

Reunion of Spruce Production Division Recalls a Little-Known Chapter in the History of America's World War Effort

By ELMO SCOTT WATSON

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AMONG the many reunions to be held during the 1939 convention of the American Legion in Chicago September 25 to 28 there's one that's unique. For the first time in Legion history, former members of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen will get together to reminisce over the days when they were doing their part to "help win the war" even though it was up in the great forests of the Pacific Northwest thousands of miles from the battle front.

You never heard of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, or the "4L," as it is sometimes called? Perhaps you know about its wartime nucleus under the longer and more official name of Spruce Production Division of the Aviation Section of the Signal Corps of the United States Army.

However, if you don't know about it even under that name, you're not much different from thousands of other Americans. For it was one of the least publicized of all the units which Uncle Sam mobilized for service in the greatest war in which he was ever engaged. But it's high time that you should learn about it, for the achievement of this Loyal Legion was one of the most brilliant in the history of America's war effort, and, as is often the case, it was due primarily to the genius of one man.

That man is Brig. Gen. Bruce P. Disque, U. S. A. (Ret.) and many of the veterans of the Spruce Production Division who are coming to Chicago for the reunion are coming for no other reason than to see and salute again their commander of 22 years ago. Also they're coming to see a permanent organization of Loyal Legion "alumni" and to see what can be done about obtaining recognition for the Spruce Production Division from the war department in the form of an assignment as a divisional number and insignia, even though they are proud to be known simply as "Disque's Own."

Tribute to Disque

That fact is doubly testimony to the caliber of the man who commanded them in 1917-18 and who so commands their respect today. He entered the regular army in 1898 as an enlisted man and was advanced from sergeant to first lieutenant while serving in the Philippines. In 1913 he was a cavalry captain on the Mexican border and then assigned to construction work which took him to the Philippines again. Reassigned from there to act as the principal warden at the Michigan state penitentiary, at that time one of the few self-sustaining institutions in the country, he gave that institution a notably successful administration.

But it was a brief one for, when the United States entered the World War in 1917, he was his old commander as a cavalry captain. Instead he was made a lieutenant-colonel in the Signal Corps and was on his way to France when his sailing orders were suddenly canceled. The reason was this:

In the summer of 1917 the Allies were fighting with their backs against the wall, and French and English high officers were warning the United States that if the war was to be won it must be won in the air. Their great need was airplanes and more airplanes. Spruce wood was vitally needed for airplane construction. Since the best spruce available was in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, Uncle Sam could best help his Allies by hurrying vast quantities of it from the Pacific Northwest to the battlefront.

That was why Colonel Disque's sailing orders were canceled and he was the man selected for the post of commander of the new Spruce Production Division of the Aviation Section of the Signal Corps and he was ordered to Portland, Ore., to take charge of the job of speeding spruce production, speeding up shipment of it from half a million to thirty million feet per month and cutting down the time of its shipment from the forests in the northwest to the battle front from 30 days to 10 days. In less than a week after Disque had been given his orders he was on the job in Portland.

"You'll have one hell of a job getting spruce out of northwest timber, because of government red tape and other obstacles," the mayor of Portland

Members of the Spruce Production Division leading logs in an Oregon camp.

told Disque bluntly. The "other obstacles" he developed were numerous enough and difficult enough to have dented anyone except an army officer who was accustomed to obeying his orders to "get the job done."

For several years the spruce industry of the Northwest had been almost paralyzed. The low wages, long working hours and disgraceful living conditions of the logging camps had made them fertile ground for the I. W. W. to sow its seeds of discontent. The result was a succession of strikes and a campaign of sabotage carried on by the "wobblers." As though this were not enough trouble, the operators added to it by their practice of stealing men from each other.

This, in brief, was the situation which confronted Colonel Disque when he arrived on the scene, charged with the responsibility of getting out great quantities of spruce and getting it out in a hurry. His first step was to call a conference of operators and workmen, who heretofore had been hopelessly deadlocked over the question of reducing the 10-hour day to an eight-hour day.

Installs 8-Hour Day. To this conference the colonel announced that eight instead of 10 hours would be the basic working day and that there would be no cut in wages because of it; that living conditions in the camps would be raised to the standard of the United States army; that employers must stop stealing men; and, finally, that the spruce administration should be a square deal for both operators and workmen. To bring that about he submitted a plan, for their voluntary adoption, a constitution and by-laws of an organization which he called the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen.

Without going into detail into the way in which this organization operated, it may be noted that, perhaps for the first time in American history, capital and labor recognized the mutuality of their interests, co-operated thoroughly and reduced disputes to a minimum. The nucleus of the force which carried on these vast operations was soldiers from the National army and volunteers who had been transferred for this special work from other arms of the service. Many of them came from the timber districts of Michigan, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania. Eventually the total strength of the Spruce Production Division was 30,000 men and 1,200 officers. Added to that force were more than 75,000 civilians engaged in the task of getting out the vitally needed spruce so that the total membership of the Loyal Legion was nearly 110,000. Their first problem was finding the spruce. The heaviest stands of this kind of timber were discovered on a strip of territory about 50 miles wide on the western slope of the Coast range in Oregon and Washington which was then the wildest and most inaccessible of the Coast range. Since fir timber, heretofore the chief source of lumber supply, grew on the western slope of the range of mountains, no railroads, roads or any other highways for transportation of timber had ever been built on the western slope. So the first step was to construct

thirteen separate railroads were decided upon and construction of 167 miles of main line track and 140 miles of branch line was begun. This railroad building would take time, of course, and in the meantime spruce was urgently needed for new Allied airplanes. So Colonel Disque made contracts with the operators for the delivery of all the "clear" spruce they could get. Besides that he sent his own crews of soldier-lumberjacks into the forests to augment their efforts.

Over the protests of the operators he inaugurated a system of "selective" logging, that is, cutting down only those trees which had been picked by expert timber graders as best fitted for airplane stock. Where the stand of timber was too sparse to justify building roads out "in the round," they were "rived" where they fell, that is, the logs were split, the knotty heartwood was removed and the remaining lumber was split into "fitches" of convenient size.

But selective logging was not the only innovation which Disque introduced. He maintained that the logs should be sawed to get a much higher percentage of clear straight lumber than was obtainable by methods heretofore used. Since the lumbermen said it couldn't be done, he produced his own expert who designed a huge government sawmill to be built at Vancouver, Wash., across the river from Portland. The sawmill was built in less than a year and then it might not be a success. At a matter of fact it was built in 45 days and instead of the 25 per cent of airplane stock produced by ordinary methods from clear "fitches" it began turning out 65 per cent.

75,000 Production Increase. It would require a book to tell the full story of the achievement of Colonel Disque and his Spruce Production Division—how they increased the output 2,700 per cent over that which had been possible before the organization of the Loyal Legion. They met the Allies' demand for a million feet of selected spruce daily, and now it was rushed across the continent by express for shipment across the Atlantic. Included in that story, too, is how the attempt of the "wobblers" to create dissatisfaction and sabotage the spruce production program was met by the effort of labor union organizers to "muscle in" was defeated, and how the Loyal Legion survived after the war to the benefit of capital and labor relations in the industry.

He would tell also how Colonel Disque, by this time a brigadier general, resigned his "benevolent dictatorship" at the close of the war, liquidated the \$10,000,000 United States Spruce corporation of which he was president; returned more than 96 per cent of the government's \$100,000,000 investment, said good-bye to the thousands of men who were under his command and retired to private life.

These are some of the things that the Spruce Production Division will talk over when they hold their reunion in Chicago this month. There will be tales, too, of their buddies who were killed "in line of duty" or who were mowed down by a blast of steel fragments when the huge circular saw bit into the timber imbedded in a log by a sabotaging "wobbler"—stories of feverish activity in building roads through the wilderness and constructing high pole bridges over streams and across canyons, of never-ending vigilance against the fire hazard around the sawmills with their huge piles of lumber, of the thousands of men who were under his command and retired to private life.

Although the achievements of the men of the Spruce Division (or, to use the more appropriate title, the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen) is now almost forgotten—if indeed it was ever generally known to their fellow-Americans—the magnitude of that achievement has not gone entirely unrecognized. In the December 5, 1918, issue of the Engineering News-Record, one of the leading journals devoted to civil engineering and contracting, appeared an editorial, headed "The Spruce Victory," which said:

"A great purpose and a great leader backed up by organized talent, team work and enthusiasm—that was the Spruce Production Division of the army. Radically different methods of logging, and entirely new methods in the sawmill, were worked out by leaders untried to disregard precedent. Out of their fresh and broader view came enormous increases in total production of spruce and—what is still more important—an almost unbelievable improvement in the quality of the product. The thick spruce stands of the inaccessible regions have been tapped by railroad, thirteen of them—located, built and operating in less than a year, and new goods of spruce are doubling the present output was recently announced. Popular attention during the year has been elsewhere, and the men in the Spruce Production Division have been too busy to tell their work, if they would. Therefore, little is generally known of problems and successes that under other conditions would have had world-wide publicity. This would have been particularly true in en-

HOW TO DO IT— Break Your Dog's Bad Habits By Using Hollywood's Method



Picture Parade

Since national dog week comes September 17 to 23, it's a good time to train that pup Junior got last Christmas. Carl Spitz, who trains Hollywood's dogs, says any half-way intelligent beast can learn these tricks. First (above) is teaching him to carry objects. A newspaper is recommended as the first step. But remember, the dog can learn only one trick at a time and patience is all-important. Never hesitate to praise the dog.

Right: If he jumps up on people, hold his front feet and walk him backward 10 or 12 feet. After doing this several times, the dog can learn only one trick at a time and patience is all-important. Never hesitate to praise the dog.



Above: A bad dog habit is chasing vehicles. The above bicyclist is braced against a nasty fall. But curing this trick is a simple procedure. Following the arrow, you'll see Mr. Spitz making the dog crawl several times around the vehicle he has chased.

Dogs, like humans, have a way of getting sick—and dithering some medicines. The hard way of dispensing it taxes tempers of both man and dog. The easy way is shown at the right. Take the left thumb and forefinger and pull the loose skin of cheek and corner away from teeth. This forms a natural funnel. But keep his head up and prevent him from shaking it until he has swallowed. Below: This unusual association is the result of perfect training. Only a properly taught dog can be expected to show such helpfulness towards a fellow creature.



Strange Facts

Air to Flood Wood
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Like water, the pressure of air increases with depth. For instance, if a mine shaft were 35 miles deep, the air at the bottom would be about 1,000 times as dense as that at the earth's surface, or heavy enough to float several kinds of wood and even water.

In northern Ireland it is a serious offense, punishable by a fine, to wear or carry an Easter lily on Easter Sunday, as this flower is a symbolic reminder of the unsuccessful Easter rebellion in Dublin in 1916.

Despite the fact that he was mentally deranged, Associate Justice Henry Baldwin (1770-1844) of Pennsylvania was allowed to serve for 14 years on the bench of the Supreme Court of the United States after his insanity, which is generally held to dry on such railings.—Collier's.

In several towns along the Italian Riviera, a balcony is considered to be such an essential decorative feature of a house that those without one usually have a painted substitute, some being made more realistic by the inclusion of the family wash, which is generally hung to dry on such railings.—Collier's.

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Mrs. and Mrs. Elmer Clark spent Sunday in Tampa.

Mrs. J. Lawler Wells and daughters, Marjorie and Betty Jo were in Jacksonville Monday for the day.

Miss Emily Dexter left Friday for Decatur, Ga., where she is a student at Agnes Scott college.

Mrs. R. C. Balfree of Starke is the house guest of relatives here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Martin of Tampa were greeting friends here Tuesday.

Comptroller and Mrs. J. M. Lee and daughter, Miss Mildred Lee, of Tallahassee, accompanied by Mrs. Lee's cousin, Miss Louphee Booth of Anacostia, Montana, who is their house guest, spent Thursday and Friday in Avon Park.

Find Your Name In The Ads

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Miss Patsy Loomis will leave Tuesday for Athens, Ga., where she will be a senior at the University of Georgia.

Ed Touchton will leave next Tuesday for Emory University, Emory, Ga., where he will continue his studies.

Mrs. J. W. Sheffield and Mrs. Martin Lee of Ft. Meade were the guests of Mrs. C. E. Lanier and family Tuesday.

Mrs. Eloise Martin of Tampa is the guest of her uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. D. G. Perry for several days.

Miss Imogene Henry returned to her home in Arcadia Saturday, after visiting her sister, Mrs. L. D. Geiger and family.

Mrs. Louise McVickers and son, Mackie, returned home Monday, from a week's vacation spent at Miami Beach.

R. P. Sappington returned home last Saturday from Washington and Westminster, Md., where he has been spending a short vacation.

Miss Mary Key of Green Cove Springs arrived last week to resume her duties in the high school.

Ralph Helm left Thursday for Gainesville, where he will continue his studies at the University of Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Dupont D. Smith, whose marriage was a recent event, visited Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Perry here this week. They are now visiting relatives in Brewster.

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Mrs. R. R. Brown and daughter, Leah Jane returned home Monday from Winter Garden, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. C. F. Moore.

Mrs. A. R. Clark left Sunday for Clyde, N. C. where she was called by the death of her father, W. F. McCrory, 83 years of age, who passed away Sunday morning.

Miss Ruth Fields has returned from Miami, where she has been the guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Fields for the past month.

Paul McClannahan left this week for New York City, where he will study for the ministry at Union Seminary. Mrs. McClannahan will remain here temporarily.

Mrs. Nan Rouse and four children, Bobby, Alice, Mary and Jane returned this week from Green Bay, Wisconsin, where they have been visiting relatives this summer.

Miss Oleta Bigbie, who is in charge of the Western Union at Winter Park, is enjoying a month's vacation. She has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bigbie, and will visit in Miami and Birmingham, Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Todd and two sons, Howard and Norman left Sunday for Sparrows Point, Md., where they are guests for a few days of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Todd.

Mrs. Virginia Cloud and daughter, Miss Frances Cloud, accompanied by Bartow friends spent Tuesday afternoon in Orlando. Miss Frances Hargrove went as far as Bartow with them, and returned to Avon Park with them Wednesday morning.

J. M. McCord was a business visitor to Orlando Friday. His daughter, Miss Blanche McCord, accompanied him to Deland, where she resented Stetson University for her sophomore year.

Miss Alma Harrell, fourth grade teacher, arrived over the week end to resume her duties in the local school. Miss Harrell's home is in Quitman, Ga., but she has spent part of her vacation at Daytona Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Finch and daughter, Janet, have arrived from Lakeland to make their home in Avon Park, and are pleasantly located in the Francis Shockley home on Lake Letcha. Mr. Finch is vocational director in the Avon Park and Sebring high schools.

Mrs. Ivar Farnell and young son, Marcus Ronald, returned to their home in Lake Wales Sunday, after visiting Mrs. Farnell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theo Weisberger for two weeks. Mr. Farnell spent the week end in Avon Park, and they accompanied him back to Lake Wales.

A LUNCH to Grow on and Go on— that's what youngsters need at noon

By Dorothy Greig

IT'S back to school for our offspring and over the land is heard a gentle sigh—the grateful, relieved sigh of millions of mothers.



School day lunches should be both hot and nourishing

With the busy schedule of work, study and play now facing the children it is more than ever vital that they have hot, nourishing and plentiful meals. Especially is the school day lunch important. It's a recharger of vitality and strength. Yet it must consist of food that is easily assimilated. And it should contain hot food.

A generous bowl of hot soup made of vegetables and meat, or a vegetable purée and milk offers one way of providing that hot food. Hot chocolate is another, and such dishes as pork and beans, eggs, macaroni and cheese, creamed vegetables are all good, nourishing and energy building.

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Battered Carrots
Bread and Butter
Baked Apple

Macaroni and Cheese
Hearts of Lettuce Salad
Wine Sauce
Butterscotch Cookies
Banana Milk Shake

Mrs. Mabel Lohr of Lakeland spent the week end here with her daughter, Mrs. J. Lawler Wells and family. Her son, Ray Lohr accompanied her to Avon Park, and went on to Fort Myers.

Miss Frances Hargrove, who has spent the summer at the home of her sister, Mrs. Virginia Cloud, left Friday morning for Bartow, where she will resume her duties as one of the instructors in the junior high school.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lanier, Vernon Lanier and Mrs. Walter Betts and Miss Nancy Betts will leave Sunday for Pensacola, where they will spend the week end, returning to Avon Park on Tuesday. Vernon will leave from there for New Orleans, La., where he will continue his studies at Tulane University.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rutherford and two sons, William and Edgar, left Thursday for Enterprise, where Mr. Rutherford, who is connected with the Florida Public Service Company, has been transferred. The Rutherfords have many friends in Avon Park, who regret to see them leave, and who hope that the transfer will be only temporary.

UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Sunday, September 17: Religious education is just as necessary for the individual as what we call secular education. The moral nature requires training as well as the mental powers. It is a one-sided arrangement which provides only for the physical and mental development and leaves the moral and spiritual at a standstill. Religious education and training should begin in the home, but, unfortunately, that is just where the average home falls today. The result is that millions of our young people depend almost entirely upon the Church to supply the religious education, without which education is incomplete. The Sunday school is the institution which provides this religious education for the youth of our land, and also for a vast array of adults. Without religious training boys and

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Morning service of worship at 11:00 o'clock, with sermon by Dr. Elliott, who will speak on "Instruments of God." In this service the newly organized Junior Vested Choir will take part, under the direction of Mrs. J. P. Garber and Mrs. T. J. Ward. There will be a Processional and a Recessional. Come and hear these young folks sing. The Young People's Pilgrim Fellowship will meet at 7:00 p. m. Lillian Bennett will lead the meeting and Mary Frances Correll will introduce the topic, "What Training Shall I Seek?" Young people cordially invited to attend.

The "Covenant Circle" Woman's Missionary Circle, come to Avon Park on Wednesday at 3:00 p. m., at the home of Mrs. W. H. Yates. Mrs. S. V. Hunnington will have charge of the devotion, and Mrs. C. E. Ginn Jr. will present a book review of "The Christ of the Indian Road."

The Church Choir, under the direction of Mrs. George Symonds, will meet for rehearsal at the church on Saturday at 7:30 p. m. sharp.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST
The Church of Christ conducts the following services weekly: Bible School, 10:40 a. m. Sunday. (Classes for all ages.)

Praching, 11:00 a. m. Sunday, and 8:00 p. m. Sunday night by Joe Cooke Van Dyke, minister. Singing Class, 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, taught by Leslie Keeler, song leader.

Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Service, 8:00 p. m. Wednesday. Mr. Van Dyke's sermon topics for Sunday, Sept. 17, are: 11:00 a. m., "New Testament Preachers," 8:00 p. m., "Modern Preachers."

The first forty drivers licenses in Orange County were issued to members of the Winter Park Kiwanis Club by Judge Victor Hutchins. Kiwanian Maynard Baldwin received No. 1.

Advocating a program of community progress, the Belle Glade Tribune under the editorship of Phil C. Clarke, made its bow to the newspaper fraternity of the state last week. Its first issue contained 20 pages of lively material.

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Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Johnson were hosts Thursday evening at a delightful party at the customers' room of the Florida Public Service company, the guests being the members of their bridge club. Dwarf similes, in various ways were used to effectively decorate the room.

High score prize was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Moffett; second high was won by Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawler Wells, and the floating prize, was given to Mr. and Mrs. Everett L. Roberts. A daily sweet course was served with coffee late in the evening, and salted nuts were placed on the tables during the games.

Those enjoying the party were Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Moffett, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawler Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dilley, Mr. and Mrs. Everett L. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Carter, Mrs. John H. Hood, and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sherman.

Mrs. Longbottom Is Circle Hostess

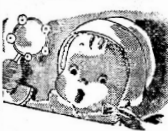
Circle number one of the W. M. S. of the First Baptist church met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. S. P. Longbottom, Mrs. R. H. Lawson, chairman, called the meeting to order, which opened with prayer by Mrs. J. D. Sherman. Mrs. W. W. McFarland taught the lesson from the ninth chapter of Luke, and the meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Fred Wetberbe.

The hostess served delicious refreshments of pie topped with whipped cream, and pineapple juice to those present who were Mrs. Fred Wetberbe, Mrs. Dolly Skipper, Mrs. R. H. Lawson, Mrs. C. W. Pabst, Mr. John Giddens, Mrs. H. L. Bishop, Mrs. W. W. McFarland and Mrs. J. D. Sherman.

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BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Rutledge are announcing the arrival of a baby son, weighing nine and a half pounds, who arrived Wednesday.

Tuesday Club Has Enjoyable Afternoon

Mrs. C. H. Jarboe was a gracious hostess on Tuesday afternoon at her home, when she entertained the members of her bridge club and a few other friends. Tastefully arranged bouquets of Marigolds decorated the rooms for the occasion.

High score prize, at the conclusion of the games was awarded to Mrs. Alexander Gilmore, who received a vase pottery pitcher. Enjoyable refreshments of Washington pie with whipped cream, was served with iced tea.

Those present for this delightful afternoon were Mrs. J. E. Brisk, Mrs. Margaret Church, S. Y. Hart, Mrs. J. B. Hart, Mrs. L. E. Bass, Mrs. Alexander Gilmore, Mrs. S. C. Parvise, Mrs. W. H. Yates, Mrs. George Voorhes, and Mrs. M. E. Covington.

Bill Hood Host at Birthday Party

Bill Hood, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hood was host Saturday afternoon at his home to a number of his boy friends, at a party, given in honor of his thirteenth birthday anniversary. Soon after arrival at 3:30 o'clock, the guests enjoyed a swim in the lake and returned to the home, where several delightful games were played.

Late in the afternoon, four tables were arranged on the porch, and Mrs. Hood, assisted by her mother, Mr. Harry Dilley, and Mrs. C. H. Moffett served a delicious picnic supper, consisting of baked beans, ham sandwiches, potato salad, "pop", ice cream, and candy. The beautiful birthday cake was frosted in white, and held thirteen small green candles in pink holders. Previous to the supper, the attractive gifts were opened and admired.

Friends invited to share this occasion with Bill were Sammy Longbottom, Arthur Gregory, David Lanier, Billie Archer, Jimmie Heberington, Roland Dilley, Bill Johnson, Arthur Crews, Walter Martin, Bobby Keller, Jack Head Jr., Arthur Garrett, and Howard Todd.

Circle Meets At Home Mrs. Stuckey

Circle number two of the W. M. S. of the First Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. David Stuckey Monday afternoon. Mrs. Stuckey opened the meeting with prayer and Mrs. Fred Touchton conducted the business session. Mrs. S. J. Pendleton taught the lesson from the ninth chapter of the "Book of Luke" assisted by members reading the chapter. Mrs. D. T. Lockett, and Mrs. S. J. Pendleton dismissed the class with prayer.

Delicious refreshments of iced tea and coconut cake were served to the following: Mrs. D. T. Lockett, Mrs. J. E. Crosby, Mrs. Mark Smith, Mrs. Anna Lawton, Mrs. J. R. Bennett, Mrs. S. J. Pendleton, Mrs. Fred Touchton, and Mrs. Stuckey.

Methodist Circle at Reddick Home

Circle number two of the Methodist missionary society met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. H. W. Reddick. Mrs. C. R. Mingleford opened the meeting with prayer, and Mrs. A. McKee Elwell taught the lesson study from the study book, "Sings in the Night." After the study, the circle leader, Mrs. R. A. Gerrard led the discussion for plans for winter activities.

The hostess served delicious refreshments of limeade and sandwiches to those present, who were Mrs. R. Mingleford, Mrs. C. R. Rogers, Mrs. A. McKee Elwell, Mrs. C. H. Gerrard, Mrs. R. A. Gerrard, Mrs. A. Lubyne, Mrs. R. A. Gerrard, Mrs. S. Reed, Mrs. T. P. Turner, Mrs. Edith was assisted by her daughters, Misses Hilda and Doris Reddick.

P. T. A. Will Be Held Next Thursday

The P. T. A. is cordially invited to attend the first meeting of the P. T. A. to be held Thursday evening, Sept. 21 at 8 o'clock at the high school auditorium. Mrs. C. Parvise, of Manatee, former state president of the organization will be guest speaker, and Mrs. T. J. Ward, talented local vocalist will sing several selections. The teachers will be introduced, and it will be an ideal and pleasant opportunity to greet faculty members. A social hour will follow the meeting.

League Party Held at Methodist Hut

A delightful party of Friday evening was the league party given at the Methodist hut. Games were enjoyed, after which delicious refreshments of a variety of sandwiches and soft drinks were served. Miss Fay Gordon, leader, was in charge of the arrangements.

Those present were Garland Turnbull, Josephine Brown, Tabby Brown, Helen Jarrell, Betty Moffet, Fay Lake, Glenn Mingleford, Charles and Joe Cannon, Ralph Gerrard, Billie Archer, Walter Martin, and Jimmie Heberington.

WELFARE SPEAKER
Miss Inez Baker, of Jacksonville, state supervisor of child welfare work was guest speaker at Wednesday's Rotary club luncheon. She spoke on the state child welfare program.

P. T. A. Asks For Clothing

With the opening of schools, the need for clothing has become urgent, and the welfare department of the P. T. A. is asking that all who have donations to make, will please deliver them to the home of Mrs. A. C. Wester, chairman, until a room at the school is designated for this purpose. Articles of clothing in all sizes, shoes, coats and sweaters, are needed. It will greatly expedite the distribution if persons having these things to donate, will get them to the committee as early as possible. A quick and generous response to this call will be greatly appreciated.

METHODIST CHURCH
C. R. Mingleford, Pastor
Some Churches are like wells—Artesian wells—whose spiritual life springs up continually to bless the world. The first church at Jerusalem was an artesian church. Spontaneously its streams of influence went out to all the people. In what marked contrast are these modern churches whose life must be continually pumped to keep them from drying. What is more deplorable than the frantic effort at pumping up a revival of religion in the modern church. Attend services and help your church to avoid the necessity of a pump priming process.

9:45 a. m. Church School, Guy F. Smith, Supt. A messenger of special justice is the first for study. Come let us think together to the hindrances of living according to this ideal and the obligations of the Christian to work for social justice. A prepared teacher and an interesting lesson awaits you.

11:00 a. m. Morning Worship. Sermon by pastor, subject: The Raising of the Faithful in the Day of Infidelity. A message for the needs of the present day. We will be looking for you.

6:30 p. m. Senior, Intermediate and Junior League. Growing up, we are, over forty young people present last Sunday. Fifty by no means, but you can help us achieve this goal, won't you?

7:30 p. m. Evening Worship. Evangelistic message by the pastor. The best way to close out the activities of the Sabbath day is to attend the evening service. Try it and see if you do not sleep better.

7:30 p. m. Wednesday, Mid-Week prayer service. Subject: Friendship. Forty-five minutes of worthwhile communion with God. This service is the strength of the church. Choir rehearsal follows service.

"No time is wasted that is used in getting ready."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES
Woman's Club Building
Sunday school—9:30 a. m.
Services—11:00 a. m.
Subject of Lesson—sermon:

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Quick . . . Easy . . . yet good enough for company is this EGG DISH

By Dorothy Greig

MOTHER often declared, "With eggs in the house, I can always put together a meal." And so echo on all. The chilling egg is so useful, belongs to any meal, any occasion.

First Flowers of Tree Branches
The first farm plow were made of crooked tree branches and worked by man power.



PRETTY VISITOR LEARNS ABOUT LIMEROCK—Miss Ann de Jarrico, attractive young college student from South, Tenn., is shown above as she stopped at the repair and modernization project on U. S. Highway No. 1, south of New Smyrna, to ask Inspector Warren Brantly of the State Road Department about the type of construction in progress. She learned that the Ocala Limerock being used as a roadbase material offers

in telling economy in performance and cost of the base, in case and for cost of repairs and modernization, in sturdy-smooth riding quality. The work on U. S. No. 1 will be completed about October 1.

Shower Singers Start Echoes In Them Thar Hills

It's a far cry from Hollywood, Cal. to the road to Manatee, and China is hardly across the bay, but the dawn, none the less, comes up like thunder. It is a thunder of voices raised in song, and they range from the shrill, piping trills of child actors to the booming, bathroom baritone of guys like Fred MacMurray.

For Hollywood today is a colony of confirmed early morning chanters. The residents burble in their bath, sing while they shave, and otherwise make their ablutions audible. There is something about the noisy rattle of a shower that is conducive to exercise of the vocal chords. Or is it cord?

A wide-angle microphone, placed atop the Holmby Hills at early morning, would pick up an amazing variety of sound. From the two-story house over there on the brow of the hill comes a raucous city native of Boston. Something about "mama" not wanting a variety of garden vegetables. That means that Fred MacMurray is up and doing, getting ready for his performance in Paramount's "House in Bali."

Irene Dunne can be heard knocking a few high C's and such, apparently for the sheer joy of singing, as she doesn't care if in later picture. From that fenced-in mansion comes a series of noise that finally resolve themselves in something approximating: Home on the Range. Gary Cooper is getting shaved for his role in "Dean Geary."

Victor Herbert melodies soar skyward as Allen Jones gets into shape for his role in "Victory Harbor" and Martha Raye warms up the larynx on "Melancholy Baby." That's really something.

Were Prince Alberts In the "nifty nineties," most United States senators were Prince Alberts. The frock coat was a symbol of statesmanship and a board was the mark of a man of maturity and substance.

Says Gas Tax Can Be Reduced

Possibility of reducing the gasoline tax roughly 3c a gallon if the highway tax funds paid by motorists were to be restricted to highway use, was expressed today by E. Streven Bond, Manager of the North Florida Division of the American Automobile Association. Mr. Bond's estimate was based on figures issued by the U. S. Public Roads Administration which revealed that \$29,900,000 in the state highway funds were spent during the last calendar year, of which only \$29,616,000 was spent on the highways, the balance of \$284,000 being deflected to other channels.

Mr. Bond declared that the overcharge was equivalent to about 1 1/2 days extra work for the typical motor vehicle owner, earning less than \$10 a week. Elimination of the overcharge, he estimates, would permit a reduction of the state gasoline rate to 4c a gallon. "The average gasoline tax bill last year in Florida amounted to \$25.19 per vehicle, which could be lowered by the 3 cents a gallon tax reduction to \$18.81, thereby making the tax burdens on the motorists somewhat less burdensome. At the present the typical motorist in this state has to work more than 16 days to pay for his automotive tax bill, and the termination of the abuse of highway funds would cut about 4 1/2 days off the time he now works for the tax collector.

"There is no reason why the

motor vehicle taxpayer should be subjected to any overcharge. When he pays his highway costs and his share of general taxation, he has made an adequate contribution to his state government. Whenever we over-charge the taxpayer, whether he is rich or poor, motorist or non-motorist, we encourage waste and extravagance. If we are going to strive for economy and good government, we must begin by cutting unnecessary taxes.

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THANKS TO ALL

I sincerely appreciate the splendid vote given me in Tuesday's election, and assure the people of Avon Park that it is my desire to work unselfishly and untiringly for the general betterment of our city.

M. E. COVINGTON

MANY THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for their loyal support during the recent city election. Without their assistance we could not have been elected.

We shall make every effort to justify your vote of confidence and pledge ourselves to work for the continued progress of our community.

C. PARKE ANDERSON
G. S. McKNIGHT
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E. H. WARE
MAX WILD

Herman Bowman (Paid Political Advertisement)

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The Badcock Store
E. H. WARE, Dealer
Avon Park, Florida

Progress Made On Re-building of State Road 8

Haines City, Sept. 14.—Special-Judge Robert T. Dwell, chairman of the legislative committee of the scenic highlanders said today that the state road department is "more than satisfied" with the first survey reports on projected improvements to highway No. 8, and is now ready to receive rights-of-way map for the preparation of deeds to convey the necessary footage.

Returning from a quick and unannounced trip to Tallahassee Judge Dwell said he found J. H. Dowling, state highway engineer, in complete accord with the plans of the highlanders and that other state highway officials "recognize the merit of our plan and are ready to do something in the very near future."

In a conference with the highlanders legislative chairman, Dowling and Arthur B. Hale, road board chairman, agreed to accept the present rights-of-way of road No. 8 on the basis of a legislative stipulation which entitles the state to take full and incontestable possession of any right-of-way that has been in use for the number of required number of years.

This means, Judge Dwell said, that the task of the highlanders

is somewhat lessened, inasmuch as they will be required to get deeds only on the footage needed to widen the road and make safe turns.

The state officials have further agreed to work no hardship on grove owners desiring footage which might encroach on present plantings and details of that feature will be worked out later.

The state wants all the required rights-of-way deeds in the hands of the road department by Jan. 1.

"That one request alone should indicate to all concerned that on time will be lost in getting road No. 8 improved and that the project is rapidly evolving from the planning stage to an actual work stage," Judge Dwell declared.

C. P. Robinson, Polk county highway engineer, will be immediately requested to send the already prepared rights-of-way maps for his jurisdiction to Tallahassee and then the engineering department there will work up the necessary abstract information. The present rights-of-way of 80 to 100 feet will be extended to a flat 80 feet which meets the latest requirements of highway planning for the present and future needs.

While all this work is going on, Guy Ruhl of Frostproof, chairman of the highlanders' membership committee, is making plans to open a new membership campaign which will cover the entire ridge country from Haines City to Lake Placid. He is working in cooperation with N. A. Broking

of Sebring, chairman of the publicity committee.

"It naturally takes a certain amount of money to do the work out for the highlanders, and the membership campaign each year is depended upon to furnish the needed funds—with each member paying 50 cents annual dues," Broking said.

"The 50 cents, while not important to any one individual allows every citizen of this section to aid in the making of a better and bigger ridge country," he added. Details of the membership campaign will be announced within a short time.

While the highlanders are working on No. 8, they are doing every thing possible to hasten the completion of the federal-aid route, No. 19, Sebring to the Glades county line.

"Residents of the ridge country will be materially benefited when No. 8 is improved and further benefits will come when No. 19 is completed, thus giving us a mid-state route which will bring in more business and more tourists," Judge Dwell said.

The board of governors of the highlanders will hold its next meeting in Sebring next month, the exact date and time to be decided later.

A series of meetings has been planned for other points on the ridge in order to acquaint all concerned with the work, plans and ambitions of the organization.

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The letter from the department follows:

Wakala, Florida

September 12, 1939

Mr. Fred Peden, President

Avon Park Conservation Council

Avon Park, Florida

Dear Mr. Peden,

The two species of fresh water shad generally common in the state. The Florida lesser shad (Sigambra pinnatifida) and the greater shad (Dorosoma cepedianum). It would be impossible to tell which species other than this you might have there without examining some specimens.

The greater shad has long gill rakers and feeds considerably upon floating microscopic organisms, along with some other food. I have not examined the lesser shad, but the food should be about the same. In any case wherever they occur they are fed on to a very large extent by the adult bass. They are one of the links in the food chain along with minnows, brook and other fish that furnish food for the bass. They grow too rapidly and become so deep in body to furnish much food for the fingerling bass. I would be glad to examine any specimens sent me and could then tell more about them. They are definitely helpful to the lake.

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