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FOURTEENTH DECENNIAL CENSUS ENUMERATION BEGINS JAN. 2

The fourteenth decennial census enumeration of the United States commences Jan. 2, 1920. The census is the means by which the Government ascertains the increase in population, statistics concerning agriculture and the vital information concerning the resources of the nation. The information gathered by the census takers is strictly confidential, made so by law. It cannot under any circumstances be used as a basis for taxation, nor can it be used to harm any person or his property. It has nothing to do with detection, arrest, prosecution or punishment of any person for any violation of the law.

The enumeration of the population during a census of the United States always presents numerous difficulties, among them apprehension on the part of the people, particularly those of foreign extraction, that their answers to the enumerators' questions will cause increased taxation, legal entanglements or other consequences injurious to their welfare. It is therefore hoped that all public-spirited persons who come in contact with such persons will grasp every opportunity to correct such erroneous impressions.

Here are some of the important questions that will be asked of all persons:

Age at last birthday.
If 10 years of age or over if able to read or write.

Birthplace, as well as birthplace of father and mother.
If foreign born, date of coming to the United States, and if naturalized, date of becoming a citizen.

His or her occupation and whether an employer or employee.
Farmers will be asked:

How many years, if any, he has worked on a farm for wages, was a tenant, or owned a farm.

Whether he owns, rents, partly owns and partly rents, or operates the farm for others as manager or superintendent.

How many acres, number of unimproved and improved acres, and acres of woodland.

Total value of farm, buildings, implements and machinery.
Whether farm is mortgaged and if so for what amount.

Expenses for feed, fertilizer and labor during year 1919.
Several questions concerning artificial drainage.

Number of cows, horses, sheep, hogs, chickens and other domestic animals on the farm during the year 1919.

Quantity and acreage of all crops grown on farm during year 1919, including fruit and vegetables.

Quantity of milk and butter sold from the farm in year 1919.
Acreage of timber land on farm and value of forest products.

Correct answers to these questions are of the utmost importance.

Census enumerators will carry identification cards, as well as commissions, which will be shown upon request. In case you have reason to believe the person calling upon you is an impostor demand that he show these credentials. It is against the Federal law to impersonate a census official.

The Act of Congress providing for the census makes it a duty of all persons to furnish the information required.

L. M. Marsh, Ezra Smith, Mark Lance and Charlie Wallingford composed a party of hunters that succeeded in bagging four fine turkeys the fore part of the week.

WIDENING MAIN STREET DISCUSSED AT MEETING

Monday night the town council held an informal meeting with the men owning property on Main street, to discuss ways and means whereby that important business street might be widened to meet the rapidly growing demands of increased traffic. The meeting was a harmonious one, although no definite plan was arranged for making this improvement.

It was generally acknowledged by all present that this street, as are some others in the city, is entirely too narrow, even to accommodate the present traffic, but how to remedy the situation seemed to be a puzzle.

When we look at the number of automobiles parked on Main street almost any day in the week and then think of the additional number on Saturdays, no one who has ordinary intelligence will deny the fact that the business of Avon Park has outgrown the country crossroads store condition and that if we would have the city here that our development projects seem now to insure, some provision must be made to accommodate the increased business.

The time to make that provision is now—before expensive buildings are erected on the north side of the street, which will later have to be condemned in order to give room to handle traffic. Atlanta, Baltimore, Chicago and other large cities are spending millions upon millions of dollars in widening their streets and had these cities taken time by the forelock, by providing for the future while property was cheap and before expensive buildings had been erected, the greater proportion of this immense sum of money would have been saved the taxpayers today.

We do not predict that Avon Park will ever compare with the great cities mentioned, but we have heard men who are familiar with conditions all over the state, predict that at no distant date Avon Park would be the most important inland city in the state, and we firmly believe those predictions will be fulfilled.

It is time to cast selfish interests aside, or rather get the penny far enough away from the eye to see the dollar a little further on, and do something to hasten the time when we may truthfully lay claim to the important inland city it is freely predicted we will have.

Our streets, all will acknowledge have much to do with our growth. You can't build a skyscraper on a pig trail, neither can you accommodate a hundred automobiles on a street made for half a dozen.

The New Brickell Building

Surveyor John Hood placed the levels and laid out the ground lines for the new Brickell building, corner Main street and Lake avenue. Thursday and Friday of last week, building materials are being hauled onto the ground and the work shop is under roof. The steel is on the way from Pittsburgh. This will be a notable addition to the business buildings of Avon Park and the structure will be pushed with the energy so characteristic of Mr. Brickell. Charles Pabor is the general contractor. We understand all the business rooms and office suites in this building have already been rented. Detailed information as to the plan of the building will be given in a later issue.

At Last a Popular Fad



PARTY FROM PITTSBURG RADIATING SUNSHINE

H. P. McCurdy, of Pittsburgh, Pa., the genial sales manager of the Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers Association, accompanied by Mrs. McCurdy and son Frederick and daughter, Miss Margaret, and Orrell Doty, of Lakewood, O., are spending the holidays at the Hotel Avon. Both Mr. McCurdy, Jr., and Miss Margaret are possessed of exceptionally fine voices, and the guests of the Avon are enjoying some rare treats in vocal music during their sojourn at that popular hostelry. Frederick McCurdy is soloist in the First Presbyterian church at Butler, Pa., and his sister, Miss Margaret, is a directress in music in the fashionable Pittsburgh suburb of Ben Avon, Avalon, and Bellevue. Mrs. McCurdy is also musical and extracts wonderful melody from the piano and pipe organ.

While the members of this party are enjoying the bright, sunshiny days for which this wonderful section is noted, they are also radiating sunshine to the enjoyment of those with whom they come in contact. It is an exchange our citizens hope to make frequently as the years roll by.

Groom-Mitchell

A marriage of interest to a number of Sebring people, will be that of Miss Estella Groom and Mr. W. B. Mitchell of Avon Park. The ceremony will take place in Arcadia Sunday, and the happy couple will leave immediately in their car for Kentucky to spend their honeymoon. Miss Groom taught the third and fourth grades in the Sebring school for a few months the first of the present term, and Mr. Mitchell has been coming here for the past four or five years in connection with the Scott Telephone service. The White Way wishes for this splendid young couple a long and happy life together.—Sebring White Way.

The bride is one of our popular teachers in the High School and the groom is head lineaman for the Scott Telephone Company. Both are well known in Avon Park and have a host of friends, who will wish for them all the happiness possible on their journey through life.

Masons Elect Officers.

At its regular communication last Friday night Poinciana Lodge No. 227, F. & A. M., elected the following officers for the ensuing year:
A. W. Sargent, Worshipful Master.
T. H. Lander, Senior Warden.
Victor Smith, Junior Warden.
C. E. Lanier, Treasurer.
D. F. Canfield, Secretary.

MOZART LADIES QUARTET JAN. 3

The third number of the Lyceum course will be presented at the High School auditorium Saturday evening, Jan. 3, when the Mozart Ladies Quartet will present one of the most satisfactory and pleasing quartet combinations ever staged.

Coincident with this being the third number of the course is the fact that this is also the third successful season of these refined and competent entertainers. They present a rare combination in the way of instrumental and vocal music, both of which are on a par with that of well known musical celebrities.

The program will consist of vocal and instrumental quartettes, together with costumed numbers, readings, trios, solos and duets.
This quartet is under the management of the Alkhest Lyceum System, of Atlanta, which has earned a reputation for furnishing the very best in the line of entertainment.

Be sure and attend this number and remember that every dollar of surplus will be used in procuring even better entertainments for next season's course.

Domestic Science Class Luncheon

Miss Ethel Oliver and her domestic science class gave a splendid luncheon at the school building Thursday of last week for the teachers, all of whom were present except Mrs. Alice Sherman, who was giving a movie party, followed by a Christmas tree at her home, for the pupils of the Sixth and Seventh grades. The luncheon menu consisted of roast pork, biscuits and butter, sweet potatoes baked with nuts and marshmallows, cranberry sauce, salad and cocoa. Prof. I. C. M. Ellenberger was toastmaster, the teachers responding to the following toasts: Mr. Ellenberger, "Man;" Mrs. R. E. Jenks, "Woman;" Miss Lisabeth Pardon, "Our Friends;" Miss Helen Farrington, "Society;" Miss Alice Dutton, "Our Absent Ones;" Miss Abbie Conner, "Dress;" Mrs. H. J. Mummaw, "Our Hostesses;" Miss Stella Groom, "Farewell." The teachers were informed that the domestic science class was to be graded on this achievement and all voted to give the class 100 per cent.

Free Bible Lecture

There will be another free Bible lecture at the skating rink Tuesday night, Dec. 30, at 7:30 o'clock. A. J. Eschleman, of New York City, is the lecturer for the occasion and his subject will be "The Golden Age David." The lecture will be absolutely free and a cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

NUMBER TWO OF LYCEUM COURSE WAS DELIGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETS NEXT FRIDAY, JAN. 2

Friday, Jan. 2, the Woman's Club will meet at the school auditorium at 3:30 p. m.

This meeting marks the end of the charter membership period, so all women who wish to enter as charter members are urged to hand their names to any club member before the 2nd of January, or be present and give their names to the registrar that afternoon.

"Florida Laws Relating to Women" is the subject for the day and Fairfax T. Haskins, a graduate of the law department of Stetson University, is the speaker. This is a subject of great interest to all women residing in this state and every woman in the Park, whether resident or visitor, is urged to be present. This is an open meeting, so attending it does not obligate any woman to join the club unless she desires to do so.

At the close of the meeting a social hour will be enjoyed, enabling the ladies to meet and become better acquainted—one of the objects of the club.

After this meeting a list of the charter members will be published.

SPECIAL SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

At The Union Congregational Church, Choosing of The Year 1919

The last Sunday in the old year will be signalized at the Congregational church by a special service arranged by the pastor, the Rev. Benjamin Stock. The music will be in charge of Frederick McCurdy and Miss Margaret McCurdy, of Pittsburgh, Pa., whose singing has so delighted Avon Park the past few weeks. A cordial invitation is extended to all by the pastor.

Following will be the program: Doxology—"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow." Invocation.
"Silent Night; Holy Night"—Miss Margaret McCurdy.
Responsive Reading—Selection 17.

Scripture Lesson.
Prayer.
Hymn.
Offertory.
"My Jesus, I Love Thee"—Mr. Frederick McCurdy.
Sermon—"A Lesson of Service"—The pastor.
Prayer.

"The Lord Is My Shepherd"—Duet—Mr. and Miss McCurdy.
Benediction.

One of Our Show Places

Norton Smith, the well known veteran real estate man, is a real landscape artist. Anyone who will take the trouble to walk around to the Masonic Temple can see what a little time and patience, coupled with a genuine know-how, can accomplish. There is a beautiful display of foliage plants of many kinds, ferns of different varieties, including a wonderful maidenhair fern, crotons, and a delightful variety of other charming flowers. It is really one of the show places of Avon Park and would be a credit to any size community. Mr. Smith believes in encouraging the beautiful and will be pleased to give free advice to any who are really interested in the cultivation of flowers.

One of the most successful and delightful entertainments ever given in Avon Park was number two of the Lyceum course last Friday night by the Avon Park schools.

The masterly organizing and effective work of Prof. I. C. M. Ellenberger was shown in the carefully arranged program, well balanced and carried out with smoothness and dispatch.

The work of the pupils, even to the smallest detail, spoke volumes for the thoroughgoing work of the teachers and made one all the more proud of our schools and all connected with them.

A discriminating audience, which filled the auditorium, heartily enjoyed the performance.

Where all was so good it is impossible for The Pilot to single anyone for special mention. The little tots, as always, went to one's heart. The play, by the older pupils, showed most excellent talent and the plot was handled in a manner that brought forth nothing but praise.

Miss Lisabeth Pardon sang beautifully Adam's "Cantique de Noel" and Miss Helen Farrington was never better nor more charming than in her reading of Porter's "Song of the Cardinal."

The intermission before the play was enlivened with jazz music, most artistically jazzed by Miss Lisabeth Pardon (violin), Miss Winifred Reek (piano) and Miss Henrietta Farrington (ukelele).

The teachers directly responsible for the success of the entertainment and to whom the course committee tenders sincere thanks, are Mrs. Alice Sherman, Miss Alice Dutton, Miss Stella Groom, Miss Abbie Conner, Mrs. H. J. Mummaw, Mrs. R. E. Jenks, Miss Helen Farrington and Miss Lisabeth Pardon.

The program follows:
1. Song—"America"—Chorus
2. Pantomime—"Bluebeard"—Sixth and Seventh Grade
3. Pantomime—"Grandmother's Soliloquy"—First Grade
4. Vocal Solo—"Cantique de Noel" (Adam)—Miss Lisabeth Pardon
5. Song Drill
6. Third and Fourth Grades
7. Miss Abbie Conner, Director
8. Drill—"Florida Rosebuds"—Fourth and Third Grades
9. Mrs. H. J. Mummaw, Director
10. Song—"Florida"
11. Reading—"The Song of the Cardinal" (Porter)—Miss Helen Farrington
12. "Christmas Carol"—Chorus

Comedy—"Too Much of a Good Thing."

CHARACTERS

Mr. Perkins.....Charles Ginn
Tom Perkins.....Leon Starkey
Fred Schuyler.....Fred Pedersen
Mrs. Perkins.....Ella Cameron
Hattie Perkins.....Beatrice Bass
Nellie Perkins.....Thelma Clark
Bessie Bowles.....Verna McGinnis
Polly.....Lois Wood
Jenny Cowper.....Elizabeth Andrews

The time and services in these home-talent numbers are given generously and without price to the success of the course and the benefit of Avon Park. It is such a spirit as this which is making Avon Park the delightful, fast-growing place that it is. It is the broadening, uplifting spirit, the willingness to do for others, the unselfishness of it, that counts—that makes for happiness and builds that which endures.

The Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers Association

Of Avon Park and Pittsburgh

Has 800 acres planted to citrus fruit in Section 17 and Lakewood Villa. Section 16 is now being cleared and placed in readiness for planting.

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

Those having holdings in these developments are advised to

WATCH THE HIGHLANDS PILOT

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

Every Phase of the Citrus Industry

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

Citrus Groves and By-Products Company

which will erect a large plant on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, just north of Avon Park and east of Section 16, convenient to the immense groves which have been and are now being planted.

The By-Products of Citrus Fruits

are almost unlimited and such as have already been placed on the market have been so favorably received by the public that manufacturers have been unable to supply the demand. The

Citrus Groves and By-Products Company

of Avon Park will have the largest manufacturing plant of its kind in the state, if not in the world, and when in full operation all waste will be eliminated and overproduction unknown.

Watch This Paper

for information concerning the progress of the

Citrus Groves and By-Products Company

Crow's Nest

By FREDERICK CLARK

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John Burt, a lonely man, except for the company of an aged mother, came down the spiral staircase at the top story of the city hall and started for home. As he took one elevator down, another reached the top floor and a young woman left it. She was far more lonely than he. Wretchedness showed in her face and her eyes roved about her like those of a hunted being seeking a refuge.

She was Lucy Newton, and ever since she could remember until recently she had lived in a lonely old house in a dead country town, a drudge to a cross grained exacting relative. When the latter had died Lucy had come to the city. For days she had walked the streets, seeking work but finding none. Footsore, weary, hungry, despairing, she had been told to present her case to the free employment bureau at the city hall, to find the offices closed. It was chill outside and the building was a warm welcome shelter.

"I must rest for a little time," she murmured brokenly, came to the spiral staircase, noticed a landing half way up, sat down on its broad surface, drooped utterly exhausted, and was soon fast asleep.

"Why! What is this?" came to her confused hearing twelve hours later, and she sat up and blinked at the light of a new morning. John Burt, a small parcel under his arm, stared down strangely at the haggard, frightened refugee.

"I—I was very tired," stammered Lucy. "I had no place to go. It was warm here—I meant no harm."

"You have done none," Burt quickly answered her in the kindest of tones. "Wait until I unlock the door," and he stepped past her. "Come in and rest a bit."

Lucy stared vaguely. Her host had opened the door of a queer turret shaped room, the entire upper half of which was framed in glass. Over a hundred feet below was the street. Afar in every direction the city spread out. She could not surmise the object or utility of this narrow apartment.

"This is the Crow's Nest, as it is called," explained Burt, "and I am its keeper, employed by the city to note smoke violations, watch, specify and report the same. There is a comfortable arm chair."

Burt went over to a bench on which was a small oil stove. He lit it and took down a coffee pot from a shelf, opened the parcel he had carried and as his guest sat staring dreamily from the lofty vantage, placed on a stand at her elbow a steaming cup of coffee and his noonday lunch.

He left his guest to herself as he set about his usual duties. With a telescope he swung the circle of his tower room. When he noted some factory chimney pouring out smoke he would consult a chart, a clock, and finally write upon a tab such records as: "Brown and Company, plant smoked for seventeen minutes. Apparently use low grade fuel, with no smoke consumer." Glancing toward the girl he noted that she had fallen asleep in her chair. She smoke about noon, all embarrassment over a sense of intrusion upon the time and attention of a perfect stranger. She arose, hands of gratitude upon her lips, and tears came, she broke down utterly, and then, as Burt gently questioned her, all the somber story of her lonely life came out.

"Poor child!" he commented, and his hand rested like benison upon her bowed head. "You indeed need a friend, and I know where to find you one. I have an old mother who will be glad as myself to shelter you as a welcome visitor, until you are more able to cope with a cold, heartless world."

The aged mother of John Burt welcomed Lucy Newton as only a kind-hearted woman could do. It was well that Lucy had fallen into such friendly hands, for she had an attack of fever lasting for over two weeks. One evening during her convalescence she heard mother and son discussing their affairs.

"Yes, I feel I shall have to give up my position," Burt was saying. "The doctor directs that I must rest my eyes completely for six months. It has got so that I cannot locate the smoke, not even with the telescope."

A wave of infinite love swept over the mind of Lucy as she realized how much she owed to these good kind people. She glided into the adjoining room and approached the grave-faced Burt and his anxious mother.

"Oh, Mr. Burt!" she pleaded, "let me be your eyes until you are all well again—let me labor for you day and night, if it is necessary, to show you how my soul prizes your helpfulness, your kindness, and that of your mother for a homeless, friendless orphan girl!"

Lucy was duly installed in the Crow's Nest, directed by Burt, but quickly becoming expert in her task. It was like a new dream-life to the poor wail—the glory of far vision over the world, below, the peace of those beautiful evenings in the little home. She had never had a love experience until now. Burt had long since settled down into the conviction that he was destined to remain a bachelor. What could come about, save that these two so strangely drifted together should unite their longing souls in a mutual love so sweet, so precious, that life became to them a real paradise!

KERCHIEFS IN PRETTY BOX

Acceptable Present for Most Any Occasion May Be Prepared at Slight Expense

Half-a-dozen daintily-embroidered, lace-trimmed handkerchiefs, in a pretty box, make a very acceptable present for almost any occasion, and they can be prepared without much trouble and at no great expense.

The handkerchief shown in our sketch is trimmed at the edges with narrow lace, and in one corner initials are worked with pale pink silk, enclosed in a horseshoe composed of tiny pale green leaves.

For the handkerchief box any well-made cardboard box of a suitable size



A Dainty Present.

and shape can be utilized. The surface of the lid is slightly padded with a thin layer of cotton-wool, and then covered with thin white silk, upon which a similar initial to that worked upon the handkerchiefs has been embroidered. The silk should be turned over at the edges and fastened on just inside the lid with a strong adhesive. The inner side of the lid is afterwards lined with silk, and the edges finished off with a pale pink silk cord, which is arranged in three little loops at each of the front corners.

The sides of the box are also covered with white silk, and the interior loosely lined with the same material. Pale pink ribbon strings are sewn in on either side at the bottom of the box to tie over the handkerchiefs and hold them in place.

CORDUROY MAY BE CLEANED

Fabric May Be Washed With Soap Providing It Is Not Rubbed, Squeezed or Ironed.

If you have a corduroy garment on hand you will be interested to know that it is quite possible to have it renovated without having to send it to the dry cleaner or even having to dip it in gasoline yourself. For, according to one of the thrift leaflets issued by the department of agriculture jointly with the treasury department, "corduroy is a kind of cotton velvet, which may be washed providing it is not rubbed, squeezed or ironed."

Further instruction is given to use a solution of mild soap or, for colors that may streak or fade, a solution of soap bark, which is somewhat milder than any soap. When the garment has been thoroughly washed and rinsed, it should be hung up wet and, if possible, in a way that it will dry in the shape you wish it to remain. For instance a skirt should be dried on a skirt hanger. The briske the wind in which the garment is dried the better. When thoroughly dry take a clean clothes brush and brush vigorously to raise the nap.

Once you realize that corduroy may be washed you will not be so reticent to make use of a corduroy skirt for your household tasks, at which you would usually choose only a tub frock. And in planning your winter wardrobe arrange to have some washable smocks or long-sleeved blouses of colored cotton to wear with your restored corduroy skirt.

SHOULD WEAR OWN COLORS

Proper Shades Are Selected by Women Who Study Themselves; Cultivate Artistic Taste.

Finding the colors best suited to you and then adhering to them is an artistic as well as an economic measure. It is economic in that the hues that become you are usually different shades of one color or blended colors. For instance, if blue is your color a blue hat may sometimes be worn with dresses of different shades of the same color.

Time spent in studying color cultivates an artistic sense, and the woman who has found her colors is the one who, when shopping, passes by the most alluring bargain if it is not in the colors that she employs in her clothes. In this way she saves much time and money.

Some very well dressed women have very limited incomes. These women are well dressed because they have studied themselves and have planned their clothes carefully. They know exactly what lines and colors are suitable for them and have been able to employ these essentials in the most effective manner.

Parrot Millinery.

Every sort of feathered creature save, of course, the bird of paradise and other sorts of plumage that are not permitted in this country, have supplied their plumage abundantly for our hats this season. Parrot feathers in their natural green are seen mingled with butts or black monkey fur on a toque that is strongly suggestive of African jungles. Peacock feathers are likewise used for toques and are, like the parrot feathers, left in their natural colors.

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Mother's Cook Book

I believe in the deep blue sky and the smiling water.
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And I am not afraid of the waves of the sea.
I believe in the living friendship given by the flowers and the trees.
Outwardly they die,
But in the heart they live forever.

Honey Dishes.

Honey is the nectar of flowers gathered by bees and ripened by them in the hive. Honey being a natural sweet is more easily digested and foods prepared from it will keep better than those prepared from sugar and molasses.

Honey Tea Cake.

Take one cupful of strained honey, one-half cupful of sour cream, two eggs, one-half cupful of shortening, two cupfuls of flour, one-half teaspoonful of soda and one teaspoonful of cream of tartar. Add salt to taste. Bake 30 minutes in a loaf pan.

Oberlin Layer Cake.

Take two-thirds of a cupful of shortening, one cupful of honey, three well-beaten eggs, one-half cupful of milk, two cupfuls of flour and one and one-half teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Bake in layers; use whipped cream for filling, which is sweetened with honey.

Honey Cookies.

Take one cupful each of sugar, honey, shortening and sour cream, three eggs well beaten, a teaspoonful of soda, a teaspoonful of flavoring and flour to roll.

Pumpkin Pie.

To one cupful of pumpkin add one-half cupful of honey, two eggs, a pint of milk, one teaspoonful of ginger, a grating of nutmeg and three drops of lemon extract; salt to taste. Mix and fill the shell. Bake slowly.

Honey Sauce for Puddings.

Boil one cupful of honey, one-fourth of a cupful of water, one tablespoonful of butter, a grating of nutmeg or a bit of cinnamon and the juice of one lemon. Cook together 15 minutes.

Honey Sated Dressing.

For a sweet dressing, use equal parts of lemon and orange juice with honey to make a sirup. Mix well and serve on fruit of various kinds.

Why Mr. Joe Armstrong, Celebrated Dog Trainer, Uses Rat-Snap.

"Noticed rats around my kennels, having hundreds of prize dogs, couldn't take chances. Tried RAT-SNAP; in three weeks every rat disappeared. Noticed that the dogs never went near RAT-SNAP. I tell my friends about RAT-SNAP." Use this sure rodent exterminator, its safe. Comes in cake form. Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by F. C. Rae, Avon Park Drug Co., Park Mercantile Company.

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, third and fourth Sunday.

A cordial welcome is extended to all to attend these services.

FIRST METHODIST

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 8:30 p. m. Mrs. L. D. Roberts, president.

J. H. McClellan, Sunday school superintendent.

Church Officers—W. O. Skipper and J. H. McClellan, 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 services 7:30 o'clock.

Choir practice Thursday 7:15 p. m.

All are invited to attend these services.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

T. B. Thompson, Minister

Lord's Day Bible Study, 10 a. m.

Morning sermon 11 a. m.

Evening sermon 6:30 p. m.

Thursday Bible study 7:30 p. m.

ASSESSOR'S 1920 DATES TO TAKE TAX RETURNS

H. G. Murphy, Tax Assessor, Announces Places and Dates for the Convenience of Taxpayers

I will be at the following places on dates given to take tax returns for the year 1920:

Limestone	Jan. 15
Lily	Jan. 16
Ona	Jan. 17
Fort Green, until noon	Jan. 19
Fort Green Springs in p. m.	Jan. 19
Bowling Green	Jan. 21-22
Sweetwater	Jan. 23
Crewsville	Jan. 24
Avon Park	Jan. 26-27
Sebring	Jan. 28
Venus	Feb. 9
Valdosta	Feb. 10
Moore Haven	Feb. 11
LaBelle	Feb. 12
Bermont, until noon	Feb. 13
Dwains	Feb. 23
Pine Level	Feb. 24
Oak Hill	Feb. 25
Brownville	Feb. 26
Gardner	Feb. 27
Zolfo	Feb. 28
Charlotte Harbor	March 8
Punta Gorda	March 9-10
Cleveland	March 11
Fort Ogden	March 12
Nocatee	March 13
Valdeshula	March 17, 18, 19, 20
Arcadia	March 24 to April 1

H. G. MURPHY,
TAX ASSESSOR.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR LETTERS PATENT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned are their associates will on the 26th day of January, A. D. 1920, apply to the Governor of the State of Florida for Letters Patent upon the following proposed Articles of Incorporation.

GEORGE P. KELLOGG,
EDWIN C. WILLIAMS,
GEORGE W. ADAMS,
WM. M. RECK,
T. H. LANDER.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

I. The name of this corporation shall be "The Avon Park Printing Company" and its principal office and place of business shall be at Avon Park, DeSoto County, Florida, with branch offices in such other places in the State of Florida and the several States in the United States and foreign countries as may hereafter be established.

II. The general nature of the business to be transacted by this corporation shall be: To conduct a general printing, binding, lithographing, engraving, electrotyping, stereotyping and publishing business and a general manufacturing of printers' supplies and products; to make contracts of any and all kinds, to borrow money and pledge any of the assets of the corporation to secure payment therefor, to buy and sell real estate and to conduct a general retail business of any nature whatsoever not in conflict with the laws of the State of Florida, and generally to exercise all such powers as may be incident to the purposes or businesses of the corporation; to have, exercise and enjoy all the rights, powers and privileges incident to corporations organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Florida.

III. The amount of capital stock of this corporation shall be Five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) divided into fifty (50) shares of the par value of One Hundred dollars (\$100.00) each, which shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America, or in property, at a fair and just valuation, to be fixed by the Board of Directors.

IV. The term for which this corporation shall exist shall be perpetual unless sooner dissolved according to law.

V. The business of this corporation shall be conducted by a board of directors, to consist not less than three nor more than seven of the stockholders, to be elected by the stockholders at their annual meeting to be held on the second Thursday of February of each year, or at an adjourned meeting thereof, at the office of the corporation in Avon Park, Florida, and the officers of the corporation shall be immediately thereafter be elected by the board of directors and until those elected at the first annual meeting shall be qualified the business of the corporation shall be conducted by the following officers: Geo. F. Kellogg, president; E. O. Williams, vice-president; Geo. W. Adams, secretary; Geo. W. Adams, treasurer, and Geo. F. Kellogg, E. O. Williams, Geo. W. Adams, Wm. M. Reck, T. H. Lander, board of directors.

VI. The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which this corporation shall at any time subject itself shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00).

VII. All stock issued by this corporation shall be transferable, but no such transfer shall be valid until recorded in a book kept for the purpose by the secretary of the corporation, and the surrender of the certificate. No stockholder will be permitted to sell, transfer or pledge of his stock to any person or persons without first offering it to the corporation for purchase. All stock shall be fully paid and non-assessable.

VIII. The names and residences of the incorporators and the number of shares subscribed by each is as follows:

Geo. W. Adams, Avon Park, Florida, 10 shares.
E. O. Williams, Avon Park, Florida, 2 shares.
Wm. M. Reck, Avon Park, Florida, 2 shares.
T. H. Lander, Avon Park, Florida, 1 share.
Geo. F. Kellogg, Avon Park, Florida, 1 share.

STATE OF FLORIDA.

On this day personally appeared before me, a notary public, authorized to take acknowledgments in such cases, Geo. F. Kellogg, E. O. Williams, Geo. W. Adams, Wm. M. Reck, T. H. Lander, to use well known to be the persons who subscribed to the foregoing charter, and each for himself severally acknowledged that he did so for the purposes therein set forth.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 16th day of December, A. D. 1919.

U. L. CHRYSLER,
Notary Public.

My commission expires Dec. 15, 1920.

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1-2 City Block of 5 one-acre lots, - \$ 625.00
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Avon Park, Florida

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

The Highlands Pilot

Geo. W. Adams, Editor

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

Subscription: \$2.50 a Year
After Jan. 1, 1920, 2.00 a Year
Application pending at Washington, D.C., for entrance to the mails as second-class matter.

TELEPHONE No. 29

Friday, Dec. 26, 1919

The Highlands Pilot, published at Avon Park, is the latest addition to the galaxy of Florida papers. As it is edited by George W. Adams we need not say that it holds full measure. Success to Bro. Adams in his new venture.—Bradford County Telegraph.

Among the new papers so reach our exchange table are the Highlands Pilot and the Real Estate Bulletin. The Highlands Pilot is published at Avon Park by George Adams, who discontinued the Mantee Banner recently and moved to the new location, and that he was justified in doing so is indicated by the excellent advertising patronage which his first two issues received.—Cocoa Tribune.

The Avon Park Highlands Pilot has appeared, with George W. Adams' name in the masthead as editor. The sheet is just what you would expect it to be with George Adams managing it—bright, newsy and well made up. If the merchants continue to patronize the paper in the future as well as they have the two issues published, George will put Avon Park on the map in big letters.—Fort Lauderdale Herald.

The Highlands Pilot, published at Avon Park by that witty old scout, Bro. Adams, steered its way quietly into the haven of our exchange table a couple of weeks ago. The Pilot is much larger than we expected it to be for a starter, and does great credit to the little city where it is published and to its founder. We will predict for it a long and useful career under the capable hands of Mr. Adams, and that Avon Park and community will sail into seas of peace and prosperity if they will trust to their Pilot. We might say in passing, that we hope the Pilot can steer clear of the shoals and quicksands of DeSoto county politics and not run upon any political direllies or sunken reefs.—Arcadia Enterprise.

Says the Highland Pilot: "Consider the number of acres of land immediately contiguous to Avon Park that are being developed, think of the great quantity of citrus fruit that will be harvested annually in the near future, estimate how many men and women it will take to care for the groves, harvest and pack the fruit, manufacture the containers, take care of the unmarketable fruit and serve those engaged in this work. When you have done this can you doubt the future growth of Avon Park? Probably anyone visiting that section would at once see the possibilities of Avon Park and vicinity. Editor Adams has only been there a short time, but he is already a first-class booster, and what he says is worth hearing, because it is based on common sense. With the new citrus groves coming right a long Avon Park must grow and substantially and well.—Florida Times Union.

NOTICE!

Beginning Jan. 1, 1920, I will sell

Ice Tickets
—FOR—
Cash Only

Please take notice and arrange accordingly.

W.G. McGiboney

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

D. F. Canfield made a business trip to Sebring Monday.

Carlos Skipper spent Sunday in Nocatee visiting friends.

C. A. Skipper was transacting business in Punta Gorda Tuesday.

George F. Kellogg was transacting business in Tampa Tuesday.

For Sale—Three houses. Immediate possession given. Norton Smith.

L. P. Hagau was a business visitor here from Sanford the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Simmons announce the arrival of a girl baby at their home Wednesday.

Melville Bass and Clifford Thomas have been spending several days hunting on Istapoga creek.

Miss Mildred Myers, who has been attending school in Tallahassee, is home for the holidays.

Webster Schumaling and Frank Richardson arrived here Tuesday night from Armonk, N. Y., for the winter.

Robert Ellison and wife, of Avon Park, were in town Wednesday, enroute to Jacksonville.—Central Florida News.

The mail from the Avon Park postoffice Saturday morning was so heavy that it required a large truck to transport it to the depot.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whidden and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hadcock left Monday for Okeechobee, where they will spend the holidays.

Mrs. Kilburn, who has been spending some time at the Village Inn, left Monday for Daytona, where she will spend the remainder of the winter.

J. W. Wray, of Topeka, Kan., and D. C. Hodges, who have been spending a couple of weeks at the Village Inn, left Monday for Tampa, where they will make a short visit before returning home.

"Alas" Father Webster is here from Armonk, N. Y. It has been a saying of Mr. Webster that he would come to Florida when there was no place else to go, but Old Man Rheumatism issued the Florida call and we hope to make it so warm for him that he'll never think of going elsewhere.

A. J. Nichols, of Lansing, Mich., who arrived in Avon Park early in November, has received a car load of lumber from Frostproof and will immediately begin the erection of a modern bungalow on Tulane Circle, facing the lake. Mr. Nichols is one of four Michigan people who have purchased a forty-acre tract of land not far from town, which they will set to grove. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols will occupy C. L. Fairbanks' residence on Lake Tulane while their bungalow is being built.

Jim Simmons, well known barber who has been employed at the DeSoto Barber Shop for the past eight months, left yesterday morning for Avon Park, where he will now engage in the barber business for himself. Mr. Simmons purchased a three chair shop in Avon Park and one that has an excellent business established. We wish him well in his newly chosen field of endeavor.—Arcadia Enterprise.

Mr. Simmons purchased V. E. Sapp's half interest in the Sapp barber shop, he having sold a half interest to J. P. Bryan, of Waukechula, a couple of weeks ago. Mr. Bryan has not disposed of his interests, as would appear from the above.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Avon Park, Florida, will be held at the office of the said bank at Avon Park, Fla., Tuesday, January 13, 1920, at eleven o'clock a. m., for the purpose of the election of directors and the transaction of any other business that may properly come before said meeting.

MORTUARY

BARTON—J. W. Barton, who has been coming to Avon Park for twenty odd years, succumbed to death Tuesday of last week, aged nearly 70 years. Deceased had been suffering for a number of years from nervous breakdown. Short funeral services were held at the home by the Rev. Dr. Thomas Murish and the remains were shipped to the old home in Buffalo, N. Y., for interment. A widow, one son and two daughters are left to mourn his loss, and to them the sympathy of the community is extended.

DAVIS—Monday night at 11:30 o'clock Mrs. Callie Davis died at her home in Avon Park, after an illness of several months. The remains were taken to Harrah for interment. Her husband and a 4-year-old child are left to mourn the loss of a loving wife and mother. The people of the Park extend sincere sympathy to them in their bereavement.

Entertained Teachers

The teachers of our public schools were delightfully entertained last week by Mrs. Jenkins at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. Thomas Murish. The evening was spent in conversation and music. Dainty refreshments were served, after which the guests departed, expressing their appreciation of a most enjoyable evening. Guests present besides the teachers were Mrs. J. C. M. Ellenberger and daughter Elizabeth and C. D. Sherman.

Stockholders Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Flint Lumber Company will be held at the company's office in Avon Park, Fla., Tuesday, January 13, 1920, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m., for the election of directors and any other business that may come properly before said meeting.

Extra copies of The Pilot are for sale by the Avon Park Mercantile Company. Five cents the copy.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of The Corporate Securities Company of Avon Park, Florida, will be held at the company's office at Avon Park, Florida, Tuesday, January 13, 1920, at ten o'clock a. m., for the purpose of the election of directors and the transaction of any other business that may properly come before said meeting.

C. E. LANIER, Secretary.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Seaside Highlands Development Company of Avon Park, Florida, will be held at the company's office at Avon Park, Fla., on Tuesday, January 13, 1920, at nine o'clock a. m., for the purpose of the election of directors and the transaction of any other business that may properly come before said meeting.

C. E. LANIER, Secretary.

Notice

The annual meeting of the Masonic Temple Association will be held in the reading rooms Friday, Jan. 2, 1920, at 4:00 o'clock p. m., to elect a board of governors for the ensuing year and transact any other business that may come before the meeting.

HERBERT SEEVERS, Pres.
Avon Park, Fla., Dec. 15, 1919.



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Visitors welcome.

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We thank you

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During the coming year

we will put forth a still greater effort to please our patrons.

With these thanks

and a cordial invitation to extend us your continued patronage, we wish one and all

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

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Everything to be found in a first-class barber shop.

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Children's Hair Cutting and Ladies' Shampooing Our Specialties.

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Depends upon the quality of your

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

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Did You Forget

Any of your relatives or friends when selecting your Christmas gifts? If so, you can make amends by remembering them on New Year's day.

We still have plenty of appropriate articles to select from.

Thanking you for your patronage, we wish all

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

Avon Park Drug Company

T. H. LANDER, Manager

LOCAL AND PERSONAL MENTION

Our phone number is 29. Phone us the news.

F. Elmer Wray and family motored to Tampa Sunday.

Charley Bortz, of Wauchula, was a business visitor here Tuesday.

Mayer Albritton and Denson Swar spent Monday in Lakeland.

T. W. Lawton and family spent Christmas with relatives in Arcadia.

Mrs. Love Cash, of Indian Rock, is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Green.

J. T. Jones has opened an insurance and real estate office in the Whidden building.

A. F. Dewey and son, George, of Punta Gorda, were business visitors in Avon Park Saturday.

F. M. Smith went to Tampa Saturday, returning Sunday with an Overland car, purchased while there.

For Rent—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping; modern; close in.
Floyd Houghaboom, Avon Park.

For Sale—Double-barrel ham merless Stevens shotgun; 16 gauge; in good order and splendid gun; \$15.00. Can be seen at this office.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus McCally and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Roberts and children are spending the week in and around Sarasota, hunting and fishing.

DeForest Canfield spent last week in Central and Western Florida, visiting a number of saw mills. He says lumber is as scarce in those sections as here.

W. A. Raulerson, one of Barab's progressive farmers, was in town Friday, bringing in some "long sweetening" of his own manufacture and of an excellent quality.

Parke Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Anderson, arrived in Avon Park Saturday from Gainesville, where he is completing a course in citrus culture at the University of Florida, to spend the holidays.

J. J. Jamour, who has been living in Zolfo for several years, came over to Avon Park Friday of last week to make this his future home. Mr. Jamour is a decorator of more than ordinary ability and will pursue his vocation here. There are some splendid specimens of his handiwork on exhibition at his Masonic club-rooms, which lead those who see them to believe that our city is fortunate in having a man of Mr. Jamour's ability locate here.

Mr. Fred White Says, "Don't Idle Because You Only See One Rat."
"I did, pretty soon I found my cellar full. They ate my potatoes. After trying RAT-SNAP I got 5 dead rats. The rest later. They pass up the potatoes to eat RAT-SNAP." If they are around your place follow Mr. White's example. Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by F. C. Rae, Avon Park Drug Co., Park Mercantile Co.

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

Mose Thomas, of Kiceo, was a business visitor here Monday.

The Misses Roberta and Beatrice Bass spent Tuesday in Fort Meade.

H. E. Coy is driving a new Maxwell car, purchased in Haines City Monday.

DeWitt Green and H. E. Bryan spent Sunday afternoon visiting friends in Wauchula.

For Sale—Machine for boring stumps for blasting.
Floyd Houghaboom, Avon Park.

R. R. Long went to Tampa Sunday morning to spend a day or so, looking after business matters.

A. J. Whidden and Irvin Raulerson spent last week down on Arbuckle Lake, fishing and hunting.

The stork stopped at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Lanier Saturday, leaving a bouncing girl baby.

Herbert H. F. Reck and family are spending the Xmas holidays with Mrs. Reck's father, R. G. Haskins, of Winter Haven.

Mrs. Lora S. LaMance, national organizer and lecturer of the W. G. T. U., will deliver a lecture here next Friday evening, Jan. 2.

Miss Ethel Oliver, teacher of domestic science in our schools, left Friday for her home in Punta Gorda, where she is spending the holidays.

Mrs. DeForest Canfield went to Tampa Wednesday of last week, returning with her husband, who had been absent on a business mission for several days.

The Masonic and Eastern Star orders will hold a joint installation of officers in the near future, to which members of both orders and their immediate families will be invited.

For Sale—Twenty-two Jersey and Grade Jersey milk cows; fresh and soon to freshen. All cows government tested for tuberculosis; cows priced to sell. Geo. M. Heath, Fort Meade, Fla. 54tp

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert F. Beck and children motored to Winter Haven Saturday to spend the week-end with Mrs. Beck's father, R. G. Haskins. They were accompanied as far as Haines City by Miss Lisabeth Pardon, teacher of music in our schools, who took the train there for her home in Blackshear, Ga., where she will spend the winter holidays.

How Big New York Grocery Firm Keeps Down Rats.
Vroome & Co., Butter and Cheese Merchants, New York City, says: "We keep RAT-SNAP in our cellar all the time. It keeps down rats. We buy it by the gross, would not be without it." Farmers use RAT-SNAP because rats pass up all food for RAT-SNAP. Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by F. C. Rae, Avon Park Drug Co., Park Mercantile Company.

Your syrup labels printed just right at this office.

Mrs. Sadie B. Farrington spent Monday in Bartow shopping.

Josh Mizelle and A. F. Dewey, of Punta Gorda, were transacting business here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Lamb, of the Maude district, spent Tuesday in Avon Park shopping.

Mrs. Charles D. Sherman is spending this week in Orlando, visiting friends and relatives and shopping.

Remember the old time watch meeting and reception at the Masonic Temple club rooms New Year's eve.

Olen Clark, Joe Langford and John Foley spent the week-end down on the Kissimmee river, hunting and fishing.

Miss Marion Sargent came home from Kissimmee Tuesday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Sargent.

Lon Raulerson spent Tuesday afternoon in the woods, acting as guide for the young ladies on the decorating committee for the Community Christmas tree.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lanier and Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Touchton were among the Christmas shoppers thronging Tampa's busy streets Monday.

Grover Langford, of Arcadia, came over Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gray and daughter, Miss Ina, Arcadia visitors from Iowa, to show them our progressive little city.

Recent arrivals are W. H. Dixon and Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Cook, of Waukesha, Wis. They are spending the winter here with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Niver, who are among those owning winter homes here and who are now spending their sixth winter with us.

Wanted—Two to five million feet Longleaf Yellow Pine timber. Address with full particulars, stating whether round or boxed; if under lease. Include map showing location of railroad, hardwood, acreage, estimate, price and terms. P. O. Box 857, Tampa, Fla.

William G. Overton, general representative of the land department of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company in South Florida, with headquarters in Avon Park, left Friday for Jacksonville. He expects to spend the holidays at his home in Virginia, returning about January 1.

Col. and Mrs. R. P. Davidson, of the beautiful Davidson home, "Hollyhurst," on the south shore of Lake Lotela, are spending a week in our midst. Col. and Mrs. Davidson came here first as bride and groom in 1892, and have been periodic visitors ever since. The Colonel is the proprietor of the former Highlands Park Military Academy, of Chicago, now located at Lake Geneva, Wis. This academy is rated by the war department as one of the highest in all-around efficiency in the country.

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GREETINGS

of the

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We wish

that the good will and cheer of the holidays may prevail throughout and mark your enterprises and endeavors with extraordinary success.

We wish

that this year may be the realization of all the good things that come from co-operation and trust and good fellowship.

We wish

that we may have the same opportunity and pleasure of serving you in the future as we have been allowed to enjoy in the past.

And

when all is said and done we come back to the time-old, bearded toast which is just this:

**EVERYBODY IN OUR PLACE WISHES
EVERYBODY IN YOUR PLACE A VERY
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
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THE TRUTH about the Citrus Fruit Industry is
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We not only tell it but carry the grove proposition through for the investor for FIFTEEN YEARS

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Christmas and a Prosperous
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Start Your Account Today—Don't Delay! It Costs You Nothing to Join

Merely makes Saving Easy -- The deposits each week are small, but the total grows rapidly -- No chance for you to lose. Below are outlines of the different Clubs. You may join as many Clubs as you wish. You may pay in advance.

Read This Carefully

IN CLASS 1 You pay	IN CLASS 1A You pay	IN CLASS 2 You pay	IN CLASS 2A You pay	IN CLASS 5 You pay	IN CLASS 5A You pay	You Can Make Straight Payments Each Week For Fifty Weeks of
1st week.....1c	1st week.....50c	1st week.....2c	1st week.....\$1.00	1st week.....5c	1st week.....\$2.50	50c and get check for..... 25.00
2nd week.....2c	2nd week.....49c	2nd week.....4c	2nd week.....98c	2nd week.....10c	2nd week.....2.45	\$1.00 and get check for..... 50.00
3rd week.....3c	3rd week.....48c	3rd week.....6c	3rd week.....96c	3rd week.....15c	3rd week.....2.40	\$2.00 and get check for..... 100.00
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ORDINANCE NO. 61

An Ordinance Regulating the Use of the Streets and Fixing a Penalty for Violations.

Be It Ordained by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Avon Park, DeSoto County, Florida:

Section 1. Vehicles to Keep to the Right. All vehicles shall keep to the right of the center of all streets.

Sec. 2. Vehicles Meeting. All vehicles meeting shall pass each other to the right.

Sec. 3. Vehicles Overtaking Each Other. Any vehicle overtaking another shall pass to the left.

Sec. 4. Turning to the Right Into Another Street. All vehicles turning to the right into another street shall turn the corner as near the curb as practicable.

Sec. 5. Turning to the Left Into Another Street. All vehicles turning to the left into another street, shall pass to the right of the center of said street before turning.

Sec. 6. Crossing Streets. All vehicles crossing from one side of the street to another, shall do so by turning from the left so as to head in the same direction as the traffic on that side of the street, and no turn shall be made between corners, but shall be made at intersection of streets.

Sec. 7. Turning and Starting. The driver or any person having charge of any vehicle, before turning the corner of any street, or turning out of, or starting from, or stopping at the curb line of any street, shall first see that there is sufficient space free from other vehicles, so that such turn, stop or start may be safely made, and shall then give, if necessary, a plainly visible signal indicating his intention, such as raising his hand or making some vocal or mechanical sound.

Sec. 8. Stopping at the Curb. No vehicle shall stop with its left side at the curb on blocks or streets where business houses are located.

Sec. 9. In no case shall any vehicle remain backed up to the curb, except when actually loading or unloading.

Sec. 10. Stopping at Corners. No vehicle shall stop or stand within the intersection of any street, or be parked within 25 feet of the corner of any sidewalk.

Sec. 11. Signal in Slowing Up or Stopping. In slowing up or stopping, a signal shall always be given to any vehicle behind by raising the whip or hand.

Sec. 12. Moving Vehicles. All vehicles moving along the streets shall keep as close as practical to the curb line, so as to allow faster moving vehicles free passage on the left hand side.

Sec. 13. No vehicle shall back to make a turn in any street if by doing so it interferes with other vehicles, but shall go around the block or to a street sufficiently wide to turn in without backing.

Sec. 14. Vehicles Shall Stop When Directed by the Police. All vehicles must stop when directed to do so by the police, and upon signal from the police shall move on.

Sec. 15. Reasonable Care to Be Used. Nothing contained herein or omitted herefrom shall be construed or allowed to relieve any person using or traveling, or be on any street for any purpose whatsoever from exercising all reasonable care to avoid or prevent injury through collision with all other persons and vehicles.

Sec. 16. Traffic Not to Be Obstructed. No vehicle shall be allowed to remain upon, when not in use, or to be driven through any streets of the town of Avon Park so as to block or obstruct traffic of any street.

Sec. 17. Cars may be parked in any street except north side of Main street, between Railroad and South Verona avenue and east side of Lake avenue from Church street to Pine street and from Campbell street to Canfield street and east side of North Verona avenue, between Main street to Church street. All automobiles parked shall, when parked, be headed in an angle of not less than 45 degrees.

Sec. 18. Definitions. The following terms whenever used herein, except as otherwise specifically indicated, shall be defined to have and shall be held to include each of the meanings hereinbefore respectively set forth, and any such terms used in the singular number shall be held to include the plural. Street—Every avenue, boulevard, highway, roadway, cartway, lane, alley, patch, square and place used by or laid out for the use of vehicles.

Roadway—That portion of any street which is included between the curb or curb line thereof and is designed for the use of vehicles. Vehicles—Every automobile, motor car, motor wagon, carriage, buggy, omnibus, wagon, push cart, bicycle, motor bicycle and other

conveyance (except baby carriages), in whatever manner, or by whatever force or power the same may be driven, ridden or propelled, which is or may be used for or adapted to pleasure riding or the transportation of passengers, baggage or merchandise upon the streets, and every draft or riding animal, whether ridden or led, shall constitute a vehicle.

Sec. 19. Penalty for Violation. Any person violating any regulation or provision hereof shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.00) or imprisonment for not exceeding sixty (60) days for each offense.

Sec. 21. This ordinance shall go into effect promptly upon its passage and approval of the mayor. GEO. F. KELLOGG, President Town Council.

Attest: G. L. CREWS, City Clerk. I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance has been duly enacted by the Town Council of the Town of Avon Park, Florida, and hereby present the same to the Mayor said town, as provided by Section Nine (9), Chapter 6662, Laws of Florida, approved May 23rd, 1913.

Witness my hand and official seal at Avon Park, Florida, this 13th day of December, A. D. 1919. G. L. CREWS, Town Clerk.

THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE RECEIVED BY ME THIS 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER, A. D. 1919, AND APPROVED BY ME ON SAID DATE. WILLIAM KING, Mayor Town of Avon Park, Florida.

ORDINANCE NO. 62

An Ordinance Entitled "An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 41." Be It Ordained by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Avon Park, DeSoto County, Florida:

Section 1. No person shall, upon any of the streets or avenues within the corporate limits of Avon Park, operate any motor vehicle at a rate of speed greater than fifteen (15) miles per hour, nor upon approaching or turning any corner at a rate of speed exceeding eight (8) miles per hour; ample signal or warning of the approach of such vehicle shall be given, and every reasonable precaution shall be used to prevent accident from the use or operation of same.

Sec. 2. All automobiles, motorcycles or other conveyances of similar character shall show, between fifteen (15) minutes after sunset and daylight, two lamps on front, one on the left side and one on the right side, each showing white light, also one light to show red to be placed on rear of vehicle; provided, however, that no electric flashlight or spotlight be used. Motor vehicles and trucks with only one front light in center, shall be required to show only one white light in front, with the red light in rear.

Sec. 3. That all persons, firms or corporations owning or operating motor vehicles, motorcycles or other vehicles propelled by power other than muscular, within the corporate limits of the city of Avon Park, shall furnish and provide said vehicles with cutouts suitable for proper and efficient service, and it shall be unlawful for any person to operate, or for the owner thereof to permit the operation of any motor vehicle, motorcycle or any vehicle propelled by power other than muscular, within the corporate limits of the city of Avon Park, with the cutout open or not in operation.

Sec. 4. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation owning any automobile, truck, trailer, wagon, or any similar means of conveyance or permit any such automobile, truck, trailer, wagon, or any similar means of conveyance standing over night on any part of Main street or Lake avenue.

Sec. 5. That any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than Twenty-five (25.00) dollars, or by imprisonment at hard labor for not more than ten (10) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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Happiness Alley

By OTILLIA FRANCES PRIFER

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A peculiarly placid and uneventful life had Arline Merritt led. Her mother had died when she was twelve and for six years the daughter had passed most of her time at a select boarding school.

All that time Arline never returned to the home where she was born. Four times a year her father spent a day at the school, brought her new presents and supplied her liberally with spending money. Each visit Arline referred to the old home in the city and expressed a longing desire to spend her vacation there.

"You will surely be eighteen," said her father, "and then you shall come home for good to keep house for me," and at his last visit he had added: "You won't know the old place, Arline. My means have continued modest, but I have managed to save enough to renovate the house and the grounds. It will be a snug nest. Happiness Alley" as they call the little blind end block; it has only ten houses its entire length, but who would know it for some old time family residence."

"Happiness Alley," repeated Arline dreamily. "What a charming name! Why do they call it that, papa?"

"It is really Gresham court, of course," responded Mr. Merritt, "the little street right in the heart of the city and yet quiet and warm as some country lane. You see, our neighbors and myself started in trading on the business street nearby when it was far from being built up, and settled in Gresham court for our homes. We have been closely connected, both as to business and socially, and a little community of genial, humble storekeepers have led peaceful, happy lives, with no ambition toward splurge and show."

It was a golden day in the experience of Arline when she left school for home. She went into raptures over the broad porch cottage looking out upon a lovely garden, all fenced in and at its rear a high brick wall shutting out the roar of the business buildings, fronting on the next street. An old woman servant relieved Arline of all household "baggage" and the neighbors greeted her warmly. Plain, practical people, the denizens of Happiness Alley were sincere, unpretentious and entirely apart from show and glitter. Their clean, even lives shut out all extravagance and folly, and Happiness Alley was not a misnomer.

Unexpectedly Mr. Merritt, sickened and died and Arline was left alone. It was her first real sorrow, and the kindly sympathy of the neighbors bound her more closely to them and to her home. She settled resignedly into the groove of a calm, even life. She grew sedate, instead of gloomy.

A bench under a great flowering tree overhanging the rear wall became a favorite spot with Arline. One evening she lay upon it, there was a rustling in the tree overhead. She started to her feet as she made out a figure, hanging on the top of the wall and clutching at a swinging branch.

It broke with the adventurer and he fell in a senseless heap almost at Arline's feet. She could not repress a scream. From the little room cottage where he had his living quarters the old gardener came hurrying to the spot. The intruder was a young man dressed in neglectful attire and his pale face suggested the invalid or convalescent. Old Hugh carried him to the cottage and placed him on his bed.

"He is not hurt by his fall, only stunned," he said, "it looks to me as if he was getting away from somebody. Shall we call the police?" "Oh, no! No!" responded Arline quickly, interested strangely in the intruder—"at least not until we learn his story. You will undertake his care, Hugh?"

"Surely, if you say so, Miss," replied the old gardener and the next day, able to sit up but still looking weak and troubled, the young man told Arline of himself and her compassionate soul was moved to new kindly sympathy.

He was Sidney Marsh, he told Arline, and for over a year the subject of peril and prosecution at the hands of schemers who had swindled his father out of his rights in a corporation of which the latter, now dead, had been an official. In order to terrify Sidney the schemers had assaulted him, had once kidnapped him and held him a captive for months, and everything now depended on the young man finding a safe asylum until the day of trial, a few weeks ahead. They had located him the day of his fall from the tree, and in escaping Sidney had sealed the walls and met with his present friends.

And loyal, helpful friends they proved, old Hugh and the housekeeper, as well as Arline. Interest and sympathy aroused new emotions in that tender, innocent heart and Sidney seemed to wander in a lonely paradise, safe and secure from the troubles and dangers that had made of him a persecuted refugee.

It was a glad day for him when he appeared in court, sustained his claim and secured a verdict against the plotters which made of him a rich man. "I lay it all at your feet, dear one," he told Arline, "and my life's devotion with it. One favor I crave: that we remain in this Eden always, amid the peace, and loveliness, and contentment of Happiness Alley."

DUE TO DIGESTIVE TROUBLE

Condition of Narcoplepsy Revealed by Victim's Absolutely Irresistible Desire for Sleep.

Even after a meal of moderate size taken by a normal subject there is a slight tendency to drowsiness, which becomes much more pronounced after a heavy meal or in dyspepsia. When sleeping under such conditions is irresistible we have narcoplepsy. The patient may fall asleep so abruptly that he may endanger himself or others. It is characteristic, however, of narcoplepsy of whatever kind that the attack is of brief duration. The victim never collapses, for he always has time to assume a posture suitable for sleep. He may even announce that he must doze for a few minutes, after which he will awake refreshed. He may be kept awake or readily awakened. Hence there should be no likelihood of mistaking narcoplepsy for epilepsy of any kind. The digestive troubles are of no particular type—cases have been seen of alcoholic gastritis, hyperchlorhydria, atony, etc. A determining cause, but relief of the stomach mischief seems to lead to complete recovery. Possibly akin to these gastric cases are others in which a subject falls into an imperative sleep after indulgence in alcohol, but who wakes in a few moments completely sober. Instead of passing into a stupor.—Rocky Mountain News.

GULL HAD GOOD APPETITE

Voracious Observer Asserts Bird Swallowed Fifteen Smelt Within Space of One Hour.

Sea gulls never visit the Cowitz and Lewis rivers except when the smelt are running. Local fishermen know when the birds are at hand by seeing the big white birds in the air wheeling and diving and uttering their plaintive cry. They sound like complaining children with rather weak lungs. When the gulls are tired of flying they settle on piles along the shore, or on sand banks which they whiten like a fall of snow. When the sharp eye of a gull sees a smelt he plunges for it, submerges his bill and head, and brings it up squirting. The bird swallows his prey in full flight, seldom or never perching to dispose of it.

A most observant young man relates that a friend of his at Kelso, on the Cowitz, selected a gull which he could identify and watched it for an hour to count smelt caught and swallowed. The number was surprisingly large—fifteen.

Perhaps this gull was more expert or luckier than ordinary. It must have been an exceptional bird in color at least or the Kelso naturalist could not have told it from the rest of the flock. Perhaps it was exceptional in other ways. And perhaps it had a double personality.—Portland (Ore.) Journal.

Obituary of a Jellyfish.

One Jellyfish at least became world famous, and when she died, after living for sixty-seven years in the most intellectual society, under the protection of five successive learned gentlemen, she received the honors of an obituary notice in the Scotsman.

"Granny" belonged to the Jellyfish family, but was, strictly speaking, an anemone whom Sir John Graham Dalrymple picked off the rocks and kept in sea water all the years of his life. Sir John fed his protégée regularly with one-half mutton a fortnight, and she bore a large family.

The Scotsman "In Memoriam" notice stated that 600 of Granny's offspring were known. When Sir John died his anemone was passed on to an arctic explorer, and at his death she was bequeathed to another scientific man. Granny thrived and bred like the ones; she outlived four protectors, and died finally because of the neglect or ill-treatment of a botanist.

How Much Is Enough to Eat?

Seleve is speaking up for the 12-year-old who is always hungry. "Age, size and activity" have all to do with the matter. A boy may need more to eat than a girl because he exercises more rather than because he is larger.

A small, bookish father tied to a desk may need much, less to eat than his romping, growing 12-year-old progeny. It is safe to say that a growing child needs all the bread and butter and milk and fruit that it will eat; when the appetite must be coaxed with sweets it is not to be trusted.

If you have stopped running and growing, don't gauge Bobbie's needs by your relative size. Growing is a strenuous business. Be sure that the children have both building material for this important occupation and energy fuel for their ceaseless activity. Watching the child's weight will give you a key to the situation.

Center of Sponge Industry.

Nassau, the capital of the Bahamas islands, is a town which seems to exist for the sponge business. Its coral streets all lead to "the sponge market." Carts, slatted on the sides like square bird cages and filled with sponges, are always in progress along Bay street. A fleet of sponge boats is always passing in and out of harbor or riding at anchor head out along the sponge wharf. Men of business here utter their signs as "Sponge Brokers." Entire yards are filled with sponges and the constant chatter and song of hundreds of negroes at work dipping and pounding, assorting and drying sponges, are among the familiar street sounds.

The "Hop Scotch" Girl

By GENEVIEVE ULMAR

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It was a pleasant, lively scene and carried Nevil Brooke back to his early youth. Seated in a comfortable lounging chair on the porch, he had a full view of half a dozen little girls engaged in the old-fashioned game of "hop scotch."

Upon the smooth cement pavement the group had drawn in chalk the conventional body of the subdivided diagram, rounding it with "the moon," to attain which, by hopping on one foot and speeding a flat pebble without resting on a line was to score a victory. Suddenly the play suspended.

"Oh, there's Marty Doane—she will show us how to flip into the moon!" arose in a tumultuous shout.

Brookes leaned over toward the street to make out a girl of about seventeen, exquisitely dainty in form and feature with a wealth of sunny golden hair like an aureole, and little and graceful in all her movements. A rippling smile irradiated her lips and she welcomed the juvenile onslaught with calm and grace.

The delectable Marty's loving and accommodating nature showed fully as she took her position at "goal," set the pebble given her, and proceeded to demonstrate her capability as a hop scotch expert. Brookes watched her with profound admiration.

Just then an overdressed, stately woman appeared, a great, hulking young man at her side. She darted forward as she made out the girl.

"Who's that?" she shouted at Marty. "Nice actions for a woman grown, and promised!"

"Promised!" cried the girl scornfully. "Who to?"

"To him, Dan Reeves," and the woman indicated her companion.

"Who promised me?" challenged Marty.

"I did; and didn't he give you a ring?"

"You mean he forced it on me," flared up the girl. "There is no such gift!" and tearing a tawdry circlet from her finger she flung it to the pavement, gave it a blow with her toe, and added: "If he ever tries to kiss me again I'll kill him, and if you lay your hands on me I'll run away!"

Like some proud empress, the aroused girl left the spot, her head high in the air.

Nevil Brooke was recovering from a fit of sickness and had sought rest and quiet in the boarding house where he was passing his convalescence. He asked his landlady about the girl who had interested him.

"Oh, you mean Marty Doane," spoke the woman. "Poor girl! But good girl. Her father died, leaving her to the mercies of a cruel stepmother, who is anxious to get rid of her care and has tried to favor the suit of that Reeves fellow, but Marty despises him."

There was a little park that Brooke strolled in every morning, and the next day he was attracted by the sound of low sobbing beyond some shrubbery. He went over to the spot.

Upon a heap of a bundle at her feet and weeping bitterly, was the hop scotch girl.

"Are you in trouble, miss?" spoke Brooke gently. "I have seen you before, and we live in the same neighborhood."

Marty read sympathy and interest in the deep, open face. "I am going away from my stepmother and the man she is trying to make me marry," she said, "and I shall never come back. Oh, sir, is it very far to Wickham?"

"Why do you ask that?" inquired Nevil.

"Because the only friend I have in the world lives there. She was Nellie Foster, and she married Ned Wilton three years ago, and they settled down at Wickham. A year ago Nellie wrote me that they had a darling little baby, and I love children, and I know that Nellie would give me a home."

A sudden impulse urged the tender-hearted Reeves to assist this homeless waif. His own life was lonely and her distress moved him to pity.

"If you will trust me, I will see you safely to Wickham," he said.

"Oh, sir, will you?" cried Marty rapturously. "I am sure Nellie will pay you back for the fare."

"Never mind that," said Reeves, and her childish delight looking from the car window and hopeful expression when they reached Wickham revealed the untutored soul of the trustful girl. They reached the further home of the Wiltons in a sign "for rent" on the next little cottage, and a neighbor informed them that the family had moved to a farm "somewhere out West."

Marty "dropped to a step, a picture of forlorn despair. "Oh," she sobbed, "what a life it would have been to have my old friends, and the baby, and this beautiful garden. It would be like being in heaven! And now I am worse off than ever!" and she broke down utterly.

"Look up in my face, Marty," spoke Reeves sternly. "I am as much alone in the world as you are, but I think experience a mutual trustfulness. You crave a home of comfort and happiness. Will you share it with me, as my wife, right here and now?"

And Nevil Brooke, with a grateful, loving life partner smiling and stinging all day long in their little paradise of a house, never regretted that he had wedded "the hop scotch girl."

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COMMITTEE MAKES SPLENDID REPORT

Dr. Heckel, prominent dentist, H. W. Glunt, superintendent, Carnegie Steel Company, and Frederick Reinecke, a produce dealer of note, all from Pittsburg, visited Avon Park recently, representing the grove owners in the developments of the Pittsburg-Florida Fruit Growers Association, known as Sections Sixteen and Seventeen and Lakewood Villa.

This fifth yearly inspection made by men who have been elected by purchasers of groves and it must be indeed gratifying to the Pittsburg Company as well as the grove owners, to receive such satisfying and glowing reports as to progress and general condition of the trees and property.

The last commission, composed of Messrs. Heckel, Reinecke and Glunt, sent a most enthusiastic report to Pittsburg, making it clearly apparent to all purchasers that their interests are being safeguarded in every way and that the outlook from an investor's standpoint was very good. In fact, the committee made the statement, that the whole Pittsburg proposition, past, present and future, was even better than the members had been led to believe.

The idea of the company, buying the investors to see and judge for themselves is out of the ordinary and keeps the grove purchasers in close touch with every detail. The company also publishes a monthly bulletin, called "The Olive," which contains latest news and photographic views of the groves. This paper is mailed to each purchaser.

C. E. Roberts Passes Away

Tuesday afternoon C. E. Roberts died at his home in the western part of town after a long period of ill health. For several months he had been in failing health and last winter when he had an attack of influenza he seemed to grow gradually weaker in resisting power and quietly passed away with his family around his bedside.

The body will be buried this afternoon (Wednesday) at the Pittsburg cemetery.

Mr. Roberts was one of the oldest and best known citizens of this community and was a business man of known ability and financial power.

He leaves a wife and several children and numerous relatives to mourn his passing.

Owing to the late time of going to press The Leader is unable to give a full account of Mr. Roberts' interesting life, but an obituary will be published next week.—E. T. Meade Leader.

Sees Great Future for Park

The Brickell building is taking form, many cars of material are on the ground and the building of piers and foundations rapidly being pushed along. Mr. and Mrs. Brickell will arrive in Avon Park about Jan. 15 to spend several months with us. Mr. Brickell is a man of large business experience and splendid judgment and sees a great future for Avon Park. This idea is evidenced by the large investments he is making in our vicinity.

Furnishing Moore Haven

In an indirect way Avon Park is furnishing Moore Haven with light, water and power, nearly all the wood used there to supply these commodities being shipped from here, the Flint Lumber Company supplying a goodly portion of it.

Mrs. A. H. Read, of Boston, Mass., who has been touring the state, is visiting her girlhood chum, Mrs. A. W. Sargent.

CHICKEN PILLAU AND FISH FRY

A number of our northern visitors, accompanied by a jolly party of home folk, spent a most enjoyable day out on Lake Byrd this week. A portion of the day was spent in fishing and twenty-five fine specimens of the finny tribe were taken from the lake. These were fried to a turn and with a chicken pillau, made by experienced hands, were enjoyed to the utmost. A chicken pillau is a novelty to most northerners and when made and eaten amid such pleasant surroundings as are to be found at Lake Byrd, it is a novelty which they are sure to desire repeated.

The Pittsburg-Florida Company has been spending no little time and money in beautifying the grounds surrounding Lake Byrd and the result of its efforts is visible in the flowering plants, beautiful vines, various palms and other tropical and semi-tropical vegetation that is taking on a healthy growth. Next year the company expects to build a fine club house and several cottages on the borders of this beautiful lake, which in a few years is destined to become one of the show places of South Florida.

Those who enjoyed the outing were: S. P. Durranne and family, the James family, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Anderson and Mrs. Williams, H. P. McCurdy and family, C. P. Anderson and family, Ordelio Doty and Miss Helen Farrington.

Distinguished Visitor

Prof. M. L. Brittain, of Atlanta, Georgia, spent several days last week at the Avon, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Reek. Prof. Brittain is one of Georgia's most brilliant and useful men. For ten years he has been Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State of Georgia and his administration has been marked by great advances in the schools along all lines. Prof. Brittain is a lecturer and author of note, his text books being in general use in the north as well as the south.

Prof. Brittain inspected his Hillcrest properties while here and expressed himself as much pleased with their progress. He is more than delighted with the spirit and progress of Avon Park and looks forward to a winter residence here at some future time.

Sabbath Services at Union Congregational Church

The Sabbath services at the Union Congregational Church were of unusual interest. The Rev. Benjamin Stock, the pastor, preached a strong sermon reviewing some causes for thankfulness for mercies of the past year and giving cogent reasons for hope in 1920.

The music, under the direction of Mr. E. Frederick and Miss Margaret McCurdy, was appropriate and beautiful. A most pleasant feature was the instructive fifteen minute address by Prof. M. L. Brittain, of Atlanta, Superintendent of Public Instruction for the State of Georgia. Prof. Brittain is a forceful speaker. He also spoke briefly at the Baptist Sunday school. A large audience was present.

Attractive Church Windows

Material for pebble painting the Episcopal church is now on the grounds and the work will soon be commenced. The windows, which were sent to Jacksonville some time ago for decorating, have been returned and placed and are among the most attractive church windows to be found in Seville.



YELLOW JACKET NEST WEIGHS 600 POUNDS

A yellow jacket nest weighing six hundred pounds, measuring six and a half feet high and ten and a half feet around, is a curiosity, even in Florida, where these insects are common. The nest of the dimensions named above was found near Sanford and was taken from the yellow jackets at great expense by fumigating with sulphur. The nest was built around a pine sapling and bushes and vines running through it gave it support so that it could be moved and it was placed on exhibition at two or three street fairs. Although it was placed in a wire cage and was strongly supported, the structure was too fragile to stand moving and when it had reached New Smyrna had collapsed to the extent that it had lost its value as an exhibit, so it was given to W. P. Wilkinson. It was placed near the front entrance of his store and has attracted much attention. It is probably the largest yellow jacket's nest ever found in Florida.—New Smyrna Breeze.

Visited Homefolks

Charles Parke Anderson, who is a student at the State University in Gainesville, spent a delightful Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Anderson, at the Hotel Avon. Parke is taking up his third year's work in scientific citrus culture and will on concluding his college work take up the practical work on the large groves of the Pittsburg-Florida Company.

SOME POSTSCRIPTS

In one region of government forest land in Argentina it is estimated that there are at least 1,000,000 pine trees large enough for profitable lumbering.

An Illinois inventor has patented hangers for barn or other doors that are suspended from tracks that can be adjusted to work properly when a door warps.

To save automobile tires when a car is standing in a garage Jack has been invented that automatically lifts the car clear of the floor when run over it.

The Siamese musical scale is an equal division of the octave into seven parts and music never is written, but learned by ear and handed down traditionally.

Tartar on Teeth May Be Cause of Many Diseases

Where tartar is allowed to grow undisturbed it eventually covers the teeth and forces the gum from around them. The gums become spongy and bleed freely when brushed. In advanced stages pus pours out from around the roots of the teeth into the mouth and is swallowed into the stomach, causing many diseases. Keep your teeth clean with tooth brush. Watch tartar. Tartar can greatly assist in this.

ENTERTAINED THE EPISCOPAL GUILD

Mrs. William Dart entertained the Episcopal Guild at her beautiful home last week. Those present were Mrs. Dr. Morrish, Mrs. H. J. Munnaw, Mrs. J. P. Canfield, Mrs. J. H. Armstrong, Mrs. R. E. Jenks, Mrs. M. T. Merwin, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. E. E. Thompson, Mrs. Banks, Mrs. N. T. Smith, Mrs. William King, Mrs. James, Mrs. Thomas Lesure, Mrs. J. W. T. Lesure, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. David Farnell, Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. R. Ricker, Mrs. Lyla Blanks, Miss Kirby, and Miss Lucy Merwin. The afternoon was most enjoyably and profitably spent. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. P. Canfield Jan. 8 and all members of the Guild are cordially invited to attend.

Avon Park's Future

It is very inspiring and helpful to know how our visitors appreciate Avon Park of today and how they picture the Avon Park of tomorrow. Ordelio Doty, of Cleveland, O., interested with large oil interests in Ohio, expresses himself in glowing terms regarding the future of our town. His only regret is that he cannot make his home with us. However his satisfaction means that other Clevelanders will know about the advantages here. In a short time yes, before we realize it—we will have a city of three thousand people. Let everyone interested in the future of Avon Park be willing to do his part and not only so, but become a part of every movement forward, an example, let's get together and widen some of our streets.

C. A. Skipper, president of the First National Bank of Avon Park, was down Monday to be present at the opening of the Highlands Bank & Trust Company, of which institution he is a director. He was well pleased with the first day's business, nearly \$70,000.—Scribner White Way.

Man With Right Attitude Will Keep Morale High

High courage often runs wild. It's a common thing for daring to run into the foalbrady. And when it does the victim often suffers such severe punishment that it is impossible for him to regain his proper balance with life problems. He loses self-confidence and becomes the lackey of those who choose to use him. So the proper morale keeps a man within his limits and helps him fill them to their capacity. The greater the man the more documents the worse the ruin when morale fails. On the other hand the man with the right attitude in life is almost sure to keep his morale right and win in spite of circumstances.

Mr. and Mrs. James Laxton and Mr. M. Kinsley spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Knight at Deer Lake.

ANNUAL WINTER MEETINGS IN FEB.

Speakers of National Farm To Visit Avon Park for Two Weeks Next Month.

The Pilot has received the interesting information that our Washington, D. C. friends, who have visited Avon Park for two years, holding union services in the Congregational church (with the other denominations joining in), are planning to be with us in February, probably Feb. 1st, for two weeks. They are to bring some notable people with them, viz: The Rev. Dr. John Robertson, for many years pastor of the City Temple, Glasgow, Scotland, who went as chaplain to France with five hundred of the men of his congregation. Four hundred and thirty-five of these men out of his own church were killed on the battlefield. After this, for distinguished services on the field of battle, he was given a commission as major in the British army. He is a man of attractive personality, long prominent throughout the British Isles, and Avon Park will be fortunate to have the opportunity to hear such a speaker. His stories from the battle front are full of pathos and sacrifice.

Our good friend, James A. Mac Elwee, not satisfied with his own musical ability, has planned to bring with him Percy S. Foster, a prominent Washingtonian and a man of national reputation as a singer and leader of great choruses, having had charge of large convention choruses throughout the country and the leader of the big Billy Sunday Chorus in Washington a few years ago. Mr. Foster is also a forceful speaker and will undoubtedly speak at one or more of the meetings. A rare sacred musical treat is in store for Avon Park.

Our friends here also to bring with them Dr. Howard A. Kelly, the famous Baltimore surgeon and specialist and one of the most prominent laymen in the Episcopal church, and a most attractive speaker. Dr. Kelly is one of the great reformers for making a better United States.

These big speakers are being secured through the efforts of F. L. Middleton, of Washington, who breaks away from his business life to do the Lord's work, and who has such a wonderful talent for preaching the Word. Avon Park will insist on hearing some sermons from Mr. Middleton during the two weeks' service.

This is a big program for a small town, but our friends believe in the town and think it should have the very best. We will see to it that the town responds to the opportunity and that a cordial invitation is extended to neighboring towns to cooperate and make the gatherings worth while. This promises to develop into an annual series of winter meetings that will require a big permanent Avon Park auditorium to accommodate the crowd.

Watch Party

A large crowd gathered at the Masonic Temple Wednesday night to speed the parting year and welcome the new. Dancing was indulged in and one of the most interesting features of the evening was a clog dance by Mrs. Philip J. Leigh and E. O. Williams. Sandwiches, doughnuts and coffee were served. At midnight the bugle call was sounded and the New Year was welcomed with three rousing cheers and mutual wishes that happiness and prosperity would be everyone's portion throughout 1920.

A LOCOMOTIVE WITH A HISTORY

On one of the Atlantic Coast Line sidetracks in our city is a locomotive undergoing repairs by that expert machinist, G. M. Young. There isn't much about an old locomotive to inspire a writer, although if we review the events of a few years one might find romance, tragedy, humor and pathos to couple with the history of these iron monsters. This particular locomotive however has a history that may prove interesting to some of our readers.

Some time ago A. V. Anderson went to Jacksonville to purchase a locomotive for the Flint Lumber Company. He purchased the one above mentioned and sent for Mr. Young to make the necessary repairs. Imagine the latter's surprise to find that this was the same engine he had seen on exhibition at the New Orleans exposition and which the railroad for which he was working purchased for the sum of \$25,000. This was supposed to be the finest locomotive in the south at that time and Mr. Young was commissioned to bring it to Florida together with the private car of the president of the road.

Now, after all these years, the same man who ran the engine on it's maiden trip in Florida thirty-four years ago, is repairing her, that she may run a few years longer. Such remarkable coincidences seldom happen in real life and when they do happen we believe they are worthy of brief mention.

Twin Birthday

Tuesday evening, December 23, Miss Helen Farrington and Mr. Frederick McCurdy were tendered a joint birthday surprise at the Hotel Avon. Mr. McCurdy was 22 and Miss Farrington was—well, very charming and youthful. A variety of gifts, useful and humorous, were enjoyed by the young people and merriment reigned supreme till the wee small hours. All join in wishing these popular young people many happy returns, and the Pilot adds a special wish that each year may be happier than the last.

A Pleasant Evening

A few friends of Miss Annie Ginn enjoyed a very pleasant evening last Friday at the home of her mother, Mrs. C. R. Ginn, where they were entertained with instrumental and vocal music. The guests were: The Misses Alice Dutton, Abbie Comer and Bessie Johnson and Messrs. J. V. Chapman, DeWitt Green and William Spear. Hot chocolate and cake were served by Mrs. Ginn and Mrs. L. D. Roberts.

Real Estate Deal

William King made quite an important real estate deal a few days ago, selling a number of lots on the southeast side of Lake Talane and running up to the Mutual Cattle Mill property, to R. M. Stehman.

"Old-Time Revival"

in Avon Park beginning Jan. 8, 1920. Under canvass (D. V.). Conducted by Church of God ministers, Evangelist I. H. Marks, formerly of Kansas, assisted by Pastor Perry W. Hadcock and others. Good singing and the gospel in its purity. You are welcome.

Business Change

McGiboney & Long have purchased the battery repair and recharging business of John B. Simmons and will add that line to their electrical contracting business.

The Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers Association

Of Avon Park and Pittsburgh

Has 800 acres planted to citrus fruit in Section 17 and Lakewood Villa. Section 16 is now being cleared and placed in readiness for planting.

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

Those having holdings in these developments are advised to

WATCH THE HIGHLANDS PILOT

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

Every Phase of the Citrus Industry

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

Citrus Groves and By-Products Company

which will erect a large plant on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, just north of Avon Park and east of Section 16, convenient to the immense groves which have been and are now being planted.

The By-Products of Citrus Fruits

are almost unlimited and such have already been placed on the market have been so favorably received by the public that manufacturers have been unable to supply the demand. The

Citrus Groves and By-Products Company

of Avon Park will have the largest manufacturing plant of its kind in the state, if not in the world, and when in full operation all waste will be eliminated and overproduction unknown.

Watch This Paper

for information concerning the progress of the

Citrus Groves and By-Products Company

LOCAL AND PERSONAL MENTION

See L. A. Wolff and he will show you how money grows.

T. H. Lander was a business visitor to Tampa Monday.

Jennings B. Prevatt, of Kissimmee, visited friends here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brady spent Christmas with relatives at Pine Level.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Williams, of Mary Bell Landing, spent Monday shopping in our city.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Dunn, of Wauchula, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Godwin Sunday.

Mrs. L. E. Webster and grandson, Webster Schmaling, attended church at Shady Grove Sunday.

Miss Roberta and Melville Bass spent the week on Kissimmee Prairie, looking after their cattle interests.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Roberts and family are spending the week out in the old Roberts pasture, fishing and hunting.

Miss Quiney Bass, of Bowling Green, has returned to her home, after a pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dravay.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Zeall and daughter Mary, of Winter Park, passed through our city Friday on their way to Sebring for a few days' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Wolff and Mrs. O. E. Wolff motored to Winter Haven the latter part of last week, visiting the former's daughter, Mrs. D. Apple.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Zeigler (nee Miss Mazie Ward), who have been living in Ohio for some time, have returned to Avon Park, where they will make their future home.

Mrs. L. M. Barton and daughter, Miss Mary, have returned from Jacksonville, where they attended the last sad rites of laying away the remains of the husband and father, who succumbed to death here Dec. 16.

Ordie Whidden, who has been spending a few days here visiting his father, Ed Whidden, has returned to Fort McPherson, near Atlanta, where he is stationed in the service of Uncle Sam.

William G. Overton, general representative of the Atlantic Land and Improvement Company, returned Tuesday from a combined business and pleasure trip, which took him to Wilmington, N. C., Washington, D. C., Richmond, Va., and his old home at Louisa, Va.

Miss Idell Lee, of Winter Haven, is spending a few days in Avon Park, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. R. Reck. Miss Lee is the charming and accomplished daughter of Brother Lee, of the Winter Haven Chief. She is attending the Florida College for Women, at Tallahassee.

A party composed of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Moffett, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hart and Beatrice and Melville Bass spent Sunday on Arbuckle Lake and visiting Kieco, down on the Kissimmee River, the headquarters of the Consolidated Cattle Company and a place of more than passing interest.

Mrs. Bowen Tells How Rats Almost Burned Her House Down. "For two months I never went into our cellar, fearing a rat. One night in bed I smelled fire. Sure enough the rat had been nibbling at the matches. If I hadn't acted promptly my house would have been burned. Later we found the dead rat. RAT-SNAP killed it. It's great stuff." Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by F. C. Rae, Avon Park Drug Co., Park Mercantile Co.

Our phone number is 29. Phone us the news.

H. J. Betha, of Sweetwater, spent Xmas day here with his brother, J. O. Betha.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Raines entertained the latter's brother, J. H. Howard, Christmas day.

Henry Fox has completed a nice bungalow on the Richardson place and rented it to Mr. Shaw.

Cyril Baldwin, of Arcadia, accompanied by his little son, was an Avon Park visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Laswell motored over from Tampa Sunday afternoon, returning Monday.

Lowell West, of Mulberry, is visiting his grandfather, B. F. West, and uncle, Ellis R. West, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Denver Bass, of Bowling Green, spent Christmas with the family of Mrs. Bass' father, Walter Hart.

P. O. Marsh and the Rev. Sam Durrance and family spent the holidays out on Rev. Durrance's grove south of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Dr. W. G. Ricker, of Rochester, N. Y., are the guests of their nephew and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Sherman.

Mrs. H. E. Woodruff and son and daughter-in-law and M. T. Merwin motored to Fort Meade and Wauchula the latter part of last week.

James L. Applebaugh, son and daughter, of Cape Charles, Va., are visiting Mrs. Applebaugh's father, C. E. Applebaugh, of this place.

Mrs. Lou Spink, who has been confined to her home several days by illness, has recovered sufficiently to resume her position in the West store.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Noland and Mrs. Noland's brother and wife and Alex Dickinson spent a few days in Tampa this week sight-seeing and shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. William Prior, who have been living in Lyons, Ga., for several years, have returned to Avon Park with the intention of making this city their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lewis and two daughters, Anna Bell and Virginia, and little son, of Fort Meade, spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. R. I. Harris, of this city.

A. V. Anderson, the genial daddy of many important interests of our town, has been laid up with a severe cold. Avon Park doesn't seem the same without A. V. on the job.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Applebaugh desire to thank the public for the liberal patronage accorded the Woman's Exchange and to wish one and all a happy and prosperous New Year.

H. P. McCurdy, the genial sales manager for the Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers Association, together with Mrs. McCurdy and their son Fred, turned their faces northward yesterday (Thursday), regretfully leaving the many friends they have made in our friendly little city.

A Rat Breeds 6 to 10 Times a Year, Averaging Ten Young to a Litter. Remember this, act as soon as you see the first rat. Get a pkg. of RAT-SNAP. It's a sure rat and mice destroyer. It's convenient, comes in cake form, no mixing, mummifies rat after killing—leaves no smell. Cats or dogs won't touch it. Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by F. C. Rae, Avon Park Drug Co., Park Mercantile Company.

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BEFORE DAY OF GUNPOWDER

Soldiers Were Capable of Doing Considerable Execution With the Bow and Arrow.

The first "gun" used in warfare was undoubtedly the crossbow—arbalist—of the type having a rebarbed composite bow made of wood, sinew, horn or whalebone, and wound up with a ratchet or "cranequin," which slipped on over the stock and was held in place by a loop controlled by a transverse peg in the stock just behind the lock.

This weapon reached its highest development in Germany under Maximilian, when it had a steel bow of immense power. There is one in the Boston museum with a bow of over two and one-half inches wide and near-

ly three-fourths of an inch thick. In central Europe, France and Spain the bow was not used much save by the people who came under Mohammedan influence. The crossbow being a much easier weapon to use, it was forbidden in England to anyone not having a certain income, in order that the gentlemen and common people should be forced to use the long bow, which for military purposes was vastly superior on account of the rapidity of its fire, although outgunned by the crossbow. It had one great advantage of lightness. A military crossbow with windlass weighs about 50 pounds.

Silent Motor Coming.

The effort to make a silent motor and propeller for the airplane is progressing steadily.

MANY STAR SHORTSTOPS

The world series has known many a famous shortstop. Recall, for instance, the days of Joe Tinker, Hans Wagner, Rabbit Maranville and Jack Barry, hecchmen tried and true, all of whom finished high on the baseball horizon in the final test. Barry, as a member of the great Mackian infield perhaps made more money than any of the others, but the great Wagner stood beyond even him in batting and fielding and every other department of play. Baseball has known many great shortstops.

THOMAS LIPTON OUT AFTER AMERICA CUP

Completing Arrangements for Next Year's Contest.

First Important Step is to Send 23-Meter Shamrock to Act as Trial Boat—W. P. Burton Will Sail Challenger.

Since his return to London from America, Sir Thomas Lipton has set about the task of completing his arrangements for next year's contest for the America cup in earnest, says Yachting World. The most important decision so far arrived at, Sir Thomas told a writer in that periodical, is to send the 23-meter Shamrock to America early next year to act as a trial boat in the tuning up spins of the challenger, Shamrock IV. Asked who would have charge of the British boat, Sir Thomas replied W. P. Burton had consented to sail the challenger in the race for the America cup, and also take charge of the 23-meter Shamrock.

"Naturally, he will have his own professional skipper," Sir Thomas added. Mr. Burton will also be responsible for engaging the crews of both boats, and, in fact, he will be in entire charge of the whole of the trials and the actual races on the other side. Charles E. Nicholson, her designer, is going over at an early date for the purpose of thoroughly examining Shamrock IV.

"Do you think any alterations are likely to be made in her?" Sir Thomas was asked.

"That is a matter which I am leaving entirely to Mr. Nicholson's judgment. Many experienced yachtsmen are of opinion that Shamrock IV is far and away the best boat I have ever had to represent me in this great contest."

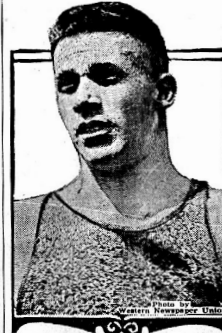
"If you lose this time, will you challenge again?"

"I have the greatest hopes that I shall be successful in this, my fourth attempt to bring back the cup, but if I am successful I can only say that I shall give Mr. Nicholson an order to build another boat."

ROSS STARTS FOR HONOLULU

Aquatic Star to Participate in Races in Hawaii and May Continue Over to Australia.

Norman Ross of the I. A. C., star of the aquatic events of the interallied games, is on his way to Honolulu and



Norman Ross.

may continue over to Australia. Coach Bill Bachrach of the Tri-Color club accompanied Ross, who will compete in match races at Honolulu October 30 and 31.

RUNNER EXPECTED TO SHINE

A. G. Hill of London Polytechnic Harriers, Entered in Olympic Games, Has Good Record.

One of the English runners expected to shine in the Olympic games is A. G. Hill, of the London Polytechnic Harriers, the half-mile and one-mile champion who, in the recent sports of the Celtic Football club at Glasgow, finished second in the one-mile race, covering the distance in 4 minutes 16 4/5 seconds. He was seventh man. The performance beat Fred Brown's Scottish record of 4 minutes 18 1/5 seconds made at Powdermill in 1914 and equals the British mark for the distance by amateurs.

H. C. L. STRIKES GRID

Even football has given way at Wisconsin in the onslaughts of Old Man H. C. of L.

Shoes that cost \$8 are now \$10, uniforms are up, shoulder pads are up, headgear are up and the team must travel, and nothing must be left undone to bring home the bacon.

So instead of paying the customary four bits when one goes out to watch the boys step about the field this fall, one must add two bits for luck. The fee now is 75 cents.

The increase in admissions is general throughout the conference.

PLAN MORE STEEPLE RACES NEXT SEASON

Bright Prospects for Cross-Country Events in 1920.

Many Horses Being Schooled for Jumps to Replenish Stables Which Were Permitted to Run Down During War Period.

It is generally admitted that cross-country racing on the Eastern tracks this season has been a dismal disappointment to the promoters of the sport, as well as to the patrons. This has been due to the very limited number of fences, with the consequent lack of real competition.

But it is pleasing to know that there are bright prospects for this branch of the sport. According to Frank J. Bryan, secretary of the hunts committee of the National Steeplechase and Hunt association, there will be a big boom next year, for already more than 100 horses are being schooled for the jumps to replenish the stables which were permitted to run down during the period of the war.

Since the opening of the Saratoga meeting the steeplechase events have been almost a joke, and this despite the fact that Saratoga has one of the most beautiful cross-country courses in the country. But at the present time there are not more than 50 jumpers in training, and of these many have been withdrawn from competition.

The most encouraging feature of the promised boom is that a number of horsemen, who have previously neglected this field, are now taking up steeplechasing. Moreover, there will be many new horses next season. At present, most of the jumpers have raced each other time and time again until the handicapper finds it difficult to arrange a contest that will not be obviously one-sided.

Among the newcomers is Lawrence Waterbury, who is gathering a string of high-class horses for both flat and cross-country racing. One of his fences next season will be Ticket, which he recently purchased from James Butler. Quite a number of other racers which performed well on the flat will be schooled for the jumps.

WILLIE RITCHIE IS FAVORITE

Demonstrated Leadership as Boxer, Dancer, Golfer, Swimmer, Runner and Trapshooter.

Willie Ritchie, one of California's most illustrious sportsmen, plays few favorites in the line of recreation. Not only has Ritchie demonstrated a leadership at boxing, but he needs few lessons as a dancer, golfer, swimmer, runner and trapshooter. Willie is an



Willie Ritchie.

athlete first and a gentleman always. He likes to be active and is ready for any sort of competition at all times. Boxing has produced few such able citizens as Ritchie. He wins friends everywhere by a smiling countenance and even disposition and a charitable heart.

SEE CHANGES IN GOLF RULES

Any Alterations Made by English Authorities Would Be Followed in This Country.

Officers of the United States Golf association expressed the unofficial opinion that any changes in the rules made by the English authorities would be followed by similar changes in this country. With the exception of a rule permitting the use of the Scheuchtz putter, which is barred abroad, the codes are identical.

Standardization of the golf ball, it is believed, would pave the way for a firmer foundation for international play. As plans are being made for both England and the United States for such matches and entries during the 1920 championships, it is thought that next season may witness all titular play with a standard golf ball.

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Avon Park, Florida

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

The Highlands Pilot

GEO. W. ADAMS, Editor

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

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TELEPHONE No. 29

Friday, Jan. 2, 1920

Somebody loan us a dog, a car and a few shells and we'll get a mess of quail yet. We have the gun.

The common people, through John D. Rockefeller, have donated another hundred million dollars for educational purposes.

The subscription price of the Highlands Pilot is now \$2.00 a year in the United States and \$2.50 a year in foreign countries.

Much has been accomplished in Avon Park during the last twelve months, but just watch us grow during the next twelve.

In noting the rapid growth of Avon Park we are not unmindful of the fact that our neighboring town of Sebring is "going some" also.

"Strawberries for Christmas brought \$1.00 a quart," says the Plant City Courier. We understand Christmas booze was selling for \$15.00 a quart.

We made a trip to Tampa Saturday and had fully determined to write a column or so on "The Inefficiency of Our Railroad Service," but what's the use?

We are not getting Gilbert D. Leach's Leesburg Commercial. If Gilbert doesn't place us on his exchange list he'd better remain away from the South Florida Press Association meeting.

So many handsome Christmas editions came to our exchange table that we are unable to mention them individually. They were all a credit to their publishers and the communities in which they were published.

The South Florida Press Association meets with Harry Gann, at Lake Wales sometime in the near future. We're going to attend that meeting if we have to suppress an issue of this great and glorious "rag of freedom."

The Cocoa Tribune has installed a new Model 14 linotype machine—one of the best machines on the market. Mrs. Holderman has a field that fully justifies providing for the future, as she has done in installing this modern machine.

We congratulate Lake Wales. She is to have a million dollar cattle mill. But Lake Wales and every other place on these magnificent scenic Highlands is going to have lots of good things in the next few years. Our out-of-state friends had better come in while the coming's good.

Man is in Florida investigating the possibilities of insurance for groves against frost. The company taking it on would make money, confidence in grove property would be secured, money could be more easily borrowed on grove property, and take it all around, if it is ever brought about it will prove to be one of the most important steps ever taken for the citrus industry.—The Florida Grower.

Material is being placed on the ground for our new twenty-five foot edition to The Pilot Building. Tuesday we ordered a linotype machine and now we're thinking that if we can ever get rid of this case of the gripe, which has kept us off duty for several days and made us feel like cussin' everything good, bad and indifferent within the sound of our weak voice, that some of these days we may be able to turn out the quality of weekly that Avon Park people deserve.

Governor Catts has been on a hunt in the Everglades. He had one of his sons with him. What an opportunity he missed to carry out some of his recent threats against a few of our South Florida newspapermen.

The Moore Haven Times seems to think that Senator Fletcher will have the fight of his life to be re-elected. We don't believe it, for there never was a more truthful saying than "a burnt child dreads the fire." Floridians were badly scorched when they elected the present governor and they certainly are not going to be burned the second time by electing an incompetent to fill the place of the competent.

George W. Adams' editor of the Highlands Pilot, Avon Park, formerly of the Manatee Banner was in the city yesterday. Mr. Adams said he came to be both clothed and fed. Fred Wolff attended to the one; John Nelson attended to the other. And Oh boy, you should have seen the Adams smile when he looked into that magic mirror after eating and dressing.—Tampa Sunday Tribune.

We've frequently heard people say that "there's no money in raising citrus fruits," but when reading the following from the Leesburg Commercial we know they must be suffering from pessimism, radicalism, bolshevism, or some kindred disease: "We visited a twelve acre farm Saturday—ten acres in fruit, and the crop sold on the trees this season for \$10,000 cash. Cost of production was \$1,100, leaving \$8,900 for interest on the investment—nearly 18 per cent on a value of \$5,000 an acre."

Tampa at last has a real, first-class restaurant, something she has needed for several years. The old Eagle Cafe on Twiggs street has been remodeled and equipped with the best of everything to be found in a genuinely first-class eating place and the prices are as moderate as at second-rate places. Music charms the hungry patron and whets the appetite for the well-cooked viands placed before him by an immaculately dressed waiter, and the invitation extended by the proprietor to visit the kitchen is proof that cleanliness is the order of the day. Then, when you've fed up and glanced in the trick mirror in the front of the building, you are sure the proprietor and servants have been successful in their efforts to please.

That new paper at Avon Park, the Highlands Pilot, is certainly a lot of fun to read, and Avon Park should feel proud of it, which it evidently does.—Lakes Wales Highlander.

Thanks, Harry; we are trying to give our people a fairly good paper in appreciation of their liberal support, but have been working under a decided handicap—lack of sufficient help. We have not had the time to get up an editorial page, as yet, which makes us feel a good deal as we imagine a docked horse feels in fly time. We are going to build an addition to our building, however, and install a linotype machine. When this is done we will be in a better position to give Avon Park people the paper they so well deserve.

"The sixth and last victim of the auto tragedy in Jacksonville last Sunday was laid to rest on Christmas eve," says the DeLand News, which editorially comments on the necessity of abolishing grade crossings. We agree with the News that grade crossings should be abolished, but we noted in the account of that terrible accident that a 14-year-old boy was driving the car. Possibly this boy might have been as good a driver as an older person, but the fact remains that children of such tender age should not be permitted to assume the responsibility attached to driving powerful motor cars.

Extra copies of The Pilot are for sale by the Avon Park Drug Company. Five cents the copy.

A SHAMEFUL WASTE

With a paper famine facing the publishers of the world, one of the most shameful wastes of the present day is the ton upon ton of "publicity" matter being sent to the newspapers and trade bodies of the country. It is safe to assert that fully 95 per cent of this matter finds its way to the waste basket and not a soul is benefited except the high priced publicity writer, who attempts to work his graft with a pure and unadulterated gall that would credit to a successful book agent or lightning rod peddler. And there are a few publishers who encourage this waste by publishing the "dope" sent out by these grafters, to their own financial loss and the detriment of the craft in general.

If we would eliminate waste and at the same time protect our own as well as the public's interests, we must refuse to publish any of this "free publicity" matter. Some worthy cause may suffer through such a course, but with productive time costing the publisher around \$2.50 an hour and print paper hard to get at any price, we cannot afford to take time to go through all the matter sent to us. Let those behind the "worthy" causes start a "drive" to secure money with which to pay the publisher, as well as themselves. If a legitimate charge were made for every line of this publicity matter handled, the space grafter would soon become extinct and paper would not be so scarce. Publicity men are put on notice that a line of free matter will be handled by this paper, except such as we see fit to write ourselves.

COSTS MORE TO LIVE IN FLORIDA

A Lake Worth man is responsible for the statement that "it costs more to live in Florida than in any other state in the union." His statement was immediately refuted by many, such arguments as "there is no coal to purchase, seldom any doctor bills for illness, no heavy clothes to worry about, plenty of outdoor life to offset the demand for expensive entertainment such as at residents of other cities have to contend with and at least an hundred other reasons advanced in contradiction to his statement. The gentleman stuck to his statement, however, and proved it in the following manner: "Well, here's how I figure it. People live so much longer in Florida than they do any place else that is bound to cost more." And when we come to look around us and think of the number of persons with whom we are personally acquainted that have passed the four-score mark, some of them centenarians, we must agree with the gentleman, for it cannot help but cost more to live a hundred years than it does fifty.

All roads to Tampa are very good roads indeed, save the one from Avon Park to the Polk county line. What can be the reason that commissioner Durrance is letting this part of his territory get in such a fix and stay so.—Sebring White Way.

Commissioner Durrance probably has one of the best reasons in the world to advance—that of no money with which to build roads. Still, there is really very little bad road between Avon Park and the Polk county line now.

We're expecting great co-operation from Bro. Adams at Avon Park, in our insistence that a part of the county funds be spent in this district on the public highways. We will also furnish him our "little list" of county candidates.—Sebring White Way.

You'll get our assistance in any work that is for the benefit of this wonderful section of the scenic Highlands. Trot out your candidates and let us give them the "once over."

Nearly every newspaper in Florida is announcing an advance to \$2.00 a year in the subscription price, effective Jan. 1. Only by advancing the price of advertising and subscriptions and a strict adherence to the Franklin Price List in printing job printing can newspapers exist under present high cost conditions.

ORDINANCE No. 61

An Ordinance Regulating the Use of the Streets and Fixing a Penalty for Violation.

Be it enacted by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Avon Park, DeSoto County, Florida, that:

Section 1. Vehicles to Keep to Right. All vehicles shall keep to the right of the center of all streets. All vehicles meeting shall pass each other to the right.

Section 2. Vehicles Overtaking Each Other. Any vehicle overtaking another shall pass to the left of the vehicle being overtaken.

Section 3. Turning to the Left Into Another Street. All vehicles turning to the left into another street shall turn the corner as near the curb as practicable.

Section 4. Crossing Street. All vehicles crossing from one side of the street to the other shall do so by turning from the left so as to head in the same direction as the traffic on that side of the street and no turn shall be made at the corner, but shall be made at the intersection of streets.

Section 5. Stopping at the Curb. No vehicle shall stop or stand within the intersection of any street, or be parked within the intersection of any street.

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Section 7. Moving Vehicles. All vehicles moving along the streets shall keep as close as practicable to the curb line, so as to allow the freest movement of traffic.

Section 8. No vehicle shall back to make a turn in any street if by doing so it interferes with other vehicles, but shall go around the block or to a street sufficiently wide to turn in without backing.

Section 9. Vehicles Shall Stop When Directed by the Police. All vehicles must stop when ordered to do so by the police, and upon signal from the police shall remain in that position.

Section 10. Reasonable Care to Be Used. Nothing contained herein or omitted herefrom shall be construed or allowed to relieve any person of exercising all juries through collision with any person.

Section 11. Traffic Not to Be Obstructed. No vehicle shall be allowed to remain upon, when not in use, or to be driven through any streets of the town of Avon Park so as to block or obstruct traffic of any street.

Section 12. Cars may be parked in any street on the north side of Main street, between Railroad and South Verona avenue and west side of Lake avenue from Church street to Pine street and from Canfield street to Canfield street and east side of North Verona avenue, between Main street to Church street.

Section 13. Definitions. The following terms whenever used herein, except as otherwise specifically indicated, shall be defined to have and shall be held to include each of the meanings hereinbefore respectively set forth, and any such terms used in the singular number shall be held to include the plural.

Street—Every avenue, boulevard, highway, roadway, cartway, lane, alley, path, square and place used by or laid out for the use of vehicles.

Highway—That portion of any street which is included between the curb or curb line thereof and is designated for the use of vehicles.

Vehicle—Every automobile, motor car, motor wagon, carriage, hearse, motor vehicle and other conveyance (except horse-drawn carriages) in whatever manner, or by whatever force or power the same may be driven, ridden or propelled, which is or may be used for or adapted to pleasure riding or the transportation of passengers, baggage or merchandise upon the streets, and every draft or riding animal, whether ridden or led, shall constitute a vehicle.

Section 14. Penalty for Violation. Any person violating any regulation or provision hereof shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.00) or imprisonment for not exceeding sixty (60) days for each offense.

Section 15. This ordinance shall go into effect promptly upon its passage and approval of the mayor.

GEO. W. KELLOGG, President Town Council.

Attest: G. L. CREWS, City Clerk.

Whereby certify that the foregoing ordinance has been duly enacted by the Town Council of the Town of Avon Park, Florida, and hereby present the same to the Mayor of said town, as provided by Section Nine (9), Chapter 2662, Laws of Florida, approved May 23rd, 1915.

Witness my hand and official seal at Avon Park, Florida, this 13th day of December, A. D. 1919.

G. L. CREWS, Town Clerk.

The foregoing ordinance received by me this 13th day of December, A. D. 1919, and approved by me said date.

WILLIAM KING, Mayor Town of Avon Park, Florida.

For Sale—Three houses. Immediate possession given. Norton Smith.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Avon Park, Florida, will be held at the office of the said bank at Avon Park, Florida, Tuesday, January 13, 1920, at eleven o'clock a. m., for the purpose of the election of directors and the transaction of any other business that may properly come before said meeting.

J. V. CHAPMAN, Cashier.

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No. 227

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H. SEAVENSON, W. M.

D. F. CANFIELD, Sec'y.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The First National Bank of Avon Park

Avon Park, Florida

December 31, 1919

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and discounts.....\$39,737.54	Capital Stock.....\$ 25,000.00
United States Bonds and other securities.....32,972.37	Surplus.....4,000.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank.....850.00	Undivided Profits.....8,860.10
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures.....18,125.50	Circulation.....16,200.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasury.....812.50	Deposits.....235,577.97
Other cash on hand and due from banks.....23,700.00	Indebtedness.....10,841.35
\$294,227.43	\$294,227.43

Our Growth in Deposits

Dec. 31, 1915, \$55,408.46

Dec. 31, 1916, \$139,256.56

Dec. 31, 1917, \$122,815.33

Dec. 31, 1918, \$133,621.86

Dec. 31, 19, \$229,577.97

Our biggest asset is the good will of our customers and we sincerely value the business you have given us.

May your New Year be Bigger, Better and Busier than ever before.

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S. P. Durrance

President

C. H. Moffett

Cashier

CLOCKS

We have just opened a big shipment of Clocks—Alarm Clocks—and placed them on display in our window. That reminds us that it is again time to wish our patrons

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

Avon Park Drug Company

T. H. LANDER, Manager

Avon Park, Fla.

Notice

The annual meeting of the Masonic Temple Association will be held in the reading rooms Friday, Jan. 2, 1920, at 4:00 o'clock p. m., to elect a board of governors for the ensuing year and transact any other business that may come before the meeting.

HERBERT SEAVENSON, Pres.

Avon Park, Fla. Dec. 15, 1919.

Stockholders Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Avon Park, Florida, will be held at the company's office in Avon Park, Fla., Tuesday, January 13, 1920, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., for the election of directors and any other business that may come properly before said meeting.

A. V. ANDERSON, Sec'y.

You Will Need Money Next Christmas

Here Is An Easy Way to Get It A Sure Way to Have It

JOIN OUR CHRISTMAS CLUB Which Has Just Begun

For Class 2, pay 2 cents the first week, 4 cents the second week, 6 cents the third week, and so on, and we will mail you a check two weeks before Christmas for \$25.50, with interest at 3 per cent.

Or in Class 5, pay 5 cents the first week, 10 cents the second week, 15 cents the third week, and so on, and we will mail you a check two weeks before Christmas for \$63.75, with interest at 3 per cent.

YOU MAY REVERSE THE ORDER OF PAYMENT IF YOU WISH TO DO SO

For instance, in Class 2, going up, the payments start with 2 cents and end with \$1.00. If you desire to do so, you may start with \$1.00 the first week and pay 2 cents less every week until the last week's payment will be 2 cents. You may do the same in Class 5.

Or you may join Class 50 and pay 50 cents each week straight through, or you can join Class 100 and pay \$1.00 each week straight through.

PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE EVERY WEEK OR MAY BE MADE IN ADVANCE

Can you think of an easier way to provide money for Christmas? Join yourself—get everyone in your family to join. Show this to your friends and get them to join.

EVERYBODY IS WELCOME TO JOIN

The Christmas Savings Club is now open for members. Call and let us tell you about our plan. MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS A MERRY ONE

The First National Bank of Avon Park

With Sincere Thanks

for the patronage accorded during the year just ended, I tender my earnest wishes for

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

F. C. RAE

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Letter R

By ALVAH JORDAN GARTHE

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Rudd Block was fast going to decay and its owner deplored the fact, but he was engaged in costly litigation and had decided to let repair and general renovation of the old downtown building wait until he was in less straitened circumstances.

Bartley Duane was a wanderer, almost a tramp. Drink had been his failing and he had got so far down life's ladder that if he had not taken a new grip on his worn rungs he would have fallen off entirely. He had decided he would try to reform. He was given a position in the engineering department of Burge & Co. He was to go to work the following Monday, and the firm, in accordance with its regular custom with all employees, had insured his life and limb under the employer's liability act, as also as to sick benefits.

Bartley was putting in Saturday morning about, when he halted in front of the Rudd building to glance into a window.

"Hi, there; look out!" suddenly started him.

The man at the curb who uttered the warning was pointing upwards. Bartley glanced in that direction to discern a dark object hurtling downwards. It was the letter "R" of the building name, loosened by time. It was hurled in the air, and he held it in place had rusted away, and as it weighed nearly four pounds it drove Bartley senseless to the pavement as it struck his head, rebounded to his arm, shattered the wrist, and an ambulance was summoned and the victim of the accident was rushed away.

For a full week Bartley lay on a hospital cot. When he was discharged the ward surgeon informed him that his head wound would heal in time, but that he would never be able to use of his injured forearm as formerly. The rest, care and attention had done much to reinvigorate the former inebriate. Bartley went at once to Burge & Co. They could not employ a crippled man, but under the terms of his accident policy Bartley was given four hundred dollars and a hint that the owner of Rudd Block might indemnify him handsomely for his permanent injury. The latter could not afford another suit. He gave Bartley one thousand dollars for a final settlement of all claims.

Bartley bought a new suit and was a very presentable person, and was wondering if there was some chance in life for him after all.

"That letter 'R'," he mused, "it's a fatal one to me. Somehow I can't get it out of my mind. Hello!"

He was passing a small curio store when he noticed the sign in its window. "Fortunes told for fifty cents." The whin seemed him to enter. He found a shrewd eye, gipsy-attired woman who motioned him to a seat before a crystal ball.

"I've come to see if you can give me an occult inquiry as to some possible mysticism in my being by a big iron 'R'," he prefaced, and told his story.

"Um-um!" murmured the fortune teller. "A strange story, 'R'." It is a mystic, could it refer," and she studied the lines of dissipation in Bartley's face. "To 'Rum'?"

"It might be enough."

"And—Reform?" vaguely intimated the seeress.

"It's on the road to 'R'," vouchsafed Bartley. "But that's clear to me."

"Ah, then! by the way, has there been some woman in your life?"

Bartley started. His brow furrowed. Thoughtfully he sent a vivid pang through his frame.

"Yes," he acceded with set lips. "You are thinking of a mother?"

"No, my dear friend."

"A sister, then?"

"I never had one."

"R, 'R,' and a woman. Could it be Ruth; no, Ruby?" with a crafty look of guessing. "Ah, I have it—Rachel!"

Bartley's face whitened. He silently placed the fee upon the stand and with set lips and far-away expression upon his face left the place.

Rachael! He had not dared to think of the wife he had deserted after two years of neglect and destitution. He had always felt that he deserved the harsh, but just words with which she had bade him leave her and never return. But now fate seemed to point the way back to his lost love. He had given up the cruel drink, he had mended his ways, he was a new man in his nature would not appeal to the woman whose life he had clouded.

Two days later Bartley reached his old home town, and found his wife with her little child was supporting both by operating a confectionery store, making a bare living. His heart beat fast as he located the place and entered it. He was hopeful, for his informant had told him that Mrs. Duane was a fine business woman and with capital could greatly increase her trade. Capital! Had he not over a thousand dollars!

A sweet little girl called her mother as Bartley stood at the counter. Openly, clearly eyed, Mrs. Duane greeted the customer with a nod. Then with a serene smile she turned to him after the lapse of five years.

"You have come back!" she gasped. "A repentant husband and father," he supplemented. "Is there a place here for the new Bartley Duane?"

There was. Restoration, reformation—expressive Re—and to these, as time wore on, and was added—Riches!

Why the Tree Leaves Turn Red When Chilly Autumn Days Return

An examination of the withered leaves of the autumn foliage at the time of their turning red shows that they contain more sugar and less starch than in midsummer. Leaves of evergreens, however, lose their red tints with the return of the warm season, and reassume their green color. In these plants—i. e., the holly and ivy—the sugar of the leaf is transformed into starch in springtime. From these observations two inferences can be drawn—first, that the red coloring substances are probably of the nature of the glucoses, being in most cases composed of tannic substances with sugar; second, the chief physical conditions for the formation of the red color are sunshine, which, on the one hand, enhances the assimilation and production of sugar, and, on the other hand, quickens the chemical process that leads to the formation of the coloring matter, and, furthermore, a low temperature, which prevents the translocation of the sugar into starch. In other words, the red tints of autumn are the direct product of the meteorological conditions prevailing during that season—i. e., sunshine and low temperature.

Fate of American Indian, Now Slowly Disappearing

There is, in the fate of the Indian, much to awaken our sympathy, and much to disturb the sobriety of our judgment; much which may be urged to excise their own atrocities; much in their characters which betrays us into an involuntary admiration. What can be more melancholy than their history? By a law of their nature, they seem destined to a slow, but sure extinction. Everywhere, at the approach of the white man, they fade away. We hear the rustling of their footsteps like that of the withered leaves of autumn, and they are gone forever—Joseph Story.

Florida's Favorite Paper

The Tampa Morning Tribune is everlastingly fighting for the interests of the people and the development of this section, and no one who has the welfare of South Florida at heart can afford not to be a constant reader of The Tribune. It is Florida's great metropolitan paper, carrying the full news and day report of the Associated Press with intelligent correspondents in every nook and corner in its territory. Its big Sunday edition has the most complete comic and magazine section printed in this state, and the subscription rates are only \$8.00 per annum; \$4.00 per six months and \$2.00 for three months. You will receive The Tribune from six to twelve hours in advance of any other publication. Write for sample copy and subscribe today.

Church Notices

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Rev. Benj. Scott, Pastor
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.
Morning service 10:30 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 Harshbarger, D.D., LL.D., Rector
Services on Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Sabbath school at 10 a. m.
Dr. Harshbarger, every first, third 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 3:30 p. m. Mrs. L. D. Roberts, president.

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

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

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

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST
R. B. Thayer, Pastor
Lord's Day Bible Study, 10:15 a. m.
Morning sermon 11 a. m.
Evening sermon 6:30 p. m.
Thursday Bible study 6:30 p. m.

ASSESSOR'S 1920 DATES TO TAKE TAX RETURNS

H. G. Murphy, Tax Assessor, Announces Places and Dates for the Convenience of Taxpayers

I will be at the following places on dates given to take tax returns for the year 1920:

Limestone	Jan. 15
Lily	Jan. 16
Ona	Jan. 17
Fort Green, until noon	Jan. 19
Fort Green Springs in p. m.	Jan. 19
Bowling Green	Jan. 21-22
Sweetwater	Jan. 23
Crewsville	Jan. 24
Avon Park	Jan. 26-27
Sebring	Jan. 28
Venus	Feb. 9
Palm Dale	Feb. 10
Moore Haven	Feb. 11
LaBelle	Feb. 12
Bermont, until noon	Feb. 13
Owens	Feb. 23
Pine Level	Feb. 24
Oak Hill	Feb. 25
Brownville	Feb. 26
Gardner	Feb. 27
Zolfo	Feb. 28
Charlotte Harbor	March 8
Punta Gorda	March 9-10
Cleveland	March 11
Port Ogden	March 12
Nocatee	March 13
Wausatcha	March 18, 19, 20
Arcadia	March 24 to April 1

H. G. MURPHY,
Tax Assessor.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR LETTERS PATENT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned and their associates will on the 23rd day of January, A. D. 1920, apply to the Governor of the State of Florida for Letters Patent upon the following proposed Articles of Incorporation.

GEORGE F. KELLOGG,
EDWIN G. WILLIAMS,
GEORGE W. ADAMS,
WM. M. RECK,
T. H. LANDER.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
The name of this corporation shall be "The Avon Park Printing Company" and its principal office and place of business shall be at Avon Park, DeSoto County, Florida. It shall have branch offices in such other places in the State of Florida and in several States in the United States and foreign countries as may hereafter be established.

The general nature of the business to be transacted by this corporation shall be: To conduct a general printing business, including lithographing, engraving, electrotyping, stereotyping and publishing business and a general manufacturing of printing equipment, at a profit; to make contracts of any and all kinds, to borrow money and pledge any of the assets of the corporation to secure payment therefor, to buy and sell real estate and to conduct a general retail business of any nature whatsoever not in conflict with the laws of the State of Florida, and generally to exercise all such powers as may be incident to the purposes or business of the corporation; to have, exercise and enjoy all the rights, powers and privileges incident to corporations so organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Florida.

The amount of capital stock of this corporation shall be Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) divided into fifty (50) shares of the par value of one Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) each, which shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America in full payment thereof, at a fair and just valuation, to be fixed by the Board of Directors.

The term for which this corporation shall exist shall be perpetual unless sooner dissolved according to law.

The business of this corporation shall be conducted by a board of directors, to consist not less than three nor more than seven of stockholders, to be selected by the stockholders at their annual meeting to be held on the second Thursday of February of each year, or at an adjourned meeting thereof, at the office of the corporation in Avon Park, Florida, and the officers of the corporation shall immediately thereafter be elected by the board of directors and until those elected at the first annual meeting shall be qualified the business of the corporation shall be conducted by the following officers: Geo. F. Kellogg, president; E. G. Williams, vice-president; Geo. W. Adams, secretary; Geo. W. Adams, treasurer, and Geo. F. Kellogg, E. G. Williams, O. W. Adams, Wm. M. Reck, T. H. Lander, board of directors.

The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which this corporation shall at any time subject itself shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00).

All stock issued by this corporation shall be transferable, but no stock shall be valid until recorded in a book kept for the purpose by the secretary of the corporation, and the surrender of the certificate thereof, and the stock shall be permitted to sell, transfer or dispose of his stock to any person or persons without first obtaining the consent or approval by purchase. All stock shall be fully paid and non-assessable.

The names and residences of the incorporators and the number of shares subscribed by each is as follows:

Geo. W. Adams, Avon Park, Florida, 10 shares.
E. O. Williams, Avon Park, Florida, 2 shares.
Wm. M. Reck, Avon Park, Florida, 2 shares.
T. H. Lander, Avon Park, Florida, 1 share.
Geo. F. Kellogg, Avon Park, Florida, 1 share.
STATE OF FLORIDA,
DESOTO COUNTY.

On this day personally appeared before me, an officer duly authorized to take acknowledgments in such cases, Geo. F. Kellogg, E. G. Williams, Geo. W. Adams, Wm. M. Reck, T. H. Lander, to me well known to be the persons who subscribed to the foregoing charter, and each for himself severally acknowledged that he did so for the purposes therein set forth. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 16th day of December, A. D. 1919.
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My commission expires Dec. 13, 1920.

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BRAIDS AND FUR BANDS ON GOWNS

Decorations Still a Standby of American Makers Although on Wane in France.

PLAITING MUCH IN EVIDENCE

Feature Affords New Vogue Whether Used as Trimmings in Shape of Narrow Frits or as Feature of Frock.

The question of trimmings is always an interesting one, and the present models are not lacking in valuable suggestions, though the French and American designers are not always in accord on this point as is the case on a number of others, observes a prominent fashion correspondent.

While embroidery is still one of the chief standbys of the American maker it appears to be distinctly on the wane with the French. Both are agreed that trimmings for daytime frocks shall be confined to bindings, braid and bands of fur though the French makers have a penchant for trimmings of buttons which is shared in only to a limited extent by the Americans.

Platings of all sorts are new and very much in evidence, whether used as trimmings in the shape of narrow frits, or as a feature of the frock itself. Shirting and cording in groups, narrow belts and girdles, double and cut wool fringe, ribbon and fringed silk all do their part toward lending an unwanted variety to trimmings.

For evening frocks, which have this season blossomed in such picturesque beauty, the trimmings are brilliant and luxurious to a degree which fortunately always, or nearly always, escapes the garish, and strongly suggests eighteenth century exquisites.

As has been said, embroidery is still very favorably considered by the American designer. This may be because he finds his clientele loath to part with the simple straight line frock, on which embroidery is at its best. Embroidery, in fact, might more justly be called a decoration than a trimming, because it is imposed on the flat surface of the fabric and does not alter the outline of the garment in the least.

Needlework in Striking Designs. Needlework, in striking but uncomplicated designs, is used in narrow traceries for picking out the salient features of a model, and still covers large portions or the whole surface of a garment, either in a continuous pattern or in large whorls scattered here and there.

The patterns are effective, but are produced by the least intricate stitches known to the needle woman, such as single stitch, over-and-over stitch, couching, buttonholing and French knots.

Embroidery floss, wool yarns, chenille and gold and silver threads are used to work out the patterns and, of course, beads, which, however, are

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Charming Blue Serge Frock Trimmed with Black Braid.

used with admirable restraint when they are combined with the various beads.

An exceedingly handsome trimming is displayed on a brown velvet gown to utmost severity except for the long straight tunic of brown georgette, which is hemmed and completely covered by a bold design.

Black braid, rather wide, is the trimming which distinguishes a severe black frock in which the upper portion to the hip line is of velvet, while the skirt is of heavy crepe satin. The braid is crossed and recrossed in diamond shape on the front and back of

the skirt, the ends terminating in loops which droop at the side.

Tassels and Rosettes. A blue serge frock has bands of fancy black braid, crossing the front horizontally and caught at intervals by tiny tassels. On another frock of black velvet there are many Pierrot rosettes of narrow black braid.

The beauty and grace of jetted fringe and fringes of other beads make for their continuance in favor though their obvious use as trimming on silken evening gowns and wraps, but is met with in strange company.

For instance, there is an attractive little frock of blue duvety with a slightly fitted bodice cut in the Spanish manner, which rounds back and front below the waist line, and a straight narrow skirt.

To give the modish world about the hips of this frock, a series of crisp



Frock of Blue Duvety with Fringed Taffeta Flounces.

taffeta flounces have been placed one above the other, extending from the bodice line to the knee.

Each flounce is fringed at the edge and a line of bright broad flowers runs through its center.

Little tassels of silk, of soft tubular silk cord, of chenille and of beads have by no means inconsiderable place in the season's trimmings.

A brown velvet afternoon frock with a simple short sleeved crossover bodice has a double skirt, each flounce of which is accented plaited.

In the French Collections. In the French collections, one sees an occasional model which possesses a tunic bordered with a rather wide band of fox but on the whole the furs used for trimming either duvety or satin frocks are the short-haired furs such as Persian lamb, squirrel or kolinsky and these in narrow bands are used for edgings or are set on the fabrics in many lines, close together. Often, hanging tabs of the fabric at the neck or girdle terminate in small fur balls.

Narrow bands of brightly striped silk are used to relieve the neck and sleeves of a sober frock and we find again in one of the best French models the pleasing fashion of finishing a navy blue serge frock with a sash of Roman striped ribbon.

Ribbons should have a whole chapter devoted to their beauty and their many uses, which range from nose-gays to entire frocks. But there is only space to mention the enormously wide and brilliantly broad ribbon which can be made to go very far toward the fashioning of an evening toilette.

Evening Gown Trimmings. When one enters the realm of fabrics and trimmings which are only suitable for evening gowns the variety is so bewildering that it is hard to know where to begin and quite impossible to know when to stop.

Perhaps it is as well to only touch in passing on the exquisite and beaded bandings, the jeweled pasteries and girdles, the exquisite laces threaded with gold, and silver and all the other luxurious trimmings and dwell with most weight upon the charming new tricks which evening frocks take upon themselves in these days.

Skirts are pulled over reeds on the hips to produce the infant silhouette, are scalloped, killed or finely ruffled.

The fashioning cutting the fabric into deep scallops or vandykes and mounting these in gathers or fine plaits on a narrow skirt is a new and pretty one. They are intended to cover flower petals and hand-made flowers of silk are an all but indispensable adjunct to the modish evening frock.

Recess of the material of the frock are as often seen as those of the natural color of the flower. One frock is given a delicate three-tiered skirt bordered with green taffeta roses.

The Midnight Man

By GEORGE ELMER COBB

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When Robert Ward was taken ill in the boarding house of Mrs. Mary Durand, that motherly hearted lady was solicitous and helpful. There was something about the silent, dignified man that enforced respect, and his attentions to her daughter, Lucille, delicate and sincere, had won the latter, too.

Mrs. Durand was a widow and had a hard time getting along and Lucille worked with a zest and uncomplainingly. She was educated and refined.

During Ward's illness mother and daughter divided the most perfect care of him. In addition to that Mr. Ward loved music, and it was his delight afterwards to leave the door of his room open while Lucille in the parlor played for him his favorite tunes.

Just as Ward was getting well Mrs. Durand was taken ill and died. While saying little, as was his way, Ward deeply sympathized in the fervent grief of the ardent orphan girl. Mrs. Durand had died deeply in debt. He volunteered to clear up her affairs as much as possible without distressing Lucille.

"It will be necessary to sell all of the furniture and house in order to pay the debts," he said.

"I do not know what I shall do," spoke Lucille depressedly.

"I have tried to think out a way for you," replied Ward. "I am a man of few words and I can give you no recommendation briefly. Marry me."

She regarded him in profound wonderment. Then a slight flush overspread her sorrowful face, but she remained silent.

"You know little of me," proceeded Ward. "I shall tell you nothing more than that I am an honest, respectable man of clear record with a great liking for you and a fair income. I do not suppose you feel anything deeper for me than the kindly interest in everybody that is natural to you, but I shall make it the object of my life to bring you the happiness you deserve."

They were wedded and settled down in a pretty cottage at Evereden, a quiet suburb. Ward was all that was chivalric and thoughtful, but he never explained the business that took him each afternoon to the city and he always came home on the last train.

It got to be so that the neighbors began to get curious and designated him as "the midnight man," and all this secretiveness and mystery troubled Lucille, she grew still more uneasy when, one day accompanying her husband on the train to the city, as Ward was faring to the smoker one of two men passing him in the aisle said:

"Wasn't that Bob Ward who was in the state penitentiary for so many years?"

A nameless dread chilled Lucille's heart. Penitentiary! Had her husband been an inmate of a penal institution—a criminal, a convict!

A few days later Lucille endured new distress of spirit. At their little home her husband had a room which held some bookcases, a desk, and which was his special den. Lucille found the door open. She crossed the room to open the window for ventilation and could not help but notice in an open cabinet weapons, handcuffs, and what she decided was a set of burglar's tools. She fled precipitately from this blue-eyed closet and was wretched and fearful all that day.

It was late that night when Lucille, awaiting the return of her husband, heard a strange noise in the den. She threw open the door of the den and the light from the other room revealed a startling sight.

A man had got half through the outside window and the sash, with an old-fashioned catch, had imprisoned him there, his body half in the room. He could be no other less than a thief. Lucille realized. She acted speedily, bravely. Seizing the pair of handcuffs from the cabinet she rushed at him and slipped them over his wrists and then held him at bay with a leveled weapon.

"Come quick!" she cried breathlessly, as she heard the footsteps of her husband on the porch, and flattered forth her sensational story as Ward entered the room.

"One of the spies of the Trust, eh," spoke Ward, after a keen glance at the captive. "After some of my incriminating papers, day, they this day passed into the hands of the government, and the case will come on tomorrow. Your occupation is gone, my man, for about a year's work I have traced down the hundreds of thousands of dollars of which the Trust has swindled the government."

He coolly released the captive and thrust him out of the house. Then he turned to Lucille with his customary welcoming kiss.

"My brave little woman!" he commended, "you faced a desperate criminal, for that man is a dangerous cut-throat, once in his keeping when I was a prison ward."

"And not an inmate!" With a wild cry of relief and joy Lucille threw herself into the arms of the husband she had trusted. A few days later Robert Ward received a large fee for his services in running down the officials of a high up but dishonest Trust, and Lucille never told the man she now loved and trusted so devotedly of the dark hours when she had been haunted by an apparent mystery in his life.

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