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AVON PARK WINTER AMUSEMENTS; FIVE MORE SPENDID ATTRACTIONS

Due to the foresight of Avon Park's excellent Board of Trade who have winter residents and sojourners enjoy a series of entertainments during the winter of a class seldom secured elsewhere of this size. The entertainment of Wednesday night of last week well exemplify the quality of what is expected during the remainder of the season, for the leading attractions of the series have been secured from the Alkaline Lyceum System, of All which has a splendid reputation for high-class talent.

The Board of Trade is composed of its leading citizens, who work together as a unit for the betterment and upbuilding of the town. The results accomplished testify to the potency of this body of public-spirited men. But the Board realized that work and no play makes Jack a dandy, therefore last night if determined to make an effort to secure some of the line of entertainment, in addition to new business enterprises and improvements. The idea was advanced and fostered for the purpose of accumulating a more attractive fund which would live for a town without amusement features is somewhat like a book without a picture. It doesn't appear an amusement-loving public man has a book without a picture. The entertainment of Wednesday night of last week well exemplify the quality of what is expected during the remainder of the season, for the leading attractions of the series have been secured from the Alkaline Lyceum System, of All which has a splendid reputation for high-class talent.

As in the case of the previous season, any surplus funds will be used for the same purpose, and the larger the surplus the better the class of entertainment we secure.

The next entertainment of this season's course, to be given by the pupils of our school under the direction of Prof. L. S. Ellenberger, will be held at school auditorium on the evening of Dec. 19 and those who know Prof. Ellenberger and the interest he takes in his work, will readily vouch for the quality of the entertainment and the ability of the pupils to present it in a pleasant and successful manner.

Follow the school entertainment will come the Ladies' Quartette some time in January (the date to be announced). This is one of the best of vocal and instrumental quartets ever before the public, the first of its kind being a pair with that fine well-known instrumental quartet, while the vocal music is of equal high merit. The program will consist of vocal and instrumental quartets, together with featured numbers, vocal solos, songs and duets. It will be a musical treat worth going to hear, and the Avon Park will put on a play, which will be given by the Avon Park High School, on the evening of Dec. 19. The play will be given at the Avon Park where the young ladies are competent to stage a satisfactory play. Many of them with whom we are acquainted will become acquainted with the play, and it will be a pleasure to see them in a play. Don't fail to see them.

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AVON PARK LAUNDRY STARTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE

It is a pleasing news to Avon Park residents to learn that there is a strong probability of our laundry being operated in the near future. W. L. Whitlock, a prominent resident of the town, who has been in the town for some time, has been in the town for some time, and in all probability would put the laundry in the near future. This is a business for which there is a splendid field.

TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED MONDAY

The annual town election passed off quietly Monday, but 71 votes being cast. There were three candidates for mayor, two for marshal and three for the town council. The result was:

For Mayor: Wm. King 43, R. W. Swearingen 24, T. J. McGinnis 3. For Marshal: B. N. Dickinson 58, Charles Krause 13. For Clerk and Collector: George L. Crews 63, R. C. Petersen 62. For Assessor and Treasurer: Geo. F. Kellogg 42, Charles N. Ott 60, D. Roberts 32.

The personnel of the council remains the same as during the last year, with the exception that Mr. Ott will succeed Mr. Swearingen.

NEW DRUG STORE FOR AVON PARK

Avon Park Has Been Engaged and New Stock Arrived—Ordered—Ample Here

We have been authorized to announce the fact that Avon Park will soon have a new drug store. While the proprietors of the new store have requested us not to divulge his name at present, he states positively that he has already rented a store room in the Trust Company building, that will soon be erected and he ordered his stock.

Avon Park is enjoying such a rapid and permanent growth as to make it an enticing field for those seeking to engage in certain lines of business and there is ample room for two first-class drug stores here. Mr. Lander, of the Avon Park Drug Company, states that he has no objection to a competitor entering the field and that he has no desire to monopolize the entire trade. Competition, he feels, will bring more business to the town, which is what every merchant and citizen desires to bring about.

Miss Ella Belmont, alto, violinist, mandolin, ukelele. These three charming and vivacious young ladies possess the unusual qualifications of being competent in both vocal and instrumental music. Their program, which will be humorous and entertaining, will also be interwoven with song and story pulsating with patriotism. The battle hymns of yesterday and today and the simple tunes of mother love, home and friends will be included in a program of songs and choruses that will arouse the up and inspire the audience.

In March we will have the Colonel Minstrel. Who does not love a minstrel show? The Colonel Minstrel is a new and original show, and it will be a pleasure to see them in a play. Don't fail to see them.

In Avon Park. The business of our town alone would justify the operation of a first-class steam laundry by an experienced man and coupled with our home business a splendid opportunity to serve the needs of the town on the scenic Highlands along the Atlantic Coast Line railroad. Avon Park's location would make it a center for our neighborhood. If good work were done, which will be insured if Mr. Williams decides to open the laundry here, he should receive the encouragement of every citizen of the town.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS WILL SOON ORGANIZE

Necessary Steps Being Taken to Organize Strong Chapter in Avon Park

Royal Arch Masons in Avon Park are taking steps to organize a Chapter here. There are a number of Shriners in Avon Park and among our winter residents and visitors there are many who will be glad to avail themselves of the opportunity to attend Chapter meetings when our Chapter is organized. The nearest Chapter is located at Bartow and the lack of transportation facilities makes it difficult for members and visitors to attend the meetings. At the last meeting held there C. E. Lanier, T. H. Lander, C. A. Skipper, Dr. W. C. Touchton, R. C. Peterson, W. M. Reek and G. W. Adams attended from the Park, at which time a petition was tendered the Bartow Chapter, in whose jurisdiction Avon Park is situated, asking permission to establish a Chapter here. This permission was readily granted and the necessary steps are now being taken.

Avon Park has a splendid lodge of Blue Lodge Masons, a number of whom have signified their intentions of being exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason and we predict that we will soon have one of the strongest Chapters in this section of the state.

An Appreciation

The advertising in this issue of The Pilot speaks in the highest terms of the progressiveness of our business men and the value they place upon a live local newspaper. We are more than pleased with the spirit in which this paper has been received and will endeavor to make it worthy of the liberal patronage bestowed upon it. It will be our aim to make our advertising columns a profitable investment for those using them, so that no advertiser can truthfully say he is taking space merely "to help the paper out." We appreciate your business and will do our part toward advancing the interests of every business represented.

Henry & Co.

The opening entertainment of the season's course, given Wednesday night, was well attended, but did not draw the crowd Henry & Co. should have had. It was a splendid entertainment, amusing, clean and wholesome, every phase of which drew forth exclamations of pleasant surprise from the audience. The coming entertainments will be equally as good and if patronized as they should be, next season's course will be correspondingly better.

THE AVON PARK WOMAN'S CLUB HELD MOST INTERESTING MEETING

The meeting of the Woman's Club last Friday afternoon was possibly the most interesting held to date, due to the increasing interest of the women in the Club itself, and also to the topic for discussion, "Taking the Work out of Housework," a subject of vital interest to every housekeeper.

During the business meeting following the program, an amendment to the constitution was proposed, changing the day of regular meetings from Saturday (which was proved impractical to many of the members) to Friday, the amendment being adopted by a unanimous vote. The new meeting place of the Club will be held at the home of Mrs. L. S. Ellenberger, which is a very convenient location.

Some plans proposed by the civic committee revealed the hearty endorsement of the Club.

The program included the reading of articles bearing on the topic of the day by Mrs. Otto Skipper, Miss Lillian Diller, Mrs. L. H. Park, Mrs. Leslie Roberts, and Mrs. Brown. All the articles were interesting and all had very sensible and practical suggestions, the results of actual experiences of the home-makers, each with her own individual way of eliminating work in the department of housekeeping.

After the reading of the articles, the meeting was open, and most of the ladies present told of various

AVON RACQUET CLUB HAS BEEN ORGANIZED

To Furnish Outdoor and Indoor Recreation for Our Home Park and Winter Visitors

A social club has been organized in Avon Park to be known as the Avon Racquet Club. Plans are in the making for furnishing outdoor and indoor recreation to suit all tastes and the club promises to become popular with the young, near-young, and young-old of both sexes. The fine tennis court on the Hotel Avon grounds have been cleaned and placed in excellent condition for tennis players and the club is planning the addition of another court in the near future.

Besides tennis other outdoor amusements consisting of croquet, golf, boating and bathing will be added and it is planned to hold a banquet and dance each month in the Hotel Avon, where cards, checkers and other innocent and interesting games may be indulged in by those who do not care to dance.

A schedule of tennis, croquet and golf tournaments with teams from near-by towns is also contemplated, which insures a successful season for the club and plenty of healthful, entertaining and instructive amusement for its members and visitors.

Membership applications can be made through the following officers: R. R. Long, president; T. H. Lander, secretary-treasurer; Miss Henrietta Farrington, Miss Winifred Reek, A. V. Anderson, and William Reek, executive committee.

ELLENBERGER-DISSINGER

Thursday morning of last week Miss Helen Ambrose Ellenberger, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. L. G. M. Ellenberger of this city, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to First Lieutenant Charles Dissinger, the ceremony being performed in Tampa.

The bride is from Washington, D. C. and had been visiting her parents here for some time. The groom is an officer in the United States Army and is stationed at Brownsville, Texas, where they will make their home after the latter's twenty-day furlough expires.

While none of the contracting parties are well known in Avon Park, Prof. Ellenberger has endeavored himself to our people since coming here and taking charge of the school work, that all join with us in extending congratulations to the newly married couple and wishing them a prosperous journey through life.

little practices that are helpful to them in their daily work, arrangements that economize room, methods that save time. The exchange of ideas gave the meeting a "homey" character that was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The laws of all states vary, and as the people of Avon Park come from almost every state in the Union, the program committee thought it would be interesting as well as instructive to the members of the Club to learn about the Florida laws affecting women. Mr. Fairfax T. Harkins of Sebring, a graduate of the Law Department of Stanford University, has kindly consented to give a talk on the subject, "The Florida Laws Relating to Women," at the first meeting in January.

This meeting will be open to all the women of town and will also close the charter membership, which has been kept open to enable the regular winter residents to enroll as charter members. The Club now numbers forty-one, with new members coming in each week.

The next meeting, the first Friday in December, will be devoted to music, "From Jazz to Classical." Miss Lizabeth Purdon, instructor of music in the schools, is chairing the afternoon, thus assuring a fine program. All the women of town and vicinity are cordially invited to attend.

BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF A FEW OF OUR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

It is our intention to publish a series of articles from week to week concerning the various development projects of Avon Park and vicinity, as well as the business enterprises of the town. It is not our intention to elaborate upon any of our development projects in this sketch, but merely to give a brief synopsis of a few of the more important ones. In later issues each development and each business concern of Avon Park will be considered in the order of establishment and detailed information given as to progress, accomplishments, plans, etc. These articles will prove not only of interest to those who have invested here, but will attract attention to this rapidly growing town and the wonderful opportunities existing in section of the beautiful Scenic Highlands. The following short sketches, however, are not intended as "write-ups," but merely to direct attention to a few of our development projects, in order that those receiving sample copies may gather a slight idea of a portion of the activities of Avon Park:

The Florida Citrus Development Company

This company has been recently chartered for the purpose of developing 1,800 acres of citrus lands in the neighborhood of Lake Trout. It will operate upon a cooperative basis, selling its groves in five-acre plots, the company contracting to clear the lands, plant the trees and care for the groves for a term of sixteen years.

The company has a tract of splendid citrus land located on Lake Trout, around which a boulevard will be built, the grounds laid out in town lots and beautified by landscape gardening.

In order that all who invest in this development may be kept fully informed as to the progress being made, a commission consisting of the Rev. W. W. Davis, Lee D. Latimer and M. T. Moorman, prominent Washington (D. C.) men, has been appointed to make investigations from time to time and report to those interested. These gentlemen were recent visitors to Avon Park and before returning to the nation's capital expressed themselves as more than pleased with the project and highly gratified with the outlook.

David P. Wohlhaupter and F. L. Middleton, prominent attorneys of Washington, who already own considerable valuable grove land in this vicinity and are well known here, are president and vice-president, and W. E. Boulter secretary-treasurer of this corporation, details of information of which will be given later.

Florida Citrus Groves and By-Products Company
This is another of our recently

incorporated concerns, the principal stockholders of which are the Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers Association members and the grove owners of this vicinity. This corporation is capitalized for \$350,000, owns twenty acres of land just north of town on the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, convenient to the immense groves that have been set and will soon come into bearing. The purpose of the company is to erect a large packing house, capable of handling several carloads of fruit daily, and also a by-products factory to take care of the "drops" and unmarketable fruit. It will concentrate its efforts on extracting essential oils from the rinds of the fruit, manufacturing grapefruit juice, marmalades and preserves and such other by-products as may be manufactured from citrus fruits. Both the packing house and factory will be erected in 1920.

The Florida Citrus Groves and By-Products Company has a chair in the Mellon Institute of Research, of Pittsburgh, for the purpose of experimenting in a scientific manner on the various by-products that can be profitably manufactured from the "drops" and unmarketable citrus fruits.

C. P. Anderson is president of this company. A. V. Anderson, vice-president, and S. P. Durance, general manager. All of these gentlemen are well known here and need no introduction to our readers.

The Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers Association

About a week ago it was our pleasure to be invited by A. V. Anderson to take an auto ride over this company's holdings and we can truthfully state that a most wonderful sight was presented to our view. Hundreds of acres of citrus trees, uniform in size and shape, planted in rows as straight as could be laid out with a sextant, trees showing a vigorous and healthy growth, with a sprinkling of rich golden fruit mingling with the velvety green leaves here and there, greeted our vision and brought forth exclamations of surprise, even though we have beheld citrus groves of varying magnitude for more than a quarter of a century. It presents such a wonderful sight that the commission of three who will come here in December to make investigation and report to those having an interest in this development cannot make a most favorable report "experience considered" in telling all of what they have beheld.

The holdings of the Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers Association (Continued on Page 3)

Save 50 cents by subscribing for The Pilot before Jan. 1.

MUSIC OF HAMMER AND SAW I HEARD IN ALL PARTS OF AVON PARK

There are few places in this size in the state of Florida today that are enjoying building activities equal to those of Avon Park. Every man who can drive a nail or saw to a line is busy assisting in the erection of residences in parts of the town and the music of hammer and saw is continuously heard from morning till night. So rapidly are contracts being let that material cannot be secured for construction work and contractors are seriously hampered in finishing contracts already on hand and beginning work on new contracts. This building activity is visible testimony of the faith of our property owners in the future of the town—soon to enter the ranks of more progressive cities. It is the forerunner of an prosperity that nothing but a catastrophe can stop and it is warranted by the many development projects—some just beginning and others nearing completion—that are backed by vision men possessing the means and determination to carry them through.

These development projects are directly responsible for the building operations now in progress here, for they have furnished employment to many men and women, have brought new permanent and winter residents to the town and have insured a business prosperity for the future of the town—soon to enter the ranks of more progressive cities. It is the forerunner of an prosperity that nothing but a catastrophe can stop and it is warranted by the many development projects—some just beginning and others nearing completion—that are backed by vision men possessing the means and determination to carry them through.

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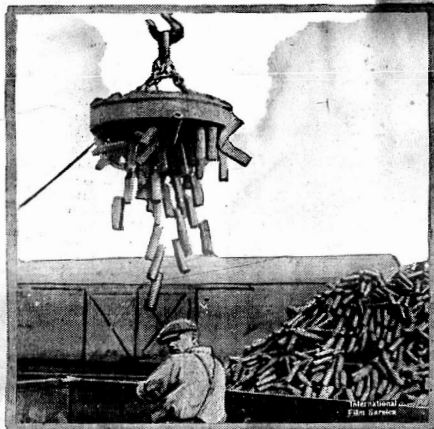
More about **HILLCREST** in the next issue.

In the meantime, a line from you will bring full information.

The Scenic Highlands Development Company

Avon Park, Florida

Millions of Unused Shells Go to Scrap Heap



Thousands upon thousands of shells made useless by the cessation of utilities abroad are being unloaded of their charges and sent to various foundries. The photograph shows shells being unloaded from a box by means of a monster magnet at the yards in Philadelphia, Pa. They melted and remade into implements of peace.

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STATE PRESS COMMENT ON OUR MOVE TO BUSY AVON PARK

An Appreciated Letter—

"Washington, D. C., Nov. 3, '19.
"Mr. G. W. Adams, Manatee, Fla.
"Dear Mr. Adams: The last issue of The Banner I have just read with more than usual interest, because it is the last issue. I regret that circumstances make it necessary for you to discontinue its publication. You made it a splendid paper and it will be missed. After clipping, as usual, a number of your striking articles and selections I filed your bibliography and determined to write expressing my regrets and wishing you every success in your new location. The Tampa Tribune was reached and I find a short editorial, in which I fully concur. You may not have seen it and I therefore attach it.
"Sincerely yours,
"DUNCAN U. FLETCHER."

Regrets—Congratulations—

The Manatee section generally has our deepest regrets on losing George Adams and his Manatee Banner, which announces that it has suspended publication after this issue. The Banner has been a live, fearless, constructive policy paper in a section where constructiveness is the need and where it appeared the heartiest co-operation was being given. The trouble with

some communities and people is that in their definition of "co-operation" they have overlooked the fact that it means give at least as much as you receive. We regret exceedingly that "lack of patronage" should be the cause of suspension of any Florida paper, when we know the value that even the smallest and weakest journal is to its community.

Avon Park, the Scenic Highlands and DeSoto county generally, we congratulate you on the acquisition of George Adams and his constructive potency. We will expect the new "Highlands Pilot" to be all its name indicates.—Tampa Tribune Oct. 31.

They'll Not Refuse Here

The Manatee Banner has been suspended and George W. Adams, the editor, announces that he will move the plant to Avon Park, where he will publish The Highlands Pilot. Mr. Adams is well known to Fort Lauderdale people, as he was on The Herald staff when Mr. Heine was managing the paper. His many friends here will wish him all the success in the world in his new venture. George Adams made a game fight with the Manatee Banner and his little weekly was among the brightest papers published in the state. But the business men of Manatee did not appreciate his efforts to advertise the town and he was forced to seek new fields. Manatee has overlooked a good bet. Adams put the town on the map, but the merchants refused to help him keep it there.—Fort Lauderdale Herald.

We'll "Jine"

The Manatee Banner has suspended publication after a long and strenuous struggle to keep going. Bro. Adams will start a paper at Avon Park called The Highlands Pilot in the near future, we are informed. We are sure that Avon Park will appreciate having a home-print paper run by a man of the ability of Mr. Adams and will make it profitable and pleasant for him. We welcome The Pilot into the DeSoto County Press fold and hope that he joins the famous press gang of this county instantly. Avon Park claims to be the Garden of Eden of Flor.

ida, so we believe it is Adam's place to be there and look after it.—Arcadia Enterprise.

Adams Moving to Avon Park—

With this week's issue George W. Adams, who has been publishing the Manatee Banner at our neighboring city of Manatee, will suspend publication and move his plant to Avon Park and establish a new paper in this enterprising DeSoto county city. Avon Park is a live city and we predict that with a live newspaper man like Adams on the job boosting the city and surrounding country that it will grow much faster than in the past. Mr. Adams is a good newspaper man, and while we hate to see him leave Manatee county we commend him to our neighboring county, in which he is well acquainted. If Avon Park gives him the proper support they will have a paper they can all be proud of. Here is wishing you the greatest success possible, Bro. Adams.—Manatee River Journal Oct. 30.

They Are Adopted—

George Adams, at one time a DeSoto county editor, is coming back and will start a new publica-

tion at Avon Park to be known as the Highlands Pilot. Editor Adams says he will give to DeSoto the best, eight-page, all home print paper that can be produced in a new up-to-date office. We welcome heartily our new competitor, and recommend to him the adoption of the resolutions recently passed at the county press meeting.—The new paper will make its appearance about the first of December.—Sebring White Way.

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ELECTRICAL WIRING

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AVON PARK, FLORIDA

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BIG OPSSUM LANDED WITH HOOK AND LINE

Unusual Catch of Track Inspector R. F. Jones in Fishing Creek

It is not intention of The Pilot to begin its career by telling tales that sound "big." We are willing to leave the "fisheries" up to Editor Jordan, of the *St. Cloud Herald*, who is just made in the art of elaborating upon the tales of disciples of Isaac Walton to visit that progressive little city at the mouth of Peace river. But a good "fish story" sometimes crops up, even in the neck of the woods, where everybody is so busy building houses, clearing and planting citrus groves that they don't have time to go a-fishing. An unusual catch was made last week by R. F. Jones, of Wilmington, N. C., track inspector for the Atlantic Coast Line.

Mr. Jones, accompanied by Division Superintendent Johnson, of Schriber, had been out over the Haines City-Moore Haven division of the road, on an inspection tour, and having a few hours to wait at a fishing creek, decided to while away the time in casting for bass, which are plentiful and grow to a monstrous size in that creek. He had caught a number of these game fish, when he observed an opossum lying asleep on the opposite bank of the creek, near the water's edge. Here was an opportunity to distinguish himself as a fisherman out of the ordinary, of which he was not slow to avail himself. He therefore took careful aim with a dextrous twist of the fist cast his bait within an inch of the opossum's nose. Mr. "Possum" took the bait and then the struggle began, ending in Jones scientifically landing him on his side of the creek.

So if any of our contemporaries have a fish story to tell that will equal the above, and are willing to risk their reputations for truth and veracity by the telling thereof, we will cheerfully relinquish our claim to the championship.

LITS OF MONEY FOR GOOD ROADS

Early Two Million Dollars Now Available in Five Florida Counties

Incomplete statistics at hand show that there is now available in five Florida counties the sum of \$1,940,000 from bond issues to be spent for good roads. Bond issues involving the issuance of \$2,000,000 more for the same purpose will be held this month and next in four other counties. Since the state, through the state roads department will pay something towards the roads in each of these counties, it may be said that perhaps 20 per cent. more may be added as its share. The following figures will give an idea of what is being done in the good roads line:

County	Date Authorized	Amount
Hamilton—June, 1919.....		\$ 400,000
Manatee—May, 1919.....		175,000
Polk—May, 1919.....		800,000
Putnam.....		100,000
Hillsborough—Jan. 1917.....		875,000
Total.....		\$1,940,000

*Work delayed on account of war, but progressing.

BOND ELECTIONS ORDERED	Amount
Marion—Dec. 1919.....	\$1,500,000
Pasco—Nov. 1919.....	750,000
Madison—Nov. 1919.....	800,000

Total.....\$3,050,000
As part of the state good roads program, the voters will vote at the next general election, November, 1920, on a proposition to bond the state for five per cent. on the assessed valuation. This is now \$202,000,000 and five per cent. would produce \$10,100,000. The valuation may be larger next year, with a consequent increase in the amount of bonds available. This money would go into the hands of the state road department to be used in connection with federal and county aid in the building of roads. It is estimated that passage of the constitutional amendment next year would produce at least \$40,000,000 for good roads.

Commercial Visitors

Among the commercial men registering at the Hotel Avon last week were W. H. English, F. C. Burnett, C. M. Bishop, F. W. Simpson, L. J. Smith, A. L. Atwood, C. L. Weaver, B. F. Melton, W. E. Hatter, C. W. Higgins, of Tampa; J. L. Paynter, E. T. Smith, M. Sumner, L. M. Callaway, A. M. Morgan and Martin Mitchell, Jacksonville. The commercial men of the present day are entirely different from the "drummers" of olden times and their visits are always appreciated. They are interesting conversationalists and well informed upon the general topics of the day, therefore their visits are usually appreciated by those with whom they come in contact.

A New York woman quit her husband because he refused to kiss her. We know some men so infernally ugly they ought to be used for damages every time they kiss a woman.—*Apalachicola Times*.

AVON PARK PEOPLE ATTEND BIG CIRCUS

Automobiles and Railroad Carry Many Citizens to Tampa to See Ringling's Show

It isn't often Florida people have an opportunity to attend a really big circus, consequently when Ringling Brothers announced that they would spread their canvases in Tampa, people for miles in every direction from South Florida's metropolis began laying plans to "take the children to see the animals." Avon Park was not behind other communities in planning for this event and the question, "are you going to the circus?" was heard every day for several days before the 17th—the date the big event was to transpire.

We have been unable to obtain the names of all who attended from Avon Park, but in the 80,000 people gathered under the big, but leaky top, our town had a pretty good representation. Those making the trip in automobiles, whose names we have been able to learn were: C. A. Skipper and two sons, Carlos Skipper and Clinton Skipper.

J. V. Chapman, Mrs. Sadie B. Farrington, Mrs. C. P. Anderson, Miss Winifred Reek and Miss Elizabeth Clark.

E. H. Lander and family, Dr. W. C. Touchton and family and Mrs. C. D. Noland.

Clyde Bird, of Arcadia, the Misses Helen and Henrietta Farrington, Henry Farrington and — Jones.

Herbert Reek, Miss Elizabeth Purdom, and James A. MacEwen, of Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lanier, Mrs. H. E. Goshlin and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Moffett.

Should Be in Every Home

"The local newspaper should be found in every home," says the Bartow Record. "No child will grow up ignorant who can be taught to appreciate the home paper. It is the stepping stone of intelligence in all of these matters which are not to be learned in books." The newspaper speaks only good sense, for the children in a home will only take an interest in the home newspaper. They care not for the papers that deal exclusively with people and places they know nothing about, and it is important that they should begin early to have an interest in matters outside the house. The local newspaper gets the youngster started and they will afterwards read many newspapers and periodicals and books, and keep in touch with the world; but the starting stimulus comes with the home paper.—*Times-Union Staff Talks*.

Will Here for Oil

It is announced that capitalists from Buffalo, N. Y., have organized a company and will begin boring for oil near Carrabelle, in Franklin county. Marked indications of oil in that section have been discovered and it is stated that the new company will immediately sink a test well.

Church Notices

UNION EVANGELICAL CHURCH
Rev. Benjamin Stout, Pastor
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.
Morning service 10:45 a. m.
Evening service 7:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.
You are welcome to all the services.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(The Church of the Redeemer)
Rev. J. Thomas Murrish, D.D., LL.D., Rector.
Services on Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Sabbath school at 10 a. m.
Sermon by Dr. Murrish every first, second and fourth Sunday.
A cordial welcome is extended to all to attend these services.

FIRST BAPTIST

J. A. Davis, Pastor
Services first and third Sundays, 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Prayer service every Wednesday 7:30 p. m.
Sunday school 10:00 a. m.
Business conference Wednesday evening before first Sunday.
Ladies' Missionary Society Thursday afternoon before second and fourth Sundays, in church at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. L. D. Roberts, president.

J. H. McChesney, Sunday school superintendent.

Church Officers—W. O. Skipper and J. H. McChesney, deacons; L. D. Roberts, clerk; W. O. Skipper, treasurer; J. V. Chapman, choir director.

"Come then with us and we will do thee good."

All most cordially invited.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. W. A. Fischer, Pastor
Preaching every second and fourth Sunday.
Sunday school every Sunday, 9:45 a. m.
Morning sermon 11 o'clock.
Evening service 7:30 o'clock.
Choir practice Thursday 7:15 p. m.
All are invited to attend these services.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

W. B. Thompson, Minister.
Lord's Day Bible Study, 10 a. m.
Morning sermon 11 a. m.
Evening sermon 6:40 p. m.
Thursday Bible study 6:30 p. m.

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TO OUR READERS

With this number we launch The Highlands Pilot upon the sea of journalism. We do so with no feeling of trepidation for the wonderful spirit of progress, co-operation and optimism exhibited by the business men and laymen of Avon Park, who compose the Pilot's crew, insures a safe voyage over troubled as well as smooth waters.

We have been engaged in the newspaper business, in city and country, for more than thirty years and we have never yet come in contact with a citizenship working together for the common good with a greater degree of harmony than that of Avon Park. Such team work cannot but result in one thing—the building up of a pretentious city, people with progressive, wide-awake, law-abiding men and women, who appreciate the advantages bestowed upon this section by an All-White Creator.

In the future growth of Avon Park and in the development of the entire Seaside Highlands, The Pilot will endeavor to contribute in every possible manner. In its weekly visits to the homes of our people it will not only tell the news while it is news, but will endeavor to create, if possible, a still more loyal interest in the town and surrounding country and point out many of the possibilities that might otherwise have been overlooked on account of the great number of opportunities so plainly visible.

To our northern readers (and we expect to have many of them) we will tell the truth about this wonderful country. The truth about any part of Florida is all that should ever be told, for growth founded upon misrepresentation will soon be stunted and prove harmful rather than beneficial to that section in which it is thus acquired. Avon Park and the Seaside Highlands have no occasion to re-

sist to misrepresentation, for real opportunity is here and is being grasped every day by men and women of real vision.

It shall be our aim to make The Pilot a potent factor in the destinies of Avon Park and the Seaside Highlands. We shall stand squarely for those policies we believe to be for the best interests of all. We shall commend that which is good and censure the opposite. We are unqualifiedly for county division along fair and just lines and will battle for such division until our object is accomplished. If we can extend a helping hand to other towns, it will be a pleasure so to do. We shall endeavor to promote the interests of our churches, schools, societies and business enterprises.

In a nutshell, we shall be loyal to Avon Park, the Seaside Highlands and our supporters and if our people will continue to co-operate in the same wonderful spirit they have begun, we will give them a newspaper to which they can point with pride and one that will carry an influence wherever it goes.

We feel more than gratified over the cordial welcome we have received and the liberal support tendered and wish to thank you, one and all.

Few people unfamiliar with the printing business can realize what a stupendous task it is to disassemble, move and install a printing plant and issue an eight-page paper all in three weeks' time. This is what we have done with the assistance of one man only—W. A. Snow, our efficient foreman. In addition to the above we have handled a large amount of job printing, most of the press work of which has been done between 7:00 and 10:00 p. m. On this account our editorial page has had to suffer, but we will endeavor to make amends as we gradually become untangled from the chaos in which we have been laboring.

Tuesday of last week Messrs. R. I. Harris, George F. Kellogg, William King, C. A. Skipper, C. E. Lanier and E. M. Bruchell drove over to Lakeland in Mr. Harris' car and interviewed Congressman Herbert J. Drane on matters of importance to Avon Park. While there they were guests of the Lakeland Chamber of Commerce at luncheon.

School Exercises

Thanksgiving exercises were rendered by the teachers and pupils of the Avon Park school in the school auditorium Wednesday afternoon and the following interesting program carried out under the direction of Prof. Ellenberger:

1. Chorus—"My Florida."
2. "The Significance of Thanksgiving."
3. Piano Duet—Miss Purdon, Mrs. Jenkins.
4. Play—"Inquiring Pumpkins"—Fourth Grade.
5. Song—Sixth and Seventh Grades.
6. "How to Prepare a Thanksgiving Turkey"—Miss Oliver.
7. Reading—Miss Farrington.
8. Piano Solo—Miss Conoley.
9. Recitation—Miss Andrews.
10. Recitation—Miss McGinnis.
11. "Preparation of Pupils for the First Year"—Miss Dutton.
12. Solo—Mrs. Munnaw.
13. Reading—Miss Conner.
14. Song—First Grade—Miss Groome.
15. Vocal Solo—Miss Purdon.
16. Reading—Miss Groome.
17. Play—First Grade—Miss Dutton.
18. Recitation—Willodeen Nance.
19. "Lullaby Girls"—Fourth Grade—Mrs. Munnaw.

Annular Eclipse of Sun

An annular eclipse of the sun was witnessed here Saturday morning. The eclipse was partial and was visible in the United States, Mexico, Central America, the northern two thirds of South America, in Northwestern Africa, Great Britain, France and Spain. The annular phase began at sunrise in Western Texas, passed through the state and across the south western corner of Louisiana, thence across the Gulf of Mexico, including the island of Cuba, thence through the Caribbean sea and by a wide curve swept over the Atlantic ocean and ended in the French Sudan near Timbuctoo. It was the first annular eclipse of the sun visible in the United States since 1808 and will be the last until 1939. It had the unusual width of 230 miles. An annular eclipse of the sun is caused by the moon passing between the sun and the earth and can take place only at new moon.

Pleasant Social Event

One of the pleasant social events of the season occurred Monday afternoon of last week, when Mrs. Henry Stevenson gave an informal reception to a few friends in honor of her guest, Mrs. James M. Gudgeon, Jr., of Asheville, N. C. Mrs. Gudgeon, who is quite prominent in Washington society circles, being the wife of ex-Congressman James M. Gudgeon, of North Carolina, had been attending the U. S. C. convention in Tampa and before leaving for home came to Avon Park for a short visit with her friend, Mrs. Stevenson, at Lilydale farm. Those present at the reception were: Mrs. O. E. Williams, Mrs. A. V. Anderson, Mrs. C. A. Williams, Mrs. N. T. Smith and Mrs. J. E. West. The afternoon was pleasantly spent with social intercourse and music and refreshments of tea and sandwiches were served by the hostess. The honoree departed for her home Tuesday morning.

Runaway Boy

Tuesday afternoon of last week Marshal Dickinson picked up a lad of about 12 years, who stated that he in company with another boy a couple of years older, had run away from his home in Canton, O., and that their money had given out and he was looking for work. He gave his name as Henry Williams. Marshal Dickinson took the lad home, kept him over night and wired Canton, O., for information. The boy stated that the boy's parents had moved to Florida, but that their address was unknown. After further investigation the marshal learned that the boy had come from Sebring, where his parents lived, and had simply run away from school. His parents were notified and the father came for the boy Wednesday evening.

Edward Detering, one of the Cleveland representatives of the Seaside Highlands Development Company, arrived in Avon Park last Thursday night, accompanied by Messrs. Maurice Lynn, Edward Metzger and J. D. Heaton, of Cleveland, who are so favorably impressed with this section that they purchased the valuable grove properties in beautiful Hillcrest.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Marshall, of Kansas City, arrived in Avon Park Tuesday of last week and are occupying their home on Lake Lotela for the winter. During the winters Mr. and Mrs. Marshall have spent here they have made many friends who welcome their annual return.

A Rat That Didn't Smell After Being Dead For 3 Months.

"I swear it was dead at least 3 months," said James Sykes, Butcher, Westfield, N. J. We saw this rat every day. Put a cake of RAT-SNAP behind a barrel. Monday the later my wife asked about the rat. Remembered the barrel, looked behind it. There was the rat—dead, not the slightest odor." Three

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Mrs. Ellis West and Mrs. B. H. Sirkey were shopping in Lakeland Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Crapo returned to Wabasha Thursday of last week.

J. C. Hurley, of Dundee, was here to latter part of last week transacting business and greeting old friends.

The class in botany at the Avon Park school spent last Friday morning around Lake Lotela securing specimens.

R. C. Blount, a prominent Punta Gorda business man, was here Wednesday of last week, a guest at the Hotel Avon.

Photographer Alexander, of Lake Wales, was taking views of Avon Park busy business section and interesting spots last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Burke have arrived in Avon Park from the Adirondacks and are occupying their pleasant home overlooking Lake Verona.

Watch the Park Mercantile Company's windows for display of valuable Christmas presents to be given to cash customers.

Charles D. Sherman went to Orlando the fore part of last week to join a hunting party, believing in the old adage "the early bird catches the worm."

Miss Betty Ellenberger, who is assistant foreman in the treasury department at Washington, D. C., arrived in Avon Park the latter part of last week for a month's visit with her parents, Prof. and Mrs. I. C. M. Ellenberger.

The Rev. J. A. Davis, pastor of the First Baptist church, was given an agreeable surprise the fore part of last week by his congregation, in the way of a new tailor-made suit of clothes. Rev. Davis is highly appreciative of this splendid present, not so much on account of its intrinsic value, but for the expression of esteem in which he is held by the members of his congregation. Almost we are persuaded to become a preacher.

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