holiday trade. F. Morgus & Son need no introduction to our older residents, but for the benefit of those not so well acquainted in DeSoto county we will say that this is one of the oldest concerns in the county and that from a small beginning several years ago it has built up an immense business and now carries one of the largest stocks of general merchandise in the county, in addition to a splendid line of jewelry. It will pay you to read the ad before doing your Christmas shopping.

Game Plentiful

An Arcadia item in the Times-Union says: "Hunters who have been busy in the Everglades country ever since the game law was out Nov. 20, are beginning to return and from the game they carry and the tales they are telling the game must be very plentiful in that vicinity. One sees cars with deer, bear and deer draped on the sides or on the runing board every day now and this section is without a doubt giving the nimrods all the pleasure they can ask for. Thursday there was the usual large number of small game hunters in the fields and woods around here and all report an abundance of quail and a few squirrel."

Christmas Inducements

The Park Mercantile Company is offering inducements to our readers to make its store their Christmas shopping headquarters. The holiday line is now on display and consists of a splendid assortment from which to select gifts. T. J. McGinnis, the manager, says he is fully appreciative of the splendid patronage he has received during the last year and that he intends showing his appreciation by making prices that speak for themselves.

Recital

There will be a recital in the auditorium of the school building next Friday evening, Dec. 10, at 8 o'clock. It will be given by pupils from Miss Elsabeth Purdom's class, which is a guarantee of rare entertainment. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Two important functions occurred this week, an account of which will have to be postponed until next week, late advertising copy compelling us to omit it this week. They were the visit of the grand matron of the Order of Eastern Star and the reception given by the Woman's Club to officers of the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs.

RECK-TODD NUPTIALS WILL BE CELEBRATED WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8

Next Wednesday the marriage of Miss Winifred V. Reck, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Reck, to Lieut. E. G. Todd, formerly of Baltimore, Md., but now of Avon Park, will take place. The wedding will be a very quiet home affair, none but the immediate relatives of the contracting parties being present, with the exceptions of Miss Henrietta Farrington, who will attend the bride, and J. V. Chapman, who will attend the groom. Immediately after the ceremony the newlyweds will leave for a short wedding trip, after which they will return to Avon Park and take up their residence at their beautiful home on Lake Lotela, Forest Lawn.

The announcement of the engagement of these two popular young people was made last March. It came as a surprise to their many friends, but as an agreeable surprise, for it was at once recognized that the marriage of such a lovable and accomplished young lady as Miss Reck to a man of Lieutenant Todd's sterling worth and character could result in nothing but a life of happiness and martial bliss.

They will begin life under the most favorable circumstances. Living in a beautiful home, where the surroundings are such as to create inspirations that will bring out the finest qualities, and located close to those who are near and dear, no clouds will appear on life's horizon to mar the brightness of the future.

We join with the many friends of this worthy young couple in wishing them a full measure of joy in their wedded life.

THANKSGIVING DAY AT THE HOTEL AVON

J. D. McEwen, manager of the Hotel Avon, held open house Thanksgiving day and about 100 guests enjoyed the hospitality of the day. The elaborate menu was prepared and served under the direct supervision of Mrs. Ethel Clark, assistant manager. The menu cards were unique and were carried away by the guests as souvenirs.

The afternoon was devoted to outdoor sports, such as swimming and tennis. In the evening a musical program was given, the center of attraction being the male quartette, composed of the three Murray brothers and Mr. Cozzens of Washington, D. C. The guitar playing by Edward Murray was most artistic and evoked enthusiastic applause.

The day was unusually successful in providing these delightful attractions for its guests, which add so much to the charming, home-like atmosphere of the hotel.

Killed Big Deer

Messrs. Walter Zachary and Marion Pollard went out for a few hours Wednesday and succeeded in bagging a large buck. These two sportsmen never go hunting without bringing in the game, and this time were successful from the first.—Sebring White Way.

Another Development Planned

Norton T. Smith has recently closed a deal with local and Baltimore parties, who he represented 120 acres of land from C. E. Street, which they will begin to develop at once. The land lies cast of town and is splendid citrus land.

Revival Meetings at Sebring

The Rev. Will H. McLeod, "the Cracker Cowboy Evangelist," holding a series of revival meetings in Sebring. Large crowds are attending the meetings, according to the White Way.

ENTERTAINED AT 12 AND 6 O'CLOCK DINNERS THANKSGIVING DAY

Mr. and Mrs. Norton T. Smith entertained a few of their friends at 12 and 6 o'clock dinners Thanksgiving day. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are among the few people who believe it is "better to give than receive" and it has been their custom ever since coming to Avon Park to give an elaborate Thanksgiving dinner each year to those of their friends who are away from home or have no wives, sisters or mothers to prepare a feast on this occasion. Mrs. Smith's well-known culinary accomplishments, together with the open-handed hospitality always in evidence, make these occasions such as are long remembered by the fortunate ones receiving invitations.

At the 12 o'clock dinner Thanksgiving day there were present W. J. Nixon, C. L. Randill, Steve Wood, John J. Jamour, Al Jamour, Charles F. and Gurdon W. Smith, Capt. F. C. Rae and Mrs. Margaret Campbell.

At the 6 o'clock dinner the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stevenson, E. M. Brickell and Capt. F. C. Rae.

METHODISTS MAKE GOOD SHOWING DURING YEAR

The Rev. W. A. Fischer, pastor of the Methodist church, will leave Monday for Tallahassee to attend the Florida annual conference to convene in that city Dec. 8. Bishop Warren A. Candler of Atlanta, Ga., will preside over the conference.

The local church here has made much progress during the year, considering the difficulties encountered in securing a place in which to hold services.

Sixty-two members have been added to the church and the Sunday school attendance has increased 100 per cent, the enrollment being 132.

During the year benevolences to the amount of $1,238 have been paid in full.

The Woman's Missionary Society made an excellent record, raising for all purposes $557.80.

The brick work on the new church edifice is well advanced and unless something unforseen happens will be completed at an early date. There has been expended on the building to date the sum of $6,982.

The pastor will have a good report to the conference.

This is the Rev. Fischer's second year here and it is expected and hoped he will be returned for another year.

MOVING INTO THE BRICKELL BUILDING

The McGinnis Pharmacy and the Smith-McGinnis-Stebbins Company are moving into their new quarters in the Brickell building, and the former, although doing business now, will have its formal opening next Tuesday.

The McGinnis Pharmacy fixtures are of cherry and are very attractive. A new soda fountain has been installed, which will be presided over by Leon Starkey. Mr. Starkey, a registered pharmacist, will manage the business. A large stock is being placed on the shelves, and the room presents a most inviting appearance.

The Smith-McGinnis-Stebbins Company is unable to say just when its stock will be fully placed, on account of delay in the making and placing of fixtures.

Killed Two Big Gobblers

Fred Smith, A. J. Whidden and Charley Right, who spent Thanksgiving day on a hunting trip, succeeded in bagging two fine turkey gobblers, the honors of the hunt falling to Fred Smith.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS HELD ALL-DAY CONVOCATION LAST MONDAY

Highlands Chapter No. 42, Royal Arch Masons, held a special convocation Monday, lasting all day, at which time all four degrees of Royal Arch Masonry were worked. The degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master were conferred upon J. O. Carr, Dr. W. H. Smoke, Henry Hall and W. J. Lattimore of Moore Haven and W. S. Butler of this city. Five gentlemen, with the addition of Herbert F. R. Reck of this city, making up two teams that were exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in the afternoon and evening.

Monday being election day and also a very busy one for our merchants, the attendance during the day was not large, but at the evening session there was a splendid attendance and every member of the lodge responded to the degree team and the chapter.

The candidates from Moore Haven were entertained at dinner at the Hotel Avon by the chapter and in the evening a bountiful buffet luncheon was served in the Masonic Temple club rooms. The luncheon was prepared by Mesdames Norton Smith, L. M. Marsh and R. H. Stodden, which in itself is a guarantee of quality.

After luncheon Dr. Thomas Murrish, D.D., LL.D., delivered a short address of welcome to the candidates, which was heartily received. Henry Hall responded to the toast "How It Feels" with a rousing speech and Dr. W. H. Smoke to the toast "The Ladies." Both these Moore Haven gentlemen are fluent speakers, and their contributions to the occasion were greatly enjoyed.

The enterprising town of Moore Haven has furnished Highlands Chapter to date with ten new members and others, we are informed, are awaiting petitions, in order that they may also become members. Sebring, too, is furnishing a number of new members, the "material" from both places being all that could be desired.

It is gratifying to the members of Highlands Chapter to know that this chapter is the means of promoting a more cordial relationship between the people of Avon Park and those of the towns lying to the south of us. It is the entering wedge of a relationship which is bound to expand and make for greater friendship, a closer affiliation and a unity of purpose. It will bring us closer together in our fraternal and social life and go a long way toward insuring harmony and a desire to improve business conditions and the general welfare of all.

In Sebring and Avon Park our interests are almost identical, both towns are located in the heart of the finest citrus growing section of the world. Both towns are peopled by an enterprising and harmonious population, working day and night in a friendly spirit of rivalry to attract permanent and winter residents and investment of capital in sound business enterprises. Moore Haven, at the southern terminus of this branch of the Atlantic Coast Line, is located in a general farming and trucking section that has no equal. With these towns possessing such potent advantages, the affiliation of their prominent and enterprising men in fraternal organizations cannot but work for the good of all.

PERSONNEL OF TOWN OFFICIALS UNCHANGED BY THE ELECTION

The town election held Monday passed off quietly and after the votes were counted it was shown that all of the old officials had been re-elected by substantial majorities.

One hundred and forty-eight votes were cast, the ladies showing fully as much interest as the men.

There was no opposition on the ballot to William King for mayor, W. M. Fertic for marshal, R. C. Petersen for assessor and treasurer and George L. Crews for clerk and collector.

At the mass meeting held Thursday night of last week, R. W. Swearingen was nominated for mayor in opposition to the present incumbent, William King, but Mr. Swearingen positively refused to allow his name to go on the ballot. Notwithstanding this fact he received 40 votes, showing that during his tenure in office some time ago he made many friends who would liked to have seen him again mayor.

There were six candidates for the town council, although we might truthfully say that none of the candidates really had opposition (?) In fact, Messrs. C. E. Lanier and A. V. Anderson had emphatically declined to allow their names to go on the ticket, and it was only by much persuasion of their friends that they consented to allow their names to remain there. A great many of our voters felt that inasmuch as the old council were in full touch with the situation as regards improvements now under way and in contemplation, it would be the height of folly to "swap horses in the middle of the stream," consequently the present members of the council were re-elected by substantial majorities.

There were a few scattering votes cast for persons whose names did not appear on the ticket and we are publishing the entire result as follows:

For Mayor

William King	100
R. W. Swearingen	40
Mrs. W. C. Tomlinson	1
Mrs. Norton T. Smith	1

For Marshal

W. M. Fertic	126
Love Cash	15

For Clerk

George L. Crews	138

For Collector

George L. Crews	132
Mrs. R. C. Petersen	1

For Assessor

R. C. Petersen	136

For Treasurer

R. C. Petersen	133

For Councilman

C. E. Lanier	112
A. V. Anderson	92
R. I. Harris	87
Harry Dilley	43
L. D. Roberts	54
H. F. R. Reck	49

SEABOARD AIR LINE WILL BOOST FLORIDA

G. Z. Phillips, assistant passenger traffic manager of the Seaboard Air Line railway at Jacksonville, has received from Jesse M. Jones, general development agent of the Seaboard, an interesting outline of the plans of the railway for an intensive advertising campaign for the mutual benefit of Florida and the railway lines, and Mr. Phillips has forwarded a copy of the plans to the Tampa Times. Mr. Jones writes:

"With a feeling that you might be interested in what the Seaboard Air Line is doing in the way of advertising, we are writing you some of the details, making the letter as short as possible under the circumstances. In addition to our relationship to the Old Bay Line and not taking into consideration the mileage of our subsidiary lines, we operate around 4,000 miles; traversing six states bordering on the Atlantic ocean and the Gulf of Mexico. Our greatest mileage is in Florida, and by reason of its long growing season and the number of open working days we are engaged in the transportation of vast tonnage of high perishable products, which require the most careful attention from the point of shipment to destination and the property must be handled in fast freight trains that it may be delivered at destination in perfect condition.

Work to Develop Florida

"Florida being the second largest state served by the Seaboard Air Line, having a much smaller population and the greatest number of seaboard miles, it is very important that we exercise every effort to develop, substantially, that part of our territory. The fourteenth census shows that Florida comes fourth in population gain by the states traversed by our line, Alabama comes fifth and South Carolina last. Our other states have mines, hydro-electric power, mills and other resources not enjoyed by Florida, which contribute to the increase in population in those states; the large number of people we expect to settle down there will come from that class who must engage in occupations requiring their personal supervision and a great deal of their own labor rather than having to serve on a wage basis. Therefore, this department is making its best effort to bring about during the balance of 1920 and in 1921 the greatest influx of substantial population ever known to that state.

"Our publicity campaign beginning with the first week in November provides for advertisements in 103 papers, trade journals and high-class magazines running classified advertisements from one inch to quarter and half pages, with illustrations.

"The guaranteed circulation for one issue is 4,456,720; when this circulation is multiplied by the number of times we will use the several publications, the total distribution will be 170,000,000. In view of the opinion we have that so many people are anxious to leave the sections of country subject to much snow and ice, there is every reason for thinking that this office and all of the representatives of the Seaboard throughout the United States will have many inquiries about our territory. A supply of our booklets and leaflets will be sent to your office as fast as they come from the printer, and any assistance you may render this department in its effort to build up our territory will be very much appreciated.

Seaboard Serves Six States

"The Seaboard Air Line traverses six states, having an area of 294,968 square miles and a total population of 12,754,893. The total gain in population in these states during the census period ending Dec. 31, 1919, was 1,477,696. The gain in Florida was 213,667. The gain in St. Petersburg, Fla., was 10,110, while the gains in Bradentown, Palmetto and Sarasota, respectively, were 1,982, 1,273, 1,409. The gain in Manatee county, Florida, was 9,162 (96 per cent), being 4,275 more than the number of people coming into the county between 1900 and 1910. While we have grown considerably we have room for a great many substantial new residents and as a new settler in Florida is a permanent support to our line, we feel sure you will be interested in the development of that state."

Kind Words from Canada

In renewing his subscription to The Pilot, W. W. Luven of Hamilton, Ont., says: "I have much pleasure in enclosing my cheque for $2.50 to continue my subscription to your paper. You certainly are publishing a very creditable paper and in a very substantial way have aided to put Avon Park on the map. I have a warm spot for it and hope to be able to take a more personal interest in Avon Park, Queen of the Scenic Highlands."

Church of Christ

Beginning next Lord's day there will be a series of meeting conducted by the Church of Christ. Evangelist Charles Taylor of Paducah, Ky., will do the preaching. Charlie is the rater noted "boy preacher," whose evangelistic career has been widespread and successful. You will appreciate an opportunity to hear this young man, and we herewith extend a hearty invitation to all to attend this series of services.

KNIGHT & WALL'S PUBLICITY MAN HERE

Judson Edwards of Tampa, "with a nose for news and a keen sense of human interest values," who is now making his headquarter with the Knight & Wall Company of Tampa, was an Avon Park visitor Wednesday, making The Pilot office a pleasant and appreciated call. Mr. Edwards was getting data concerning Avon Park for the company he represents to use in their advertising campaign. The Knight & Wall Company, which is one of the oldest and best-known hardware firms in South Florida, has been using its connection with its extensive advertising campaign, sketches of live South Florida towns. This publicity so generously donated by that public spirited firm is beyond calculable benefit to the towns and localities mentioned in the advertising and the firm deserves great credit for its unselfish thoughtfulness. Mr. Edwards was greatly impressed with what he saw while in Avon Park and particularly with the spirit exhibited by our citizens in matters of public weal.

Kind Words from Sebring

Our neighboring contemporary, the Avon Park Pilot, editor George W. Adams, passed its first birthday with last week's issue and certainly from the first has been a dandy success from every point of view. Gaining over a thousand subscribers in one year is some record for a little country town weekly, but that is what The Pilot did. Avon Park, however, is one of the most progressive towns in South Florida and Editor Adams one of the best newspapermen and with such a combination nothing but success is possible.—Sebring White Way.

Community Dinner

Thanksgiving day the members of the Lake Lake settlement held a community dinner and supper at Dear Haven, the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. TenEyck. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. TenEyck, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Kingsley, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Stodden, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Paxton, Mrs. Shirk, Miss Daremus, H. M. Kingsley, Henry Myers, Frank Hollingsworth and Dock Bloom. After dinner an informal program of music and stories was enjoyed.

Store Fronts Painted

The store fronts of the Avon Park Drug Company and the Park Mercantile Company have been repainted and greatly improved in appearance. The drug company's front is done in white and the Park Mercantile in green.

OUR TRACTORS REDUCE COST OF GROVE DEVELOPMENT

The first trees planted in Section Seventeen, now in their fourth year, are carrying a good crop of fine fruit—the result of splendid care.

Section Sixteen is entirely planted and the trees are growing rapidly. A visit to our developments prove that our agreement has been fully carried out.

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Visiting companions cordially welcomed.

W. M. Reck, High Priest.
J. P. Jamour, Secretary.

IT IS TIME FOR US TO AWAKEN TO OUR RESPONSIBILITIES TO ONE ANOTHER

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of this city's future, and we should accept this responsibility without shirking it.

"I am only human like the rest of you; I came into this little city to assist as far as lies in my power, in co-operation with every man and woman in it, in building it into a great modern city which its geographical and railroad situation makes possible, also in co-operation with all the various tributary communities tied to it by bonds of railroad and geographical situation to bring to the attention of the public its opportunities and be a factor in the progress and welfare of this entire country of marvelous resources known as South Ceneral Florida.

"No matter how wonderful a success I might make of such a work, I would personally consider it a failure unless I had been able by my conduct and life among its citizens to be also aligned and a help in its moral progress as well. For two years or more, along with my study of business conditions, I have been concerned because of the apparent lack of unity among us all, not in a business way, because we must necessarily differ, but in a personal and moral way, and I determined I should take a public stand in this city on the side of all that is right and that will affect its moral as well as business growth and make it a happy place to live in.

"Personally and individually I love this whole section known as South Central Florida, and I hope to give the balance of my life, whether it be short or long, in doing what I may in its honorable development, both in a business sense and morally. My efforts may result in much or little—only time will demonstrate that—I do not know myself but I shall give the best that is in me to this work unselfishly.

"Because of the personal differences existing in this community I have not been exempt either from hearing or being influenced by many of the statements made, whether based on fact or not, as others are, and found myself filled with personal prejudices and personal alignments dictated by such influences. I felt as I understood this, that it was my time to start. From this time forth I want no one in this community to come to me carrying idle stories affecting anyone's reputation or character. I want no one to take my time explaining any misdeeds in fact or implied, committed by anyone in this community in the past. I want to forget the past and give to every person credit for what they are. I want every person in this community to feel free to come to me in sorrow or distress or business trouble and know I am their friend. I want every child in this community to see me live a clean life that may help them by any example. I want every business man to know that he can come to me with confidence and secure my assistance whenever possible in the furthering of any project in the interest of the city. No matter what my past feeling may have been, either in fact or implied in my personal relations with everyone in this community, I want it understood that I stand for every man in this city, without fear or favor, no matter what anyone says or thinks of the past, who now stands for the moral and material welfare of this city and its future.

"I also stand ready at any time, to act with any men or set of men, backed with evidence, and to assist morally and financially in the prosecution to a finish of anyone who shall besmirch the good name of the city or engage in any violation of the laws of the land which shall be detrimental to the interests of any man, woman or child in it.

"Of my means I shall always stand ready to assist as far as possible anything of a philanthropic, religious or charitable nature which I feel justifies my support and will be a benefit to this community.

"It is the time to start and I appeal to every man and woman in Haines City to accept their full measure of responsibility with me to the end that a feeling of full co-operation, not only in business, may be enjoyed by us all, but that the fellowship of the community may be made warmer, the social life more universal, the morals of the community strengthened and crimination be laid aside for a deep feeling of confidence in one another's integrity of purpose, in the interest of a better, happier and more hospitable city.

"Sincerely,

"ISAAC VAN HORN.

"P. S. Why did I write this? Because I feel as many others who have spoken to me privately feel and believe it is time for us to awaken to our responsibilities to one another and to the community. While money is a good thing to have and we all want it, there is something in life more valuable and we are losing much of it and I believe we should start on our way in this direction as a community."

Railroad Hearing Dec. 8

An interesting hearing will be held in Jacksonville at 10 o'clock in the morning of Dec. 8, when the state railroad commission will ascertain whether or not it should issue an order directing certain railway lines to receive freight at their respective stations up until 4 o'clock p. m. of each working day, for forwarding on trains departing the same evening or night. Notice of this hearing has been sent to the following railroad lines, operating in the state: The Seaboard Air Line Railway Company, the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, the Florida East Coast railroad and the Southern Railway System.

Expenses of Woman's Party

Expenses of the campaign for national woman suffrage conducted by the national woman's party during the last seven years, amounted to $864,280, according to an audited account made public in Washington. The largest item included was $96,202 for organization work. Expenses in three national elections totalled $67,137.

When you want to buy or sell real estate see Stivender.

FARMERS CANNOT BE PROSECUTED UNDER THE ANTI-TRUST LAWS

Because farmers' co-operative organizations are exempt from application of anti-trust laws, the department of justice has given no consideration to the campaign for the withholding of crops from the markets until prices advance, it was said by Frank K. Nebeker, special assistant to the attorney-general in charge of anti-trust prosecutions.

Mr. Nebeker's explanation of the department's attitude followed the recent statement of Charles S. Barrett, president of the National Farmers' Union, that he understood that federal agents were attempting to obtain evidence for prosecution in Kansas, Iowa and other middle western states.

"The Clayton anti-trust act," Mr. Nebeker said, "expressly provides that agricultural organizations, not having capital stock or conducted for profit, can not be construed as conspiracies in restraint of trade. Withholding of crops from market for personal profit," Mr. Nebeker asserted, "probably would not be held as organization profits."

Mr. Nebeker also explained that the limitations on the appropriation act for the enforcement of the anti-trust laws would seem to preclude action against the farmers, inasmuch as the act specifies that no part of the appropriations shall be expended for the prosecution of farmers who co-operate to obtain a fair and reasonable price for their products. The construction as to what is a fair price for the various farm products, Mr. Nebeker declared, would, however, probably govern in any specific case that might arise, as it would seem that since the present laws forbids prosecution where the effort is to obtain a fair price conversely attempts to obtain unfair and unreasonable prices would be contrary to the law.

The law may exempt from prosecution farmers who combine to withhold products from the market in order to obtain higher prices, but we fail to see the moral difference between a gang of that kind and the manufacturers who might combine or form a trust to withhold the manufactured product from the market and compel the consumers to pay exhorbitant prices.

New Savings Securities

Two new treasury securities, a $1 treasury savings stamp and a $25 treasury savings certificates, will be issued during the coming year, Secretary Houston has announced. They will complete the line of government savings securities, he said, and place operations on a pre-war time basis. The $1 savings stamp will be non-interest bearing and will carry the portrait of Alexander Hamilton, first secretary of the treasury. The $25 certificate will be similar in design and terms to the $100 and $1,000 certificates, which also will be offered in 1921 to mature Jan. 1, 1926. The new securities will supply a $1 unit for saving and a registered government security in the $25 denomination, which may be purchased through accumulation of $1 savings stamps.

FORESTRY ASSOCIATION TO GIVE MEMORIAL HIGHWAY A BIG BOOST

The American Forestry Association is planning a big boost for the Hillsborough Memorial Highway, which will be dedicated Jan. 2, by giving it a world of publicity, spread throughout the country. There will be 1,500 trees planted along the Memorial Highway and a monument or marker will be placed at each end. South Florida will receive some genuine advertising through this medium.

Making Criminals to Catch

One effect of the Volstead law has been to create a new kind of criminal. The men who make fake raids and demand money to keep the possession of liquor quiet are driving a thriving business in some localities.—Miami Herald.

LECTURES ON PROPHECIES OF THE REVELATION

We call the attention of our readers to the large advertisement in this issue of The Pilot announcing six lectures on the prophecies of Revelation by Evangelist Walker, beginning Sunday night, Dec. 5.

No doubt those who are interested in the study of Bible prophecy and have never been able to find a satisfactory solution to the mysterious prophecies of the Apocolypse will find these lectures both interesting and instructive.

Mr. Walker is conservative, feels his way cautiously, producing satisfactory evidence in bearing out his conclusions.

These prophecies of the book of Revelation will all be illustrated by hand-painted charts which will add to the interest of the lectures.

This evening (Friday, Dec. 3), the lecture will be concerning the "ram," "goat" and "little horn" of the eighth chapter of Daniel. Tomorrow evening Mr. Walker will undertake proving there has not been a day lost since creation and that our Saturday is the identical seventh day on which the Creator rested at the close of creation. This lecture will be to answer the objections of some who contend that so far as we know a day may have been lost and we cannot tell which is the seventh day. Mr. Walker extends a welcome to everybody to hear these lectures at the khaki tent.

UNDERWOOD EXPECTS LITTLE LEGISLATION

Enactment of but little general legislation at the coming session of congress is looked for by Senator Underwood the democratic leader, who returned to Washington recently from his home. He also expressed doubt whether any action would be had on the treaty of Versailles or that the republicans would seek readoption of the Knox peace treaty because, he said, it would be certain of another veto by President Wilson.

It's the Florida Way

It is gratifying to observe that not a single note of pessimism has been sounded by any of the Florida papers since the election. While Florida wanted it to go the other way, the result is not looked upon as a calamity. This state knows by experience that, under any administration, it has to hustle for what it gets, and it is also finding out that it can get what it hustles for. So why worry? There is not a state in the union with a better present or a safer future prosperity. If they have less prosperity in the north, more visitors will motor down here to save expenses in the winter; if they have more prosperity, more of the people will be able to come. In either case they will constitute an ever growing market for everything Florida has to sell. And we have yet to learn that Florida sunshine is less alluring, or Florida soil less productive, under a republican than a democratic administration.—Lakeland Telegram.

How Natural

A young housewife was troubled with mice in the pantry. Her husband brought home a mouse trap. The next day his wife said, "Dearie, bring home a mouse trap tonight." "Why, Pet, I brought one yesterday." "I know, but that one has a mouse in it."—S. F. Tucker.

Some Books

There are 175,900 volumes in the library of the British Museum and more than thirty-nine miles of shelving.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of The Skipper Company, a corporation, will be held at the office of the said corporation in Avon Park, Florida, at two o'clock p. m. on the 6th day of December, A. D. 1920, for the purpose of determining whether the capital stock of said corporation shall be increased from one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) to two hundred fifty thousand dollars ($250,000.00), to be issued as follows:

One hundred fifty thousand dollars ($150,000.00) common stock and one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000.00) preferred stock; said preferred stock to bear a guaranteed dividend of eight (8) per cent per annum from the first day of January, A. D. 1921.

The corporation shall have the right and privilege of calling in and retiring all or any part or portion of said preferred stock any time after five years from the date of issuance of the first share of said preferred stock by paying to the record holder or holders thereof not less than the sum of ten dollars ($10.00) per share, together with any accrued dividend thereon at the date thereof.

In case of liquidation or dissolution of the corporation prior to the calling in and retiring of the preferred stock, the said holders of said preferred stock shall be entitled to receive and to be paid the sum of ten dollars ($10.00) per share par value of said preferred stock, together with any accrued dividend due thereon prior to the date of said dissolution or liquidation.

Said common stock shall have the voting power of said corporation and shall be entitled to all the earnings and profits thereof after the eight (8) per cent annual dividend is paid on said preferred stock.

Said stock to be sold and issued in denominations of ten dollars ($10.00) each; preferred stock to be sold and issued for cash, property or other things of value or for any other purpose to be determined by the board of directors; said common stock to be sold and issued for cash, property or other things of value to be determined by the board of directors.

Dated this the 30th day of October, A. D. 1920, at Avon Park, Florida.

THE SKIPPER COMPANY,
By C. A. Skipper, President.
Attest: C. E. Lanier, Secretary.
Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 3

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MONEY BACK without question if Poslam Soap fails in the treatment of Eczema, Tetter, Ringworm, Itch, etc. Clears intense itching instantly. Also other treatments failed. Poslam's Salve heals raw blotches. Acres of such cases. You can't lose on our Money Back Guarantee. Try it at our risk TODAY. Price 75c

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Then we will be capable of giving more efficient service in banking and other lines. We need you and you need us.

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Invites your patronage, assuring you at all times of service second to none.

Expert mechanics to overhaul and repair your car, no matter what make.

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AVON PARK, - - - - - FLORIDA

Mostris Fruit Store

The people of Avon Park will be interested in learning that the new proprietor of the Fruit Store comes here exceptionally well recommended and that it is his intention to furnish those who desire strictly first-class fruits and everything usually carried in such a store with only the best the market affords.

Your patronage will be appreciated

Fresh Fruits, Canned Goods, Cigars, Tobacco, Cigarettes, Fresh Roasted Peanuts, Bottled Cool Drinks of All Kinds

OUR MOTTO IS: QUALITY AND SERVICE

A DUTY ON ORANGES

Encouraged by their large majorities in both house and senate, it is safe to say the Republicans will enact the most outrageous protective tariff ever written on the statute books, and though this would probably result in their defeat at a subsequent election, a tariff once enacted cannot be changed until the party opposed to it succeeds in securing control of both branches of congress and in electing a president. While the manufacturers will take for their own benefit all the substance of the tariff they will try to bribe other classes with the shadows and it is probable that they will try to bribe Floridians with the proposition of increasing the duty on oranges.

So far as this paper is concerned its attitude on the tariff question is fully expressed by the declaration that it is not right to tax one man for the enrichment of another. It is also true that no industry that is profitable needs protection and no one that is unprofitable deserves it. We are not concerned about who is to receive the fruits of robbery. We are opposed to robbery, and would be as much opposed to it if it were proposed to give the swag to Floridians as to anyone else.

Another thing about protection is that the democratic party has always been opposed to it. We do not speak of this convention or that, or another, but of all democratic conventions. Opposition to protection is, and has always been, the very foundation stone of democracy, and no democrat can advocate protection without violating the essential principle of his party.

But putting this aside and considering the question purely from the standpoint of the division of the loot, the Floridian who would insist on an increase in the duty on oranges would show an ignorance inconceivable. No plunderers' gang was ever more closely banded together than are the protectionists. They give and take and thus they make their conspiracy successful. This industry is given this degree and that is given that degree, and the other given the other degree of protection. The conspiracy would not be possible of accomplishment but for a proposed division among the conspirators.

Now as to oranges. If a duty of a million dollars per orange were imposed it would not add one cent a carload to the money the orange growers of Florida would get for their fruit for, while this country produced about fifty million dollars' worth of oranges last year, it imported only $52,790 worth. We produced one thousand dollars' worth to every one dollar's worth imported. Would the addition of a dollar's worth of oranges to the supply in a market that already had a thousand dollars' worth cause any reduction in the price? Every man who has sense enough to get in out of a shower of rain knows it would not.

While we imported only $52,790 worth of oranges last year we exported $7,638,450 worth. We not only made a larger crop of oranges than the country needed—we made a crop so much larger that we exported 145 times as much in oranges as we imported. No tariff would add a cent a carload to the price of oranges in this country, but Floridians who would get such a tariff would bid for it in preference to one that would double the price they would pay for a suit of clothes.—Times-Union.

Best Are the Cheapest

After all, the best things in the world are the cheapest, and the non-essentials are the most costly. A quart of moonshine costs ten dollars, while a quart of water is without price, a New Testament costs a quarter, while a yellow-back novel costs two dollars; a nap in a Pullman car will set a man back five dollars, while he can comfortably snooze in church for nothing; a hand of poker will cost a man more in five minutes than his wife's church contribution amounts to in a full year.—Haines City Herald.

MRS. HAYS DELIVERS ADDRESS ON THRIFT TO FLORIDA WOMEN

Mrs. J. S. Hays, president of the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs, recently addressed the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs and, left to select her own subject, she, with conscientious motive, selected thrift as the subject around which she wove her interesting discourse.

Mrs. Hays, like many women students of conditions, knows that the women of the six southern states have not this year responded to the thrift message as sent out by the United States government as the work which the women of the nation needed to look after. The records in the government organization, as well as in the general federation records, show that since the first of September the women of the other federal reserve districts have taken up the subject of practicing thrift more seriously.

Are We Less Thrifty?

Neither Mrs. Hays nor others directly interested in carrying the thrift message doubt for one moment that the women of the six southern states are failing in practicing thrift, but they are failing in recording their accomplishments in that direction and they are not handling it in a business manner.

Therefore she is urging the federated club women, both in her own state and out of it, to make thrift the integral part which it is of—good citizenship.

Mrs. Hays said: "Three great questions before our women today are education in all its phases, thrift in all its forms and citizenship with all its responsibilities.

"Let us get the question thrift down to a working basis and try to work out a tangible plan.

Two Rules

"First—Let the club women practice thrift in all things: Thrift in money, thrift in time, thrift in energy, thrift in health, thrift in conservation of our natural resources.

"Second—Let us see that thrift is taught the children in our schools. It may seem impractical at first, but even in our own recollection the hygiene which is now so freely taught in our schools would have seemed equally as impractical.

Thrift Versus Stinginess

"Thrift is not stinginess and does not require dowdiness, but it does require the intelligent use of all our resources. It means getting the most for one's money, the most for one's time and the most for one's strength.

"Roosevelt said that thrift is common sense in spending. It is surprising that America should be known as a thriftless nation, when only in recent years there was such a fine example of the salvation of a nation by the thriftiness of its people.

Thrift and Satisfaction

"Thrift makes a satisfied people. Had you ever thought that the reds—the bolsheviki—are people who have not practiced thrift? Following out the idea, it is easy to see that thrift develops the citizen and extravagance the anarchist. Thrift, in other words is a character builder," said Mrs. Hays.

"We have just passed through a debauch of extravagance, Irving Cobb in his article 'Whither Are We Thrifting,' blames it upon the mad desire of the people to spend, even if it were for tickets to no-matter-where or for tombstones on the graves of those who had long since been forgotten.

"Last year the women spent $750,000,000 for cosmetics and $800,000,000 for snuff, which we agree is scandalous.

"Now I believe the time is past for this needless extravagance, both because the people are recovering from the hysteria and because the money is giving out."

The Spirit of It

Mrs. Hays was practical when she took thrift as the subject of her discourse, for her purpose was to accomplish some good rather than to entertain her audience, for it is only rational to use the organization of women to accomplish the things which women must unite to do. Twenty-eight out of the thirty-six state federation presidents at the recent biennial of club women described education as their problem and it is easy to understand that thrift would be the basis of better educational facilities.

At the recent state convention of club women in Georgia eight of the twelve district presidents, described educational facilities as one of their problems which lack could be traced directly to a lack of thrift, while even the most superficial women know that their citizenship is going to have little force unless they understand the meaning of thrift and practice it, not only in their homes and extend their interest in it out into community affairs.

An Inestimable Statement

Some one has said that the American people are not going to accept thrift as a virtue—that it savors too much in their mind with the idea of self-sacrifice; that they must be made to see how they are going to be benefitted in their own time and community by the practice of thrift than as a condition they are working to which will react upon their children.

MEXICO ACCEPTS SOUTH FLORIDA FAIR INVITATION

Formal acceptance of the invitation for Mexico to send its exhibit to the South Florida Fair has been received by Charles H. Brown, vice-president of the fair association, in the following official letter from R. Ruengs, Mexican consul in Tampa:

"Dear Sir: I have the honor to inform you that my government has accepted with pleasure your courteous invitation to send the Mexican exhibit to the South Florida Fair, February, 1921.

"They have requested me to advise them as to space given them so they can guide themselves accordingly as to the exhibition."

Start Your Shopping Now

Christmas will be here pretty soon. Just because it's popular to overwork the salespeople during the last week, many will wait until that time.—Pensacola Journal.

A great acreage has been cleared and plowing will soon be started on the land comprising the first unit of sales

We are up to our schedule of development and tree planting will begin early in 1921.

"Watch Your Investment Grow"

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BRICKELL BLOCK

This new pharmacy, in charge of Ed Carnes, registered pharmacist, although taking care of its customers now, announces its formal

Opening Tuesday, Dec. 7

with a full line of Drugs, Patent Medicines, Druggists' Sundries, Cigars, Tobacco and Cigarettes, Fountain Drinks, Ice Cream, Toilet Articles, Perfumes, etc., and invites the public of Avon Park to attend the opening, inspect the store and stock and get acquainted.

AUTHORIZED RED CROSS AGENCY

Prescriptions will be carefully compounded by a Registerd Pharmacist

Our stock is new and there are few drug stores in South Florida better prepared to care for your needs than this. Every effort will be put forth to please our customers. Headquarters for

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Come in and see us, whether you wish to purchase anything now or not.

Yours to Serve

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Having made arrangements with the Southern Marble and Stone Company of Georgia to act as their representative in Avon Park and adjoining towns. I am ready to take orders for

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Avon Park, Fla.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF AVON PARK
Meets First and Third Friday of Each Month
Mother's Department
Meets Second and Fourth Friday of Each Month
School Auditorium

We print calling cards.

Avon Park has a splendid lot of cement sidewalks, but the town has grown so rapidly that more are needed. Let those who own property where sidewalks are needed petition the council to have same built. Good sidewalks are as important factors in a town's growth as good streets.

Will some one please tell us just what are the functions of the state marketing bureau. Every week we find a column or so of interesting data of what is going on in China, Timbuctoo or the Desert of Gobi, but mighty little about market conditions or how to obtain better markets or better prices for Florida products.

There is no occasion for the fruit-growers to feel that they will not receive good prices for their products this year. With a constantly widening market, with improved facilities of handling fruit and reaching the consumer, and with a high grade of oranges and grapefruit, there is every evidence that prices will be satisfactory, not only this year, but every year.—Haines City Herald.

For Christmas

FANCY CANDIES
From one-half pound up

FRUIT CAKES
From one to five pounds

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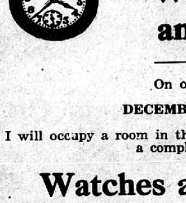

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On or about

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I will occupy a room in the new Brickell Building with a complete line of

Watches and Jewelry

Before buying your Xmas presents in this line, you are cordially invited to wait and inspect this new stock

F. S. Jordon

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GEO. W. ADAMS, Editor

Published every Friday at Avon Park, Fla. by the Avon Park Publishing Company.

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MEMBER FLORIDA PRESS ASSOCIATION

Entered as second-class matter December 31, 1919, at the postoffice at Avon Park, Florida, under the act of March 3, 1879.

TELEPHONE No. 29

Begin your Christmas shopping now.

Eighteen more shopping days before Christmas.

Thanks to the voters of the state, it will soon be "Governor Hardee."

What a great year this is for men who are anxious to retire from public life.

A year's subscription to The Pilot would make a splendid Christmas present.

Now we wonder if when the republicans are in full power liberty bonds will sell at par?

Press dispatches say that an Omaha man is living with a bullet in his heart. What a hard-hearted wretch he must be.

The next legislature should pass a bill requiring every person in the state who owns or desires to own a pistol to secure a license.

The time is not far distant when the proletariat will be wishing they'd saved some of those 40-cent dollars for the readjustment period.

Just what inducement is there to buy $1 non-interest bearing savings stamps, when our banks pay 5 per cent interest on savings deposits?

O. M. Crosby, founder of Avon Park, always described this as the "prettiest township in all Florida." And Mr. Crosby's description is accurate.

Knocking your neighboring towns will not build up Avon Park. Let's build our town on its merits, not on the demerits of our neighbors, if they have any.

"If you would be happy, eliminate your needless wants," says the Tampa Tribune. Lord, what a happy lot of newspaper men there must have been in Florida during the last few years!

With most country editors it's either a feast or a famine. Last Thanksgiving day we feasted, but since then we've been nearly famished trying to "clean up the leavin's."

A Colorado professor recently backed up a statement that "worms were edible" by eating a mess of fried angle worms, declaring them "not half bad." There's no accounting for some people's taste.

"The devil is dead," some people have said
With a very self-satisfied smile,
But I meekly replied, "Who, then,
since he died,
Is doing his work all the while?"

Some county officials are not content with the rich pickings they get in fees, but must use their office to further enrich themselves by "gobbling up" or having their friends "gobble up" all the good tax lands they are able to unearth with "inside knowledge."

We don't want to cut off anyone from our subscription list who desires to receive The Pilot. Our subscriptions are payable in advance, however, and as the first year is up, all subscriptions not paid in advance will be discontinued after this issue. Everybody looks alike to us.

While it's a fact that pork in the large stock markets has hit pre-war prices and below, you couldn't make the average consumer believe it after he has just purchased a slice of ham or bacon from the retail dealer. And possibly the retailer doesn't believe it when the "drummer" quotes prices.

Hardly a week passes but some one tells the editor of his home paper of an article of "news" regarding fights, family quarrels, dissensions in the church, derelictions of town officials, or other choice tid-bits of gossip. We do not consider such matter as the foregoing news, but rather scandal-mongering, and The Pilot is not a scandal-monger.

S. F. Tucker voices our sentiments in the following: "A man may use a wart on the back of his neck for a collar button, stop his watch nights to save wear and tear, pasture his mother-in-law's grave to save corn, but that man is a gentleman and a scholar compared with the fellow who subscribes for a newspaper and when asked to pay for it, puts it back in the postoffice marked 'refused.'"

Right now, when our advertising should be the heaviest, we are carrying less advertising than at any time during the last six months. The merchants of neighboring towns and cities are advertising their holiday goods extensively and offering inducements to attract out-of-town trade. If Avon Park merchants are wise they will carry large ads from now until the last issue before Christmas and keep as much of our trade at home as possible.

The Lake Alfred News is a new six-column weekly paper making its appearance on our exchange table. Maynard C. Froemke is editor and publisher and Mrs. F. C. Gardner associate editor. It takes a lot of nerve to launch a weekly newspaper in a small town, with print paper hovering around the 16-cent mark and hard to get at that, and everything going into the makeup of a paper from 300 to 500 per cent above normal prices. The News has our best wishes for success and as it is published in a splendid section of the state, the people of that section will lose a splendid opportunity to exploit their advantages if they fail to give the paper their whole-hearted support.

HELP ACCOMMODATE OUR VISITORS

Avon Park and her citizens are suffering a daily loss that will total a large sum, simply because we cannot accommodate those who come here seeking locations or to spend the winter, with rooms for light housekeeping or for sleeping purposes only. Not only are our people losing the money they could obtain from rentals, but they are losing the opportunity of securing new residents for the town. The latter is a permanent loss, for every new permanent resident helps to add to property values.

There are a great many families in Avon Park who could rent at least one room during the winter months, receive a good income from same and not materially inconvenience themselves. If they would do this we could add a large number to our winter population, at least, and out of that number some would very likely remain permanently.

We are going to suggest that everyone in Avon Park who can possibly spare a room, list the same in The Pilot in a column we will devote for that purpose. Then, if they do not care to attend to the details of renting, let the various real estate dealers work from the list and offer rent to such persons as are desirable.

In this way you can help accommodate the people coming here for the winter, add a nice little sum to your income and be of a real benefit to the town.

The price for listing these rooms will be 25 cents per week and it will bring you the best returns any like sum ever invested brought.

"A HINT TO THE WISE"

Sunday's Times-Union contained an editorial under the caption "The City Viewpoint," which should serve as a hint to the people of every town in Florida with "aspirations." The editorial follows:

"A writer in one of the well-known daily newspapers of Florida in making a comparison of two cities in the southern part of the state, the younger of which has grown much more rapidly than its older neighbor, remarked that the fastest growing city had the city viewpoint, while the other clung to town ideas and methods.

"It has become very evident in Florida that modern ideas must prevail to attract and satisfy the cosmopolitan crowds that are flocking to this state from all sections of the country. The country town idea does not appeal to them and that does not mean small town by any means as there are a number of small towns in the state that have attracted a number of the most progressive and influential capitalists, simply because they were created from a city viewpoint and bear all the earmarks of urban life from the beginning.

"As a matter of fact there is no reason why the smaller cities and towns cannot possess the city viewpoint and methods, as well as the larger places. It is entirely in the hands of the people as to what they can make of their town. It costs no more to be metropolitan than it does to be away behind the times. New buildings can be built on modern lines just as cheaply as in the old styles and the old buildings can be modernized by remodeling at a slight cost.

"The towns and cities that are marked for brilliant successes in Florida are those that have adopted the city viewpoint and their momentum is so rapid that it will be almost impossible for the towns that are content to follow along in the old ways to keep pace with them or even remain in sight of their rapidly growing neighbors."

We must decline to accept contribution of poetry.

A splendid Christmas present — a year's subscription to The Pilot.

The advertisements in your home paper will help you solve the gift problem.

These items of interest furnished make good fillers, but are they worth the price?

The beekeepers are holding a meeting at Tampa today. No doubt many stinging subjects will be discussed.

Had we all practiced thrift during these last few years of high prices the banks of the country would be bulging with money.

Do any of our readers remember when we used to roll up strips of paper into what we called "lamplighters," in order to save matches?

The wise merchant will double his advertising during the next few months and clean up those high-priced stocks before the inevitable decline in the spring.

Avon Park has made rapid progress in the last year, yet she has just begun to grow. How fast and how substantial the future growth will be depends entirely upon our citizens. Let us work shoulder to shoulder and make it the best town in South Central Florida.

For the benefit of a very few people in Avon Park, we will say that the editor of this paper "wears no man's collar" but his own. When it comes to the policy of the paper, no member of the company has ever attempted to dictate and we do not think any member has desire to do so.

Mrs. J. E. Hays, president of the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs, has discovered that "last year the women spent $750,000,000 for cosmetics and $800,000,000 for snuff." Mrs. Hays thinks this is scandalous and so do we. But then, think how much more so it would have been had the amount for cigarettes been included.

Editor Adams of The Highlands Pilot celebrated the first anniversary of The Highlands Pilot by getting out a special edition last week, on fine tinted paper. The Pilot has made a wonderful success during the twelve months it has materially assisted in putting Avon Park on the map. Success to Bro. Adams for many more twelve months.—Sarasota Times.

Suggestions for Christmas Shoppers

In purchasing your Christmas Gifts why not select articles that will be useful? They will be doubly appreciated. Take a look at our splendid line of

ALUMINUM WARE
COMMUNITY SILVER
POCKET KNIVES

The boys would appreciate one of those

WAGONS or GO-CARTS

New line of Pittsburgh Fencing—hog and chicken proof —just received

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Buy a Homesite

And Let It Grow in Value While You Are Paying For It

NO SAFER INVESTMENT

can be made than in town lots in a growing town. Avon Park is growing wonderfully and values are increasing daily. You can take a good profit in a short time and will not realize that you have made an investment if you

BUY A LOT IN BLOCK SIXTY-FOUR

Beautiful location on the crest of a hill overlooking the town; on asphalt pavement; electric lights and water brought to your door.

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Have installed complete outfit for the Storage Battery business and am prepared to

REBUILD, RECHARGE and REPAIR ALL MAKES OF STORAGE BATTERIES

Am also equipped with new retreading machinery and can turn out Retreads that will not come off

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Prompt and Satisfactory Service

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Here You Are

Fine ten-acre young grove, near town, on clay road, overlooking beautiful lake; half oranges and half grapefruit. Excellent condition and well located, $4,500.

BUT IF YOU WANT

a lot fronting on Lake Lotela, with a clay road running by it, just out of town, with three acres of fine bearing orange and grapefruit trees on it, and a dandy site for your house, I have it, and it's a good buy.

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You will eventually want The Pilot. Why not subscribe now?

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Arcadia, Florida

BIG JEWELRY SALE

BEGINNING

Dec. 4th And Continuing Until Dec. 25th

Our Stock Must Be Reduced

In this mammoth stock reducing sale we are going to offer some prices not heard of in Jewelry Bargains in the past decade. Thousands of valuable selections for every member of the family are being placed on the sacrifice counter and we are going to let you name the price on many of the articles. We are going to face the New Year with a normal stock, and in order to do so we are slashing prices on Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Silverware, Graphaphones, etc., not a single article in our big assortment to be withheld. Come early and pick the best bargains.

LADIES' WRIST WATCH SPECIAL
Octagon Shape, 10-year Case, 7-jewel Works at $12.75

SPECIAL
One Lot 10-karat, Solid Gold Baby Rings at 55c Each

Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Silverware, Ivory Goods, Cut Glass, China, Graphaphones and Records
At Greatly Reduced Prices

THE FOLLOWING ARE ONLY A FEW OF OUR MANY BARGAINS

MEN'S WATCHES
In Elgins, Walthams, Hamiltons and South Bends at prices varying from $11 to $50.

LADIES' WRIST WATCHES
6 Specials at $12.50 6 Specials at $12.75
Other Grades up to $45.00

RINGS
Solid Gold Rings from $2 up.
All Birth Stones carried in stock

LAVALIERS
Solid Gold Lavaliers as cheap as $2.75
Solid Gold Lavalier with Diamond for $6.75

PINS, BROOCHES
We have a wonderful assortment of these in solid gold, ranging in price from $1.75, $2.00, $2.25, $2.50 and up

CARD CASES AND VANITIES
In Sterling and Plated, at greatly reduced prices

Community Silverware in Adam and Patrican Pattern Knives and Forks, Ice Tea Spoons, Salad Forks, Oyster Forks, Child's Sets, and all Odd Pieces carried in stock

MESH BAGS
25 per cent off on all Mesh Bags, both in Sterling and White Metal

WHITE IVORY GOODS
Combs, Brooches, Mirrors, Powder Boxes, Hair Receivers, Perfume Bottles, Nail Files and Buffers. In fact everything made in ivory at specially attractive prices

MANICURE SETS
Of All descriptions in both pearl and ivory, from $2.50 up

CUT GLASS
We carry the most complete line of Cut Glass in DeSoto County. The price of everything in Cut Glass reduced 20 per cent

SPECIAL—Sterling Silver Buckle with Best Belt, $2.75
Only Six of These Left

FOR HIM
Watches, Cuff Links, Rings, Watch Chains, Scarf Pins, Belts and Buckles, Cigarette Cases, Match Boxes, Cigar Clips, Gold Pencils, Emblem Charms, Emblem Buttons, Cigarette Holders, Signet Rings, Pipes.

FOR HER
Rings, Wrist Watches, Bar Pins, Cameo Brooches, Pearl Necklace, Ivory Sets, Vanity Cases, Manicure Sets, Mesh Bags, Cut Glass, China, Clocks, Silverware.

Don't Fail to Look Over Our Special Bargain Counters

F. MORQUS & SON

JEWELERS AND OPTICIANS GIFTS THAT LAST

These Sale Prices Are For Cash Only

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Board of Trade Meeting

There will be an important meeting of the Board of Trade in the council room next Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock. A business matter of great importance to Avon Park will be discussed, therefore all members are urgently requested to be present.

Do your Xmas shopping early.

Talk with Stivender about real estate.

Extra copies of The Pilot are 5 cents each.

E. N. Dickinson was a Lake Wales visitor Sunday.

Storage batteries rebuilt, repaired and recharged. W. P. Babcock, Sebring, Fla. 51tf

Roy Dunn of Lake Wales was among the Monday visitors in Avon Park.

P. M. Stivender spent Thanksgiving day in Tampa with relatives and friends.

Prof. I. C. M. Ellenberger has been in Fort Myers this week taking the examinations.

For Sale—Oakland Six touring car; practically good as new; a bargain. G. A. Stebbins.

Shade Williams, prominent farmer of New Hope, was transacting business here Saturday.

Mrs. W. P. Cameron and two little daughters spent Sunday in Haines City with Mr. Cameron.

For Sale — A few choice canary birds; singers $5, females $2. Roswell Cutler. 47tfc

Mrs. E. S. Barnes spent several days in Fort Meade this week, visiting her mother, Mrs. W. A. Glover.

Ethyle Marsh and Beatrice Bass returned Sunday from Zolfo, where they had been visiting friends several days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Glass and Mr. Glass' brother, J. H. Glass, motored to Wauchula and Zolfo Sunday afternoon.

Pierce Hagan of Sanford spent several days here this week visiting his brother and looking after business interests.

F. H. Brown, who has located in Lakeland, spent Sunday night in Avon Park visiting his mother, Mrs. B. A. Pearson.

Plenty of good things to eat will be served at the Congregational church parlors Thursday evening, Dec. 9, 5:30 o'clock.

You'll miss a good supper if you fail to be on hand at the Congregational church parlors Thursday evening, Dec. 9, 5:30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lanier, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Godwin and Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Touchton spent Thanksgiving day on Lake Letta, enjoying a fine picnic spread and the men folk hunting birds.

W. O. Spear, Miss Abbie Conner and Roy Garrett motored to Nocatee Sunday afternoon, where they were joined by Miss Alice Dutton and then drove on to Punta Gorda, returning to Avon Park in the evening.

Stivender sells real estate.

B. A. Pearson spent Sunday in Lakeland visiting relatives.

Curt Clark of Fort Meade attended revival meetings here Sunday night.

We make your storage battery new. W. P. Babcock, Sebring, Fla. 51tf

E. N. Dickinson made a business trip to Okeechobee Thursday of last week.

Harry Johnson spent Sunday in Fort Meade visiting relatives and friends.

C. A. Clark and W. B. Forward spent Thanksgiving day on Deer lake, bird hunting and fishing.

Robert Luke returned Saturday from Tampa, where he had been for two weeks, having undergone an operation for appendicitis.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Smith will be glad to learn that they have returned from Manchester, N. Y., to again spend the winter here. They arrived Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Buchanan, Mrs. W. B. Park and Mrs. C. P. Anderson made a trip to Tampa Monday. They were accompanied as far as Bartow by Mrs. A. V. Anderson, who spent the day in Polk county's capital shopping.

Thomas and Rebecca Caldwell spent Thanksgiving week here, guests of their parents and Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Trent. Thomas is attending Rollins College at Winter Park and Miss Rebecca is attending school in Wauchula.

In announcing the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. William Dart to spend the winter here, as has been their custom for several years, we omitted the names of Miss Viola Isley and Nelson Chandler of White Lake, N. Y., who accompanied them.

Steney Amick of Pikesville, Ky., who brought his family here several weeks ago to spend the winter, left Saturday for his Kentucky home, where he will remain until the Christmas holidays, when he will return to Avon Park and spend the holidays with his family.

Floyd Waldron of Berlin Heights, O., arrived in Avon Park Monday night, with a view to spending the winter here. This is Mr. Waldron's first visit to Avon Park and we trust he will be so favorably impressed with our town and its people that he will decide to at least make it his regular wintering place.

The members of the Philathea class and the teacher, Mrs. C. D. Noland, spent Friday of last week out on Pioneer lake at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Smith, who served a delightful luncheon. The time was whiled away in sewing for the coming bazaar. The class will meet tomorrow (Saturday) with Mrs. Ellis West.

George Hinkins of Zolfo was in Avon Park Tuesday. Mr. Hinkins desires to locate here if he can secure employment in grove work that will prove permanent. We have known Mr. Hinkins for a number of years and can unhesitatingly recommend him as being a splendid workman and one in whom absolute dependence can be placed.

Capt. George Mallory and A. Ellison spent Tuesday in Tampa.

B. H. Hagan made a business trip to Sebring Monday morning.

A. Ebi returned Wednesday morning from a business trip to Moore Haven.

John Godwin and son Marcus of Sebring were transacting business here Monday.

Mrs. H. C. Elks and Mrs. S. B. Wells enjoyed an auto trip to Sebring Sunday morning.

Storage batteries rebuilt, repaired and recharged. W. P. Babcock, Sebring, Fla. 51tf

Mrs. Denells Hull of Wauchula was here Sunday attending the revival meeting, coming over with her sister, Mrs. Dune Swann.

Miss Corabell Timmerman of Waycross, Ga., who had been the guest of Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Touchton several days, left Tuesday morning for Dade City, where she will visit her uncle for several weeks.

E. F. Thompson of Jacksonville, who has been connected with the Avon Manufacturing Company of this place for several weeks, went to Lake Wales Monday, where he will remain some time and then return to Avon Park.

Mclroy Brierly and family and brother of Valparaiso, Ind., who are spending the winter at Winter Haven, were here this week visiting friends. They would have liked to have remained here, but could not do so on account of being unable to secure accommodations.

Pears and Poker

"Do you raise pears in Louisiana?" Bishop Potter once asked a man whose acquaintance he had made on the train.

"We do," was the reply, "and we have threes or better."—Detroit Evanscript.

The New Method

From some of the excited agricultural meetings of the last few months the idea is wafted out that the best way to make money farming is not to produce anything; and the next best way is not to sell it after you have produced it. — Lakeland Telegram.

Harding Said

Senator Harding in his Brownsville address said that "I like to think of a government which protects its citizens whenever they go on a lawful mission, anywhere under the shining sun." Senator Harding was probably talking for the benefit of the Filipinos in the audience, for every American citizen feels that his country has been woefully negligent in time of need. The Mexicans know this to be true, hence their disdain for the stars and stripes.—Apalachicola Times.

Poinciana Lodge No. 227, F. & A. M.

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D. P. CANFIELD, Secretary.

Santa Claus Is Coming

This store, as usual, is Santa Claus' Headquarters. And Santa Claus will be especially good this year and make two especially valuable presents to our customers. One is for the boy and consists of

A Train of Cars

The other is what every little girl in the land most particularly desired for Christmas—

A Large Doll, Fully Dressed

These presents, which we give absolutely free, are valued at $25 each. Call and learn how you may get one of them.

SUITABLE PRESENTS FOR EVERY MEMBER OF THE FAMILY AND ALL YOUR FRIENDS

Toys of every description, Dolls of all kinds, Wagons, Go-Carts, Horns, Balls, Games, Checker Boards, Mechanical Toys, Toilet Sets, Manicure Sets, Perfumes, Toilet Water, Tooth Brushes, Handkerchiefs, Ties, Umbrellas, Silk Hose and Stockings, and an innumerable number of articles that will make appropriate gifts, no matter for whom they are desired.

MEN'S TIES IN BOXES AND SILK SHIRTS

Shoes

About forty dozen pairs of those famous Star Brand Shoes for men, women and children, to be sold during the remainder of the year

At Actual Cost

Men's and Boys' Clothing

All that is left going at cost. This means a saving of many dollars to our customers who take advantage of this offer and buy now.

Ginghams

Amoskeag Utility Ginghams, per yard..... 24c
32-inch Zephyr Ginghams, per yard..... 34c

WHY PAY MORE?

Ladies' Georgette, Crepe de Chine, Silk Jerseys and Black Taffetta Waists from

LADIES' COATS AND SKIRTS AT ACTUAL COST WHILE THEY LAST

WARNER BROS. CORSETS

We desire to express our thanks to our patrons for the liberal patronage extended during the last year, and are glad to show our appreciation by quoting the lowest prices possible on anything in our line.

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T. J. McGINNIS, Manager Avon Park, Florida

Our Christmas Savings Club

Was the means of saving hundreds of dollars for those who joined it.

Watch for our announcement next week for the 1921 Xmas Savings Club

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Practically all the clearing has been completed on the lands comprising the first sales unit.

By the use of tractors much of the plowing has been finished and the planting of trees will be started in the planting season of 1921.

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REVELATIONS FROM ASTRONOMY, METAPHYSICS, PSYCHOLOGY, ONTOLOGY, BIOLOGY, PHYSIOLOGY AND SOCIALOGY

The Universe and Mankind—Mind, Spirit, Life and Death—Multum in Parvo—Anno Mundi One Million and Then Some

(By S. F. Tucker)

The highest privilege of mankind is to think. This furnishes the mind with noble ideas that aid in our advance toward perfection. Thought is eternal. No idea is ever born, no idea ever dies. Create it we cannot.

Study to know the deeper truth of things. We may not be able to interpret completely the meaning, but we may suspect.

Thought is not confined to the brain or cord. It is in every cell. Each new cell is a new creation. It draws its power and life from the invisible realm. It is an inheritance. It produces us, but cannot be produced by us.

There are two forms of existence—mind and matter. We know nothing about the nature of mind; we know of its existence only. The ultimate purpose and end of all things is beyond our knowledge. There is a limit to our understanding. There is a world of knowledge near by us that we can master. There is a wider world of being than our every-day consciousness and a reality to the unseen. There is a psychial being.

Our earthly birth did not begin our existence; we possess subconscious soul life. Simple consciousness appears a short time after birth; self consciousness appears three years after birth. It is absent in idiots. Cosmic consciousness is the coming of new faculties. A phenomena of this, "Paul saw a great light."

When sense consciousness disappears, new faculties of the psychial appear. Death ends sense consciousness. Memory is the root of all mental development. From it we only know our identity.

Life is an intelligent, invisible principle of existence. Life is immortal. All life begins in protoplasm.

Vital force is an intelligent controlling force of life and never ceases to exist. Nervous energy is a form of vital force. Only a limited amount is available at any moment. Renewal comes from rest and sleep.

Habits we all must have. They are fixed at twenty. Our characters are established by our habits.

Our disposition depends largely upon health and temperament.

Our life can be no larger than the objects to which we give our attention. This forms our individual world.

The musician inhabits a realm of harmony and feeling.

Everything in nature operates in accordance with eternal law. All progress, mental, moral, psychical and spiritual are based on law, created by infinite intelligence and so far incomprehensible to the finite mind of man.

Sanity requires a wide range of interests, not one all-absorbing. This is a mark of insanity.

Tendencies which lie in us all, carried to excess, produce insanity. Be careful in the selection of subjects upon which the mind is to dwell. It is not safe to know too much. Jesus would not explain the secrets of his mysterious power and lost his life. Bruno lost his life for what he knew. Galileo nearly lost his life for this reason.

Religion in its nature and essence is metaphysical.

The magic and adepts were masters of occult science, communicating hidden knowledge to man they could not otherwise obtain—sorceries and enchantment in the old Bible. The new oppose this and tke up astrology, divining by movement of stars with miracles. Three, five and seven are mystic numbers. Everything moves in cycles. Certain of the planets produce sunshine, rain, wind and tornadoes. The weather cycle is seven years. The business cycle is twenty-seven years—eight, nine and ten. From good to hard times is nine years.

Here we bid adieu to these subjects and trust that you will find things that will instruct and interest you.

FLORIDA HAS FEW WASTE PRODUCTS

A few weeks since we asserted in the editorial columns of The Times that Florida had no waste lands, an assertion which several state papers were kind enough to copy approvingly. In view of the numerous stories that are coming to our table daily of the utilization of Florida products that have always been considered pure waste, we are tempted to amend our headline and assert that Florida has no waste products. Formerly there used to be much waste around our citrus packing houses and truck farms. That waste is now being converted into delicious marmalades and shipped far and wide. The wastage of the truck farms is now being taken up by the canning girls and the canning factories and stored against the season of scarcity.

Another source of potential wealth has been found in Florida. By the way, these finds are becoming so common that it is difficult for the chronicler to keep up with them. First it was sawgrass for the making of paper, then it was pine stumps, of which Florida possesses untold millions, which were found valuable for the oils with which they are filled. Now it is the water hyacinth, which has developed into a nuisance, impeding the navigation of our rivers and taking possession of some of our beautiful lakes and which we have spent thousands of dollars to suppress. Some genius has discovered that the pestiferous, but beautiful hyacinth contains a remarkably high percentage of potash which can be extracted on a commercial basis. These are all waste products, or have been esteemed as such, but it seems they are all capable of being turned to profitable account. It may yet be found that the cattle tick is a blessing in disguise and that our attempts to eradicate him have been mistakes.

We need potash in our business of raising fruits and vegetables and if we can tap the water hycinth for a supply, it will afford us a gratifying independence of Germany, which up to the war was our main reliance for a supply. It will never be necessary to cultivate the hycinth for it has a habit of spreading, which in the past we have found both discouraging and disgusting. It floats freely from place to place and wherever it stops establishes a colony. It is one of the greatest colonizers known, beating Germany, England and France to a standstill at their favorite game. All hail to the hycinth as a potash producer.—Tampa Times.

Indians to Move

To be led by their chief, Tony Tommy, the largest single group of Seminole Indians now remaining will soon change their place of abode from the reservation about sixty miles southeast of Fort Myers. The new home of the Seminoles will consist of a reservation of approximately 21,000 acres, completely fenced in and including a portion of the Everglades. Although part of the reservation is under water, the arable portion is sufficient to support the Indians, with land to spare. The Seminoles, in their new home, will be provided with schools and they have agreed to submit to compulsory education laws.—Moore Haven Times.

Kaiser Distributes Fortune

During visits of his children at Doorn castle the past week, former Emperor William of Germany has taken occasion to discuss with them their financial resources, says a Doorn dispatch to the Daily Mail. It is said the former emperor intends to present each of his children with 85,000 pounds in Dutch money, so that they may live in a "manner befitting the Hohenzollerns."

Stivender sells real estate.

CLIFF DWELLINGS WITH SKELETONS ALONGSIDE, BASKETS FULL OF GRAIN

A Denver (Colo. special says: "Discovery of what is said to be prehistoric ruins of two cliff dwellings in the hills at the junction of the Yamoa and Green rivers in a remote section of the northwestern corner of Colorado has been reported to Prof. Jean A. Jeanson of the bureau of ethonology.

"A ranchman of Youghai, Colo., brought word of the finding of the ground with a detailed description of the ruins here recently.

"Discoveries of incalculable value to science and history have been made by Professor Jeanson.

"Homesteader's curiosity aroused by the ancient and peculiar canyon walls and overhanging ledges, partially eclipsed by the "long deep opening resembling a great pair of lips with flat, stone-colored teeth," led the ranchman, James Loftus, to make an examination of the ruins, he said.

"In the rooms he found wicker baskets filled with what appeared to be grain. Two skeletons were found in the rooms. Pieces of pottery and baked clay were littered about the floor of the houses.

"Professor Jeanson is in Colorado for the purpose of investigating the antiquities of the state."

ALMANACS BEING PUT OUT OF BUSINESS BY SCIENCE

Time was when the farmer carried his almanac along with his trusty "chewin' plug" and demijohn of cold water when he set out in the early morning hours to till the fields.

But science in recent years has had a lot to do with eliminating the almanac from the farmer's equipment. Instead of looking up possible weather conditions for the day, as he did so assiduously in former years, the agriculturist now calls up the nearest station of the department of agriculture's field service and learns first hand the official forecast and the Washington Evening Star tells us the farmer finds it more reliable than the old system and a great deal more convenient.

Hundreds of calls are received daily by the University of Maryland, at College Park, which works in conjunction with the department of agriculture. The forecasts are telegraphed each morning to the university.—New York Tribune.

One On the Preacher

When a preacher gets so he can't hear he should quit occupying the pulpit, judging from what is told on a clergyman who had lost his hearing and being anxious to introduce hymn books, directed the clerk to give notice in church about them after the sermon. The clerk, however, had a notice of his own to give in reference to the baptism of infants. Accordingly at the close of the sermon, he announced: "All those having children they wish baptized, send in their names." The clergyman, who was deaf, supposed that the clerk was giving out the hymn book notice, arose and said: "And I want to say for the benefit of those who haven't any, that they may be obtained from me any day, the ordinary little ones for 15 cents, and special ones, with red backs, at 25 cents each."—Dahlonega Nugget.

Calkins Will Speak for Elks

Hon. James E. Calkins, special counsel for the state railroad commission, has accepted the invitation of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Daytona to make the annual memorial address at a meeting to be held in that city next Sunday, Dec. 5.

Do your Christmas shopping early.

P. M. STIVENDER

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NEW ERA OF PROSPERITY JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Just around the corner lies a new era of the soundest prosperity America has ever known.

Business just now appears to be in the doldrums, but in reality the trend toward better conditions already has set in. It may require a few months for development, but it is as certain to come as day is to follow night.

Business men everywhere who have studied the situation know this to be true. The wise merchant and the wise manufacturer are they who are clearing their decks and getting ready to start afresh with the dawn of the new day.

The workmen who have been dropped from the rolls of the railroads and the big corporations will all find themselves either back at their old jobs soon or otherwise employed. There has been for a long time a shortage of labor in many lines, because workmen have been attracted to work where the pay was very high.

The readjustment will take many of these back to their old jobs and shortly we shall start off again with a full head of steam, every man in his place, and the ever-growing demands of a country in need of many things stimulating each to do his best to fill the fast increasing orders.—Tampa Tribune.

Where Does Dad Come In?

In the attitude of the children of today toward their fathers the one outstanding fact is that there is little intimacy. Is it because dad is so over-indulgent and non-interfering that his family often comes to regard him only as a kind of domestic Santa Claus—a perpetual giver of gifts? How many sons actually converse alone with their fathers two hours a week, excluding time spent discusing money matters? Business and sport have all but absorbed the mind of the average American business man.—Adelaide Stedman, in Leslie's.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Stivender sells real estate.

W. E. Nance attended services in Zolfo Sunday.

Jacksonville was represented in Avon Park Monday by W. O. Scaife.

We repair all makes of storage batteries. W. P. Babcock. Sebring, Fla.

Attorney D. V. Rouse was transacting legal business in Arcadia Tuesday.

E. O. Williams, E. G. Todd and W. M. Reck made a business trip to Arcadia Tuesday.

B. C. Johnson of Orlando was among the business visitors noticed in Avon Park Monday.

Manatee county was represented in Avon Park Monday by Mr. and Mrs. John W. Roe of Palmetto.

Representative-elect Dr. E. J. Etheredge of DeSoto City was shaking hands with friends here Tuesday.

Miss Gladys Hall returned to Avon Park Sunday night, after a week's visit with relatives at Orange Springs.

E. C. Stuart of Bartow and E. D. Ellis and LeRoy Dunn of Lake Wales were here Monday in the interests of the Florida Ice and Power Company.

Fred Peddy of Lakeland has accepted a position with the Avon Park Drug Company. Leon Starkey, who has been with this company for some months, will be with the McGinnis Pharmacy.

A letter from Charles Maderia, Stony Point, Conn., dated Nov. 22, states that they would leave in a few days in their "John Henry" for Avon Park. If they are not already here by the time this week's issue appears, we may expect them in a few days. They will receive a hearty welcome from their friends.

Real estate, that's all. Stivender.

A. W. Allan and T. R. Swift spent Sunday in Tampa.

Bryant Collier and family of New Hope spent Sunday in Avon Park.

J. V. Chapman and H. M. Wiggins motored to Bartow Sunday afternoon.

R. L. Mays, Jr., of Lakeland was among Avon Park's business visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dovell of Atlanta, Ga., were registered at the Avon Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Ott and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ott motored to Zolfo Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Fred Stevens spent Friday and Saturday at Haines City looking after grove interests.

Don't forget the supper at the Congregational church parlors Thursday evening, Dec. 9, 5:30 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Canfield, Miss Myrtle Jack and Mrs. A. J. Canfield motored to Sebring Sunday afternoon.

For Sale—Good mare mule, wagon and harness; cheap. J. W. Foley, Avon Park. 49tfc

William Durrance of Wauchula was among the out-of-town people attending revival services here Sunday night.

John Wilson and family of New Hope spent Sunday in Avon Park, guests of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Godwin.

Dorris Williams returned home Sunday from Bowling Green, where she had been spending several days visiting relatives.

Mrs. Gertie Starkey and Mrs. Grace Day of St. Petersburg spent several days here last week with Mrs. Starkey's sister, Mrs. L. E. Bass.

R. L. Franklin of Adairsville, Ga., who has considerable property interests here, spent several days in Avon Park this week looking after business matters.

Elizabeth Andrews, who is teaching school at Lemon Grove, spent Thanksgiving day and the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Andrews.

You will get a good supper and help a good cause if you patronize the supper at the Congregational church parlors Thursday evening, Dec. 9, 5:30 o'clock.

Steve Woods, a prominent contractor of Beckley, W. Va., is here to spend the winter with O. L. Bardill and enjoy the splendid hunting and fishing to be found in this vicinity.

The Rev. C. B. Stevenson of Orlando, president of the Florida Conference of Seven-day Adventists, was the guest of Evangelist Allen Walker Sunday night, returning to Orlando Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Starkey entertained with a turkey dinner Thanksgiving day Mr. and Mrs. Ellis West, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Q. A. Hunt and Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Parks and family.

Miss Myrtle Jack, who has been assisting in the First National Bank at Punta Gorda for six weeks, returned to Avon Park Sunday and has resumed her work as assistant cashier in the First National Bank.

Norton Smith, accompanied by E. M. Bricket, Capt. Frank C. Rae and Capt. George Mallory, motored to Arcadia Saturday. Norton tells us that hunters are returning from Lee county with their cars loaded with deer and turkey.

Dr. and Mrs. H. Timm returned to Avon Park from Brooklyn, N. Y., Friday of last week. They are located at the Avon for the winter. Dr. and Mrs. Timm spent last winter here, during which time they made many friends who will welcome their return this winter.

J. H. Raines, who is operating a sawmill near Fort Meade, was here to spend the week-end with his family. Mr. Raines says that his work will keep him at Fort Meade for six or eight months yet, and possibly a year, but that he couldn't think of living in any other place than Avon Park.

The ladies of the Episcopal Guild and Ladies' Aid of the Congregational church will serve a supper in the congregational church parlor Thursday, Dec. 9, 5:30 p. m. This is the date of the annual bazaar and as our people know how splendidly the ladies serve on this occasion, there is no doubt but that a large crowd will patronize the supper.

Sid Pierce and son Clifford of near Bassinger spent a few hours here Tuesday en route to Fort Meade. Mr. Pierce is one of the old settlers of DeSoto county and has large grove and cattle interests on the Kissimmee prairie and at Bassinger. He is possessed of a fund of information concerning the early days and a most interesting person to converse with.

Mrs. Franklin Bishop and Mrs. D. M. McAuley of Cleveland, Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Fisher and child and Mrs. W. B. Park of Tampa spent Sunday and Monday in Avon Park. Mrs. Bishop is interested in the beautiful Hillcrest groves and is the Hillcrest representative in St. Petersburg, where she spends the winter months. Mrs. Bishop will no doubt bring many parties to Avon Park during the winter, as she is enthusiastic over the Hillcrest development and Avon Park in general.

Here's something to let soak in

WHILE I was overseas,
WE USED to kick.
AND MAKE bum jokes.
ABOUT ARMY raincoats.
BUT FRANCE is very moist.
AND ALL our stuff.
WAS ALWAYS wet anyway,
SO IT didn't matter.
BUT WHEN I got home.
I DIDN'T know enough.
TO STAY inside.
WHEN IT rained.
BUT WORE the old slicker.
OUT IN the rain.
AND NOW I know.
THOSE JOKES held water.
AND SO do the coats.
HOLD WATER—inside.
AND I never know.

THAT POCKETS could hold,
SO MUCH water.
AND EVERYTHING in them,
WAS RUINED.
EXCEPT MY cigarettes.
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...matters. Prefer attention to sanitary conditions in places where insanitary conditions were noticeable and a motion prevailed that the clerk should serve written notice on property owners whose such conditions were evident to clean up their premises within forty-eight hours after notice was given.

A special committee reported options had been secured on all property needed to carry out the street and park program, with the exception of one lot owned by out-of-town parties, but that assurance had been given that the lot in question could be secured at a reasonable price. The report was accepted and the committee continued.

Finance committee audited the following bills and ordered warrants drawn to pay same:

Salary election officers	$
A. P. Printing Co., printing and publishing	
First National Bank, redeeming certificate	
H. E. Coy, balance on sidewalk lien	
E. N. Dickinson, hauling	
L. R. Lewis, hauling	
E. N. Dickinson, hauling	
W. A. Roberts, hauling	
White Dry Goods Co., merchandise	
W. M. Fertic, marshal's salary	
Love Cash, special police Hallowe'en	
Burrell Williams, special police Hallowe'en	

The bill of the Florida Ice & Power Company for $188.88 for the month of November, was held up on account of four days' service

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HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB ORGANIZED HERE

During her recent visit to Avon Park, Miss Beulah Pipkin, assistant county home demonstration agent, organized a home demonstration club here with about twenty-five members. Officers were elected as follows: Elizabeth Clark, president; Maxine Smith, vice-president; Christine Reeves, secretary and treasurer.

The club has four departments in which girls may be interested and work: The canning work, which provides that a girl must plant one-tenth of an acre of ground to tomatoes or some other vegetable, keep a record of the yield and can the product; poultry work, in which members must raise thoroughbred chickens and keep a record of costs, production and receipts; pantry work, consisting of demonstrations given monthly by the home demonstration agent and each member to put up a certain number of containers during the year; sewing work, consisting of members learning to sew, darn and patch. The first project to be completed is the bedroom furnishings for the girl's bedroom.

The club will meet monthly and at each meeting there will be a program and reports from the members.

Sixteen Turkeys and Two Deer

A. D. Roberts returned Saturday from Lee county, where he had been since the opening of the hunting season with Sheriff Dishong and a party composed of several of his deputies and Arcadia attorneys. Mr. Roberts said that game was plentiful and that the party succeeded in bagging sixteen wild turkeys and two deer.

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