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JUST AN OUTLINE OF OUR BUILDING ACTIVITIES DURING A FEW MONTHS

We called at the office of the city clerk early in the week to ascertain how many building permits had been issued in Avon Park during the last six months. We did not have time to go over the entire records, but with the assistance of Mr. Crews we managed to dig up the following information:

In the first place, there have been built a number of new bungalows which are a credit, not only to the owners and contractors, but to the town itself. Among these are:

Dr. W. C. Touchton's bungalow on South Verona avenue.

N. H. Trent's bungalow in the VanLaven subdivision, opposite Dr. Touchton's.

D. B. Farnell's new bungalow on the southeast corner of the same block.

X. A. Barrington's new dwelling house.

A. M. McAuley's new dwelling. Jess Bennett's house converted into a handsome bungalow.

A. C. West's lovely two-story residence.

Two modern cottages built by H. E. Coy in the Coy subdivision.

These new bungalows, cottages and residences have either been completed or are advanced in construction far enough to be occupied.

In addition to the above there are either in course of construction or contracts have been let for additional houses as follows:

Twelve six-room houses for Wesley Yonce, several of which are nearing completion.

Two additional houses and a garage for H. E. Coy.

Residence for C. S. Donaldson.

Residence for R. L. Franklin.

Modern six-room bungalow by the First Trust and Savings Company.

Two bungalows for H. B. Smith.

Three houses on Lake Anoka for J. P. Gaines.

Two beautiful bungalows on Lake Letta for S. Y. Hart.

This makes a total of thirty-three new houses completed and in course of construction in Avon Park within the last six months, to say nothing of a large number of tenant houses built by the Mutual Crato Company and the Flint Lumber Company for their employees, to which will be added twenty-five or thirty more just as fast as the material can be manufactured.

Add to these the large two-story brick building being erected for E. M. Brickell, which will be one of the finest business blocks in this section of the state, the brick building being built by the Ford Sales Company and the 24-room, three-story addition to the Hotel Avon, and you will see that building activities are far from being at a standstill in Avon Park.

Other business buildings will be built as soon as the ones now in course of construction are completed and the material secured, but of these we are not yet at liberty to give detailed information.

Then there will be the new Methodist church, mention of which is made in another column.

Avon Park is growing by leaps and bounds, which should impress upon our northern readers, as well as our home folk, that there is good reason for entertaining optimistic feelings regarding the future of the place. It is surely destined to become one of the most important cities in this section of the state and that at no distant date.

BEWARE OF THE ADVERTISING FAKIR

Every winter there comes to Florida dozens of men who expect the merchants and business men to pay for their winter's outing and donate them a little money to jingle in their pockets when they get back north.

We are not referring to the man who comes here and does an honest day's work for a fair day's pay, but to those gentry who expect to get something for nothing and then go back and tell their friends how the "Florida Crackers" took their bait, hook, sinker and all.

In this class of vampires will be found the advertising fakir. He visits the various towns on his itinerary, hands out a smooth line of bunk and sometimes succeeds in inducing the business men to "cough up" several times the amount the local newspaper man would charge for advertising that would be of real value.

One of these advertising grafters struck Avon Park Tuesday. His particular line whereby our business men might expect to draw customers as the bungle of a syrup barrel attracts flies and ants, was printing a few desk blotters carrying the business cards of our merchants, bankers, real estate dealers and others.

Great scheme, that—for the fellow who would be benefitted—the advertising fakir alone. But the patron—who would he derive benefits? True, each bank could be informed that the other was doing business here (if they both advertised on the blotter); the Sanitary Market would learn that the City Market also sold meats, and at so much per pound; the real estate dealer would be shown that he had competitors. Yes, an advertising scheme of some value—to the advertising fakir!

This advertising fakir called at The Pilot office and asked for a price on his "advertising" blotters. When informed that we would not handle the job and did not believe there was an office in the county that would handle it, he became indignant, knocked the town and country and when he relieved us of his presence, threatened to have his work done in Polk county. We imagine, however, he will find Polk county printers just as anxious to protect their merchants from the advertising fakir as are the printers of DeSoto county, even if they do lose a few dollars by refusing to handle this class of work.

AVON PARK WILL WELCOME MOTOR FLEET

According to advance information the Tampa Automobile Dealers Association "Motorize the Farm" tour, which arrives here at 2:00 o'clock next Wednesday afternoon, will be composed of as large a display of pneumatic-tired trucks, trailers and other hauling equipment as has been displayed at any automobile show south of New York City. The fleet is valued at \$75,000 and will be accompanied by a band. Demonstrations will be given for the Avon Park Citrus Growers Association.

Purchased Center Place

D. T. Lockett, of Moore Haven, has purchased the Walker property, better known as the Center place, and will soon move his family here.

WILL LET CONTRACT FOR BUILDING M. E. CHURCH

Elsewhere in this issue will be found an advertisement asking for bids for the erection of the new Methodist church, plans and specifications for which are now ready and ample finances secured and pledged to justify the letting of the contract and going ahead with the work of construction.

A drawing of the proposed new edifice has been on exhibition at the First National Bank for some time and from it one can gain some idea of the beautiful church home the Methodists of this city will have when the work is completed.

The church extension board has contributed \$7,000 toward the building of this structure and through the untiring efforts of the Rev. W. A. Fischer, backed by the loyalty of the people in a position to help in such worthy causes, an additional \$5,000 has been pledged by popular subscription.

The building will be 43x64 feet in dimensions, of beautiful architecture and finished inside with the modern conveniences, such as electric lights, running water, etc., with ample arrangements for heating.

A steeple 76 feet in height will adorn the front and the windows will be of cathedral stained glass, two of them being memorial windows.

The arrangement of the floor space is a most convenient one and provides for the accommodation of a large group in membership, which is bound to come with the growth of the town. The auditorium, the floor of which will be laid saucer shaped, will be 40x40 feet in dimensions, and the Sunday-school auditorium will be semi-circular in shape, with five class rooms and a primary department, with an additional class room 16x24 feet in dimensions. Adjoining this additional class room will be the church parlor, 12x14 feet in dimensions. A choir room and study, each 8x11 feet, have been provided for, with space between for a large pipe organ.

The inside finish of the building will be lath and plaster, except where hollow tile is used and the

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REST HOUSE BUILT ON BYRD LAKE; CLUB HOUSE TO BE ERECTED SOON

The Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers Association has recently completed a very artistic rest house on the south shore of Byrd Lake, its beautiful town site. The building is constructed of bay logs, is rustic in style and covered with a thatched roof of cabbage palms, making the entire effect harmonize with the surroundings.

This company is also preparing plans for the erection of a club house on the north shore of the lake, which will be completed in time for next winter's use. The plans are being developed by Mr. Heim, an architect and builder of note, who visited Avon Park recently and who is to become a permanent resident of our town. The idea of the Pittsburgh-Florida Company is to put up a building of rustic type, containing about twenty-five sleeping rooms and large living and dining rooms, together with boat house, bath house and garage.

A motor service will be maintained between the town and the lake for the convenience of the guests who, by the way, will be limited to the purchasers of groves in the company's development. A

BALTIMORE SUN'S OPINION OF CATTS

The Baltimore Sun of Feb. 23 has the following to say editorially of Governor Catts' campaign for the United States senatorship:

"If a man like Governor Catts, of Florida, can be elected from that state to the United States senate, on such a platform as his, the current belief in the saving grace of democracy will receive an extremely severe shock. The letters of our staff correspondent show precisely what kind of man he is and precisely the lines on which he is conducting his canvass. He is making it in brutal and undisguised appeals to ignorance, prejudice and class feeling. A lower, more blatant or more blasphemous campaign of demagoguery was never staged in this country. 'Suckless Simpson' never came anywhere near it; Bessie's methods were refined in comparison; Vandeman was a knightly figure contrasted to the new political hero of Florida.

"That after all these years of training in self government the people of any state can be deluded by such patent balderdash, by such transparent political fakery, necessarily makes intelligent people

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THE REGISTRATION BOOKS ARE NOW OPEN

The registration books are now open and every voter should register at once and qualify himself to vote in the coming primary in June. The books will be found in the office of G. L. Crews.

All are aware of the important issues to come up this year, upon which the future welfare of this section of the county largely depends. County division will be one of the main issues and its opponents will be out in full force, every man working tooth and nail against us.

In addition to the fact that it is the duty of every voter to exercise his right of franchise and assist in electing to office clean, competent men, it is doubly important this year that we poll a full vote.

Don't put off this important duty, but register now.

DESTINY OF AVON PARK IN HANDS OF HER PEOPLE; BUILD MORE HOMES

The more we think about the matter, the stronger are we convinced that Avon Park presents a splendid field for the organization of a Building and Loan Association, with officers at its head who are known to be trustworthy and who have the interests of the town at heart.

Every man who really has the interests of the town at heart is willing to do something to help in its upbuilding and growth. He is willing to make investments that will not pay big dividends, if they are sound and will materially aid the community in which he has property interests.

Nothing could add more to the stability of Avon Park than have every man own his own home, but unless there is in command of capital some to the assistance of the working man or the man of moderate means, such a condition cannot possibly be brought about.

Here in Avon Park we have a number of citizens who are amply able to finance a Building and Loan Association—one that will assist the man without capital to draw upon in making a home—a permanent home—for himself and family.

Probably there are not a dozen working men in town who would not gladly jump at the opportunity to acquire a home of their own, if they could do so in a manner that would protect them and not require the payment of more than a nominal sum above what they are now paying for rent.

Avery good American wants a home of his own. The satisfaction derived from possessing a home one can call his own cannot be measured in dollars and cents, and the advantages are too many to be enumerated. The home owner is rated as a "substantial citizen." He is received in social and business circles more cordially than the renter, because it is known that his interests are in the town in which he lives. He feels that he is a spoke in the wheel and a part of the community machinery.

Avon Park is facing an era of prosperity which will be materially increased by more home owners. We have manufacturing industries requiring the services of many employees, who will have to be housed, fed and clothed.

In the feeding and clothing of these men and their families the merchants are directly interested; the merchants should be interested in assisting to house them properly. When this is done they become fixtures and the feeding and clothing goes on indefinitely.

Our grove owners and farmers should be interested in a proposition of this kind. As the town increases in size their property holdings increase in value. A better market is afforded the farmer who has products to sell in the local market. The grove owner is assured of more help in caring for his grove and picking the fruit.

The destinies of Avon Park are in the hands of Avon Park citizens. The town will be just what they make it. We can build up a town of considerable size with a floating population, but that is a poor foundation upon which to build.

Or, we can build up a city of home owners, enjoying the comforts and satisfaction derived from owning one's home. This is a substantial foundation upon which to build—a foundation of rock.

We would like to have an expression from our readers, both men with capital and those without, as regards the organization of an "honest to goodness" Building

LEAP-YEAR BIRTHDAY PARTY AT LILYDALE

Mrs. Henry Stevenson, the "Mistress of Lilydale Farm," celebrates her natal day but once in four years, having been born on the 29th of February, the only day in the calendar wherein Ponce de Leon could have found the "Fountain of Youth."

In order that Mrs. Stevenson's jubilee should be celebrated in a fitting manner, her friends prepared a surprise party for her Sunday. The executive end of the occasion was ably handled by Mrs. Norton Smith and before noon on the eventful day cars filled with well wishers and "good eats" began arriving at the hospitable home of the Stevensons.

A picnic dinner was served in true cafeteria style on the spacious porch, everyone thoroughly enjoying the tempting viands provided in abundance.

Immediately after dinner the personnel of the party broke up into exploration groups and "looked in" the beauties and surprises to be found at Lilydale Farm.

Late in the afternoon the guests began leaving and upon looking over the birthday book in which all guests were requested to subscribe their names, it was found that more than thirty-five people had gone out to assist Mrs. Stevenson enjoy her unique birthday.

Many of our town folk had planned to call on the honoree during the day, but the inclemency of the weather prevented those not supplied with conveyances from venturing forth.

The skipper of the good ship "Pilot" wishes that Mrs. Stevenson may enjoy the proverbial three score and ten birthdays and that each one will be as much enjoyed as the one just passed.

WOMAN'S CLUB WILL HOLD OPEN MEETING

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club, to be held this (Friday) afternoon, will be an open meeting, to which all parents are invited. Mrs. L. H. Adams will address the meeting, her subject being "Child Welfare," and those interested in the health and welfare of the children will be amply repaid for the time spent in going to hear her. The program was sent to us last week, but received too late for publication, and as the mailing of The Pilot is so late Friday mornings that but few will receive their paper in time to read before the meeting, we do not feel justified in using the full program in this issue. Those who read this notice should attend the meeting.

and Loan Association in Avon Park, conducted in such a manner that every man can own his own home.

Don't be afraid to write us a letter and say just what you think of the proposition. We will not feel offended if you disagree with us and we will put your letter in "printable" and readable shape if you cannot do so yourself.

We would particularly like to hear what the laboring man has to say in regard to the matter. It is the laboring man's interests we are considering in this matter—the interests of the town of Avon Park.

Help Avon Park grow.

The Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers Association

Of Avon Park and Pittsburgh

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

Lovely hats for little girls at Mrs. Gribble's.

Fred Crews, of Sebring, visited home folk Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Harris motor ed to Winter Haven Tuesday.

For Sale—One and one-half horse power gasoline engine and pump jack. H. Fox.

New pews have been received for the Baptist church and will be installed this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Glass left Monday morning for Daytona and Palatka, where they will spend several days.

O. P. Cecil, of Manatee, accompanied by his father-in-law, Mr. Wadsworth, of Parrish, were transacting business in Avon Park Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Madeira, Mrs. Edgar Earl, Miss and Mrs. Lyon and Will Hall left Tuesday for Tampa and St. Petersburg for a visit of two or three days.

T. H. Lander motored to Sebring Friday evening of last week, bringing back W. O. Spear, who was suffering from a severe attack of the flu. Mr. Spear will remain at Mr. Lander's home until he has recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. David Lockett are busy packing their household effects this week and will move to Avon Park. Dave wants to locate next to an orange grove and says that Avon Park is the place for him.—Moore Haven Times.

J. H. Baldwin, of Southington, Conn., has purchased from R. T. Whitnall a lot on Lake Lotela. Mr. Baldwin learned of the attractions of Avon Park through Charles Madeira. He came, saw and could not resist the lure. So Avon Park and the Lake Lotela colony grows.

W. J. White, of Coolidge, Ga., representing the Shackelford-Brown Company, of Albany, Ga., was here Saturday in the interests of his firm, who are among the largest growers and shippers of melons and cantaloupes in the south. Mr. White made The Pilot office an appreciated call.

Miss Ethel Oliver, teacher of domestic science in the High School, who has been with her parents in Punta Gorda for nearly a month, returned Monday to resume her duties in the schools here. She has spent most of the time while at Punta Gorda teaching. Miss Oliver is a prime favorite here and a host of friends welcome her return.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Marsh, of Grimsby, Ontario, arrived in Avon Park Friday of last week for a visit of a few days. Since arriving in Florida a few weeks ago they have been touring the southern part of the state in an auto, visiting all points of interest on the east and west coasts and through the central portion. From their own observations and the favorable reports they have heard regarding this section, Mr. and Mrs. Marsh have formed a high opinion of our little city and the surrounding country and Mr. Marsh informs us that they will build a winter home here. Mr. and Mrs. Marsh are cultured people of pleasing personality and will be a valuable addition to our winter colony.

"The Rats Around My Place Were Wise," Says John Tuthill.

"Tried everything to kill them. Mixed poison with meal, meat, cheese, etc. Wouldn't touch it. Tried RAT-SNAP, inside of ten days got rid of all rats." You don't have to mix RAT-SNAP with food. Saves fussing, bother. Break a cake of RAT-SNAP, lay it where rats scamper. You will see no more. Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by F. C. Rae, Avon Park Drug Co., Park Mercantile Company.

TEXAS THIEF PUTS UP NOVEL DEFENSE

Woman Alleges That She Stole Only When Hypnotized by Mate.

Dallas, Tex.—Attorney for Mrs. Madeline Tether, pretty 22-year-old brunette, of this city, charged with stealing patent rights valued at more than \$100,000, insist the woman is innocent of any crime because she acted under the hypnotic influence of her husband. In support of the claims made by her attorneys, Mrs. Tether was taken to the office of District Attorney William J. Pierson, where she was hypnotized and where she performed a number of seemingly impossible acts. Health physicians who witnessed the demonstrations jabbed her with needles and made other tests which proved her trance was not a fraud.

It is the first time in the South that such a plea has been entered in any criminal case, and as a result attorneys and jurists are watching the outcome with interest.

According to Noah Ronrk, one of Mrs. Tether's attorneys, she was un-



Hypnotizing His Wife.

der a hypnotic spell when she was married three years ago. At times after the marriage her husband would throw his wife into a trance and allow her to lie for days at a time while he was absent from home. He did not want her to speak to another man or have anything to do with neighbors or any one other than himself. It is alleged that Tether knew the place where the drawings desired were concealed and that, after hypnotizing his wife, he commanded her to go and get the drawings. She obeyed, but, it is alleged, only did as commanded and therefore cannot be punished for the crime.

WAITED TEN YEARS IN VAIN

San Francisco Woman Kept Lamp in Window to Reclaim Wandering Husband.

San Francisco.—Each night for ten long years a light glowed in the window of Mrs. Adeline Fields' home in this city, to guide the footsteps of her wandering husband, William F. Fields. But Fields never returned.

Then, one morning, Mrs. Fields blew out the light and went downtown to the office of a lawyer, where she applied for a divorce.

"I married William Fields in September, 1900," she told the lawyer. "and he left soon afterward. For ten years I have been waiting for him to return and have written numberless letters. Each night during those ten years I have kept a light burning in the front window for him. But I have decided at last that I have been deserted and I want a divorce."

Judge Graham granted her a divorce.

Gypsy Girl, 14 Years Old, Has Been Wed 12 Times

Although only fourteen years old, Rosa Marks, gypsy, has been married 12 times, she told the police at Omaha, Neb. Each time her father collected "compensation" and then secured her release through the courts because of her tender years.

FOUGHT DUEL FOR WOMAN

One Man Left Dying on Mountain in New Jersey, the Victor a Fugitive.

Jersey City.—In one of the loneliest spots at Garrett mountain, N. J., two Italians fought a duel for the affections of a pretty Italian girl. One of the duellists was killed and the other is a fugitive.

The young woman, Frances Genarro, 25, is under arrest as a material witness. She admits, the police say, that Salvatore Nobilio, a former servant man, and Salvatore Guerere were rivals for her hand, and agreed to settle the question with knives. Nobilio, she heard, pierced by the knife of his rival, was found dead on the mountain the following day.

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By removing all unnecessary friction we increase the service and reduce the cost of operations. It makes a world of difference.

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New York Underwriters

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C. E. LANIER, SECRETARY
TREASURER

Record-Breaking Pension Payment; Smallest Number of Pensioners

A record-breaking sum in pensions was paid by the federal government during the last fiscal year despite the fact that the number of pensioners was the smallest of any year since 1890.

This was revealed by the annual report of the commissioner of pensions, who said that \$222,129,292.70 was paid to 624,427 persons during the year as compared with \$179,835,328.75 to 616,895 pensioners the year before. The largest number of persons ever on the pension roll was 999,446, in 1902, and they received a total of \$137,592,267.99.

Total pensions paid to date on account of the Civil war, the commissioner said, was \$5,299,858,509.39, and the total for all wars reached \$5,617,520,402.30 including \$65,211,665.71 on account of the Spanish-American war.

Last year 3,747 pensioners were scattered through sixty-three foreign countries, including one on the island of St. Helena. They received a total of \$1,188,188.45.

The net reduction in the pension roll during the year was 22,468, the number of names removed being 32,149 and the number added 9,681.

Ohio led the states with the largest roll, there being 60,902 pensioners drawing \$21,582,303.04. Pennsylvania was second with 59,072 pensioners drawing \$20,630,813.44; New York third with 53,736, receiving \$19,631,090.72; Illinois fourth with 43,976, receiving \$15,965,335.52, and Indiana fifth with 37,647, receiving \$13,703,084.94.

Assuredly Not.
"That fellow is an expert on coffee."
"So?"
"His. Mocha. Java—he can spot 'em all."
"Well, nobody can say he doesn't know beans."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Right of Way



Printing Is the Salesman Who Has the Right of Way

Your sales letter in the United States mail has the right of way straight to your customer's desk.

Strengthen your appeal by using a paper of known quality—Hammermill Bond—and good printing which will attract your customer's attention, and sell your goods.

That's the kind of printing we do and the paper we use.

Use More Printed Salesmanship. Ask us.

LONG-LOST BELL TOLLS AGAIN

Restored After Mysterious Disappearance of More Than a Quarter of a Century.

Exactly a quarter of a century, to the day, after the old bell that rang in the church on Cheniere Caminda went down in the awful storm that wrecked the settlement, it rang again on Good Friday last October as the party that came to dedicate the new church on the island stepped ashore from the boat, says the New Orleans Picayune.

This bell has an interesting history. Father D'Espinoza brought to the beach the costly plate of his family. But on Caminda beach there was little use for costly silver, so it was sold and the proceeds used to purchase a bell for the church.

After the storm the bell lay neglected in the barren sand. Archbishop Chapelle ordered the bell returned to the Caminda people.

When came a mysterious event. One day the bell disappeared and for three years its location was unknown, except perhaps to those who had secreted it.

The tones of the bell now float over the same waters and lands—lands and waters famous in the history of Pirate LaDite.

U. S. INCOME TAX EXEMPTS NOBODY

Every Person Who Had Income in 1919 Must Determine Own Liability.

MARCH 15 LAST FILING DATE

Surest Way Is to Follow Form 1040A Free Advice in Doubtful Cases.

Severe Penalties in Law.

Nobody is exempt from Income Tax. An obligation is laid directly on the shoulders of each citizen and resident to consider his own case and to get his return in on time if one is due.

With each return showing a tax due a payment must accompany the return in the full amount of the tax or at least one-quarter of the tax.

All returns for 1919 must be filed on or before March 15.

Must Show True Figures.

In case you wish to claim a refund on your tax purposes a person must take into consideration all items of taxable income, and each item itself must be accurate in amount. Guesses and estimates must be avoided, for the return is made under oath.

Everybody who had an income during 1919 must determine whether his or her net income was sufficient in amount to require an Income Tax return. The best way to find out is to get a Form 1040A and follow the instructions printed on it. That form will serve as a reminder of every item of income, and if a return is due, it tells how to prepare and file it.

One of the important points to keep in mind is that a person's net income is found by a computation prescribed in the law, and that each item of income from every source must be considered, unless specifically exempted. Another thing to remember is that the personal exemption allowed tax payers by law has no relation whatever to the requirement to file a return. This exemption is not to be considered until a person has figured out his net income and determined whether it was sufficient to require him to file a return. Then, if a return must be filed, he should read carefully the instructions for claiming exemption, and complete his return.

If in doubt on any point as to income or deductions, a person may secure free advice and aid from the nearest Internal Revenue office. Many banks and trust companies are also furnishing similar service during banking hours.

Heavy Penalties in Law.

For failing to make a return on time the penalty is a fine of not more than \$1,000 and an addition of 25 per cent to the tax, if any. For making a false or fraudulent return the penalty is a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both; and, in addition, 50 per cent of the tax. There are other penalties for failing to pay tax when due and for understatement of the tax through negligence.

Many Sources of Income.

Apart from what one may earn by his services, there are many other sources of income. If he sold any property during 1919 he must report on the gain realized. If he rented buildings, land, apartments or rooms such rents must be considered taxable, and he may claim deductions for necessary expenses incidental to rents.

Bank interest is a common source of income and is taxable whether withdrawn or not. Any amount of interest credited to a depositor is income to the depositor.

Interest on mortgages and notes is taxable; also bond interest received from corporations.

A taxpayer who cashed his insurance during 1919 must report as income any excess received over the total of premiums paid.

Members of partnerships or personal service corporations or beneficiaries of an estate or trust must report their shares of income distributable to them whether or not actually withdrawn.

Dividends of domestic corporations must be reported. Many other forms of income are taxable, unless specifically exempted.

INCOME TAX IS DUE MARCH 15

Penalties for Delay and Failure to Make Returns—Early Compliance Urged.

All income tax returns covering the year 1919 must be filed by Monday, March 15. Each taxable return must be accompanied by check or money order for the full amount or at least one-quarter of the amount of tax due.

Cash payments are accepted only at the collector's main office; if sent by mail, they are at the sender's risk.

Residents of Florida should file their returns with, and make payments of income tax to, James M. Cathcart, Collector of Internal Revenue, Jacksonville.

Those who must file returns but have not done so are warned that the revenue law imposes heavy penalties for failure to get returns in on time or to make payments on time.

Early filing and early payments are urged, in order to relieve the Internal Revenue offices as much as possible of an overload on the final day, March 15.

A PARTY FOR JIM

By HATTIE A. RAMSAY.

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He had been chuckling to himself all day. For that morning he had leased an apartment and had a big surprise for Dorothy. They had been married in May, upon his return from France, and on account of the house shortage they had been obliged to live in a room and take their meals out.

He was in the gayest of spirits, Dorothy, who under the circumstances, had retained her position, was home ahead of him. She was combing her hair. He bent over to kiss her and drenched her coiffure. She laughed and kissed his cheek and began combing again.

Then with a boyish eagerness he told her of the apartment, how his sister had heard of it, how happy they would be. And what a stroke of wisdom that had been when they had gotten their furniture at the reduced summer rates. All day his thoughts had evoked such cozy pictures, and he had spoken with such enthusiasm of their future at the new address of Dorothy's lack of spontaneous approval.

His cheeks flushed. He subjected her to a shower of kisses. "It sounds nice," she returned smiling; "and we can talk about it after dinner. Come! I'm finished."

Her tone had been a little careless and noncommittal. Still, he told himself that he must not be too exacting. He admitted that it was rather high-handed of him to have taken the whole responsibility. He should have consulted her. Going back from the restaurant, he apologized, but the atmosphere did not clear.

"Let's have it all straight out, Dorothy," he said quietly, once more in their room.

He fixed his eyes upon her with an appeal that stirred her. She knew of her longing for a home; and with what gusto he talked of the fine house warming they would have. If they only had a little flat. Two years ago, when he and his brother had gone across, his home had been broken up.

That she was not keen about a home as Jim had never dwelled upon Dorothy. But now that she was facing such a possibility, she was alarmed at her distastefulness. Though she was sorry to disappoint him, she must speak the truth; though she smiled as she talked, he was aware of the sadness that tinged her reply.

She didn't want to give up her position. Today she had a raise of \$5; now \$35 a week. And she didn't have the strength nor the inclination, after working all day, to putter around the house at night. Living was too high to give up \$35. Few could they meet expenses on \$40 a week?

"You silly boy," she said softly, "you have no idea what 'possession' cost today. She opened a box and displayed a new suit. "That cost me \$100."

Jim flushed red. Her money; no, his, he thought. And so all his beautiful dreams collapsed. The reference to her raise and to his meager salary hurt him. She knew nothing of his schooling in earning extra money. He was figuring for he could show in black and white that it cost very little more to have a little flat. As the days went by, he felt lonely and depressed to an extent that Dorothy didn't realize.

They never referred to that subject again. Jim grew sensitive about money. He never told her of his raise.

One day Dorothy renewed her proposal of some time previous, which Jim had indignantly repudiated, that he be allowed to pay her share, and it was accepted with such alacrity that Dorothy was startled. Even Jim was surprised at himself.

Remember came. One evening Dorothy went over to see her friend Jennie, who noticed at once a troubled, wistful look in Dorothy's face. Perhaps she was beginning to realize that she was losing something worth far more than \$35.

Tears filled Dorothy's eyes. Then she confessed that she had been house-hunting and was thoroughly disheartened. She wanted to begin where she and Jim had started, when they used to talk over all the happenings of the day. Now they were almost strangers.

Jennie had been begged to help and she did. Through her were located four rooms in modern apartments. Dorothy was jubilant. With gratitude, she assented and acted upon Jennie's suggestion that she take Jim's mother and sister into her confidence, for Jennie was anxious to see that breach spanned.

The next week Dorothy worked hard and late. Everything was in its place. Jennie thought she had never seen such a homelike apartment. She loved the look of the rooms, the good taste, and especially the living room, in the soft glow of that handsome lamp.

It was three nights later, and Jim, as he supposed, with Bill, his brother, were coming to make a call. Dorothy was radiant and sweet. She knew that nothing mattered so long as Jim loved her and they were together.

Jennie joined his mother and sister in the kitchen, who were rejoicing over the attractive party which had been prepared. They thrilled when the bell rang and the door opened. A moment's silence. Then they heard Jim saying in the dearest voice, "Dorothy, Dorothy!"

Then Bill came in, closing the kitchen door, grinning, and they all grinned back.

Anyway, Bill wanted to see that turkey.

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Friday, March 5, 1920

And watch Avon Park grow.

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Wouldn't it be a good idea to hold a Scenic Highlands Fair next winter?

Notice any difference in railroad service since they were turned back to their owners?

If every Avon Park man owned his own home, what a loyal, contented lot of citizens we would have.

Wonder if the governor's eternal bombing of the Catholics isn't likely to cause dissension in the felix family?

A great many candidates have no objection to "the office seeking the man," but most of them don't want to wait until it begins to hurt.

What's the fare to London and return? They are selling suits over there for \$14.00. A fellow might be able to save some money by going over after one.

Fishermen at Moore Haven claim to have seen a sea serpent, 50 feet long in Lake Okechobee. Gee! That must be a fierce brand of "shine" they drink down there. Made out of Carter grass, perhaps.

While the people of the United States were clamoring for our government to release its control of the railroads, the people of France were just as insistent that the French government assume the operation of their roads.

We don't blame any editor for "tooting his own horn," figuratively speaking, when it comes to writing about his town or community. But that doesn't justify him in breaking the other fellow's drumstick. For instance if a killing frost misses your locality, why draw comparisons?

A bill to prohibit the transporting of "immoral films" from one state to another is up before congress. The author must have seen a very real reel depicting a violation of the white slave act—Tampa Tribune.

And probably feared that if the film were moved away it would never come back.

The announcement of Senator Duncan U. Fletcher as a candidate for re-election appears in this issue. Two weeks ago we published an interesting biographical sketch of the senator, but his constructive work and manifest statesmanship during his twelve years' faithful service have brought him into such prominence that we really thought its publication superfluous. The voters of Florida who are interested in the welfare of the state will rally to the support of Senator Fletcher and return him to the United States senate with an overwhelming majority.

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BALTIMORE SUN'S OPINION OF CATTS (Continued from First Page)

wonder. The only conceivable explanation of it is that there have been abuses and grievances in Florida that have given such a man as Catts his chance. The Florida (Cracker) may not have as much schooling as some other people, but it is probable that he has a good deal of shrewd sense, and if he did not feel that the old factions had discriminated against him in some ways, or that the corporations or the wealthy had been favored at the expense of the poorer classes, Catts could never have set the state on fire. He was shrewd enough to see his opportunity in the gubernatorial campaign, and he is shrewd enough to know how to play on the same strings now.

"States, like individuals, catch certain diseases now and then. But there is generally a reason. Popular discontent rarely arises without reasonable cause. And when states or communities get the microscope of discontent into their systems, they are apt to call in the doctor who promises the most. They shut their eyes to the danger inherent in such advice. They are willing to take chances in getting rid of their troubles, and the old doctors having done nothing for them, they think a new one could not hurt them worse."

"Let us hope that Catts will not break into the senate for Florida's sake. Nevertheless, he might afford an amusing diversion in the senate from the solemn stupidity of some of the highbrow statesmen there assembled."

Don't fail to register.

Join the Board of Trade

The Lake Worth Herald has adopted the slogan "Buy, build, boost or beat it."

Now what in the world did we say to "die" Ma Ruhl? Anyhow, we "didn't mean no harm."

Even the bitterest of Catts' enemies cannot call him a piker. He's putting up a big bluff for high stakes.

Five hundred new houses will be needed in Avon Park in less than a year. How are we going to provide them?

The newspaper game is a game of give and take. If you can't stand the "come-back," don't throw boomers.

Senator Fletcher will be home this month to begin his campaign work for re-election. He will receive a cordial welcome wherever he goes.

Sevier, the vicar-general of Rio Janeiro, has declared "that without any doubt there is an excess of nudity in present day feminine garments." We may look for an increase in applications for passports to Brazil.

Sidneycats certainly has plenty of "insides" (that's a polite name for them). Ran for governor before he had been in the state long enough to make him eligible for the position, and into office on the prohibition ticket, and now asks intelligent men to place him in a real man's position. Some "insides" that!

Cecil F. Hull, one of the well-known residents of the western part of the county, was a pleasant caller at The Pilot office Wednesday morning, accompanied by genial Duane Swann. Mr. Hull has entered the race for the office of county tax collector. His announcement will be found in another column. Mr. Hull is a member of one of the oldest and most highly-respected families in DeSoto county. For the last fifteen years he has been engaged in teaching school in this county. He is a man of pleasing personality, his integrity is unquestioned, and we believe would make a competent and efficient officer.

ZOO BEAR SAVES LIFE OF KEEPER

Man's Kindness to Animal Is Repaid When Trouble Comes.

ATTACKED BY MATE

Attendant Was Cleaning Cage When Female Grizzly Pounced Upon Him—Male Fights Frenzied Mate Until Help Comes.

St. Louis, Mo.—Louis Spero, forty-nine years old, 4400 Enright avenue, keeper at the zoo, Forest Park, owes his life to the practically human and humane assistance of the male grizzly bear, who intervened and saved him when he was ferociously attacked by the female grizzly at the zoo. Spero got a long, deep gash in his right thigh, and several other scratches to attest that Kipling knew of what he spoke when he wrote, "The female of the species is more deadly than the male."

The female grizzly made her unexpected attack on Spero as he was cleaning the grizzly cage. The attendant has been doing this work for many years, and always considered the bears safe—indeed, believed that they welcomed his presence in their cage.

Blow From Behind

He was not paying any attention to the bears when he was struck a terrible blow from behind and thrown flat. He found the female bear standing over him, growling ferociously and evidently in a terrible temper. There were several sight-seers about the cage at the time. These ran horrified, calling for assistance. Spero was not knocked unconscious, and retained presence of mind to lie still.

At this crisis the male bear intervened. He strode across the prostrate body of the keeper and shouldered the female away. His interference was resented with fierce growls, snaps and bites, but he persisted, and by his superior strength pushed the female far enough away to save Spero from her claws.

The cries of the keeper and of the spectators brought Edward Hampton and William Basten, woodchoppers, who were working close by, to Spero's rescue. The woodmen poked the female



His interference was resented.

bear with their hooks and axes and diverted her attention long enough to permit two bystanders to drag Spero out of the cage.

M. C. Angermeyer, superintendent of the zoo, said Spero was known for his patience with and kindness to animals, which explained the grateful intervention of the male grizzly in his behalf. The grizzly, Angermeyer says, is almost human in his ability to think or to reason.

Smartest of Carnivora.

Observers of animals give the grizzly credit for being by all odds the smartest of the carnivora. The pair at the Forest park zoo are said to be fine specimens of their species. The female has been well thought of by attendants and was regarded as amiable.

The temper of all wild animals held in captivity is testy, Angermeyer said. They will be perfectly safe and affectionate for long periods, often for years, and will then attack a favorite keeper without a moment's notice. As bears are hibernating, or winter sleeping, animals in their natural habitat, Angermeyer said, they were subject to fits of ill temper during the winter months.

Men Saves Home.

Fulton, Mo.—The home of J. E. Blankenship was saved from destruction by fire by a hen. Mrs. Blankenship put the hen and its brood of chicks in the kitchen where it was warm. In the night there was a terrible squawking. Blankenship found the kitchen in flames. The alarm was given by biddy in time to extinguish the blaze with only small loss.

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Fletcher Plans Forest Experiment Station

Senator Fletcher has offered as an amendment to the agricultural bill the measure he introduced to appropriate \$50,000 for the establishment and maintenance of a forest experiment station in the Florida national forest or at some other point in the state, to determine the best methods for the conservative management of forests and forest lands and the production of timber and naval stores. He believes he can get quicker action this way.

The Roberts Pressing Club advises ordering that spring suit now while the line of samples is complete. See the ad elsewhere in this issue.

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

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Sheriff

To the Voters of DeSoto County: I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Sheriff for DeSoto county, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary of June 8th. If elected I promise my best efforts to the faithful performance of these duties, and I assure you that I will try to serve the whole people to the very best of my ability. Hoping to merit your support, I am, Very respectfully,
JOE L. HAMPTON.

For Tax Assessor

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of DeSoto county, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary June 8, 1920. The vote and influence of every voter is respectfully solicited.
G. A. CREWS.

For Sheriff

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff for DeSoto county, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held June 8th, 1920. I refer you to my record for the last seven years, which will prove to you that I have fearlessly and impartially done my duty. If you endorse my administration I will appreciate your vote at the June Primary.
J. L. DUNSTON.

For County Tax Collector

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Tax Collector, subject to the democratic primary in June, and feel that I will need no introduction to the voters of the county, as I have been a teacher in the schools here for fifteen years. I would like to see all the voters personally, but that is impossible, and I will appreciate the support of everyone.
CECIL F. HULL.

For U. S. Senator

To the Democratic Electors of Florida: I take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation of the confidence you have heretofore reposed in me, and to announce that at the primary to be held on Tuesday, June 8, next, I will submit to your decision whether it is your wish that I serve the state another term as one of its representatives in the United States Senate. I have in the past labored and will in the future endeavor to give full measure of service. The record of my work is open to all and speaks for itself. An examination of that record will disclose many direct and indirect accomplishments beneficial to Florida and its citizens. If again favored, I will bring a position to accomplish even more than in the past, for length of service in the Senate means increased prestige and opportunity for greater achievement in behalf of the State.

During the campaign I expect to meet and discuss with you problems affecting the welfare of the State and Nation. I shall appreciate very much your active support and your vote on June 8. Gratefully and sincerely,
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A dispatch to the Times Union from Cedar Keys, dated Feb. 22, says: "On Saturday night in front of the picture show, Governor Sidney J. Catts addressed a representative gathering on behalf of his candidacy for the United States Senate. He began his address by accusing everyone at Washington from President Wilson on down of 'sleeping on the job' and allowing the country to be overrun by all sorts of dire calamities from which at the last moment our noble governor rescued us. In his usual bombastic manner he flayed the Catholics, causing some bystanders

to wonder where 'our Catts' was when one of the 'kittens' led to the altar a Catholic girl in Key West. After explaining just how badly Wilson had muddled the settlement of the League of Nations he promised that he would fight it as nobly as he has 'one the pneumonia at Camp Wheeler, during the war and we have our Governor's own word for it that Florida lost ten thousand men there from pneumonia. He opened his speech by vilifying his opponent, Senator Fletcher, and closed with prayer. At the conclusion of the Governor's speech three cheering cheers were given for Fletcher."

Five fine counties from the carving of DeSoto, says the Avon Park Pilot. South Florida needs more and smaller counties.—Tampa Tribune.

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