THREE SHUTTERED HOUSES

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SYNOPSIS

Driving home through a torrential rain, young, well-to-do Clint Jervies picks up a girl, scantily clad, running in terror-stricken flight down the road. She rides a short ways, leaves the car and runs into the woods. He decides to talk to his dear friends, Inspector Tope and Miss Moss, about his adventure. Clint still thinks of her as Miss Moss, his former guardian, though she and the Inspector are married. Clint, having settled down, now manages the Jervies estate himself. In three shuttered houses, all gloomy and forbidding, on Kenesaw Hill, near where Clint picked up the frightened girl, lived three families. In one house lived old Denman Hurder, his wife, who had been Ella Kenesaw, and his daughter, Kitty Leaford, and her daughter June. Living in a second house was Aunt Evie Taine, Uncle Justus and brothers Rab and Asa. The third held old Matthew Bowdon and his wife. Living on the estate was a man known only to June as "Uncle Jim." Following their usual custom the three families gathered in the Hurder home Saturday night. Kitty, June's mother, retired early with a headache. She was given warm milk, and insisted on taking two sleeping tablets, one more than usual. Strangely upset, June slept fitfully, and in the middle of the night went in to see her mother. Her uncomfortable position warned June that her mother was not sleeping. She was dead. Panic stricken, June ran from the room, out the unlocked door, and into the storm to get Doctor Cabler. It was here that Clint Jervies picked her up. Clint tells his story to the Inspector and Mrs. Tope. They communicate with the police, who are told by the family doctor that Kitty Leaford died of an overdose of sleeping powders. Clint and the Inspector are not satisfied and feel further investigation is necessary. When Clint and Tope drive back to Kenesaw Hill they find Inspector Heale.

CHAPTER V—Continued

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Someone knocked on the door, and he called an invitation. "Hello, Doc!" he exclaimed then, rising to make introductions. "Tope, this is Doctor Derrie, our medical examiner out here. And this is Mr. Jervies, Doc. He gave Miss Leaford a lift, on her way to get Doctor Cabler, last night."

Doctor Derrie looked at Clint with a sidelong eye. "I've just been talking to Miss Leaford," he remarked. He was not much older than Clint.

"Where?" Clint asked, on his feet instantly.

"At the house," the Medical Examiner explained. "I went up with Doctor Cabler. She was the last one to see her mother alive, and she was the one to find Mrs. Leaford dead. So I had to talk to her."

The others nodded, and Inspector Heale asked: "Find out anything, Doc? What do you think?"

Doctor Derrie replied, a little pompously. "Mrs. Leaford had a headache when she went to bed, and took some tablets," he explained. "One of the barbituric acids," he added, like one who must be discreet to protect his hearers. "Doctor Cabler had furnished them to her for a number of years. Once before she took three, and was very ill. Last night she took two. Miss Leaford prepared them for her. Mrs. Leaford was afraid of thunder, and Doctor Cabler thinks that when she didn't go to sleep as quickly as she expected, even with a double dose, she got up and took the rest of her store of the tablets. Certainly the bottle they were in is gone."

They listened soberly; and Inspector Heale asked: "Then you say it was an accident; her own doing?"

Doctor Derrie hesitated, and he lowered his eyelid wisely. "Accident, yes," he said then. "I shall agree with Doctor Cabler that it was an accidental overdose." He added: "She had been dead for some time before her daughter found her."

"Miss Leaford?" Clint prompted; and Doctor Derrie explained:

"Yes." He smiled condescendingly. "When the storm broke, she went in to make sure her mother was asleep, and found her dead. She tried to telephone and couldn't raise anyone, and then the lights went off and she lost her head, ran down the road to get Cabler. That was foolish, and unnecessary, of course, as long as her mother was already dead, but she claims she didn't stop to think of that."

"Maybe she didn't know Mrs. Leaford was dead," Tope suggested; but Derrie confidently shook his head.

"She knew, all right," he explained. "That was the first thing she said to Doctor Cabler, that her mother was dead. He and Mrs. Cabler got some clothes on her, gave her some whisky, took her home in the car." He snapped his fingers in a sort of amazement. "Mr. and Mrs. Hurder hadn't even waked up," he explained. "When Cabler got there, the front door was open, the hall flooded with rain."

"I saw the light in the hall as I passed," Clint remembered.

Doctor Derrie assented. "Miss Leaford said the front door blew open, and the light went out, while she was trying to telephone. The light must have come on again after she left the house." He rose. "I'll give them an accident verdict," he said, a little complacently. "Even if she meant it, an accident verdict will be easier on Mr. and Mrs. Hurder."

Clint came to his feet impatiently. "I'd like to see Miss Leaford," he said. "Is she up there now?"

Doctor Derrie shook his head. "She went out before I left," he told them. "Not a bad-looking girl. I saw her walking off through the woods behind the house, as I came away."

Inspector Heale volunteered: "She does a lot of that, walking around alone. Then there's a man lives in there by the pond, and she's pretty friendly with him."

Tope asked quickly: "Where? By what pond? Who is this man?"

"Why, there's a good-sized pond on the Kenesaw land," Heale explained. "It's pretty, in there. There was some talk awhile back of opening it up for house lots, but they won't sell the land. This fellow—name's Glovere—has built himself a cabin in there."

"How do we get to his place?" Tope asked.

Heale explained: "You go back toward town till you come to Thayer's garage, about two miles from here. There's a path just this side of the garage goes right into the pond. Thayer will show it to you." He moved with them toward the door: and he asked uneasily: "What are you after, Tope? It all looks plain enough to me."

"Mother's dead," she said simply.

Tope answered mildly: "Well, I don't like questions unless I know the answers to them. For instance, did something happen to the telephone circuit over the hill last night? Did something happen to the electric current? Did the Hurders most generally bolt their front door when they went to bed? And why do folks like those people on the hill let some one squat on their land the way you say this Glovere does? And how does it happen he's so friendly with Miss Leaford when she hasn't got any other friends? And where did that bottle go?"

Heale grinned and scratched his head; and Doctor Derrie said, in a sardonic anger:

"If you're trying to make a murder out of this, I can tell you where to start. Miss Leaford put her mother to bed, gave her the dose. She was the last one to see Mrs. Leaford alive and the first to see her dead. Begin with the girl! That's the place to begin!"

CHAPTER VI

June Leaford loved her mother, patiently and tenderly; but there was something more, an intangible. Kitty Leaford, whose latter days were such sad and dreary ones, had once been gay; once she had known romance; once for the sake of love she had dared greatly. Even June had seen sometimes the glint of shining armor in her eyes. A single valorous action, though it may fail, and be punished endlessly, does nevertheless in degree ennoble the soul; and Kitty Leaford had once done valiantly.

But now Kitty Leaford was dead, and June moved like a person in a nightmare. Doctor Cabler had brought her home, wrapped in his greatcoat but drenched and shivering still; and they found the door open, the hall half-flooded. They crept up the stairs like conspirators, and so came into the room where the pitiless illumination of an unshaded electric bulb revealed this upon the bed. Dr. Cabler made his brief examination.

"She is dead, yes," he said. "But I don't think we'll wake the old people just now. The middle of the night is a cruel time for bad news. I'll go next door and get Rab or Asa to help me—"

But June said in a cool voice: "Mother wouldn't like that."

And without weakness or wavering, she helped Doctor Cabler do what was required; not till this was done would she permit him to summon anyone.

She did not know how long it was before Asa came to her.

"Go to bed, June," he said. "There's nothing to do here. I can do that nothing as well as you."

"I won't sleep," she told him.

"Go along," he insisted. "To bed."

And she obeyed in a silent submission. In her own room she realized that she was still drenched, wet, cold. She changed into a dry nightgown and lay down. She expected to stay sleepless till dawn; and in fact she did lie long enough awake to hear the Doctor return, and hear Aunt Evie in the hall.

Then she fell asleep; and when she woke, the sun was shining. She opened her door and saw a strange man in a black coat go quietly into her mother's room and shut the door behind him.

Below-stairs, when she descended, all these kin of hers were gathered together. Grandma Hurder was crying quietly, tears glistening on her gray cheeks. She sat erectly in her chair. June as she came downstairs heard Grandma Bowdon say in a heavy anger: "Utterly inconsiderate. No other word describes it." And as June entered the room, Aunt Evie remarked, in her gentle, whispering voice:

"I was concerned about Kitty last night. You remember, she had a headache. I know what it is to have headaches. I have suffered myself; and Kitty was sick with them, really sick sometimes."

She continued, in her pitiless soft tones: "Kitty resented life so deeply. And there was always a rebel in her. She would never be happy. I am not surprised."

June stopped in the doorway, incredulous and bewildered, trying to understand the implication in their words. Rab and Asa were in the room, but they did not see June. Grandpa Hurder was here in the hall, walking ceaselessly up and down. Then Uncle Justus came in through the kitchen, and said something about breakfast, in the hollow voice of the deaf; and Grandpa Hurder shouted into his ear:

"Kitty's dead!"

"Eh?" said Uncle Justus.

Aunt Evie came swiftly past June and went to silence him; and Grandma Bowdon repeated in a grim anger:

"She was always selfish. No consideration."

June cried in passionate stifled anger: "Oh!" she strode swiftly into the room. "What do you mean?" she demanded. "What do you mean?"

"June," said Grandma Bowdon severely. "Mind how you speak to me."

But Grandpa Hurder said sternly in the doorway: "Kitty was crucified!" There was the dignity of anger in him in this moment. "Crucified," he said. "Long ago."

June pressed her hands to her lips, understanding what it was they thought. "She didn't! She didn't!" she cried. She turned to escape; she went out through the front door.

But there was a garland of ribbons on the doorknob, so she returned indoors again. Later she slipped out of the house, this time by the side door so as not to see that garland; she moved directly away from the house, into the tract of wooded land behind. Here she could be alone.

There was a sound at some distance; and she raised her head, without other movement, to see what it was. She saw Asa go quietly past, a little way off among the trees, and without seeing her, along a path that led to the bluff above the pond, where Uncle Jim Glovere had his cabin; it passed beyond, down to the highway near Thayer's filling-station. And of course this was the way she took when she went to see Uncle Jim.

He would know how to comfort her. She was deeply fond of Uncle Jim. He was a big, chuckling man, with an amusing eye. He lived alone in the cabin by the pond, stayed there sometimes for months on end, disappeared sometimes for as long. He wrote, absurdly, poems.

When she came to the top of the knoll, he was still asleep. His cabin door was open; and he woke when she darkened the doorway—woke and looked up and said: "Hullo, there, youngster!"

"Hello, Uncle Jim," she said.

He sat up, in yellow pajamas, and rubbed his eyes. "You caught me napping," he chuckled. "I was awake till dawn. Writing a poem about a thunder-storm."

She stood beside the cabin door, her back against the logs, looking down toward the pond while he dressed hurriedly in the cabin behind her. He talked steadily, cheerfully; but she spoke not at all, until Uncle Jim, remarking her long silence, said behind her:

"Tongue-tied this morning, June. What's the matter?"

"Mother's dead," she said simply.

Something dropped to the floor, in the cabin, and silence trembled there. Then Uncle Jim cleared his throat. "Dead?" he whispered.

"Yes," she told him.

He came close to her shoulder. "Kitty Leaford dead?" he repeated, in an incredulous tone.

She turned her head alertly. There was a sound in the wood; the sound of voices, then footsteps.

"Someone's coming," she said.

He started to speak, then stood silently beside her in the doorway; and thus they faced the two men who climbed the trail.

A young man came in front; and now the color flowed across June's cheek and burned there, for she knew him. She looked past him quickly, at his companion. This was a plump, white-haired old man who walked with a surprisingly alert step, his hands swinging at his sides. Uncle Jim passed her and interposed himself between her and these newcomers; and he said casually:

"Hullo!"

The young man extended his hand. "I'm Clint Jervies," he explained. "This is Mr. Tope." He turned to the girl. "You're Miss Leaford, aren't you?"

She nodded slowly, without words. She was trembling.

Uncle Jim asked with narrowing eyes: "All right. What of it?"

And Clint said, in swift, friendly fashion: "Why, you see, I happened to be passing, last night, in time to give Miss Leaford a lift. And I wanted to—to make sure she was all right this morning . . . I heard about your mother," he added, turning toward June. "I'm awfully sorry."

June felt the strength go out of her. There was a bench built against the cabin front, and she sat down as though her knees gave way.

Uncle Jim turned to her with a quick solicitude. "June! Are you ill?" he whispered. "Are you all right?"

"Quite," she said, and tried to smile. "Let me rest a minute."

Her cheeks were drained white; she seemed to droop forward. He held her; and Tope said:

"She's fainting, Mr. Glovere. Put her head down—"

But the girl recovered, straightened up again; and Glovere said: "Wait a minute. I can do better." He disappeared, came out with a flask and tumbler. She choked and gasped and sputtered, but her color did return.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Monument Absolves Indians of 'Guilt' Once Attributed to Prank of Youth

Grandsons of the first settlers near Hudson, Mich., have paid, as best they can, a debt to the Pottawatomie Indians incurred because of what apparently was merely a prank of a Pottawatomie stripling.

For three years, residents at Lickley Corners have worked on a monument near the land once called Squawfield, last Michigan camping place of the Pottawatomies. The monument recently has been dedicated.

The history has been handed down from one generation to the next. More than a century ago, the accounts relate, a Pottawatomie boy, playing with white boys, brandished his knife around the head of a white playmate.

The whites were incensed at what they thought was an attempted scalping. But Bawbeese, chief of the tribe, explained that the boy was merely joking.

Most of the whites apparently took Bawbeese's explanation at face value; a few others, covetous of land held by the Indians, used the incident as an excuse to have them moved to a western reservation as dangerous and not to be trusted.

R. M. Lickley, spokesman for the group which built the monument to the Pottawatomies and Bawbeese, first such honor for the tribe, asserts:

"We have yet to find a historical record where Bawbeese or any of his tribe ever committed an atrocity. We have thought for some time that the Pottawatomies should be publicly exonerated and should have recognition for their many kindnesses to our forefathers."

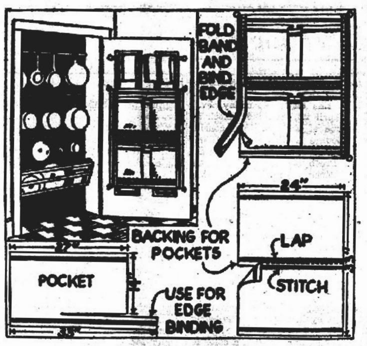
Lickley's grandfather was one of Bawbeese's white friends in the early settlement.

Stagecoach Welcome Visitor

One of the most thrilling events in the community in the early days was the appearance of the stagecoach, says a writer in the Cleveland Plain Dealer. It was an event everyone looked forward to and hardly anyone missed. Putting on their go-to-meeting garments, the townfolk gathered early and awaited the coach, which brought mail and newcomers. The driver, feeling his importance, usually made sure that his hair was brushed back, the dust was off his boots and his countenance wore his best appearance as his coach rolled up to the tavern None of these drivers is known to have complained about the cheers that split the air as he brought the coach into the village.

HOW TO SEW

by Ruth Wyeth Spears



Pocket for dish towels.

TWO pockets on the inside of this pantry door are used for dish towels—the upper for clean towels; the lower for soiled ones. The pockets themselves are made from four dish towels with bright red borders and are hooked onto the door with brass rings. All the dimensions for cutting, and directions for making are given here in the sketch. If toweling by the yard is used, 3¼ yards will be required.

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SAFETY TALKS

Driving Ability

THE National Safety council reports that automobile drivers reach the peak of their skill and ability after 30 years of age.

Recent studies, said the council, indicate that drivers under 20 years of age have the highest accident rate. This rate decreases quite steadily to the age of about 50, and then increases sharply.

Uncle Phil Says:

If They Give Their Best

Man should be judged, not by what they do, but by how well they do it.

Knowledge of our duties is often as important as the performance thereof.

Some people are way up in the social scale because they are too light to bring the scale down.

Bliss in Ignoring

A certain amount of ignorance is necessary to the enjoyment of our existence.

When you envy the fellow with a pull, get a little more push into your system.

If a tree is so crooked that it makes a picture, some prim, prissy person will want it cut down.

Rain Will Turn It Black

Whitewashing a man's character doesn't wash it white.

When asked for your opinion, tell it short. It will weigh more.

QUICK QUOTES

THE SOLUTION

"IF PRIVATE employers were given every encouragement to expand, produce and employ, the 11,000,000 who are out of work could be reduced to three or four millions."—*U. S. Senator Edward R. Burke.*

ASK ME ANOTHER?

A Quiz With Answers Offering Information on Various Subjects

1. What is meant by the Roaring 40's?
2. Who had the "face that launched a thousand ships"?
3. How fast could Walter Johnson throw a ball?
4. Is there such a thing as a double-jointed person?
5. Has anyone ever seen the other side of the moon?
6. What is the difference between a thief and a robber?

The Answers

1. The streets of New York between Fortieth and Fiftieth, especially relating to the Times Square district.
2. Helen of Troy.
3. A test made at the Remington Arms Co., showed that Walter Johnson threw a ball at the rate of 122 feet per second.
4. No. Loose or stretched ligaments give the appearance.
5. Inhabitants of the earth cannot see the other side of the moon, because the moon rotates on its axis at the same rate that it revolves around the earth. Therefore, it always keeps the same face towards the earth.
6. A thief is one who deprived another of property secretly or without open force, as opposed to a robber who uses open force or violence.

Left, Right

Mother—How did you manage to break my plate, Betty?

Betty—Well, you see, mother, I threw down the towel and then I found it was in my other hand.

To Oblige Him

"Are you going to produce my play?"

"Certainly! Boy—look in the wastepaper basket and produce this gentleman's play."

Exchanged Tastes

"How children's tastes do change as they grow up!" complained the mother. "When my two were small, Johnny loved soldiers and Mary was mad on brightly painted dolls. But now Mary is mad on soldiers, and Johnny runs after every painted doll he sees."

She Named It!

"Why, Jane," protested the mistress, "that cake is as black as a cinder. Did you cook it according to my instructions?"

"Well, no mum," replied the culprit. "It's one of me own cremations."

Mother to Child—No, no, dear, you must not put out your tongue every time you see the doctor!

Good Judge

The judge, after calling at the office of a brilliant lawyer friend, left a law-book on the lawyer's desk. The latter ordered his clerk to take the volume back to the judge.

"Ask him," he said, jocularly, "what he meant by bringing me a law-book!"

"Ask him," responded the judge, "how he knew it was a law-book!"

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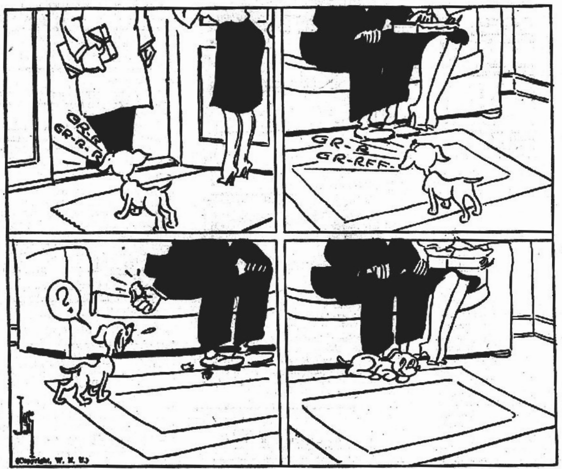

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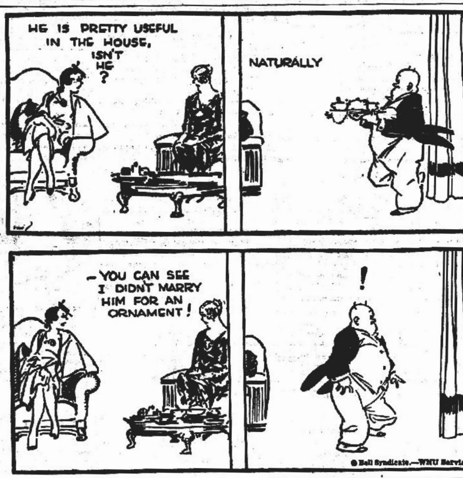
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S'MATTER POP

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I STEPPED IN FRONT OF A MOVIN' AUTO
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AWK!
DID YOU GET HURT?
NO, IT WAS BACKIN' UP
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DAWG GONE! IF I HAD BEEN THERE, I'D HAVE SHIFTED INTO FIRST
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AHA! THEN I'D HAVE STEPPED BEHIND IT
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FITTING EXCUSE

"How do you like living in the country in the winter time?"

"Great. Every time there's a snowstorm I have a good excuse for staying home from the office."

A Matter for Washington

A Swedish farmer who wanted to make his permanent home in this country appeared for his naturalization papers.

"Are you satisfied with the general conditions of this country?" he was asked.

"Yah, sure," answered the hopeful one.

"And does this government of ours suit you?"

"Well, yah, mostly," stammered the man, "only I lak see more rain."

DEEP SEA TALK

"You look very despondent."

"How can I help it? Ain't I a blue fish?"

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Reviewed by
CARTER FIELD

Taft's Gridiron dinner speech didn't do much for his presidential ambitions . . . Two schools of thought on the subject of a European war . . . Sabre shaking here might help to keep peace there . . . New Dealers present another of their brilliant ideas in the new job fixed for Edward J. Noble.

WASHINGTON.—It is not permitted to repeat anything said in a speech made at a Gridiron dinner, though from time to time history has actually been made by speeches at the gatherings of that organization. But there is no ban on the comments of guests following the dinner.

Consensus is that Sen. Robert A. Taft did not do his presidential ambitions any good by his speech at the recent dinner. As a matter of fact, one diner actually congratulated Thomas E. Dewey on Taft's speech!

Dewey, incidentally, who spoke at the December Gridiron dinner, had a much better break all around than Taft. In the first place, President Roosevelt did not reply to Dewey. He did not really make a speech at all, just a few pleasant remarks at the end of the dinner. After Taft's speech, however, the President made a real speech, which, according to comments of guests afterwards, was a very good one.

In the case of Dewey the club followed its customary practice of having one speaker from each of the major parties, but, the President not wishing to make a regular talk, James A. Farley had to carry the load for the Democrats. Farley was in a tough spot. He had to make a speech to which the President would listen, which meant that he had to be very careful about what he said.

General opinion afterward was that Jim did not do himself justice, which made Dewey's spot all the more attractive.

A curious phase of all this is that the President actually feels rather friendly, personally, toward Taft, and dislikes Dewey very much indeed, yet as a result of his own actions Dewey was helped and Taft was hurt before gatherings of tremendous political importance.

Taft's Economic Views Anathema to New Dealers

Roosevelt is so politically minded that it is just possible he "planned it that way." Taft may be personally more agreeable to the New Dealers than Dewey, but his economic views are anathema. It is very obvious that most of the New Dealers have been moving heaven and earth to discredit the Ohio senator for months. Taft in the White House, with a sympathetic congress, is just the last thing the New Dealers would want to see. It might, as they see it, bring about a reaction in their favor, which would sweep them back into power four years later, but they shiver at what he would do to their social and economic "reforms" in the meantime.

Many of the tycoons present at the Gridiron dinner were terribly disappointed. They have been agreeing with so much that Taft has been saying, in his speeches, statements and radio talks, that the Ohio senator had obtained a considerable following for his candidacy in downtown New York, and in the financial districts of most of the big cities of the country.

They not only liked his views, but his magnificent showing in Ohio against New Deal Sen. Robert J. Bulkley.

But since the Gridiron dinner they are remembering Alfred M. Landon, whose views also they agreed with. In fact they remember sadly the points the Kansas governor made in his 1936 speeches. But they also remember the deadly dullness of his speeches—how he drove away votes every time the radio carried his voice. Which is not so good at the moment for Mr. Taft's chances.

Two Schools of Thought As to a European War

President Roosevelt is being sharply criticized for his warlike utterances, even attacked for "gambling" on getting this nation involved in casualty lists. But there is a school of thought, to which many friends and many opponents of the New Deal subscribe 100 per cent, that the more certain Mr. Roosevelt can make Hitler and Mussolini that the United States will enter the war on the side of Britain and France, if and when war comes, the less chance there will be of a big European war.

Even more important, those holding this view believe that if the opposite is done—that is if Hitler and Mussolini can be convinced that the United States will remain neutral, the probability of war is increased, and the probability that the United States will eventually be sucked into it will become much greater.

The theory behind the support that President Roosevelt gets on this issue, on which he is being opposed by most Republican leaders and by a great many Democrats, is very simple. We start with the assumption that war is not absolutely certain—that it may be that a sufficient number of factors can prevent it—that Hitler and Mussolini are not absolutely determined to keep on until they force a general conflict.

If this assumption is not correct, then nothing matters very much. There will be war, and eventually the United States will be drawn into it. In that case nothing said at this time by President Roosevelt or anybody else is important. Only what is done by way of preparation is important.

But if the assumption is correct, then it would seem obvious that the more strength Hitler and Mussolini know is going to be thrown to their enemies the more chance there is that they may decide not to risk the consequences of war.

Sabre Rattling in U. S. Might Help Keep the Peace

There are several theories which seem to reinforce the argument. For example, it is believed by most army officers here that if war comes the power of Hitler will at once become very much curtailed. The German army does not recognize Hitler as a military genius. It has been backing him right along because of his demonstrated hold on the people, and because of his demonstrated power as a bluffer in international negotiations. But with the coming of war, it is held, he would be sidetracked and ignored. The prestige resulting from the early victories — most army officers think the early conflicts would be German victories—would go to the men who directed the troop movements.

Pretty soon a new Hindenburg or a new Ludendorf would be the popular hero of Germany. The thought is that Hitler must know this, and would be scarcely human if he relished the idea. Hence the longer he can win victories by sabre rattling, instead of actual military encounters, the longer he remains No. 1 man in Germany and retains practically dictatorial powers.

Noble's New Job Another Bright New Deal Idea

No one is ever going to say that the New Dealers do not have ideas. They reek with them. One of the most interesting involves the reasons for the sudden elevation of Edward J. Noble, administrator of the civil aeronautics authority, to assist in administration's program for the promotion of business recovery as undersecretary of the department of commerce, a new position which congress will be asked to create.

The answer, it is explained, can be found in a public statement made by Mr. Noble the day before his appointment. In brief, Mr. Noble, in the eyes of President Roosevelt and Secretary of Commerce Harry L. Hopkins, has made a huge success in applying government regulation to one industry—the air lines—which are highly competitive and alive with individual initiative.

So the theory is that Mr. Noble, having accomplished this with air lines, can spread out over all lines of business his supervision and coordination, and bring about the ideal economic state visualized by Roosevelt and Hopkins—no monopoly, plenty of competition, plenty of individual initiative, and yet complete regulation and control by a beneficient government!

In the public statement in question, Mr. Noble dwelt at length on the record made by the air lines during the last winter. The lines, he pointed out, flew more than 84,000,000 passenger miles for each passenger fatality between December 21 last and March 20. There was but one fatal accident in that period, during which the lines flew 17,863,270 plane miles. The statement also pointed out that the three transcontinental lines and the principal north-south line flew 50,000,000 passenger miles this winter without a single forced landing.

After recounting this record Mr. Noble said:

Turns It Into Boost for Government Regulation

"These figures present a striking example of the way a highly competitive business, in a stage of highly individual initiative, can co-operate with government regulation and get results."

Much further down in the same statement Mr. Noble said: "It seems to me that the lesson is obvious. Sane and wise application of our regulatory laws not only protects the public but at the same time enhances the profit of the business. Long experience has shown—and it is shown strikingly in the air transport industry—that only through the co-operative services of the government can this kind of regulation produce a result that protects everybody, both the enterprise and the citizen. I wish other business men in this new day might learn that the air transport industry has learned so well, and applied so well, on the record it presents here today."

A critical examination of all this might produce just a little skepticism. In the first place, it is pointed out, the railroads also can make a magnificent showing so far as passenger miles per fatality are concerned. But this "proof" that government regulation of highly competitive enterprises is not calculated to appeal to investors. The financial situation of the railroads, to put it mildly, is not bright.

Also critics are inclined to think that fate had more to do with the small number of fatalities in the air service this winter than government regulation.

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What to Eat and Why

C. Houston Goudiss Considers the Question: How Often Shall We Eat? Suggests That Some People May Benefit by More Than Three Meals

By C. HOUSTON GOUDISS

ONE of the questions I am frequently asked is whether or not it's advisable to eat between meals. Any answer must take into consideration a number of factors. It is true that many people experience a desire for food in mid-morning, mid-afternoon or before going to bed. Some begin to nibble as soon as they feel hungry, and often they continue to eat in excess of their needs. Others, trained to more self-restraint, refrain from eating, because they have been brought up with the idea that no food should be eaten except at regular meals.

Unfortunately, it frequently occurs that neither procedure is based upon actual food requirements.

Consider the Day's Food Needs

In arriving at any decision concerning between-meal eating, the day's ration should be regarded as a whole. If the foods served at breakfast, dinner and lunch or supper are carefully chosen, with a view to meeting bodily requirements, there should be no need for many adults to eat between meals.

On the other hand, it should be borne in mind that dividing the day's food into what we Americans so often call "three square meals," is primarily a convenient custom. One reason that it has grown up over a period of years is because it allows the maximum free time to pursue our various occupations. In a number of countries, a fourth meal is an accepted part of the day's routine. No Englishman, for example, would consider going without his afternoon tea; and workers pause in offices, stores and factories, as well as at home, for a brief rest and welcome refreshment.

How Many Meals?

In recent years, several scientists have advanced the idea that some of us may benefit by eating more than three meals. At a leading university a few years ago, two distinguished investigators concluded that smaller and more frequent meals would promote general health and well-being for many types of individuals. They suggested lighter meals, but proposed as many as four, five, or even six feedings a day.

Another well-known authority has performed various experiments which effectively demonstrate that a light additional meal in mid-afternoon, consisting principally of a milk beverage, increased the efficiency of workers and helped to reduce fatigue.

Relieving Late Afternoon Fatigue

Many people experience a tired feeling about four o'clock in the afternoon. During the working day, they gradually utilize available food energy, so that by late afternoon, the supply may be greatly reduced—along with both mental and physical energy.

Here is a case where eating between meals is regarded as a decided advantage, provided the food is carefully chosen. A glass of milk and a few crackers, or some other carbohydrate food, will help to renew energy, relieve the feeling of fatigue and bridge the gap to dinner. It must be remembered, however, that the extra meal should be composed of light, easily-digested foods so as not to destroy appetite for the following meal.

Young Children and Elderly People

Children of certain ages, as well as adults, may benefit by a schedule that includes an extra meal. Very young children—in the toddler stage—are frequently given a mid-morning feeding of orange juice, or a mid-afternoon cup of milk with one or two crackers. And some school children also make better weight gains if they pause in the middle of the morning, or take an after-school snack, of fruit juice, or milk, and crackers.

Aged persons often require more than three meals. That is because large, heavy meals might overtax their digestions, and three light meals do not usually provide adequate nourishment. For this reason, nutritionists advise that they have a light, mid-afternoon pickup of a hot beverage and crackers; and perhaps a cup of hot bouillon before going to bed.

Don't Overeat

Thus, it is evident that there are numerous instances when there is justification for departing from the accepted routine. But it must be remembered that as the number of meals is increased, the amount of food taken at each one should be decreased. Otherwise, an undue strain may be placed upon the digestive organs.

Then, too, no matter how the day's food is divided, it must provide all the substances required for sound nutrition. Otherwise, the body will be improperly nourished, no matter how many meals are consumed.

The diet should be built first of all around the protective foods—milk, eggs, fruits and vegetables, which are such an important source of necessary minerals and vitamins. It must also supply protein for growth and repair, carbohydrates and fats for adequate energy, and sufficient bulk or cellulose to promote normal elimination.

Keep the Diet Balanced

Whether you serve three hearty meals and forego eating between times, or follow the plan of providing a mid-morning or mid-afternoon pickup, you should meet the requirements for a balanced diet. This, you will remember from previous discussions, includes a pint of milk for each adult, a quart for every child; an egg for each member of the family, or at least three or four weekly; one serving of a whole grain cereal; one serving of meat, fish or chicken plus a second source of protein, such as meat, nuts or dried beans or peas; two vegetables besides potatoes, one of which should be of the leafy green variety; two fruits or one fruit and one fruit juice.

Questions Answered

Mrs. A. C. M.—Though milk is the foremost source of calcium, the calcium of vegetables has been found to be well utilized in the diet of adults. Green, leafy vegetables are in general richer in calcium than other vegetables, though carrots also contain a significant amount.

Mrs. E. L. C.—Vitamin B has been found to be an important factor in maintaining the normal muscle tone of the intestinal tract. This vitamin is obtained from whole grain cereals and breads, yeast, glandular meats, such as liver and kidneys; milk, nuts and many fruits and vegetables.

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AROUND the HOUSE

Items of Interest to the Housewife

Adding Height to Room.—Height can be added to a low-ceilinged room by using striped wallpaper and long window draperies.

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Saves Pressing.—If you haven't time to press the tie your husband wants to wear in the morning, roll it up tightly and leave it over night. All the little creases will come out.

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Keeping Cream Fresh.—Cream will keep fresh for a day or two if placed in its carton in a basin half filled with cold water. Muslin placed over the carton with the ends touching the water will help.

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Lustrous Glassware.—Laundry blue added to the water in which glassware is washed will give the glass an added luster.

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Fresh Doughnuts.—Put freshly made doughnuts into a covered dish while they are still warm and they will stay fresh longer.

Wash Chamois Often.—Chamois in which silver is stored away should be frequently washed, if the silver is to be kept bright.

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Keep Chocolate Cool. — The white coating which sometimes appears on cakes of chocolate is caused by keeping the cakes in an over-warm place, where some of the fat melts and comes to the surface.

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Too Late To Classify

RUSSELL KAY

Not long ago I was asked to take the part of Dr. Quiz in one of these popular question and answer programs. Furthermore, I was allowed to select my own questions.

Contestants ranged from 16-year old high school students up to mature men and women. In the group were two housewives, a salesman, a farmer, a doctor, a railroad man, a school teacher and a groceryman.

It was what might be termed an average group, of average intelligence—all citizens of Florida who should possess a good general knowledge of their state.

Staying away from "trick" questions, I began my quiries by asking contestants to name a famous Spring in Marion county; a Florida community noted for the production of celery; another for the production of sponges—and a number of similar questions dealing with geographical locations and resources of the state.

The celery query stopped one contestant, the sponge query another. The high school student was correct with the answer "Silver Springs" but hesitated when I asked if she were sure it was located in "Marion" county.

Turning to state officials, I had no trouble in getting a quick answer to the query "Who is Governor of Florida?" but three went down when it came to naming the Secretary of State. The groceryman knew Jim Lee, but I could tell by the puzzled looks on the faces of the housewives that they would have experienced difficulty in naming the State Comptroller. The farmer named Nathan Mayo as Commissioner of Agriculture but he had no idea in the world who the Attorney General might be. A housewife, beaming and confident, named the late Cary D. Landis.

The question "How much gas tax does a Florida motorist pay on each gallon of gas?" brought a variety of answers. Asked "Who appoints members of the Legislature?" one contestant promptly answered "The Governor." Three persons, confusing Federal and State, thought Florida had an Income Tax.

The lack of knowledge evidenced by this average group—some forty men and women—was appalling. Nevertheless, it was, I believe, typical of a large percentage of our citizens. Stop the average man on the street and ask him to name the members of the State Supreme Court and I venture to say nine out of ten would not know. Ask the next person you meet to tell you from what source the schools derive their revenue.

They can tell you who Hitler and Mussolini are, but they can't name their State Treasurer or answer a simple question concerning the operation of their own city, county or state government.

Daily newspapers, radio and screen, during the past few years, have made us "world conscious," playing up international affairs until we are so busy viewing the European situation with "alarm" that we have no time to give thought to our own affairs. Matters here at home that affect our daily lives we completely ignore, while we work ourselves into a beautiful lather over the activities of foreign dictators.

While we agree among ourselves that we have the best government on earth and take pride in the fact that we are Americans, we have little knowledge of that government and individually take little interest in its operations.

At this moment the Congress of the United States in Washington and the Legislature of Florida in Tallahassee are assembled to ponder over and attempt to solve countless questions affecting the welfare, not only of the state and nation, but of each individual citizen. What they do and say is of much more concern to you and me at the present moment than are words or actions of some foreign dictator.

We can best serve ourselves and our country by familiarizing ourselves with our own problems; becoming informed as to the thoughts, activities and actions of our own leaders; helping them, encouraging them and showing an understanding and sympathetic interest in affairs affecting our daily lives.

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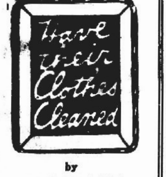

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Sitting In With The Lawmakers

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sour (bluejohn, as it were); slots have as many lives as a cat—and will need them all, maybe more; gas tax has brought a lot of folks up here who didn't find anything to advocate or oppose when they got here; plumbers and barbers and beauticians and employment agency folks and a lot of others have been here looking for "boogers" but only a few little half-grown spooks could be unearthed; there are a lot of two-bit bills that nobody but the one who asked the member to introduce them understood or expected to see become law; hundreds of people bought Memorial flags from girls here and never knew what they meant; committees are choking off a lot of stuff that would keep the legislature here fo ra couple of years.

Did you see that bill our fellow craftsman Ayers of Gilchrist, and Harris of Alachua, put into the House? If school teachers ought to keep on being paid after they quit teaching, says Ayers, why shouldn't farmers keep on being paid after they quit farming? And especially as the farmers some years not only get docked on their pay but don't get any pay at all. So Mr. Ayers says let's give the farmers all we can up to $50 a month if they've farmed diligently on Florida clay or sand for a quarter of a century, whether consecutively or by spasms.

Watch this bill. If it becomes law nearly all of us can get in on it for most editors in Florida farm on the side and if they raise a couple o' rutabagas each season the net profit ought to be more than they make in their shops and that enitles them to the retirement pay. Of course, it may not pass. The farmers have no lobby.

It's interesting to watch the three entrances to the office of Governor Cone. The Governor said he wasn't going to stick his nose into the legislature's business and as far as I have seen, he hasn't, but that doesn't keep folks who get hot and bothered about how things are going for or against them coming downstairs and consulting "Uncle Fred" about it. Sometimes that corridor is as quiet as the Sunday school room of a Baptist church Saturday morning and again it teems with humanity and the babbling is almost as buzz-zzzzing as that in the lobby one floor above. You can tell by that whether the Governor is in.

There's a liquor lobby here all the time but up to now all its troubles have been little ones. The drug stores got upset last week about the proposal to make them serve their hot dogs in a separate room, but that's one of the bills that can be put out without a general alarm. There is less "freak stuff" in this session than I ever saw either in Florida, California, Kentucky, Indiana, Georgia or Alabama—reciting legislatures I have "sat in" upon.

Next week may develop nothing but "heavy stuff" which can be told in a few important words. Then I can digress and tell you about the lobbies and maybe a few words about that interesting subject, the attaches. Until then, adieu!

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In a bill designed to curb racketeers, Senator Pat Whitaker provides that it shall be unlawful for firms or individuals to employ any name that would imply state operation or sponsorship such as "Public Service Commission of Florida," "Florida State Publicity Service," or "Florida Development Commission." Passing the Senate unanimously, the bill is now in the House.

Notice of Application for Purchase of Tax Sale Certificates Including Subsequent Omitted and Levied Taxes and all State Certificates and Taxes unpaid through 1939 on Property Described below in Accordance with Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 396 of 1937 Laws.

Notice is hereby given that Pete L. Lastinger, Sebring, Fla., has applied to this office for purchase of Tax Sale Certificates and Subsequent Omitted and Levied Taxes due on the following described property situated in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:

Lots 12 to 18 inc., Blk. 22, Palmhurst Add. to Sebring, Sec. 29, Twp. 34 South, Range 29 East

Lot 1, Blk. 37, Palmhurst Add. to Sebring, Sec. 29, Twp. 34 South, Range 29 East

Lots 3-4-6, Blk. 37, Palmhurst Add. to Sebring, Sec. 29, Twp. 34 South, Range 29 East

Lots 7 & 8, Blk. 37, Palmhurst Add. to Sebring, Sec. 29, Twp. 34 South, Range 29 East.

The sale of the certificates and subsequent omitted and levied taxes on the above described property is to be in accordance with Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 396 of 1937 Laws, and such sale will be held 11 o'clock A. M. at the Court House door on May 17th, A.D., 1939.

Witness my official signature and seal this 29th day of April, A. D. 1939.

(SEAL)
W. Z. CARSON,
Clerk Circuit Court of Highlands County, Fla.
By F. E. MACDONALD, D. C.
April 29, May 6, 13.

Notice of Application for Purchase of Tax Sale Certificates Including Subsequent Omitted and Levied Taxes and all State Certificates and Taxes unpaid through 1939 on Property Described below in Accordance with Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 396 of 1937 Laws.

Notice is hereby given that L. Dyer, Avon Park, Fla., has applied to this office for purchase of Tax Sale Certificates and Subsequent Omitted and Levied Taxes due on the following described property situated in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:

Lot 6, Blk. 5, A. B. Canter's S-D, Sec. 26, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East

Lot 7, Blk. 5, A. B. Canter's S-D, Sec. 26, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East

Lots 8 & 9, Blk. 5, A. B. Canter's S-D, Sec. 26, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East

Lot 10, Blk. 5, A. B. Canter's S-D, Sec. 26, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East

Lot 11, Blk. 5, A. B. Canter's S-D, Sec. 26, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East

The sale of the certificates and subsequent omitted and levied taxes on the above described property is to be in accordance with Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 396 of 1937 Laws, and such sale will be held 11 o'clock A. M. at the Court House door on May 16th, A. D., 1939.

Witness my official signature and seal this 29th day of April, A. D., 1939.

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W. Z. CARSON,
Clerk Circuit Court of Highlands County, Fla.
By F. E. MACDONALD, D. C
April 29, May 6, 13.

IN THE COURT OF THE COUNTY JUDGE, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of WILLIAM S. RAWLINGS, Deceased.

FINAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed its Final Report as administrator of the Estate of William S. Rawlings, deceased, and has applied for final discharge as such administrator, and that said Final Report will be brought on before the Honorable T. A. McNicholas, County Judge in and for Highlands County, at his office in Sebring, Florida, for approval and for the entry of an order of final discharge of the undersigned as administrator as aforesaid, on the 18th day of May, A. D., 1939.

Dated this 14th day of April, A. D. 1939.

THE BARNETT NATIONAL BANK OF JACKSONVILLE
As Administrator of the Estate of William S. Rawlings, Deceased.
By SAM S. CONOLY,
Vice President.
April 15, 22, 29, May 6.

Notice of Application for Purchase of Tax Sale Certificates Including Subsequent Omitted and Levied Taxes and all State Certificates and Taxes unpaid through 1939 on Property Described below in Accordance with Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 396 of 1937 Laws.

Notice is hereby given that Glenn H. Curtiss Properties, Inc., Miami Springs, Fla., has applied to this office for purchase of Tax Sale Certificates and Subsequent Omitted and Levied Taxes due on the following described property situated in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:

SECTION 3, TOWN OF BRIGHTON, Secs. 26 & 35, Twp. 37 South, Range 32 East

Lot 5, Blk. 106
All Blk. 120
All Blk. 121
All lots 1 to 24 inc. less lot 8, Blk. 126
Lots 25 to 46 inc. less lots 26 & 27, Blk. 126
Lots 1 to 12 inc. less lots 4, 5, Blk 131
Lots 1 to 46 inc. less lots 20 & 27, Blk. 132
Lots 1, 2, 9, 10, 11, 12, 19, 20, 21, Blk. 134
Lots 23 to 27 inc., Blk. 136
Lots 1 to 46 inc., Blk. 137
Lots 1 to 15 inc. less lots 13, 14, Blk. 138
Lots 18 to 47 inc. less lots 24, 25, 26, Blk. 138
Lots 16, 17, Blk. 138
Lots 24, 25, 26, Blk. 138
Lot 12, Blk. 139
Lots 14 & 21, Blk. 140
Lot 7, Blk. 146
Lots 11, 12, Blk. 147
Lot 22, Blk. 147
Lot 12, Blk. 151
Lots 1, 2, 16, 17, Blk. 154
Tracts 108, 108A, 108B
Tracts 109, 109A, 109B
Tracts 110, 110A
Tracts 111, 111A
Tracts 116, 116A
Tracts 122, 122A
Tracts 123, 123A
Tracts 124, 124A
Tracts 127, 127A
Tracts 128, 128A
Tract 129 less lot 19 & Tracts 129A, 129B
Tracts 133, 133A
Tracts 134, 134A, 134B
Tracts 135, 135A
Tracts 136, 136A
Tract 139 less lots 1, 2, 10, 12
Tracts 140, 140A, 140B
Tracts 141, 141A
Tracts 142, 142A, 142B
Tracts 144, 144A, 144B
Tract 145 less lot 14 & tracts 145A, 145B
Tracts 146, 146A, 146B
Tract 146C
Tracts 147, 147A, 147B
Tracts 148, 148A
Tracts 149, 149A
Tracts 150, 150A
Tract 151
Tract 151A
Tract 151B
Tract 152
Tract 152A
Tract 152B
Tract 153 less lot 20
Tract 153A
Tract 154 less lot 13 & Tracts 154A, 154B
Tract 155
Tracts 156, 156A
Tracts 157, 157A
Tracts 158, 158B
Tract 158A
Tracts 159, 159A, 159B
Tracts 160, 160A
Tracts 161, 161A
Tracts 162, 162A
Tracts 163, 163A
Tracts 164, 164A, 164B
Tracts 165, 165A, 165B
Tracts 166, 166A
Tracts 167, 167A

SECTION 2, TOWN OF BRIGHTON, Sec. 35, Twp. 37 South, Range 32 East

Lot 4, Blk. 50
Lots 4, 5, 17, 18, 19, Blk. 51
Lot 7, Blk. 53
Lot 16, Blk. 54
Lot 18, Blk. 58
Lot 13, Blk. 59
Lots 14 & 23, Blk. 60
Lot 18, Blk. 60
Lots 5, 6, Blk. 63
Lot 10, Blk. 64
Lots 11, 12, Blk. 64
Lot 10, Blk. 68
Lots 19, 20, Blk. 69
Lots 1, 4, 5, Blk. 70
Tracts 44, 44A
Tract 49 less lot 10 & tract 49A
Tracts 50, 50A, 50B, 50C
Tracts 51, 51A, 51B, 51C
Tracts 52, 52A, 52B, 52C
Tracts 53, 53A
Tracts 54, 54A, 54B, 54C
Tracts 55, 55A, 55B
Tracts 56, 56A
Tracts 57, 57A, 57B
Tracts 58, 58A, 58B
Tract 59 less lot 18 & tract 59A
Tracts 60, 60A
Tracts 61, 61A, 61B
Tracts 62, 62A, 62B, 62C
Tracts 63, 63A, 63B
Tracts 64, 64A, 64B
Tract 65 less lot 10 & tract 65A
Tracts 66, 66A less lot 16 of 66A
Tracts 67, 67A, 67B
Tracts 68, 68A, 68B, 68C
Tracts 69, 69A, 69B
Tracts 70, 70A, 70B
Tracts 71, 71A
Tracts 72, 72A less lot 24 of Tract 72A

SECTION 1, TOWN OF BRIGHTON, Secs. 35 & 36, Twp. 37 South, Range 32 East

Lots 20 & 21, Blk. 1
Lots 10 to 24 inc. less lots 11, 13, 14, 19, 23, Blk. 6
Lots 1, 2, 9, 10, 11, 12, Blk. 7
Lots 1, 2, 7, Blk. 12
Lots 1, 2, Blk. 13
Lots 15 to 20 inc. Blk 16
Lots 1, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 24, Blk. 23
Lot 13, Blk. 25
Lots 1 to 24 inc. less lot 13, Blk. 27
Lots 1 to 6 inc. & lots 9, 10, 11, 12, Blk. 28
Lots 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, & 16 to 22 inc. & 24, Blk. 29
Lots 3 to 11 inc., Blk. 30, less lots 8, 9
Lots 13, 14, Blk. 37
Lots 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 10 & 14 to 22 inc., Blk. 40, less lot 21
Lots 5, 6, Blk. 41
Tracts 1, 1A
Tracts 2, 2A less lots 15, 16, Tract 2A
Tracts 3, 3A
Tracts 4, 4A less lots 1 & 3 in tract 4 & less lots 20, 21, Tract 4A
Tracts 5, 5A less lots 1 & 12, Tract 5 & less lots 23, 24, Tract 5A
Tract 7 less lots 15 & 17
Tract 8 less lots 1, 2
Tract 8A less lots 16 & 18
Tracts 9, 9A
Tract 10 less lots 1, 2 & 6 & Tract 10A
Tracts 11 & 11A
Tracts 12, 12A
Tracts 13, 13A
Tract 14 less lots 7, 8, 9, 10 & Tract 14A
Tracts 15, 15A
E½ of Tract 16
W½ of Tract 16 less lots 3, 4 & Tracts 16A, 16B, 16C
Tracts 17, 17A
Tracts 18, 18A less lots 13, 14 of tract 18A
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Tract 23
Tracts 24, 24A
Tracts 25, 25A
Tract 26 less lots 11, 13 & Tract 26A
Tract 29
Tract 30 less lot 12
Tracts 31, 31A
Tract 32A
Tracts 33, 33A, 33B, 33C
Tract 32 less lots 22, 23
Tract 34A & tract 34 less lot 20 of 34A
Tracts 35, 35A
Tracts 36, 36A
Tracts 37, 37A, 37B, 37C
Tract 38 less lots 1, 2, 3, 4
Tract 38A
Tracts 41, 41A, 41B, 41C
Tracts 42, 42A
Tracts 43, 43A
Tracts 45, 45A
Tract 46, 46A
Tract 48 less lot 11 & tracts 48A, 48B
Tracts 47, 47A

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Witness my official signature and seal this 22nd day of April, A. D., 1939.

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W. Z. CARSON,
Clerk Circuit Court of Highlands County, Fla.
By F. E. MACDONALD, D. C.
Apr. 22, 29, May 6

Notice of Application for Purchase of Tax Sale Certificates Including Subsequent Omitted and Levied Taxes and all State Certificates and Taxes unpaid through 1939 on Property Described below in Accordance with Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 396 of 1937 Laws.

Notice is hereby given that J. F. Welch, Avon Park, Florida, has applied to this office for purchase of Tax Sale Certificates and Subsequent Omitted and Levied Taxes due on the following described property situated in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:

SW¼ of Lot 3, Blk. 3, Avon Park, Sec. 22, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East.

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W. Z. CARSON,
Clerk Circuit Court of Highlands County, Fla.
By F. E. MACDONALD, D. C.
May 6, 13, 20.

Notice of Application for Purchase of Tax Sale Certificates Including Subsequent Omitted and Levied Taxes and all State Certificates and Taxes unpaid through 1939 on Property Described below in Accordance with Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 396 of 1937 Laws.

Notice is hereby given that W. C. Thomas, Avon Park, Fla., has applied to this office for purchase of Tax Sale Certificates and Subsequent Omitted and Levied Taxes due on the following described property situated in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:

S½ of Lot 2, Blk. C, S-D of Blk. 16, Sec. 15, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East.

N½ of Lot 2, Blk. C, S-D of Blk. 16, Sec. 15, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East.

Lots 1 to 5 inc., Blk. 1, Verona Heights S-D, Sec. 22, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East.

Lots 6, 11 & 12, Blk. 1, Verona Heights S-D, Sec. 22, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East.

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Notice is hereby given that Wiley Sauls, Avon Park, Fla., has applied to this office for purchase of Tax Sale Certificates and Subsequent Omitted and Levied Taxes due on the following described property situated in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:

NE¼ of Lot 16, Blk. 3, Sec. 28, Twp 33 South, Range 28 East

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W. Z. CARSON,
Clerk Circuit Court of Highlands County, Fla.
By F. E. MACDONALD, D. C.
April 29, May 6, 13.

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Notice is hereby given that J. H. Hood, Avon Park, Florida, has applied to this office for purchase of Tax Sale Certificates and Subsequent Omitted and Levied Taxes due on the following described property situated in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:

Lots 4-10-11-12-18, Blk. B, Raab & Winter's Subdiv. of Blk. 16, Sec. 15, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East

Lot 5, Blk. 56, Avon Park, Sec. 22, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East

Lots 11-12-13-14, Blk. 66, Avon Park, Sec. 22, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East

Lots 5-8-9, Blk. 68, Avon Park, Sec. 22, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East

Lot 18, Blk. A, Crescent View S-D, Sec. 23, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East

Lot 2, Blk. A, Morningside S-D, Sec. 23, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East

W½ of Lot 16, Blk. 3, Avon Park, Sec. 23, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East

W 2-5 of E½ of Lot 14, Blk. 4, Avon Park, Sec. 23, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East

100 ft. E & W x 120 ft. N & S in SW cor. of Lot 3, Blk. K, Price & Gorham's S-D, which is Lot 1, Blk. A, Asa Lewis S-D, Sec. 26, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East

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By F. E. MACDONALD, D. C.
April 29, May 6, 13.

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Notice is hereby given that M. A. Smith, Orlando, Fla., has applied to this office for purchase of Tax Sale Certificates and Subsequent Omitted and Levied Taxes due on the following described property situated in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:

CHEROKEE HEIGHTS SUBDIV., Sec. 22, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, Blk. B
Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, Blk. B
Lots 22 & 23, Blk. B
Lots 1 to 11 inc., less lot 8, Blk. C
Lot 8, Blk. C
Lots 15 to 24 inc., Blk C

N½ of NE¼ of NW¼ of NW¼, Sec. 30, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East—5 acres

S½ of SE¼ of NW¼ of NW¼, Sec. 30, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East—5 acres.

W½ of NW¼ of NW¼ less N 5 acres, Sec. 30, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East—15 acres

S½ of NW¼ of NE¼ of NW¼, Sec. 30, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East—5 acres

S½ of S½ of NE¼ of NE¼ of NW¼, Sec. 30, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East— 2½ acres.

W½ of SW¼ of NW¼ less S½ of SW¼ of SW¼ of NW¼, Sec. 30, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East—15 acres.

S½ of SW¼ of SW¼ of NW¼, Sec. 30, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East—5 acres.

N½ of NE¼ of SW¼ of NW¼ & S½ of SE¼ of SW¼ of NW¼, Sec. 30, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East—10 acres.

S 15 acres of W½ of SE¼ of NW¼, Sec. 30, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East —15 acres.

N½ of NW¼ of SE¼ of NW¼, Sec. 30, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East—5 acres.

NW¼ of SW¼ less N½ of N½ of NW¼ of SW¼, Sec. 30, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East—30 acres.

N½ of NE¼ of NW¼ of SW¼, Sec. 30, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East—5 acres

N½ of NW¼ of NW¼ of SW¼, Sec. 30, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East—5 acres

SW¼ of SW¼, Sec. 30, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East—40 acres

S½ of NE¼ of SW¼ of NW¼ & N½ of SE¼ of SW¼ of NW¼, Sec. 30, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East—10 acres

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W. Z. CARSON,
Clerk Circuit Court of Highlands County, Fla.
(SEAL)
By F. E. Macdonald, D. C.
April 22, 29, May 6.

"The Yearling," Florida story written by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, was selected by 57 book reviewers to win the 1939 Pulitzer prize as the best novel of the year.

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Notice is hereby given that Mary S. Johnson, Sebring, Florida, has applied to this office for purchase of Tax Sale Certificates and Subsequent Omitted and Levied Taxes due on the following described property situated in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:

S½ of S½ & NE¼ of SE¼, Sec. 34, Twp. 35 South, Range 29 East—160 acres.

SE¼ of SE¼ or Gov. Lot 11, Sec. 33, Twp. 35 South, Range 29 East—40 acres.

The sale of the certificates and subsequent omitted and levied taxes on the above described property is to be in accordance with Committee Substitute for House Bill No 396 of 1937 Laws, and such sale will be held 11 o'clock A. M. at the Court House door on May 23, A. D., 1939.

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W. Z. CARSON,
Clerk Circuit Court of Highlands County, Fla.
By F. E. MACDONALD, D. C.
May 6, 13, 20.

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Notice is hereby given that Grant Sailom, Sebring, Florida, has applied to this office for purchase of Tax Sale Certificates and Subsequent Omitted and Levied Taxes due on the following described property situated in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:

Lot 10, Blk. 397, Washington Heights, Sec. 21, Twp. 34 South, Range 29 East.

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May 6, 13, 20.

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Under Murphy Law!

In order for all property owners to have an equal opportunity to advertise their property during the last thirty days' rush, the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court is going to strictly comply with Section Four of House Bill No. 396, known as the Murphy Law, which reads as follows:

> Section 4. Clerk of Circuit Court to whom such application is made is hereby authorized to require of such applicant a deposit of sufficient amount to cover all advertising and other costs incident to making of such sale, which deposit shall be credited upon bid made by such applicant.

We urgently request all applicants to provide complete list and legal description of property to be advertised.

Due to the unusual rush, applications will be listed in the order they are received and worked up and advertised in the same manner.

May 10 is the last day on which applications for benefits under the Murphy Law can be accepted by this office.

Cordially yours,
W. Z. CARSON,
Clerk Circuit Court

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Walker Issues Message to Exchange

"The Task Before Us" Gives Insight Into Citrus Industry

(By C. H. WALKER, President Florida Citrus Exchange)

C. H. Walker, Avon Park's largest grower and shipper of citrus, recently elected president of the Florida Citrus Exchange, reviews Exchange accomplishments and sets out some things that should be done to better conditions and get more money for the grower, in a recently published article in "Citrus", official Exchange monthly.

The following excerpts are from a summary of a general letter from Walker to the directors and its affiliated Citrus Growers associations. Written especially for consumption of Exchange members, the article is nevertheless of general interest because of Walker's broad knowledge of the citrus business. He says:

The lot of the citrus grower may be difficult this season. It is, however, far preferable to the situation faced by the producers of many other agricultural food commodities.

During the past thirty years—the life of the Florida Citrus Exchange—the citrus growers of the nation increased their orange crop nearly 800 per cent and their grapefruit crop well over 3,000 per cent. There is still much non-bearing acreage. In the same period the per capita consumption of oranges has been increased two and a half times, and the per capita consumption of grapefruit has been more than doubled.

WE HAVE HELPED INCREASE DEMAND

Compare these gains in citrus to the loss experienced by apples (72.42 pounds to 37.2 pounds), peaches (15.25 pounds to ten pounds), bananas (21.3 pounds to 14 pounds), with similar losses for wheat, potatoes, meat and meat products, to cite but a few items that have suffered loss in popular favor.

The efforts of the constructive citrus operators during the past quarter of a century have not been in vain. Obviously, credit must be given to the California Fruit Growers Exchange and the Florida Citrus Exchange who unquestionably have led in the efforts to increase citrus consumption.

EXCHANGE SYSTEM GETS RESULTS

Florida Citrus Exchange growers justly may be proud of the results their organization has been able to secure by its service through the years. It has initiated or led the fight for every major improvement employed by Florida citrus producers today.

Throughout its history it has fought for grading regulations and standards of pack which would create trade confidence in Florida fruit. It has sought new channels of distribution and increased consumption, encouraged the development of packing economies and efficiency. In short, it has sought in every way possible to develop within the industry efficient machinery designed to create profit for the flow of Florida citrus to the market.

EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES BENEFIT INDUSTRY

Freight rates today are reduced materially largely through the energy, experience and understanding of tariff conditions employed by Florida Citrus Exchange growers in traffic matters. Water transportation with adequate refrigeration facilities and serviceable schedules are a reality today because of the vision and aggressive development work by Exchange personnel in past seasons.

The Exchange has been active in representing all members in obtaining interpretations of the wage and hour, social security and other New Deal legislation which would be as favorable to its grower-members as is possible to obtain. Our general counsel has attended frequent hearings in Washington at which these matters were discussed.

The Florida Citrus Exchange is cooperating fully through the National Cooperative Council and other organizations in national matters in which the industry and our growers collectively are interested. Your President attends these meetings and it is my intention to continue this practice as

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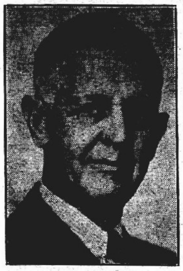

C. H. WALKER

Bailey Tells How School Legislation Is Enacted Into Law

County Superintendent F. N. K. Bailey, who has helped guide successful school legislation through Florida legislatures for a good many years, told Rotarians in a talk Wednesday how it is done. The kind of legislation which has lifted Florida from next to bottom up to a respectable position among the states of the nation in school matters, doesn't "just happen." It all comes about through a unified program and a systematic campaign for its support before the members are elected, he said.

First, the program is worked out by the Continuing Education Council, an organization composed of heads of various civic organizations in Florida. Col. Bailey is chairman of the legislative committee. Represented on the council are the Federated Woman's Clubs, P. T. A., Woman's League of Voters, Business and Professional Woman's clubs, American Legion, State Bar Association and the Labor Board. Thus is enlisted the aid of the laymen to help the schools. All of these bodies must agree on a program. Then questionnaires are mailed prospective candidates for the legislature and they are put on record as to whether or not they will support the program. "Pledge 'em and elect 'em," is about all there is to it.

Important legislation secured is the teachers' parity act, which guarantees teachers' salaries on an equal basis with other state employees. Through this act, teachers will be paid as long as other state employees are paid. If there is a cut in revenue, all will share alike.

The teachers' retirement law was recently passed as a result of efforts of the school lobby. It was vetoed last session, but the same act was passed again this session and became a law without the governor's signature.

The code bill, codifying all school legislation, and clarifying the duties and functions of the different boards, is another important piece of legislation passed.

The emergency act, introduced this week, asking for an emergency appropriation of $150 per teacher unit for each of the next two years, will offset decreases in local school revenues, he said. It will be needed to pay teachers, due to falling off of county revenues.

The first big step toward school financing was accomplished at the last session, when the $800 teacher unit appropriation from state sources, was passed. This was necessitated because of the shifting of laws which eliminated many sources from which local revenues had previously been derived, he said. As a result of this state aid. Highlands county gets $84,000 annually for its schools, Bailey said.

The birthday of Chester Yates was observed, and S. J. Pendleton furnished the biography.

EXPRESSES THANKS

Miss Janet Cook, director of the May day ceremony held last Friday at Donaldson Park, wishes to thank all those who cooperated with her in helping to make the celebration a success. She especially wants to thank the ladies in the sewing room who made all the costumes for the children taking part in the folk dances and for the queen and her attendants.

GUILD TO MEET MAY 17

Announcement has been made in the change of time for the St. Margaret's Guild meeting, which will be held May 17th at the home of Mrs. R. I. Brown at 7:30 p. m.

Punch Boards, Racing Slots Approved

Proposed Measure Is OK'd by Highlands Commission

The Highlands county board of commissioners passed a resolution Tuesday endorsing a proposed bill for legalizing punch boards and slot operated miniature mechanical race tracks. The bills, drawn by Sam Getzen, of Bushnell, former representative, were distributed among legislators in Tallahassee this week, and it is understood will be introduced soon.

The bills as revenue measures, will produce over $2,000,000 annually, H. H. Hethcox, president of the association of county commissioners said in a letter urging endorsement. It is estimated that counties would get an average of about $30,000 annually.

TEN PERCENT TO STATE

The punch board bill would legalize boards on which 10 percent of their revenue had been paid to the state. Distributors would pay a state license of $500 plus $50 to each county in which he operates. The number of operators would be limited in counties, according to population, and the larger counties could have no more than four.

Punch board taxes would be paid in the form of stamps to be affixed to the boards, and the law would be administered by the comptroller who would be authorized to hire as many employes as necessary to carry out its provisions.

One third of the revenue would go to old age pensions, one third to counties on a basis of area, population and contribution to improvements and one third to municipalities on the same basis.

$2,000,000 FROM TEN PONIES

The mechanical horse racing measure estimates it would return $2,000,000 yearly to the state on 15,000 machines put out by 750 distributors.

Distributors would pay $500 each, permits for operators would cost $2.50 and the state would be guaranteed $100 from each machine.

The bill defines the devices which would be legalized, limiting the legal protection to those having seven miniature horses, dogs "or symbols thereof."

METERS FOR THE STATE

One-fourth of all the money retained in the machines would be paid to the state, and the machines would be required to contain meters or counting devices. The revenue would be divided on the same basis as in the punch board bill.

No minor could play the machines and they could not be placed within 300 feet of any public school nor within five feet of the sidewalk. One machine would be allowed for each 200 persons in a county.

Nolo Contendre In Mrs. Randle's Mail Fraud Case

Mrs. Rosalyn Randle, known here as Mrs. Helen Randle, abandoned her defense against charges of using the mail to defraud in Washington district court last Saturday, and awaited the decision of Justice Jesse C. Adkins, according to press dispatches from Washington.

She placed herself at the mercy of the court by pleading nolo contendre (no defense). This, the judge told the defendant, was the same as pleading guilty to all eight counts in the mail fraud indictment.

Mrs. Randle was convicted recently of a false pretense charge and court attaches said her plea In the mail fraud case made her subject to a maximum sentence of 43 years.

The government alleged Mrs. Randle represented herself falsely as a health expert.

LANDS BIG TARPON

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sircom of Tuckahoe, N. Y., Mrs. J. A. Lander of Raiford and Mrs. Ruth Bass Hylton went deep sea fishing at South Boca Grand on Monday. Mr. Sircom caught a 135 lb. tarpon which took him three hours and sixteen minutes to land.

Grandpa Straubel Celebrates 98th Birthday Thursdav

H. A. Straubel celebrated his 98th birthday anniversary Thursday, receiving well wishes from friends who gathered at the Winter Guest clubhouse in Donaldson Park in the afternoon to pay him homage. His son, Charlie Straubel and granddaughter, Mrs. Nan Rouse invited friends to share the occasion with him, and served refreshments late in the afternoon.

A local Boy Scout troop presented the aged veteran of the war between the states with an American flag in a patriotic ceremonial, repeating in unison the Scout pledge to the flag.

This remarkable old gentleman, known to his friends as Grandpa Straubel, is one of the few surviving veterans of the Union army. He served in Company H, 9th Wisconsin regiment. Clearly answering questions of his war record, he said he saw service in Kentucky and Missouri during the war, and was taken prisoner near Newtonia, Missouri. He said he "took the oath" at Little Rock, Ark., and was in the last exchange of prisoners at Helena, Ark., just before the close of the war.

Mr. Straubel was born in Brandenburg, Germany, in 1841, coming to this country when he was five years old. As a young man, he was a wagon maker, later entering the flour milling business at Green Bay, Wisconsin, where he spent most of his business life. Because of his great age, he has been retired for many years.

Mr. Straubel came to Avon Park in 1923, with his son, Charles Straubel and family, and has continued to make his residence here since.

Charles L. Gunter Dies At Home Here After Short Illness

Charles L. Gunter, pioneer resident of this section, passed away at his home Monday night, death resulting from pneumonia following influenza. Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at the Corinth Baptist church, Rev. Jack Dalton having charge. Interment was in the Corinth cemetery. Pallbearers were: M. Brown, Bob Still, Horace Basemore, Mac McConnell, J. B. Rogers and Mr. Smothers.

Charles Lafayette Gunter was born in Polk county, near Berea, in 1859, being in his 80th year at the time o fhis death. He lived most of his long life in this section, being a resident of the Avon Park area for the past 55 years, coming here before the townsite was laid out. He was said to be the first man ever to carry the mail to this community, bringing it on horseback from Wauchula, and at times had to swim Peace river with his horse to get it here.

Gunter was prominently identified with the early development of the town, forming a partnership with B. F. West in the establishment of the Citizens Bank. In later years, he was a stockholder in the First National bank. In his active years, he was a citrus grower. He was a Primitive Baptist and a member of the Townsend club.

In 1880 he married Miss Azlean Hollingsworth of Berea, who survives him. Other survivors are a brother, William Gunter, Berea; four sisters, Mrs. Jim Brewer, Frostproof; Mrs. William Welch, Frostproof; Mrs. Cora Altman, Lake Worth; Mrs. Fannie Pollard, Berea; four daughters, Mrs. Guy Singleton and Mrs. L. S. Lee, Fort Lauderdale; Mrs. J. L. Swann, Albany, Ga.; Mrs. Betty Hardee, Avon Park; and two sons, Henry Gunter and Van Gunter of Avon Park.

Capacity Camps In Prospect, Nace Says

Morton O. Nace, executive secretary of St. Andrews Episcopal church, Tampa, and business manager of Trout Lake camps, was here Tuesday inspecting the new camp and making preparations for opening the first camp here June 5. Nace expressed himself as well pleased with the property, which has been completely finished. He reported that advance reservations are the heaviest in the history of Episcopal camps, and looks forward to capacity camps here.

35 Graduate From Avon School

Large Class To Get Diplomas Night of May 26

A class of 35 seniors will graduate from Avon Park high school, Friday night, May 26. The program for these exercises will be given by the members of the class. It will be recalled that the most successful graduation program ever given in the high school was conducted by the class of last year.

Commencement exercises will begin Sunday night, May 21, when Fr. R. I. Brown, Episcopal rector, will preach the commencement sermon in the high school auditorium. All other churches of the city will join in a union service for this exercise.

The sixth grade promotion exercises will be given Friday morning, May 26 at 10 o'clock. There will be 90 students promoted from the sixth grade to junior high school. This program will also be given by members of the class.

Junior high graduation exercises will be held Monday morning, May 29 at 10 o'clock. There will be 44 students promoted to the senior high school.

Senior high school graduates follow: James Bailey, Sibyl Bigbie, Odean Bishop, Frances Browne, Nellene Cannon, Gaile Coen, Ophelia Dean, Ruth Fields, Marion Foster, Ralph Garrett, Ray Garrett, Tommy Lou Greene, Elizabeth Hetherington, James Jordon, Fred Kipp, Rebecca Holton, Ray Mathis, Edna Massey, Charles Moffett, Dixie Moore, Minerva Perry, Edwin Raulerson, Hilda Reddick, Elmeria Sadler, Walter Sherertz, Betty Sherman, Glenn Sheumaker, Francis Skipper, Mary Louise Stewart, Margaret Townsend, J. W. Tuten, Ruth Wild, Johnny Wilkes, Miriam English, Lucy Wolverton.

Murphy Act Ends With Many Taking Advantage of Law

The Murphy law came to an end in Highlands county Wednesday, last day on which applications could be accepted by Clerk of the Court W. Z. Carson for purchase of tax certificates. Under the law all sales must be completed by June 9, official expiration date of the act. Sufficient applications were taken in at the clerk's office by Wednesday to keep the force busy this week and next checking the records and preparing advertising, the last of which will be published next week end.

The law requires that the advertising be published once a week for three weeks, and the last date on which advertising can start will be May 20, in order to complete the sale before the expiration of the law.

Henry B. Edwards Dies Wednesday After Long Illness

Henry B. Edwards, 58, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Arnold P. Hansen, Wednesday afternoon, following a long illness. Although in poor health for some months, Mr. Edwards was confined to his bed but a few days prior to his death.

Mr. Edwards came to Avon Park with his family 13 years ago from Georgia, and has since made his residence here.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of Stephenson Funeral Home, where the body is being held until Friday afternoon, when it will be shipped to Opp, Alabama. Funeral services and interment will take place there.

Survivors are four sons, B. F., Charles, and W. J. Edwards of Frostproof, and Jesse Edwards of Avon Park; and three daughters, Mrs. Arnold P. Hansen, Avon Park; Mrs. L. C. Poe, Ocala; Mrs. S. E. Stinson, Opp, Alabama.

KINSEYS MOVE TO NEW HOME

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Kinsey moved Friday from the L. V. Pringle home on east Camphor street to their new home on Lotela road, which they recently purchased. The Kinseys have made extensive improvements to the interior of the house, which is considered one of the finest homes in the city.

County Roads Are Listed In Gas Tax Distribution Plan

The board of county commissioners in a special meeting Tuesday instructed County Attorney McDonald to prepare special bills designating as state roads all roads built by the county, in order for Highlands county to participate in future distribution of gas tax money. Action followed passage by the house of a bill extending the distribution of three-cent gas tax money to include re-payment to counties for all roads built by county funds or by bond issues.

The county has been receiving gas tax money in repayment of stat edesignated roads built by this county, and the money has been used to buy bonds under the Kanner act. Under this act Highlands county will "pay out" its principal by 1944, but no provisions was made for payment of interest. The proposed legislation would extend gas tax payments for a total of 33 years it is said.

Deputy Clerk H. E. Keller stated that the county would include about 50 roads in the schedule, and that a special bill would be drawn designating each road as a state road. In the absence of Commissioner J. L. Wells, a schedule of district one roads was furnished by John Hood. He turned in 23 roads in the Avon Park district, for a total of approximately 80 miles.

Parent-Teachers See Style Show In Final Meeting

A fashion show staged by the Home Economics department of the high school featured the final program of the Parent-Teachers association Thursday afternoon.

The stage, beautifully decorated in a springtime theme, was a scene in the courtyard before a throne on which Miss Claire Eismont reigned as queen. The all-white throne was picturesque before the back ground of gray, with floor baskets of Jacaranda blossoms placed at intervals. The queen was attractively attired in a green floor-length model gown and held an arm bouquet of pink gladioli. Miss Ludean Peacock, herald, announced each girl as she appeared before the queen to model her dress, which she made during the school term.

Those taking part in the modeling of dresses were Miss Nellie Reed, Miss Eloise Thomas, Miss Martha Bennett, Miss Thelma Drawdy, Miss Margaret Lanier, Miss Mary Alice Parnell, Miss Elaine Smith, Miss Violet Stewart, Miss Lois Sherly, Miss Frances Welch, Miss Dorothy Welch, Miss Juanita Crosby, Miss Frances English, Miss Charlotte Atkins, Miss Lillian Kelly, Miss Irene McCuller, Miss Martha McNicholas, Miss Robbie Lee Hart, Miss Peggy Mandis, Miss Louise Bishop, Miss Hazel Walker, Miss Gloria Hughs, Miss Betty Touchton, Miss Nellie Carrot, Miss Opha Meeks, and Miss Juanita Hunt.

Little Opal Henderson and Miss Charlotte Atkins gave several acrobatic stunts, after which six girls dressed in Scotch plaid costumes gave a tap dance number. Miss Bootie Roberts furnished the music during the program. The program closed with Miss Sara Browning, Home Economic instructor, awarding the medals to the girls for the best made dresses.

Girls receiving awards for their year's work were, for the second semester, ninth grade: first, Martha McNicholas; second, Robbie Lee Hart. Honorable mention: Gloria Hughs, Frances English, Opha Meeks, Juanita Crosby, Dorothy Welch, and Jean Cannon. Eighth grade: first, Nellie Reed; second, Mary Frances Welch. Honorable mention: Eylene Smith.

For the first semester, the following awards were announced: Silk dresses, Kathryn Johnson, first; honorable mention, Loucille Shumaker and Louise Smith. For cotton dresses: Louise Smith, first. Eighth grade, for cotton dresses, Willa Pearl McGiboney, first. Home project, honorable mention, Ruby McConnell, Annie Catherine Carter, and Marjorie Wells.

Mrs. J. Paul Garber, president, presided over the business meeting in which all yearly reports were given by the officers who are, Mrs. E. G. Todd, vice president, Mrs. T. J. Ward, secretary; Mrs. C. R. Ginn, Jr., treasurer; Mrs. W. B. Archer, program chairman; Mrs.

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All Hospital Sites Rejected Report Says

Lanier Hopeful, But Not Over-confident of Success

TALLAHASSEE, MAY 12 — (Special)—While no official report has been made by the sub-committee, grapevine sources say that the sub-committee of five voted four to one to report unfavorably all three sites — Highlands, Hillsborough and Seminole. C. E. Lanier states the Avon Park committee is preparing to meet such report when it comes before the main committee, and while not overconfident is hopeful that some development may change the trend.

Senate approval this week of an appropriation of $209,000 to match federal funds for additions and new buildings at the state hospital at Chattahoochee may have killed Avon Park's chances of getting a branch hospital at this session of the legislature.

At least, that was the gloomy picture hospital committee members got here this week, in the absence of any definite word to the contrary from the Tallahasse contingent, headed by Walter Betts and Charlie Lanier.

Highlands is furher handicapped by the illness of Senator Henry Murphy and Representative M. C. Whitehurst, both of whom have been unable to attend sessions the past week, it was reported.

Meantime, the Tallahassee committee looking after Avon Park's interests, has been diligently at work, and word from them yesterday said they were far from giving up the proposition. On the contrary, it is pointed out that the house has not yet acted upon the Chattahoochee appropriation, and it is known that the proposal to build in South Florida has considerable support in the house. The fact that Avon Park's bill had 26 co-sponsors is an indication of this strength, it was pointed out.

11th Grade Team Wins Field Day Meet Last Friday

The 11th grade team, with a total of 171 points, won first place in the senior high section of annual field day meet at the high school last Friday afternoon. The 12th grade took second place with 132 points, and 10th grade was third with 45 points.

The ninth grade won first in the junior high section with 148½ points. The seventh grade nosed out the eighth grade by a half point to win second place. The seventh grade scored 45½ points, the eighth grade 45 points.

Individual honors in the senior section went to James Ward and Billie Meriwether, each taking three first places. Ward won the running high, standing broad and running broad jumps.

Billie Meriwether was the fastest runner, winning the 50, 100 and 220 yard dashes.

J. T. Landress was outstanding in junior high competition, winning firsts in the 75 and 220 dashes and the running high jump.

Following are the results of the meet:

50 yd. dash—Billie Meriwether, first; Felton Causey, second; Wallace Blackburn, third.

75 yd. dash—Junior Tuten, first; Henry Wild, second; Marion Foster, third.

100 yd. dash—Billie Meriwether, first; Junior Tuten, second; Felton Causey, third.

Nail driving contest — Calvin Bryant, first; Glenn Shumaker, second; Francis Skipper, third.

220 yd. dash—Billie Meriwether, first; R. Garrett, second; Kline Blackburn, third.

Sack race—Calvin Bryant, first; Francis Skipper, second.

440 yd. race—Wallace Blackburn, first; R. Garrett, second; Dixie Moore, third.

Cracker race—Johnny Wilkes, first; Charles Shepherd, second; Francis Skipper, third.

660 yd. race—Glenn Shumaker, first; Wallace Blackburn, second; Edgar Bradbury, third.

Basket ball throw—Fred Foster, first; Kline Blackburn, second; Edgar Bradbury, third.

880 yd. run—Walter Sherertz,

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