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TOWN OF AVON PARK ALL ABLAZE WITH BEAUTIFUL BIGNONIA BLOOM

There is so much of the beautiful in and around Avon Park that most of it has become commonplace to those of our citizens who live here the year 'round, yet there is one sight which even the most unappreciative of Nature's handwork cannot behold without mentally or audibly expressing wonder and admiration. Strangers who behold it for the first time, and particularly those coming from regions that are snow and ice bound at this time of year, are held spellbound with admiration and can hardly realize that they are viewing a midwinter scene outside an enchanted garden. We refer to the beautiful bignonia vines in all parts of the city that are ablaze with blossoms, which remind one of the glow of a thousand campfires on a starless night.

There are bignonia vines everywhere—covering fences, trees, houses, porches and everything their tendrils can find and reach. And each vine is one solid mass of bloom.

There are hundreds of places in Avon Park where these beautiful flowering vines have been planted, and to mention them all would take more of our time and space than we can devote to this one subject, so we will simply mention a few that are particularly worthy of note and attract especial attention.

At T. H. Lander's beautiful home one of these vines has taken possession of a monstrous live oak tree. So thoroughly has it covered the tree that almost the only evidence of the tree being its supporter is the trunk and a few of the lower limbs from which are hanging festoons of Spanish moss. From the tree Mr. Lander has trained the vine to the veranah, and allowed a single vine to encircle it, giving from the distance a most charming effect.

M. T. Merwin has two of these vines that are particularly worthy of note. These two vines were planted six years ago at the base of two tall pine trees. They have encircled these trees, found their way to the tops, fully sixty feet in the air, and are hanging in great clusters from the branches. These vines, too, are one great mass of bloom.

A great water oak on the property of H. M. Kingsley, occupied by himself and daughter and son-in-law, Mrs. and Mr. James Luxton, is another attractive sight. This great tree is completely covered with the bignonia in full bloom.

At the postoffice building the vine covers practically one side of the building and has crept along out on the sign, where a tendril full of blossoms hangs over, reminding one of an immense golden Christmas bell.

People passing through Avon Park on the railroad have an opportunity of viewing a beautiful sight on George D. Godwin's home place. On this place, which is located in a lovely little valley, there is a water tank on a tower probably fifty feet high. This tower is covered with a luxuriant growth of vine, all ablaze with these fire-flame blossoms. The effect is made all the prettier by a fine citrus grove just to the west of it, and the land gently inclining to the pine forest a little further west, makes a splendid setting.

One of the peculiar and pleasing effects is found on the grounds of the Hotel Avon, where in the top of an oak tree near the tennis

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BOARD OF TRADE GOVERNORS MEET

At a meeting of the governors of the Board of Trade, held last Saturday, the following committees were appointed:

Civic Improvements—T. H. Lander, M. T. Merwin, W. A. Marshall, Charles Madeira.

Immigration and Employment—William King, R. I. Harris, L. A. Wolff, Norton Smith, P. M. Stivender, W. L. MacGoodwin, M. W. Lander.

Legislative—W. M. Reck and the governors.

Membership—W. L. MacGoodwin, G. W. Adams, R. R. Long, R. C. Peterson, L. A. Wolff.

New Enterprises—E. O. Williams, T. H. Lander, H. E. Woodruff, W. T. Hall.

Shade Trees—C. E. Lanier, C. West, P. M. Stivender, H. R. Smith, A. Ellison, W. A. Smith, L. D. Roberts, M. H. Gribble, J. J. Jamour, J. H. Hood, W. A. Shaw, D. B. Farrell.

Railroads, Telephone and Lights—W. M. Reck, C. A. Skipper, D. F. Canfield, R. I. Harris, G. W. Adams.

Exhibit South Florida Fair—William King, E. G. Crapo, E. O. Williams.

Next Smoker—Norton Smith, Harry Dilley, J. V. Chapman.

E. M. Brickell was appointed to join the committee from Sebring and DeSoto City to go before the state road department at Tallahassee Jan. 28 to secure the building of the road to Lake Annie.

There is much work for these committees to do and it is of the greatest importance that some of it should be taken up at once. For instance, now is the time to plant shade trees. The tree committee should put forth every effort to have as many shade trees planted as possible, for there is nothing that enhances the appearance of a town more than beautifully shaded streets.

Then there is the exhibit at the South Florida Fair. We have the material for making an exhibit that will create a wonderful impression upon the thousands of visitors to Tampa on this occasion, but it will require hard work on the part of the committee to do justice to the resources of this splendid section.

The committee on new enterprises has work ahead in securing a bakery and laundry for Avon Park. These are two badly needed enterprises that would prove profitable from the start. There is also a splendid opening here for a novelty works.

Probably the greatest handicap against the securing of new and needed enterprises is the lack of all-day electric service. This is an age of progress and electrically-driven machinery is coming into more general use every day. Until we have 24-hour electric service Avon Park's growth must necessarily be retarded. The committee should take this matter up with the Florida Ice and Power Company and see if something definite cannot be obtained as to just what this company proposes to do in regard to the matter.

Does Advertising Pay?

Here's what Roswell Cutler says about it: "Don't take my ad out of the Pilot. It is bringing me business right along. The first issue secured two wells for me to put down." Have you tried it?

AN ENJOYABLE VISIT TO "LILYDALE" FARM

Sunday afternoon it was our pleasure to visit the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stevenson—"Lilydale." It was really a pleasure from the auto ride out there and return with genial Mark Lander, to viewing the beauties of the place and enjoying a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson.

"Lilydale" is splendidly located on the crest of a high hill, overlooking Lake Lotela, and the manner in which it is being farmed will in a very short time make it one of the show places of this Scenic Highlands region. In fact, one must look a long way now to find a more beautiful farm and farm home, and the forty acres of rich yellow soil, underlaid with clay, of which the farm consists, is really only in the making. What impressed us at first, sight was an immense lime tree growing unprotected in the open—the largest lime tree we have ever seen this far north in Florida—and when we thought how tender these trees, we were not surprised at the immense crop of fruit hanging on the orange trees in the grove just a little ways east, nor at the brightness and flavor of the fruit, for there must be something in the soil that will permit an unprotected lime tree to grow to an unknown age, which puts fruit on the trees, gives it that brightness so desirable and a flavor that is indescribable. True, a part of this may be attributed to the scientific care with which the grove has been handled, but Nature has contributed a generous share in the work.

Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson have eight acres in grove, set to oranges, grapefruit, tangerines and mangos, the oranges being mostly of the pineapple variety and every tree hanging just as full as it can possibly hang with the choicest of this delicious fruit. In addition to citrus fruits, there is on this farm a small peach orchard, containing fifty Jewell trees, which Mr. Stevenson assures us will do exceptionally well here. He speaks from experience, for on Lilydale Farm there is a large seedling peach tree that bears fruit of splendid size and quality every year. A grape vineyard containing 750 grape vines of the Carmen, Escot and Roalo varieties will come into bearing next year, and an avocado grove of three acres is in the making. That our soil and climate is adapted to avocados is evidenced by a large tree budded but two years ago, which now reaches a height of fully twenty five feet and has a wonderful spread of branches. This tree bore a few fruit the first year after budding.

For home use Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson have many other varieties of fruit, the writer noticing loquats, kumquats, mangoes, figs, guavas and bananas, some in fruit and others, of course, out of season.

Probably the most curious tree on this splendid fruit farm is a Queenland nut tree—something very rare in this state. This tree has attained a large size and bears the year 'round, the nuts being of excellent flavor and very tasty.

In addition to the beautiful display of fruits to be found on Lilydale Farm, there is a collection of flowers, plants and shrubs that add charm to the place and indicate the true home-loving characters of the owners. Among the specimens are to be found begonias, poinsettias, roses, ferns (a splendid specimen of asparagus fern being particularly noticeable), hyacinths, gladiators, magnolias, California pepper trees and many other varieties of plants and last, but

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FOURTH NUMBER OF THE LYCEUM COURSE

On page 2 will be found the synopsis and cast of characters of "The Arrival of Kitty," the home talent play to be given at the High School Auditorium next Thursday, Feb. 5, beginning at 8:30 o'clock.

This is the fourth number of the Lyceum Course and will prove an unusually entertaining one for those who enjoy an evening of mirth and hilarity. The play is full of comical situations and side-splitting scenes, and as the cast is an unusually strong one and the players have been rehearsing faithfully until they have their lines letter perfect, it is sure to be rendered in an effective manner.

Don't think because this is a home-talent play it will not merit your attendance. Quite the contrary. Avon Park has home-talent that can easily put many professionals to shame, and the best of our talent enters into the cast of characters in "The Arrival of Kitty." Just read the synopsis and you will agree that there is bound to be lots of fun in the play. Then glance over the cast of characters and you will also agree that that it is bound to be well rendered.

And don't forget that the surplus moneys received from the Lyceum Course this season will be used to furnish better attractions next season. No one receives a dollar profit from these entertainments. They are given for the purpose of furnishing amusement for our home people and guests during the winter season and the better the patronage they receive the better the next course of entertainments.

The hour has been set at 8:30 o'clock, in order that the play may not conflict with other events occurring on the same night, and that you may attend them all.

Between the acts the Sebring Jazz Band will furnish music.

Everybody attend, thus encouraging those who have worked so diligently and faithfully to make this entertainment a success.

GUILD MEETING AND BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The Ladies' Guild of the Church of the Redeemer met with Mrs. J. Thomas Murrish Thursday of last week and transacted the usual routine business. The ladies of the Guild always enjoy themselves at these meetings, but this particular one proved especially enjoyable, as it happened to be Mrs. Murrish's birthday anniversary.

The hostess endeavored to keep this a secret, but such secrets will leak out, as was the case this time, and the ladies came prepared to honor the occasion, numerous little packages partially expressing the love and esteem in which Mrs. Murrish is held by the members of the Guild, the church and those who know her. Refreshments of pumpkin pie, cheese and coffee were served. Those in attendance were Mrs. Nannie Bullock, Mrs. John Rogers, Mrs. Henry Timmer, Mrs. Frank Elliot, Mrs. A. J. Lawiston, Mrs. William Dart, Mrs. Rose Pileban, Mrs. Harry Woodruff, Mrs. E. D. Kelly, Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. Norton Smith, Mrs. Philip Leigh, Mrs. William King, Mrs. E. O. Williams, Mrs. Ethel Jenks, Master Harry Jenks and the Rev. J. Thomas Murrish, the latter offering an eloquent prayer at the close of the meeting.

William Gaylord has moved his family here from Live Oak and is occupying the Tulane cottage on Lake Tulane.

PARK MERCANTILE CO.'S STORE BURGLARIZED LAST MONDAY NIGHT

MONSTROUS CABBAGE GROWN NEAR HERE

Many persons are under the impression that all "c" can successfully grow in these Scenic Highlands is citrus fruit. This is an erroneous impression and all one has to do to verify our statement is to call at the various grocery stores here and see the variety of vegetables offered, all of which are produced in the immediate vicinity of Avon Park.

Last Saturday morning R. H. James brought into our office a monstrous head of cabbage, grown by G. L. Bryant, out on Palmetto Creek. This particular head of cabbage, when hanging head down, measured 21x30 inches across the outer leaves. The cabbage head itself, which was as solid as any of the smaller heads considered so fine for table use, measured 11x13 across the top and weighed 14 pounds.

Mr. Bryant is an experienced trucker and has some of as fine vegetable land as lies out of doors. And there are thousands of acres of just such land all around Avon Park, that will grow everything that can be successfully grown in a Florida garden. Ever since early in the winter our market has been supplied with egg plant of splendid size and color, peppers, cabbage, collards, turnips, rutabagas, mustard greens, lettuce, green onions, radishes and the like and home-grown celery will soon be on the market.

Our merchants have been offering home-grown strawberries, raised by Jack Whidden, for the last couple of weeks and they are as fine as any ever grown in the famous strawberry districts of Plant City, Starke and Lawtey. There is practically no limit to the products that can be raised here or very close to town.

Leguminous plants do well and help build up the soil, while such crops as sugar cane, sweet and Irish potatoes, corn and hay, do splendidly on certain classes of our soil.

The quality and quantity of our citrus fruits are too well known to need exploiting. We merely wish to show that they are not the only profitable crops that can be grown in this immediate vicinity.

KEEP THE TOWN CLEAN AND ATTRACTIVE

Civic pride should cause every resident of Avon Park to assist in keeping the town as clean and attractive as possible and as a reminder that it is to be kept clean the marshal this week posted notices informing the public that trash, garbage or anything unsightly or unsanitary must not be thrown up on the streets. The notice also provides that suitable containers must be secure in which to place such waste matter and that property must be kept in a clean and sanitary condition.

Bad Market Conditions

J. W. White returned from St. Louis Tuesday night, after having been away from the Park about ten days, purchasing new spring goods for the White Dry Goods Company. He says that it seems good to get back to Avon Park, after spending a few days in the sleet and snow. Shortage of coal and labor are making market conditions extremely bad, according to Mr. White.

Burglars entered the store of the Park Mercantile Company last Monday night and helped themselves to merchandise valued at about \$200—at least that is the amount of the visible loss, according to T. J. McGinnis, manager.

Entrance to the store was secured by breaking a window in the rear of the building. While the burglars left no clue, it is pretty certain that they came and left in an auto, as Mr. Ennis claims that at about 2:30 o'clock Tuesday morning he heard an auto leave that vicinity, going south at an extremely high rate of speed.

The burglars confined their looting mostly to men's furnishings and shoes, taking several high-priced shirts on display in the front window, and a number of pairs of the best shoes. The fact that they took only the best shows that they were good judges of merchandise. They also secured two wrist watches and a pair of ladies' hose.

This is the third time the Park Mercantile Company's store has been entered by burglars within the last few months, and in none of the cases has the burglar or burglars been apprehended.

It is to be hoped that some plan may be devised whereby our merchants may receive better protection from burglars, but the present financial condition of the town prohibits the employment of a night watchman. While we have not talked with our town authorities on the subject, it occurs to us that the town might stand a part of the expense if the merchants would combine and bear the remainder of the cost, and employ a watchman, especially during the winter months, when there are so many doubtful characters coming into the state.

Avon Park has been fortunate, however, in that few such cases have happened here and no "wire-tappers," pickpockets or other crooks have attempted to work here.

THREE CELEBRATIONS COMBINED IN ONE

One of the annual social events looked forward to by those who are fortunate enough to be members of the families of William Dart or Norton Smith, is the family dinner given in honor of the birth anniversaries of Mr. Dart and Mrs. Smith. These affairs have usually been confined to members of the families or very close friends, but Mr. Dart having reached the three-score-and-ten mark this year, the occasion was elaborated upon more than heretofore, Mrs. Dart inviting an additional number of friends.

The birthday anniversaries of Mr. Dart and Mrs. Smith occur on successive dates and have been jointly celebrated for a number of years in the manner stated above, but this year the honorees of the occasion were three instead of two, Mrs. Rose Pileban's birthday occurring in succession with the others, and she being included in the pleasing social event given at the Masonic Temple club rooms last Monday night.

The reading room of the Temple served as a dining room and was handsomely decorated with cut flowers and palms, tastefully arranged by that master hand at decorating—Mrs. Charlotte Leigh. Six snow-white tables were spread, fern leaves and flowers adding beauty and charm to the setting, and to these tables promptly at

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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 Ryd 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

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Kyle Williams visited Arcadia Saturday.

D. J. Pearson went to Lakeland Monday on a business visit of a few days.

Jim Brooks and C. H. Brown, of Frostproof, registered at the Village Inn Saturday.

A truck load of young people from Sebring visited Avon Park Friday night of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Todd, of Baltimore, Md., departed for their home Monday, after having spent several days here.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Pennycoost, of Dixon, Tenn., arrived in Avon Park Saturday for a week's vacation. They are registered at the Village Inn.

E. D. Kelly has returned from a hunting trip with a party made up of Avon Park and Sebring hunters. He had the good fortune to kill two deer.

L. O. Fagan, a former resident, but now of Okeechobee, left Thursday of last week for Tampa, after spending a couple of days here. He is enroute to Cuba.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Cook, of Waukesha, Wis., who have been spending the winter here and who think Avon Park is a most delightful place, left Monday morning for a trip to Tampa, St. Petersburg and Passa Grille.

Mrs. Barney Bloom, for a number of years a resident of our little city, but who now resides in Okeechobee, returned to her home Thursday of last week, after a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. Charles Edwards.

In last week's Pilot appeared a local ad, announcing the finding of a watch. The finder was Norton Smith and the owner proved to be Harry Woodruff, who had carried the watch nearly fifty years and valued it very highly.

Wood Wanted

We want to contract with some reliable person to furnish wood for the Florida Ice and Power Company's plant at Avon Park; some one who can keep us supplied at all times. For particulars see T. W. LAWTON, Local Manager, 714 Avon Park, Fla.

Our phone number is 29. Phone us the news.

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

W. J. Allen, of Arcadia, spent Sunday night in Avon Park.

Kingnut margarine at the Park Mercantile Company's big store. 45 cents the pound.

Luke Martin and J. P. Gaines, of Kingston, Ga., were among our Saturday arrivals, registering at the Village Inn.

Cyril and E. R. Baldwin, of Arcadia, were Avon Park visitors Saturday, greeting friends and transacting business.

Miss Amanda Landis, of Elkhart, Ind., arrived in Avon Park last Friday and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Kingsley, out on Deer Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Adams last week purchased lots 3 and 4, south half of block 41, in the VanLoven subdivision. The transaction was made through Norton Smith.

Miss Ruth Douglas, of Bloomington, Neb., who has been the charming guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Moffett, departed Saturday for Zephyrhills, where she will spend the remainder of the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Garrett departed last Friday for their home in Washington, D. C., after spending a short but enjoyable vacation here. C. P. Anderson accompanied them and will go from Washington to Pittsburg, where he will remain a couple of weeks before returning to Avon Park.

Here's an item we are publishing just as it was handed in: "Mr. T. W. Harvey, the distinguished representative of the Sharpe and Dohme Pharmaceutical Co., of Baltimore, is in town this week calling on the doctors and the ladies. Mr. Harvey is a shining light and we all look forward to his visits."

U. S. Government Warns Farmers About Disease Caused by Rats.

They carry Bubonic plague, fatal to human beings. They carry foot and mouth disease, which is fatal to stock. They kill chickens, eat grain, cause destruction to property. If you have rats Rat Sar will kill them. Cremates rats after killing them—leaves no smell. Comes in cakes, ready for use. Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by F. C. Rae, Avon Park Drug Co., Park Mercantile Company.

"THE ARRIVAL OF KITTY"

FOURTH NUMBER OF THE LYCEUM COURSE, TO BE GIVEN AT THE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Thursday, Feb. 5
8:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

SYNOPSIS

Mr. William Winkler, with his niece Jane and old maid sister-in-law, Jane, arrive at the Halcyon House, where Ting, disguised as a gentleman, and Samuel, the negro porter, take care of them. Mr. Winkler promises to get a husband for his sister-in-law and sends to the matrimonial agency for a man. In the meantime, Benjamin Moore arrives prepared to marry Jane, because it is the wish of her dead father. Jane, however, desperately loves Bobbie Baxter. Mr. Winkler is very fond of Kitty, "Leading Lady of The Girl in Red," and to force him to give his consent to his marriage with Jane, Bobbie enserquades as the famous actress until the lady herself appears on the scene. Suzette, the charming French maid, comforts Aunt Jane until she is safely married to Uncle Benjamin Moore and with Uncle William and Kitty, Bobbie and Jane, spend their honeymoons at the Halcyon House. A clever farce, full of laughable lines and comic situations.

Scene—The office of the Halcyon House, Catskill Mountains.

Act I.—Morning.

Act II.—Early Afternoon.

Act III.—Almost Evening.

Time—One day last August.

CHARACTERS

William Winkler.....	Dr. T. H. Lander
Aunt Jane, his sister.....	Miss Vera McGinnis
Jane, his niece.....	Miss Winifred Reek
Bobbie Baxter.....	Mark Lanco
Benjamin Moore.....	John R. VanKleeck
Ting, a bell boy.....	Boy Long
Sam, a colored porter.....	Meville Bass
Kitty, an actress.....	Miss Henrietta Farrington
Suzette, Aunt Jane's Maid.....	Miss Alice Dutton

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Manager

See

William King
Avon Park

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Fresh, Clean Stock
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If you want better walls and ceilings—warmer in winter, cooler in summer, sanitary, durable, beautiful in their decorative effects and free from cracks—nothing will satisfy you so well as the original, pure-wood-fibre Beaver Board.

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In new work, Beaver Board is nailed direct to the studs, joists and "headers." In remodeling it is nailed right over the old plaster.

A Beaver Board room is finished by painting, after the board is on the walls. Then decorative wood strips are applied over joints in a pleasing panel design.



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Avon Park, Florida

LOCAL AND PERSONAL MENTION

For Sale—A good spring wagon; apply at this office.

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

C. C. Kadeliff, of Tampa, was one of our Monday visitors.

Mrs. C. Tasler left Saturday for Waldo, where she expects to open a hotel.

L. D. Roberts and L. A. Wolff transacted business at the county seat Tuesday.

Fred Crews, W. O. Spear and Carlos Skipper were Sunday visitors from Sebring.

Kingant margarine at the Park Mercantile Company's big store, 45 cents the pound.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Petersen visited Wauchula Sunday afternoon.

The Rev. Sam Durrance was transacting business and crossing pines with friends here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Pennycoost departed Saturday morning for Dixon, Tenn., after spending a week very pleasantly here.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson S. Dixon, of West Newton, Pa., relatives of C. S. Donaldson, arrived in Avon Park last week to enjoy a vacation.

Madam Charlotte Gero and Mrs. C. J. Bugh left Saturday for Tampa and St. Petersburg, from where they will go to Key West and thence to Miami.

G. F. Smith returned from Jacksonville Friday, where he represented Poinciana Lodge No. 227, F. & A. M., at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Elmer Albritton, Uncle Dave Skipper, Shafter Skipper and C. J. Carlton, of Wauchula, enjoyed a few days last week down on Arbuckle, Carter and Ishtapoga creeks, fishing and hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. William Andrews and little son and daughter, of Dixon, Tenn., arrived here last Saturday to make Avon Park their future home. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews are the parents of Mrs. T. B. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hartt, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Moffett, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Smith, Mrs. S. Y. Hartt and little daughter and Victor Smith spent Sunday out on the Hartt clearing on Lake Letta.

C. E. Lanier, C. A. Skipper, L. F. DeBordenave, W. A. L. Barker and J. A. Caldwell motored to Punta Gorda Tuesday. We are not informed as to the nature of their business, but when a crowd of this kind gets together there is pretty certain to be something of importance in the wind.

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.

Sanitary Eggs

Twenty-four ounces for
One Dollar.

STRAWBERRIES
\$1.00 per Quart

Strawberry Land For Sale

E. D. Putney, Avon Park, Fla.

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

A. M. Duke, of Plant City, was transacting business here Monday.

Billie Smith, of Arbuckle lake, was a business visitor here Monday.

D. J. Mackey, of Wilmington, Del., registered at the Village Inn Monday.

Mrs. F. P. Reaves was a passenger on Saturday morning's train for Haines City.

Leon Wyllford, of Carlstrom Field, was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Farnell.

For Sale—1919 Ford Touring car; in good running order; has good tires. C. H. Moffett.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Green, Loca Hart and DeWitt Green motored to Bowling Green Sunday afternoon.

J. I. Harris left Monday morning for his home in Taylorsville, Ga., after a short visit with R. I. and C. H. Harris.

Mrs. M. C. Cain, of Lake Wales, who had been attending the revival meetings here for several days, returned home Monday.

Alfred Boardman, of Taunton, Mass., is a guest at the attractive home of his old friend, H. G. Crapo, out on Lake Lotela, this week.

J. A. Caldwell, general manager of the Highlands Cate Company, Lake Wales, was here Monday and Tuesday attending to business matters.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Kyle Williams visited Arcadia Saturday.

D. J. Pearson went to Lakeland Monday on a business visit of a few days.

Jim Brooks and C. H. Brown, of Frostproof, registered at the Village Inn Saturday.

A truck load of young people from Sebring visited Avon Park Friday night of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Todd, of Baltimore, Md., departed for their home Monday, after having spent several days here.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Pennycost, of Dixon, Tenn., arrived in Avon Park Saturday for a week's vacation. They are registered at the Village Inn.

E. D. Kelly has returned from a hunting trip with a party made up of Avon Park and Sebring hunters. He had the good fortune to kill two deer.

L. O. Fagan, a former resident, but now of Okeechobee, left Thursday of last week for Tampa, after spending a couple of days here. He is enroute to Cuba.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Cook, of Waukesha, Wis., who have been spending the winter here and who think Avon Park is a most delightful place, left Monday morning for a trip to Tampa, St. Petersburg and Passaic.

Mrs. Barney Bloom, for a number of years a resident of our little city, but who now resides in Okeechobee, returned to her home Thursday of last week, after a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. Charles Edwards.

In last week's Pilot appeared a local ad, announcing the finding of a watch. The finder was Norton Smith and the owner proved to be Harry Woodruff, who had carried the watch nearly fifty years and valued it very highly.

Wood Wanted

We want to contract with some reliable person to furnish wood for the Florida Ice and Power Company's plant at Avon Park; some one who can keep us supplied at all times. For particulars see T. W. LAWTON, Local Manager, 711

Our phone number is 29. Phone us the news.

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

W. J. Allen, of Arcadia, spent Sunday night in Avon Park.

Kingnut margarine at the Park Mercantile Company's big store, 45 cents the pound.

Luke Martin and J. P. Gaines, of Kingston, Ga., were among our Saturday arrivals, registering at the Village Inn.

Cyril and E. R. Baldwin, of Arcadia, were Avon Park visitors Saturday, greeting friends and transacting business.

Miss Amanda Landis, of Elkhart, Ind., arrived in Avon Park last Friday and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Kingsley, out on Deer Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Adams last week purchased lots 3 and 4, south half of block 41, in the VanLoven subdivision. The transaction was made through Norton Smith.

Miss Ruth Douglas, of Bloomington, Neb., who has been the charming guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Moffett, departed Saturday for Zephyrhills, where she will spend the remainder of the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Garrett departed last Friday for their home in Washington, D. C., after spending a short but enjoyable vacation here. C. P. Anderson accompanied them and will go from Washington to Pittsburg, where he will remain a couple of weeks before returning to Avon Park.

Here's an item we are publishing just as it was handed in: "Mr. T. W. Harvey, the distinguished misrepresentative of the Sharpe and Duane Pharmaceutical Co., of Baltimore, is in town this week calling on the doctors and the ladies. Mr. Harvey is a shining light and we all look forward to his visits."

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Thursday, Feb. 5

8:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

SYNOPSIS

Mr. William Winkler, with his niece Jane and old maid sister-in-law, Jane, arrive at the Halcyon House, where Ting, disguised as a gentleman, and Samuel, the negro porter, take care of them. Mr. Winkler promises to get a husband for his sister-in-law and sends to the matrimonial agency for a man. In the meantime, Benjamin Moore arrives prepared to marry Jane, because it is the wish of her dead father. Jane, however, desperately loves Bobbie Baxter. Mr. Winkler is very fond of Kitty, "Leading Lady of The Girl in Red," and to force him to give his consent to his marriage with Jane, Bobbie masquerades as the famous actress until the lady herself appears on the scene. Suzette, the charming French maid, comforts Aunt Jane until she is safely married to Uncle Benjamin Moore and with Uncle William and Kitty, Bobbie and Jane, spend their honeymoons at the Halcyon House. A clever farce, full of laughable lines and comic situations.

Scene—The office of the Halcyon House, Catskill Mountains.

Act I.—Morning.
Act II.—Early Afternoon.
Act III.—Almost Evening.
Time—One day last August.

CHARACTERS

William Winkler.....	Dr. T. H. Lander
Aunt Jane, his sister.....	Miss Vera McGinnis
Jane, his niece.....	Miss Winifred Reck
Bobbie Baxter.....	Mark Lane
Benjamin Moore.....	John R. VanKleeck
Ting, a bell boy.....	Roy Long
Sam, a colored porter.....	Melville Bass
Kitty, an actress.....	Miss Henrietta Farrington
Suzette, Aunt Jane's Maid.....	Miss Alice Dutton

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C. C. Radcliff, of Tampa, was one of our Monday visitors.

Mrs. C. Tasler left Saturday for Waldo, where she expects to open a hotel.

L. D. Roberts and L. A. Wolff transacted business at the county seat Tuesday.

Fred Crews, W. O. Spear and Carlos Skipper were Sunday visitors from Sebring.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Petersen visited Wauchula Sunday afternoon.

The Rev. Sam Durraunce was transacting business and crossing pines with friends here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Pennycoast departed Saturday morning for Dixon, Tenn., after spending a week very pleasantly here.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson S. Dixon, of West Newton, Pa., relatives of C. S. Donaldson, arrived in Avon Park last week to enjoy a vacation.

Madam Charlotte Gero and Mrs. C. J. Bugh left Saturday for Tampa and St. Petersburg, from where they will go to Key West and thence to Miami.

G. F. Smith returned from Jacksonville Friday, where he represented Poinciana Lodge No. 227, F. & A. M., at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Elmer Albritton, Uncle Dave Skipper, Shafter Skipper and C. J. Carlton, of Wauchula, enjoyed a few days last week down on Arbuckle, Carter and Ishtapoga creeks, fishing and hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. William Andrews and little son and daughter, of Dixon, Tenn., arrived here last Saturday to make Avon Park their future home. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews are the parents of Mrs. T. B. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hartt, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Moffett, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Smith, Mrs. S. Y. Hartt and little daughter and Victor Smith spent Sunday out on the Hartt clearing on Lake Letta.

C. E. Lanier, C. A. Skipper, L. F. DeBordenave, W. A. L. Barker and J. A. Caldwell motored to Punta Gorda Tuesday. We are not informed as to the nature of their business, but when a crowd of this kind gets together there is pretty certain to be something of importance in the wind.

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Billie Smith, of Arbuckle lake, was a business visitor here Monday.

D. J. Mackey, of Wilmington, Del., registered at the Village Inn Monday.

Mrs. F. P. Reaves was a passenger on Saturday morning's train for Haines City.

Leon Wylliford, of Carlstrom Field, was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Farnell.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Green, Loca Hart and DeWitt Green motored to Bowling Green Sunday afternoon.

J. I. Harris left Monday morning for his home in Taylorsville, Ga., after a short visit with R. L. and C. H. Harris.

Mrs. M. C. Cain, of Lake Wales, who had been attending the revival meetings here for several days, returned home Monday.

Alfred Boardman, of Taunton, Mass., is a guest at the attractive home of his old friend, H. G. Crapo, out on Lake Lotela, this week.

J. A. Caldwell, general manager of the Highlands Crate Company, Lake Wales, was here Monday and Tuesday attending to business matters.

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TELEPHONE No. 29

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TIME TO GET TO WORK

Now that the campaign has really opened, every voter should begin to think of whom he will vote for in the June primary. In our state and county election we are acquainted with many of the candidates seeking our suffrage. We know whether or not they are worthy and well qualified and those are the essentials we should take into consideration. Personal friendships or enmities, passion or prejudice should not deter us from voting for the man we honestly believe will best serve the interests of the state or county.

There is one candidate for an important office who has served the people well for twelve years. He is the Hon. Duncan U. Fletcher, our senior United States senator. During his long term of service he has won for himself the highest esteem of both democrats and republicans in Washington. He has rendered the most efficient service to both state and nation. While he has been one of the busiest men in Washington, he has never been so busy but that he could take time to render a service to any Floridian who asked it, provided it was a reasonable request. He is now in a position to render even greater service to his constituency, if he is returned to the United States senate, as there are but seven among the democrats his senior in the service.

It is too bad that Senator Fletcher should be required to meet opposition at this time, when experience, level headedness and statesmanship are so badly needed in the reconstruction of the affairs of the state and nation.

The state press is practically a unit in the support of Senator Fletcher and his friends and admirers are legion. It is this fact that renders it all the more necessary for the press and Senator Fletcher's friends to lend their efforts toward his re-nomination next June. The fact that he has so many friends might result in over-confidence, which many times before now has resulted in the defeat of the best man.

Senator Fletcher's friends in endeavoring to serve him should not do so by vilifying any other candidate, but rather by pointing out the good he has done our state and the good he can still do if continued in office. As he is busy attending to his duties in Washington, it is up to his friends in Florida to work for him here and we believe they will rally to his support in such numbers that he will be elected by the most overwhelming majority ever given a candidate in this state.

Avon Park's Board of Trade has been materially increased in membership and is composed of some of the best material in town. It is now but a question of making the members realize the importance of action—concerted action. A number of committees were appointed at the meeting of the board of governors, held last Saturday. These committees should take up the various propositions confronting them and work with a will to bring about conditions that will materially benefit our city. We are right now at a stage when we must either go backward or forward. We cannot stand still. The forward movement is what we all want to see and the movement will be much more rapid if all help "carry on." Those who are not members of the Board of Trade should join at once. There is work for all to do. No man in town is too busy to devote some of his time for the benefit of all, and when he benefits all, he benefits himself.

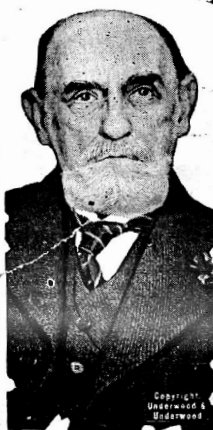
Holland has refused to give up the kaiser. Don't that beat the Dutch!

The Lakeland Advertiser pays us a splendid compliment by dubbing us "the prince of boosters."

Joe Earman says that Dr. Lincoln Hully could write the governor's message in ten languages. He also avers that Van Swearingen has been studying nothing but politics for several years. While Dr. Hully was studying languages, living and dead, and Van Swearingen was studying politics, Cary A. Hardee was studying sound business principles—qualifications in much more to be desired in our governor than either of the former.

Did you read Cary A. Hardee's platform in last week's Pilot? If not you should do so and read it carefully. It has a true ring to it and has created the most favorable comment in the leading papers of the state. Cary A. Hardee is the man to carry out every principle to which he pledges himself. Florida needs a form of government based on business principles. Craft, waste and reckless extravagance must be done away with before this state can take its rightful place among other states and reach that high pinnacle our resources justify. Cary A. Hardee stands for a business administration—and if elected governor will do everything that lies in the power of a chief executive to bring about such an administration. He should be elected by an overwhelming majority.

HON. MAURICE F. EGAN



Hon. Maurice Francis Egan, who is collaborating on the official history of the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Egan was United States minister to Denmark during the war and purchased the Virgin Islands for the United States. The history will contain a record of the 50,000 knights who served in the war.

ATTACKS GRAVITATION LAWS

Newton's Theory Not Absolute, Declares Prof. Moirano, Italian Scientist.

Rome, Italy.—Newton's theory of gravitation has been attacked by Professor Moirano, who, speaking before a meeting of prominent scientists here, declared the results of experiments here, had performed upon the hitherto accepted laws of physics governing the motions of celestial bodies. Newton's theory, while hitherto considered absolute, is only an approximate hypothesis, according to Professor Moirano, who supports this assertion by showing that a ball of lead cast in mercury becomes slightly lighter.

From this the professor deduces four things:

First, that bodies have both a true and an apparent mass, the true mass of the sun being double the apparent mass.

Second, that the stars attract other bodies with forces entirely different from those thus far admitted to exist.

Third, that the solar heat of stars is generated by the force of gravitation emanating from interior strata. From this, he argues, the solar system has had an immensely long life that has been believed by scientists until the present.

Fourth, that the evolution of the world has been closely linked to the phenomenon which he has discovered.

Your syndicate labels printed just right at this office.

Decorating for David

By DOROTHY DOUGLAS

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Monica was alone in the office when David came in. She was hot and tired and the estimate for the Flynn house at Great Neck must go out in the evening mail.

Her smile of greeting was a bit wan, but held its degree of charm and invitation. Monica's business manner was a comparatively new asset, and it was with extreme difficulty that the mantle of reserve dropped from her shoulders sufficiently to permit her to chat casually with the strangers who came into the office.

David Trevor seemed to fill the tiny office. His physical being was big, and a second swift glance told Monica that his mentality promised the same broad proportion.

"I saw your sign, 'Interior Decoration on the doors,' he began, 'and have found the courage to plunge in. I have tried for a week to get sufficient pluck to come in.'"

Monica laughed softly. "And what were you fearful of finding in this innocent-looking office?" she inquired, with a swift glance into his very blue eyes. "Interior decorators don't usually carry a stock of dangerous things."

"David Trevor did not voice the reply that came naturally to his lips. The same reply would have flung itself into many masculine minds upon beholding the lure of Monica's eyes. But the soft sweetness of her voice. Instead, Trevor laughed boyishly.

"I was afraid of meeting with bobbed hair and a wild Ratik—most decorators go in for that sort of thing, you know. However," he added, as if to make good the reason for his visit, "I want to find out if you have time to furnish an apartment for me. My wife is away in the mountains and will be back in September. I rather wonder how she came home to a wonderful new setting."

"That would give me just August," said Monica. "But I think I can manage nicely. She was all business now and quite forgetful of self. David Trevor found ample time to study her. He studied from time to time as if glad he had found the courage to enter the office.

He found himself answering a few simple questions as to the size of the apartment, the amount he wanted to spend, what type of furniture he fancied and an idea of color schemes.

His complete disaster when it came to color combinations brought a smile to Monica's lips. He floundered hopelessly.

"Well," she said, finally realizing his utter helplessness regarding interior decorations, "I will assemble a few cretonnes and color schemes for you, and if you like you can send them up to your wife for approval."

"No, no—this is all to be a great surprise package for my wife. I want her to come home in September to an exquisite little home and I want you to do the whole business. I don't mind looking at the cretonnes—you would no doubt feel more satisfied if I approved of them."

So it was that Monica began one of her most artistic bits of work. Trevor's office was next door to her own, and it was he who took her up first time to see the apartment he had leased.

They went up in Trevor's car and Monica found the studio apartment just such a one as she dreamed of having when her golden ship came into harbor.

There was a huge studio room that would permit of most lovely color effects, and wide couches with heaps of wonderful cushions, a baby-grand, and those great, cozy chaise-long chairs, and a Chesterfield, with a table behind.

"There will be exquisite rose shades on two lamps," she said to Trevor, "and when your wife sits and sees in the evening she will be so comfy and look to adomable under those lights that—" She stopped abruptly at the queer look in her client's eyes.

"You have the right idea," was all he said.

And Monica found, as the weeks wore on, that David Trevor's apartment was going to be the gem of her career. She found wonderful English cretonnes, gauzes of exquisite hues and furniture that seemed just fashioned for a real home—a home where love would reign supreme.

't became their custom as the drapers hung the curtains and the carpet men put down the rugs and the pictures began to appear on the walls, for David and Monica to make an evening visit to the apartment.

"It grows more charming by the minute," David told her. They had discovered that evening the great cozy chaise longue in the pink bedroom. Its back invitingly backed with pillows of softest chiffon and at its side a reading lamp with a chiffoleau shade that made David smile, so feminine was its charm.

"We must have pink roses in that pink vase—when my wife returns," he suggested.

Monica looked swiftly at him, then more swiftly away. When the pink roses were ordered—then would David Trevor pass out of her life. Something strangely compelling had gripped her heart. She would not allow herself

to realize that out of a whole world of men she had found only one, and that she was furnishing an apartment for that one's wife. The thought sent the blood from her cheeks and David, watching her, felt his own heart beating unsteadily.

He, however, mastered any emotion that made the soft trouble under his feet, and said quickly: "If you don't mind, and if it wouldn't interfere with your ideas—could we not have those four prints you so admired in my office framed and hung in the dining room?"

"I wanted to buy them myself," she said softly, "but I didn't feel I should be so extravagant. They would be just the finishing touch to these walls."

David's business was the handling of old English prints, and it pleased him not a little to know that he could with complete artistic taste use some in his own home.

"I'm hoping when the apartment is finished, and I am no longer your client, that you will come in occasionally and look over my collection. I am just next door."

"When your wife is back," said Monica in a curiously hard voice, "you will not be knowing who is next door to you—or caring."

This was the only dangerous bit of ground she had stepped on during their acquaintance, and she realized it the moment the words left her lips. She laughed quickly, giving him no time to reply, then went over and let her fingers run lightly over the keys of the splendid toned grand piano they had bought together and installed in the big studio. It was dusk now and David switched on the light. One of the exquisite rose shades sent its charm wandering softly through the room. Monica continued to play in order to still the thumping of her heart. She wanted to gain calm before again essaying speech.

David came and stood behind her, looking down at her golden head.

"Now sit in that comfy Chesterfield," he commanded gently, as if for many days he had been picturing her there and was now actually seeing her.

The color flamed swiftly into Monica's cheeks—cheeks that had grown too pale under the strain of David's companionship. She arose, however, knowing that obeying his wishes was the better part to play.

"Now," he said softly, and with a great amount of controlled emotion beneath his tones, "if you just had some sewing—"

"David—don't," she cried swiftly. "I will," he said, and held her close within his arms. "I have loved you for ages. I loved your voice over the telephone when I could hear you talking with upholsterers, rug men, furniture men, and too many times with other men with whom you made lunch engagements. All this I could easily bear when our windows were open."

David was speaking swiftly now, for Monica's hair was brushing his face and her lips were trembling, and he had to hold her fiercely in order to still the quivering of her body; "and once I saw you entering your office. It was that day I decided to have a wife—I want you, dear, as soon as you can make up your mind to come."

Monica looked slowly at the wonderful studio—just the kind of home she had dreamed of—then back to the love in David's eyes, just the kind of eyes she had dreamed of.

"September's only three days off," she said, "and I have three estimates to get out before—"

"Then will my wife come home to me?"

"She couldn't help coming even if she wanted to—David."

Economical Heating. The sun itself heats the hot water used by many residents of Monrovia and other places in Southern California. The sunshine water heater consists of a coil of pipe arranged in a box about four inches deep with a copper bottom and a glass top. The apparatus is usually placed on the roof or in a similar exposed location. The rays of the sun heat the water in the pipe and thus set up a circulation that carries the water to a storage tank, from which it is drawn for household use. The storage tank is so thoroughly insulated that the loss of temperature during the night is not usually more than 4 or 5 degrees. Southern California is unusually favored with sunshine, but there seems to be no reason why this economical method of heating water should not be used in other parts of the country during hot, sunny weather.

Red-Headed People Feared. "Salute no red-haired man nearer than 30 feet off," runs an old French saying. It is usually placed on the wall in the flat where it is to defend itself. From biblical times to the present day can be traced the prejudice against red hair. "Never lodge a red-haired people's houses," runs a precept in the fifteenth century "Book of Courtesy." For these be folk that are to dread. According to the tradition this distrust of red-haired people dates from the time of Judah, who, himself red-haired, feared treachery to be ever afterward connected with hair of that color.

Leaning Tower Centuries Old. The famous leaning tower of Pisa is of pure white Carrara marble in the Gothic style. Its departure from the perpendicular has been variously interpreted. There is little doubt that it arises from the softness of the soil on which it stands and which has given way. Notwithstanding its threatening appearance it has now stood for more than six hundred years without decay.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL MENTION

New goods arriving every day at the Woman's Exchange.

Webb Wilson, of Tampa, registered at the Avon Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Boss Roberts were Avon Park visitors Tuesday evening.

Judge W. W. Whitehurst, of Wauchula, was an Avon Park business visitor Saturday.

Attorney D. V. Rouse and R. I. Harris were business visitors in Tampa Friday.

Tax Assessor H. G. Murphy was here Monday and Tuesday taking tax returns.

Mrs. Sadie Barnes and W. L. Rivers, of Winter Haven, visited Avon Park Saturday.

John W. Hinson left Wouday with Mr. and Mrs. B. I. Sparks for his home in Baltimore, Md.

Marion Godwin, who is in the cattle business at LaBelle, was here this week visiting his son Cole.

L. D. Roberts is giving away bran new tailor-made trousers. See him at the Pressing Club and get your pair.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Coy have given possession of Forest Lawn to the new owner, E. G. Todd, and moved into one of their handsome new bungalows in the Coy subdivision.

A. J. Whidden has purchased two acres of fine truck land out on Lake Lotela, where he will build a home and engage in trucking. Wonder if Uncle Jack isn't contemplating taking into himself a helpmeet!

Miss Dorothy VanKleeck, of Auburn, N. Y., is the guest of her brother, John R. VanKleeck, at Sebring. She is a most charming young lady and with her brother frequently comes to Avon Park to enjoy the social evenings at the Avon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tuite, Mr. and Mrs. C. Guinan and F. J. Reid, each, all of Cleveland, O., spent several days in Avon Park last week at the Avon. They have purchased groves in the beautiful Hillcrest development and are not only highly pleased with their purchases, but also with Avon Park and its general surroundings. Purchasers of Hillcrest groves, however, cannot be other than pleased, for this is one of those gilt-edged propositions that appeals to discerning persons.

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Rooms to Let—Inquire of Mrs. L. E. Webster, opposite the Theatre.

W. Thompson, of Mayfield, Ky., arrived in Avon Park last week to visit his son, the Rev. T. B. Thompson.

H. M. Kingsley and James Luxton made a business trip to Dundee yesterday.

Kingnut margarine at the Park Mercantile Company's big store, 45 cents the pound.

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Mrs. L. J. Sauls, of Zephyrhills, who had been called here to the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Ethel Lisenby, out at the crate mill, returned to her home Wednesday.

Mrs. E. N. Coy left Wednesday morning for Pinecastle and Orlando to visit friends for a week or so, after which she will return to Avon Park and spend the remainder of the winter with Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Coy.

J. A. Lander, brother of our genial druggist, arrived in Avon Park Tuesday for a visit of a couple of weeks. Mr. Lander is an engineer on the Standard Oil Company's tanker, George H. Jones, and since his visit here about six months ago has been to Amsterdam, Hamburg, Tampico, Mex., and Baton Rouge, La.

Word has been received here of the death of Edwin W. Baster at St. Petersburg Jan. 11. Deceased was from New Haven, Conn., and with his daughter was for number of winters a resident of Avon Park and had many friends here who will regret to learn of his death. He was 79 years of age.

Elder Wine, of the Church of the Brethren, Dover, Del., accompanied by J. C. D. Garber, of Washington, D. C., are here for a few days. These people have invested in groves with the Pittsburgh-Florida people and are here inspecting their purchases. That they found them in much better shape than they anticipated goes without saying, for that is the verdict of all who have come here to inspect their purchases, made through this development company. They left Tuesday morning for Valdosta, Ga., where they will remain a few days before returning to their homes.

What Will You Have When You Are Fifty?

Every young man ought to promise himself independence at fifty, and live up to that resolve. The will to begin saving while young, backed by perseverance to continue will show assets when you are fifty years old that are valuable.

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Tax Collector Cyril Baldwin was transacting business here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Loutholtz, of Fort Meade, were visitors in our city Tuesday.

L. A. Wolff, L. D. Roberts, R. D. Johnson and J. L. Parks spent Tuesday in Arcadia.

Mrs. B. W. Williams, of Mary Bell Landing, was the guest of her son, Ingram Williams, Monday.

H. G. Hambright, who has been registered at the Village Inn for some time, is spending the week in Moore Haven.

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The Rev. J. R. Peden, who recently purchased the Jacobs place, east of town, has been setting out citrus trees this week. He has made some wonderful improvements on the place since purchasing it.

Mrs. E. Lyons and daughter, of Chicopee Falls, Mass., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Madeira for the winter. Next week Mr. and Mrs. Madeira and guests will drive to Miami, via Okeechoo, and return via Daytona Beach and Orlando.

R. F. Harris, of Lake Denton, surprised his son and two daughters Friday and Saturday by coming to town. He is a great home lover and seldom gets out. Friday he took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skipper, and Saturday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Harris and supper with Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McGinnis.

The Gerrard Players pitched their tent here Monday for a week's engagement. There is a change of program nightly, with good vaudeville between the acts. We have known members of this company for a number of years and can vouch for the cleanliness of their show and the quality of the players.

E. M. Brickell left Tuesday morning for Tallahassee to represent the Avon Park Board of Trade at a meeting of the State Highway Commission. Delegations from De Soto City, Sebring, Lake Wales, Haines City, Kissimmee and Orlando, all interested in the completion of the road from Sebring to Lake Annie, to intersect with the cross-state road to the East Coast will also attend the meeting and exert every influence to have this much-needed road built.

Harry Cross, of Arcadia, was transacting business here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hill, of Sebring, were the guests of relatives here Monday.

Wanted—A janitor for the High School building. See W. A. Roberts or A. E. Conoley.

L. M. Marsh and Mark Lance left yesterday for the cabbage woods, where they will spend several days hunting.

Clinton Skipper and Mark Smith have been resetting some citrus trees on their place north of town, known as the Shaw property.

Capt. G. W. Serouse, of the United States Army, accompanied by his father, J. W. Serouse, and Lieut. Carl Rittenger, also of the army, were guests of J. V. Chapman, cashier of the First National Bank, Monday. Capt. Serouse and Lieut. Rittenger were on the same detail with Lieut. Chapman in France.

The Mail Goes In—



While the Salesman Waits.

We can furnish you the kind of printed sales letters and circulars on HAMMERMILL BOND that will get your message in the right way to the man who can buy your goods. Use more printed salesmanship. Ask us.

THREE CELEBRATIONS COMBINED IN ONE

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6:30 o'clock the guests were shown to places marked for each, the three guests of honor being seated at the head table, Mr. Dart between Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Pilbeam. Forty-seven guests were seated at the tables and forty-seven guests enjoyed every portion of a menu consisting of olives, celery, cold meat, escalloped potatoes, cabbage slaw, fruit and nut salad, pickles, Parker House and cinnamon rolls, doughnuts, assorted cakes, and three birthday cakes, fruit and nut salad and coffee.

After the sumptuous repast had been finished Norton Smith acted as toastmaster and introduced the guests of honor, William King responding with a few appropriate and pleasing remarks. Charles Madeira spoke for the Lake Lotela colony, well represented at the dinner, and Mrs. W. S. Butler, in her most gracious manner, spoke for the ladies, after which Mrs. H. Timm suggested that three rousing cheers be given, which was done with a gusto that fairly shook the rafters of the building. The remainder of the evening was spent in social enjoyments.

Those fortunate enough to be present were: Messrs. and Mesdames—W. A. Marshall, Charles Madeira, E. O. Williams and grandson, Henry Stevenson, L. M. Marsh, R. T. Whitnall, William Dart, D. F. Canfield, Harry Dilley.

A. W. Sargent, Charles Pabor, John Lesure, William King, W. S. Butler, Norton Smith, Tyler Merwin, Mesdames—Essie Pilbeam, J. P. Canfield, S. I. Moore, Annie Lesure, F. H. Rae, Charlotte Leigh, H. Timm, Annie Bullock, The Misses—Jennie Waychoff, Nellie and Hetty Pabor, Messrs.—H. G. Crapo, F. C. Rae, L. W. Parker.



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that we have a complete line of Birthday Postcards and Booklets, Wedding Anniversary Cards and Booklets, Birth Announcements, and a full line of Local Views and general Florida Views.

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Detroit Man Tires of Robbing,
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LETTER TELLS OF LIFE

"Stay Straight and Don't Fall in Love
With the Butterfly Type of
Woman" Is His Advice
to Others.

Detroit, Mich.—That his wife made him become a burglar in order to provide her with more money than he was able to earn honestly, is the assertion made in a letter by William Newell, who shot and killed his wife Violet, 25, and then ended his life with a bullet. The woman was strikingly handsome, having won beauty contests in Detroit and Buffalo.

"I hope my experience will be a lesson to other young lads," Newell advised in the letter. "Stay straight and don't fall in love with the butterfly type of woman as I did."

The letter, which was addressed to the chief of police, follows:
"My wife ran away with another. "Dear Sir: Just a few lines to let you know why I shot my wife and killed myself. Four years ago today she ran away with a gink in Buffalo and went to Pittsburgh. I have always had a good reputation until I married this woman. I had a clean divorce from her and the judge told me to take good care of the little girl. Later I took her back on condition she would live straight; then I quit my good job and came to Detroit so I wouldn't hear the people say 'Bill, you are a fool to take her back.'"

"As for the last two weeks she has done nothing but lie to me. I have caught her every day in a million lies, and believe that if Mrs. (the other man's wife) saw what I saw Saturday morning she would be looking for a divorce also."

Goaded by Wife's Taunts.
"I'll tell you what I've done for her. She said: 'Bill, if you don't quit your job at the Detroit Trailer and get more money, some day I'll leave you and take Marie and you never will see either of us.' So, like a fool, I listened to her. She knew a crook while she was in Pittsburgh and he told her how easy it was to open a safe, and she

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ORDINANCE NO. 62

An Ordinance Entitled "An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 4."

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

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S. C. 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 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, automobile or any vehicle propelled by power other than muscular, within the corporate limits of the city of Avon Park, with the cut-out open or not in operation.

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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.

Sec. 6. This ordinance shall go into effect promptly upon its passage and approval of the mayor.

W. A. KELLLOGG,
President Town Council.

Attest: G. L. CHOWS, 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 of said town, as provided by section Nine (9) Chapter 602, Laws of Florida, approved May 23rd, 1919.

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

G. L. CHOWS, 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.

TOWN OF AVON PARK ALL ABLAZE WITH BEAUTIFUL BIGNONIA BLOOM

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court, is a mass of bloom, with no vine or bloom showing on the lower branches of the tree. It appears as though the oak were itself in bloom.

Other places where the bignonia is showing color in such wonderful effect, and which are worthy of mention, are those of Mrs. Phillip J. Leigh, the Rev. A. D. Buck, William Dart, C. A. Skipper, W. A. Smith, and Mrs. D. F. Canfield.

Pen pictures cannot describe the beauties of Avon Park. To be fully appreciated they must be seen.

GLAD AVON PARK IS "LOOKING UP"

"Grimly, Ont., Jan. 20, '20.
"The Highlands Pilot, Avon Park, Fla.

"Gentlemen: Please find enclosed \$2.00 for one year's subscription to your paper. Glad to know that Avon Park is looking up and am sorry I will not be able to visit there this winter, but would like to have the news.

"Yours truly,
"JAMES AITCHISON."

Many of our good Canadian friends would have been here this winter had it not been for the high rate of exchange on Canadian money.

Extra copies of The Pilot 5 cents each.

Church Notices

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Rev. Benj. Stock, Pastor
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.
Morning service 10:45 a. m.
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You are welcome to all the services.

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President Town Council.

Attest: G. L. CHOWS, 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 of said town, as provided by section Nine (9) Chapter 602, Laws of Florida, approved May 23rd, 1919.

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

G. L. CHOWS, 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.

Notary Public,
My commission expires Dec. 13, 1920.

light 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.

S. C. 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 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, automobile or any vehicle propelled by power other than muscular, within the corporate limits of the city of Avon Park, with the cut-out 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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**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. KELLLOGG,
EDWIN O. WILLIAMS
GEORGE W. ADAMS
WM. M. REED
T. H. LANDELL

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The name of this corporation shall be "The Avon Park Printing Company" and its principal office shall be located in the town of Avon Park, DeSoto County, Florida, with branch offices in such other places in the State of Florida and in the several States of 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, 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 thereof, to buy and sell real estate and to conduct a general retail business and to do all such things as may be necessary to carry out the purposes 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 cash by the United States of America and the proceeds of the sale 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 (7) 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 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. Kelllogg, president; E. O. Williams, vice-president; Geo. W. Adams, secretary; Geo. W. Adams, treasurer; and Geo. F. Kelllogg, E. O. Williams, Geo. W. Adams, Wm. M. Reed, T. H. Landell, 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 stockholder of the certificate. No stockholder will be permitted to sell, transfer or dispose 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.
Geo. F. Kelllogg, Avon Park, Florida, 2 shares.
Wm. M. Reed, Avon Park, Florida, 1 share.
Geo. F. Kelllogg, Avon Park, Florida, 1 share.

STATE OF FLORIDA.
DESO TO COUNTY.

On this day personally appeared before me, an officer duly authorized to take acknowledgments in such cases, Geo. F. Kelllogg, E. O. Williams, Geo. W. Adams, Wm. M. Reed, T. H. Landell, 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 purpose therein set forth.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 23rd day of December, A. D. 1919.

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DADDY'S EVENING FAIRY TALE

By Mary Graham Bonner

MISS MUSK-OX

"They tried it again," said Miss Musk-Ox, "yes, they did try it again. But it did no good, not the least scrap of good."

"It seems foolish to me that they should try to do such things when they know they won't be of any use."

"Of what are you talking?" asked Mr. Musk-Ox.

"Of the keepers, of the keepers," said Miss Musk-Ox.

"I am sure I don't know what you mean," said Mr. Musk-Ox.

"They did it again—or rather, they tried to do it again," said Miss Musk-Ox.

"Just as ignorant as ever," said Mr. Musk-Ox, "or, in other words I haven't the most remote idea of what you are talking. I don't know what the keepers did or what they tried to do or anything you are speaking of."

"Then you should know," said Miss Musk-Ox, "for I told you all this some time ago."

"Tray forgive me if I have forgotten, and tell me again," said Mr. Musk-Ox.

"I fear I have no memory."

"I don't fear it again," said Miss Musk-Ox.

"No, it is not your memory you are losing," said Mr. Musk-Ox.

"I'm not even losing yours," said Miss Musk-Ox.

"Whatever do you mean?" asked Mr. Musk-Ox.

"I mean," said Miss Musk-Ox, "that I remember what you should remember. I remember things for you."

"Why that is good of you, very good of you, I am very grateful," said Mr. Musk-Ox. "And what is more than that I thank you very kindly."

"Ah," said Miss Musk-Ox, "you needn't thank me for remembering something for you. It is mostly for



"It Sheds the Rain."

myself that I remember and when I can do a little remembering for someone else and it doesn't upset me I do so."

"It had nothing to do with my umbrella," said Mr. Musk-Ox.

"I never forgot that, Miss Musk-Ox."

"Of course you don't," said Miss Musk-Ox. "None of us do. We all have hair like that over our beautiful brown hair which is so perfect and so wavy. Our raincoats or umbrellas and it sheds the rain so that our hair is never wet."

"Serves the purpose of both umbrellas and raincoats," said Mr. Musk-Ox.

"You're right, quite right," said Miss Musk-Ox. "And none of us ever forget this part of ourselves for it's a part of ourselves. Quite sensible, but still it would be hard to leave part of us behind—and such an important part, too."

"We really couldn't do it," said Mr. Musk-Ox. "I can't because we have such good memories that we never forget our raincoats or umbrellas but because they're attached to us."

"That is true," said Miss Musk-Ox. "Still we might be well be praised for being so sensible as to always attach such things to our persons."

"Yes, we might be praised for that," said Mr. Musk-Ox. "I wish," he added,

"folks wouldn't call us sheep. We're partly sheep and partly cattle and it makes a great difference that we're not entirely sheep. We don't want to be called by wrong names."

"But by the way, did you know that the St. American said years ago that it was a wonderful one. I am so dignified."

"Oh, yes," said Mr. Musk-Ox. "You were going to tell me something I had forgotten and the keepers had forgotten."

"I was going to tell you that I will never allow them to put any younger animals in with me. I don't care to talk to any musk-ox who is a year younger than myself. That is beneath me."

"Well, they tried it again, but I showed them I wouldn't stand for it, and so they said."

"It's useless to try to put in any younger members of the family with Miss Musk-Ox. She's a cross creature."

"And they're right. I'm going to be cross and have things my own way whenever I want to. That's the sort of a nature I have—different from yours, and some of the rest of my family. Mr. Musk-Ox."

How Tom Stood in School.

"Tom," queried the visitor, "how do you stand in school these days?"

"In the corner most of the time," replied truthful Tom.

TO EXTEND AIR MAIL SERVICE
Postoffice Department Plans Route From Coast to Coast by Next Spring.

New York.—Plans for the extension of the postoffice department of the aerial mail service, now in operation between New York and Washington, New York and Cleveland and Cleveland and Chicago, to include a transcontinental route from New York to San Francisco by next spring, are announced through the American Flying Club by Gen. Otto Traeger, second assistant postmaster-general as a result of the army's cross continent air race. Cities at which the mail planes will stop after leaving New York, according to Mr. Traeger, are Cleveland, Chicago, Omaha, Salt Lake City, Carson City and San Francisco, with emergency stops at Bellefonte, Pa.; Bryan, O.; Des Moines, Ia.; Cheyenne, Wyo., and Battle Mountain, Nev.

Hen Lays Any Place.

Woodville, Mich.—Mrs. C. C. Layman owns a hen that is a regular old gababout. She'll lay eggs most any place except in the nice downy nest Mrs. Lyman provided in the most sanitary and scientifically perfect hen house. She selected the top of a straw stack to lay one hatch of eggs and hatch out a brood of 15 chicks. Then she had a terrible time getting her youngsters down from the ground.

No More Rabbit Fun.

Greenborough, Pa.—Motorman Roy Michaels is disconcerted. All the fun of running his car between here and West Penn has been taken from him. Michaels says that every night when he reached a heavily wooded section of the track two rabbits met his car and ran across it for miles. The other night one of the rabbits tripped on a clender and fell under the wheels. The other rabbit has disappeared.

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COLORS FOR 1920

Variety and Artistic Beauty in Store for Next Year.

Pinks in All Shades, Blues, Greens, Yellows, Violets, Browns and Grays in Profusion.

Seldom even in pre-war days have colors promised more variety, artistic beauty and brilliancy than for the season of 1920. That fashion will have a galaxy of colors to choose from is proclaimed by the 1920 spring season color card just issued of the Textile Color Card association.

Pinks abound in profusion. They range from the most delicate tints—implied by their names—zephyr, dawn and nymph, down into lustrous rich tones called rosebud, arbutus and sweet briar. Three true sunset blues of the turquoise type follow, called Lagoon, Venice and Adriatic. Also three soft lavenders—morning glory, crocus and thistle. Five scintillating greens of bluish cast range from a light water green named Nalad through gradually deepening tones—Nepenthe, Jadeite and emerald, ending with a deep brilliant shade called mist. Among the old shades of pink are rose, coral and the soft-toned shade Hormone. Three new yellows of slightly greenish tint are cockatoe, pale puke in tone, and sulphur and citrine of greater depth. The violet tones are well represented in hyacinth, foxglove and heartease, the last a deep rich purple. Flaming brilliancy accentuates the red family. Only three shades are included, but each distinctly individual. Firefly, the lightest, is an unusual shade of pronounced orange tone.

In the neutral and dark shades, browns and blues share equally in importance. One brown family portrays the burnished yellow tone suggestive of aboriginal tendencies, which their names imply. Aztec, wigwam and moose. Cattail is a dark brown, less yellow in tone, ranging a little lighter than seal brown, which again appears. Another range of six leads off with a light sand shade, called pebble, and runs on down through light beige, tan, moose and peccan, into the medium and darker castor shades, grouse, eagle and moose.

A range of exceptionally good blues of the Deft and tapestry persuasions appear. Starting with a rather faint blue, called aquamarine, and followed by twilight, of deeper, clearer tone, one finds shades in this group covering all the varied tones of blue, afoe, hydro, radio and orion, favored by fashion.

Five grays are shown, ranging from a delicate tone, called wood ash to the medium soft shades, elnder and zinc, down the darker shades, pelican and grebe.

SMART VEIL AND NECKWEAR



Veils and attractive neckwear play an important part in the well-dressed woman's wardrobe, as usual, this season. This vest of brilliant-lined silk, and the fancy-figured veil are very popular, and both are decidedly chic.

THE USEFUL TAILORED FROCK

Milady Considers Her Wardrobe Incomplete Without at Least One Such Outfit.

The tailored frock for street wear is the most important garment to be chosen for the winter or fall. For several seasons the two-piece suit has enjoyed a rather doubtful vogue, while the one-piece frock has gained in favor each succeeding season since it made its initial appearance. The two-piece suit is really an expensive garment, no matter what it costs when purchased, for the reason that innumerable blouses must be purchased also, and during the past two seasons the possession of a two-piece suit has meant the purchase of several separate vests as well. The one-piece frock only requires at the most fresh collar and cuffs to complete it, and very often not even these. In addition to these recommendations, the one-piece frock is so easy to slip into and so generally becoming that no woman considers her wardrobe complete without at least one tailored street frock for every season.

THE FREAK HOUSE

By JACK LAWTON.

The woman in shabby black stopped before a house set back on a rolling lawn to read again the address on a paper she carried. Yes, this was undoubtedly the place she sought. "A freak house," the employment agent had called it, "built in imitation of an old thatched cottage in Ireland."

"These singers are mostly freaks themselves," the agent added, "even if they do have lots of money."

The woman smiled as she gazed at the house and a wistful, eager light came into her eyes. The freak house was a good imitation upon spacious lines. The low, drooping roof over a rear flower-framed doorway brought back poignantly a memory of her own girlhood. In such a doorway she had stood, looking down the long road, over which at evening her handsome lover had been wont to come. She remembered the music of his voice as he praised the "soft blue eyes of her," or touched adoringly the rose of her young cheeks.

"They are with rich roses, Nance," her lover would say. Nance's roses had faded long ago to faint pink shadows of what they had been. The wonderful America where she had lived, so hopefully failed to bring fulfillment of her dreams. Nance had pictured easy independence here as she closed forever the door of the thatched cottage upon her desolated home.

The laughing Irish lover had long gone on his fortune-seeking way. Nance lost her boyhood in the great city, as years had taken her youth's freshness. Work suitable to her stamp was hard to find, but somehow she managed, and her bright spirit lived through all the broken dreams.

Last evening the advertisement had caught her eye; she had been sewing in a hot city room, and the promise of country air and green fields was sufficient to her for decision. She would answer in person the advertisement.

But as she stood there seemed no need to hurry in this peaceful scene. She passed to the rear flower-framed door and raised a wooden knocker. It was a woman, not a man, who led her into the comfortable room of the reigning housekeeper. That person, after one keen glance, sighed relievingly.

"At last," she said, "I see my way clear to go. You have the appearance of capability. Intelligent help is almost impossible to find these days, especially in this lonely spot. It's all right for the great folks who go and come from the city. For servants the situation is not inviting. Your difficulty will be in keeping cooks and finding maids. However, that's up to you. Mr. O'Neill is away from home so much on his foraging tours that you will probably be able to manage—at least while he's here—"

Nance put out an interrupting hand. "This is Mr. O'Neill's house?" she asked unbelievably. "Not Larry O'Neill, the Irish tenor?"

The housekeeper nodded.

"Didn't you know?" she asked. "Everybody hereabouts has heard of his early Irish home and how when he made his money he tried to imitate the thatched cottages as well as could be done in grand style. His old mother lived with him here till she died. Mr. O'Neill is a fine man and a home-loving one too, though none of those idolizing women have tempted him to give up his bachelorhood. He's home now, as it happens, and has been troubled about my going. He relies upon me a great deal. But my people need me now. Will you let me see your references, Mrs.?"

"Miss," corrected Nance. "I'm Miss Nance Bawn. I have no reference as housekeeper, only as character. I hoped if you'd be willing to try me for a few days—"

"I'm afraid I'll be forced to," the housekeeper said dubiously, "if I wish to get away."

She was efficient in her new work; the departing housekeeper with satisfaction discovered this fact before the second day of trial was over. The singer's especial sanction took on an inexpressible air of homeliness upon that second evening. His cigar stand was just where it should be, and an Irish bull lay upon his piano. Idly he sat and played it through, the lamplight glinting his silver hair.

"When I dream of old Ireland," he sang. "I'm dreaming of you."

A woman stood behind him when he turned, a little woman in a sprigged lavender dress. She was holding toward him respectfully a tray with a cup of coffee on it. But Larry O'Neill jumped unbelievably to his feet.

"Nance," he cried, "Nance, dear—after all these years!" And when later the singer and the happy woman sat hand clasped in hand the woman smiled with the old shyness he remembered so well.

"And so, Larry," she said, "I decided not to be a drag upon you when you were making your wonderful voice and finding it perfect."

"You mean," the man reproached her, "and none could tell where you'd go?"

"I was never away from you, dear," Nance said. "Often as you sang I listened. It was joy to learn that, even in the possession of your beautiful home you still remembered the old—"

"When I dreamed of old Ireland," he sang softly, "I was dreaming of you."

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HOLDS MYSTERY AND HORROR

Land of Tibet Awaits the Illumination Which Can Only Come From Civilization's Light.

North, the mysterious land to the north of India, has got no wheels, vehicles, and the grand lama is carried in a sedan chair. Punishments are cruel. Men are cut to pieces slowly. Women suspected of adultery have their noses and lips slit and then are whipped to death.

Newborn babies are plastered over with butter and then laid in the sun naked. Ears are pierced and heavy rings inserted which often tear out the lobes of the ear.

The limbs and trunks of the dead are hacked apart and left on stones for the dogs, pigs and vultures to devour. The pigs are in turn a table delicacy with the Tibetans.

The "breakers of the dead" are also the scavengers of the country. They live in filthy huts four feet high, built of human bones and the horns of cattle.

Yet the Potatoes, the seat of the Tibetan race, is a magnificent white granite building, larger than any in Europe. It is crowded with huge domes glistening with gold. It is the home of 10,000 monks, as well as the grand lama and his household. The building is 970 feet long, 12 stories high.

If you are not you should be a member of the Board of Trade.

AN ENJOYABLE VISIT TO "LILYDALE" FARM (Continued from First Page)

not least, a bignonia vine in full bloom, forming an arch from the house to the garage, that is a sight to behold.

Yes, we enjoyed our visit to Lilydale and we wonder if we will be permitted to view this place a few years hence, when we are satisfied there will be no place of the same size anywhere in this vicinity that will be more beautiful or profitable. There are thousands of northern

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SENATOR DUNCAN U. FLETCHER AS SEEN BY A BOYHOOD FRIEND

Z. C. Chambliss, one of the most prominent, progressive and highly esteemed citizens of Marion county, pays the following tribute to the senior senator of Florida:

"I have a photograph of a Georgia country 'Singing School,' in which appear, side by side, in copious boots Duncan Fletcher and myself. Later I attended school and roomed with him. I knew him as only boys know each other. His truthfulness, good morals, serious and studious work



Senator Duncan U. Fletcher

as a scholar impressed me more than that of any other of my associates. He graduated from high school with high honors, and today has the gold, first prize, offered for the best debater.

"I have watched with interest and admiration his energetic career as a statesman and when I heard Governor Catts at Oxford say that he had done nothing as a senator I was amazed at the governor's lack of information, for our people know better than that. They know that Senator Fletcher is one of the brainiest and most prominent men in the country and that he has taken unusual interest in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the country at large and Florida in particular.

"He was chiefly responsible for the investigation of rural credit needs and the framing and passage of the Federal Farm Loan Act, under which there has been loaned during the past few years to farmers in the United States over \$200,000,000 at 5 1/2 per cent interest, with privilege of discharging the principal by payment of 1 per cent per annum. His successful efforts in that connection have made him a national figure and endeared him to thousands of farmers who heretofore were compelled to pay exorbitant rates of interest. Under this act there are now sixty-four Farm Loan Associations operating in Florida alone, and I have been advised that not a single default has been made by any borrower in this state. President Wilson was so gratified with the accomplishment of Senator Fletcher that he presented to him the gold pen with which he signed the Farm Loan Act, in recognition of the valuable service he had rendered his fellowmen.

"Senator Fletcher had charge of the bill in congress creating the United States shipping board, which has made possible our great merchant marine. June 26th, last, he delivered a speech in the senate, relative to the merchant marine policy of our country with which he had so much to do in shaping, and which shows such a wealth of knowledge concerning this stupendous enterprise that one is amazed to realize how he could

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INFLUENZA PRESENT IN PARTS OF STATE

Dr. Ralph N. Greene, state health officer, has issued a statement to the people of Florida in reference to the influenza situation in this commonwealth. He says that at present it is not a serious one, but from telegraphic reports from 100 agents of the state board of health from personal investigations of the epidemic in different communities, there is no doubt influenza is present. Dr. Greene has issued the following instructions:

Influenza is contracted, according to authorities, from secretions given out from the nose and mouth of infected persons. It seems conclusive that influenza is taken through the mouth and nose of the person who contracts the disease and in no other way.

Violation of Law

Avoid intimate personal contacts especially in crowded places. Do not spit upon the streets or anywhere. If you cough or sneeze, use a handkerchief. Avoid the use of common drinking cups. The use of common drinking cups is unlawful and every citizen should feel it his duty to report to the authorities any individual who violates this law.

People are entering Florida from all over the United States. Citizens are urged to avoid train travel unless absolutely necessary. If found necessary to attend those sick with influenza or pneumonia wear a face mask so constructed as to completely cover the nose and mouth.

Do not become exhausted. Seek sunshine and fresh air. Avoid dry sweeping in all public places.

Those Susceptible

If you feel even slightly ill from any cause consult a doctor now. Persons with kidney disease and high blood pressure are particularly prone to serious results if they contract influenza or pneumonia. The expectant mother should be especially safeguarded against influenza. Absolute rest is essential. If sick, go to bed. Call a physician at once. Do not take large doses of aspirin, phenacetin or other similar drugs unless prescribed by a physician. Stay in bed until the doctor advises getting up.

Asks Report of Cases

In order that the state board of health may have an accurate index of the occurrence of influenza throughout the state, Dr. Greene is urging all physicians to report promptly the cases of which they have knowledge. This, Dr. Greene points out, will make it possible for the state board of health to give the affected communities assistance in controlling the disease and stamping it out.

Accurate reports will be given the state board of health an instrument to gauge the intensity of influenza and institute measures to combat it before it assumes epidemic proportions, according to Dr. Greene. Such reports will provide the state board of health with information necessary to obtain an early date aid from the United States Government. Dr. Greene states, adding that without this data as a matter of official record government assistance will be much delayed.

Again let us remind you that the time for the South Florida Fair and Gasparilla Carnival draws nigh. Let's all visit Tampa during its progress.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS ASSISTING AT UNION EVANGELISTIC SERVICES

The Hotel Avon is filled this week with a very distinguished party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Topham, Mrs. S. T. Oldfield, Mr. and Mrs. Percy S. Foster, Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Galloway and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Moore, Mrs. Kate Keyes, Mrs. William Foss, Mrs. Charles Cooksey, Mr. F. Briggs, Miss Mary England, Mrs. Mabel D. Miller, Mrs. J. D. Darnell, Mrs. G. Blanchard, Mr. and Mrs. James MacElwee, Mrs. James C. Gripp, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Middleton, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Beake, of Washington, D.C.; Mr. and Mrs. M. Gambrell, of Wilmington, Del.; the Rev. John Robertson, of Glasgow, Scotland; Mrs. Mary Numbors, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Mr. W. S. Webb, of Washington, D. C.

Dr. Galloway is a prominent dentist of Washington, D. C. Moore, a prominent patent lawyer, Mr. Blake is the manager of the firm of Barber & Rose, a large concern in Washington, engaged in building supplies and structural iron work; E. L. Wagner is a well-known building contractor of Washington, and Mr. Gambrell a manufacturer of cotton goods, with factories in North Carolina. Mr. MacElwee is the well-known representative of the Hillcrest properties.

Miss Ethel Watson accompanies Mrs. Foss and Mrs. Cooksey; Dr. Robertson, Mr. Foster, Mr. Webb and Mr. Middleton have been speakers at the services which began last Wednesday at the Congregational church, while the singing has been under the direction of James A. MacElwee and Percy S. Foster.

The meetings have been very helpful and inspiring and will continue during the week as well as next week. There will be preaching by Dr. Robertson Sunday morning and Mr. Middleton will deliver an address Sunday night. It is hoped to arrange a children's meeting in the school auditorium Saturday afternoon.

Many of this party (thirty-one in number) are grove owners here, having purchased groves in the beautiful Hillcrest development and all that we have met are genuine believers in the future of Florida and Avon Park in particular. Some of them came for the express purpose of helping in these services in progress at the Union Congregational church. These latter are prominent in church circles, the Rev. John Robertson having been chaplain and major in the British army in France and pastor of City Temple, Glasgow, Scotland.

Percy S. Foster, in addition to being one of Washington's most prominent men, is an attractive speaker and famous as leader of many of the great convention choruses of the country and a prominent member of Immanuel Baptist church of Washington.

James A. MacElwee needs no introduction here, and the musical program as rendered under the direction of this well-known singer and Mr. Foster is a most pleasing one.

F. L. Middleton, who presides during the services, is also well-known here and is an elder in the leading Presbyterian church in the city of Washington. Se'dom are places the size of Avon Park honored with the presence of so large a party of distinguished people, but those who are known here have been accorded such a hearty welcome and made to feel so completely at home on their visits to our little city that they have sung the praises of our hospitality, our beautiful surround-

VISITS BROTHER AFTER 8 YEARS' SEPARATION

John S. Davis, of Williamstown, Ky., gave his brother, the Rev. J. A. Davis, pastor of the Baptist church, a very agreeable surprise by dropping in on him Thursday of last week. This was their first meeting in eight years. Mr. Davis is one of the leading tobacco growers in the far famed blue grass region of Kentucky and recently sold his last year's crop at an average price of 65 cents a pound, some of the grades bringing as much as \$1.35 a pound. This is Mr. Davis' first trip to Florida and, like nearly all visitors, he is much pleased with what he has seen of the state—particularly the Scenic Highlands. He is only on a brief visit this trip and left Tuesday for Lakeland, where he will visit his niece, Mrs. Fred Sloan, and then go to Tampa and St. Petersburg and later on visit St. Augustine and Jacksonville. It is needless to say his visit with his brother and wife here was a happy one, after eight years of separation.

Merchants Must Advertise

Advertising is the greatest single element in business today. No man can do business today without advertising. Every successful merchant is an advertiser—he advertises one way or another. Easily ninety per cent of all successful merchants do their advertising in paid space in newspapers. It is only within the last few years that the great percentage of business men have acknowledged that advertising was more important than their stocks of goods; more persuasive than their personal talks with their trade. The merchant who does not study advertising today, is slipping and slipping fast.—Polk County Record.

Income Tax Deputies

Collector of Internal Revenue James M. Cateheart is planning to have a deputy tax collector in every county seat and in as many other towns as possible in his district (this state) and hopes that the income tax paying people will assist him as much as possible by seeing the deputy collector nearest them before March 15, which is the last day. He trusts that no one will wait until the last day before getting his return completed, but prepare same as early as possible and get through with it. Locations of deputies for the second, third and fourth weeks in February will be announced soon.

New Cashier

Irvin Rigdon, of Sebring, is now filling the position of cashier for the First Trust and Savings Company. Mr. Rigdon is an experienced banker, having been actively connected with the State Bank of Zolfo for some time and later with the Bank of Sebring.

ings and our prospects to their friends until they too, have become imbued with the Avon Park spirit and desired to assist in every way possible in the upbuilding of our city and the uplifting of our citizens.

As a token of appreciation of their hearty co-operation, the services in progress at the Union Congregational church should be attended by our citizens en masse and the hand of fellowship extended in sincerity and with enthusiasm.

STATE AID FOR HIGHWAY FROM POLK COUNTY LINE TO LAKE ANNIE

NEXT SMOKER WILL BE HELD FEB. 18

The Board of Trade committee having the next smoker in charge has announced that the date will be Wednesday evening, Feb. 18, and the place the Magnolia Theatre. A program of vital importance to the people of Avon Park has been arranged and it is hoped to secure a prominent out of town speaker for the occasion. It is to be hoped that all men having the interests of Avon Park at heart will attend this smoker, listen to what the speakers have to say and join in earnest effort to improve conditions in our city. In addition to the program of speaking and music, there will be something to eat as well as smoke, and no charge will be made, collection taken up or donation asked. Board of Trade members are asked to be present and bring their friends and a cordial invitation is extended to newcomers to our little city to come and take part in the work of building up a greater and better Avon Park. See next week's paper for full particulars.

DAYS OF FREE RANGE NUMBERED IN FLORIDA

The days of the free range are numbered in Florida and this is conceded by many of the more sensible and conservative range cattlemen, and they are rapidly securing large tracts for their own use before the price of all lands becomes too high. Just as in the Western and Southwestern states, the free ranges are being enclosed by the owners and the element that resents this by criminally cutting the fences will be frowned down by the progressive element in the state and this progressive element dominates the situation, a hundred to one and then some.

General farming in Florida has been increasing at a rapid rate in the past ten years, and it would increase much more rapidly if the small farmers did not have to go to the expense of fencing strongly against these scrub range cattle and razorback hogs, at an expense of fully five hundred dollars for every forty acres. It sometimes takes a severe jolt to bring the people to a realization of what it means to their best interests and this killing of the fence cutters may prove the jolt necessary to awaken the people of the necessity of providing the protection that encourage the development of our vast areas of cultivated lands.—Times-Union.

Royal Arch Masons

The dispensation has been received for Highlands Chapter, U. D. Royal Arch Masons, and the first regular convocation will be held Tuesday evening, Feb. 10, to which all Royal Arch Masons are invited. It is essential that all charter members be present at this convocation. Regular convocations will be held the second Tuesday of each month.

Books Found Correct

The Masonic Temple Association held its regular monthly meeting Monday night, at which time the books were audited by W. R. England and found to be correct. This is the first time the books had been audited in four years and the fact that no discrepancies were found speaks well for the men who have had the business affairs of the Association in charge.

Last week's Pilot contained a short local announcement that our local Board of Trade had enlisted the services of E. M. Brickell to represent us at Tallahassee on the committee going there to confer with the members of the State Highway Commission in regard to securing state aid for the highway from Sebring to Lake Annie, to connect with the highway from the West to the East Coast.

This week we are pleased to state that we can announce results.

The committee was composed of Dr. E. J. Etheridge of DeSoto City, T. D. Conway and S. T. Haskins of Sebring, and E. M. Brickell of Pittsburg and Avon Park.

A conference had been arranged for Wednesday morning, but owing to the fact that there is no night train from Jacksonville to Tallahassee arrangements were perfected by telegraph to hold the conference in the afternoon. The State Highway Commission, when in session, has such a vast amount of business on hand and so many committees and delegations to meet that when our committee's turn came none of the members were feeling like going into the details of what might prove to be a long-drawn-out affair, therefore the meeting was again postponed until Thursday morning, when the sliding proved to be fine and there was little or no opposition offered to the request of our committee.

M. M. Smith, chairman of the State Highway Commission, happened to be familiar with the wonderful development of this section and fully realized the importance of the road requested, therefore the committee had a valuable ally in camp. After a few moments' discussion a resolution was offered making this a state aid road from the Polk county line to Lake Annie, which was unanimously adopted. This was more than the committee had hoped for and its importance can readily be realized by those familiar with this section of the state.

Then another resolution providing that the state provide one-half the funds for building the road was offered, but later amended to provide funds for this purpose according to the available moneys when the road was ready to be built, was offered and carried unanimously.

This means that we will have from the Polk county line to Lake Annie a sixteen-foot hard-surfaced road, with liberal state aid for building and maintaining.

It also means a splendid outlet from the north to the East and West Coasts and a road that when completed, will carry more traffic than any other road in the state, this traffic passing through Avon Park and the beautiful Scenic Highlands. It means greater prosperity to the entire state and a still more wonderful and rapid development of this splendid Highlands Region.

The Avon Park Board of Trade, in conjunction with other Boards of Trade of the Scenic Highlands, has been working on this proposition for some time, as stated a few weeks ago in The Pilot, and its successful termination should be an incentive for those who are not members to join with the workers in other propositions of vital importance that will come up from time to time.

The Board of Trade extends thanks to Mr. Brickell for the assistance he rendered the committee and congratulates every member of the committee upon the splendid work done.