

Folks You Know

Mrs. F. E. Ames of Zephyrhills is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. R. Glass, Jr., and family.

John Shelton of Del Mar, Cal., is the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Nash at the Forestside hotel.

Warren Mattingly of Washington, D. C., has moved to Avon Park to make his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kempton and daughter, Mikel of Miami are spending some time here visiting relatives.

Mrs. Bill O'Neill, who has been a patient at a Sebring hospital, following a serious operation, was able to return to her home here on Sunday.

LOW RAIL FARES
1¢ PER MILE—ONE WAY ON THE SEABOARD

MODERN, AIR-CONDITIONED RECLINING-SEAT COACHES

One Way from Avon Park to Seaside
NEW YORK . . . \$20.30
BALTIMORE . . . 16.60
BOSTON . . . 18.60
CHICAGO . . . 23.80
CINCINNATI . . . 18.10
COLUMBIA . . . 16.60
DETROIT . . . 18.10
INDIANAPOLIS . . . 18.10
KANSAS CITY . . . 18.10
LOUISVILLE . . . 18.10
MEMPHIS . . . 18.10
NEW ORLEANS . . . 18.10
PHILADELPHIA . . . 18.10
PITTSBURGH . . . 18.10
PORTLAND . . . 18.10
RICHMOND . . . 18.10
WASHINGTON . . . 18.10

Standard low fares to all points. 18% reduction in round-trip coach fares on the Seaboard System.

Consult Ticket Agent at
A. O. Kinney, 214, Avon Park, Fla. 21

**GO MODERN!
GO SEABOARD!**

BFW Club Valentine bridge party, Friday, February 14 at 8 p. m., palm room of Jacaranda hotel, you are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Huot and daughter, Sylvia and wife, of Pittsburgh, Pa., are spending several weeks at a cottage on Lake Ida.

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Lockett returned home last Saturday from a visit with their daughter, Mrs. C. S. English and family at their home in Coral Gables.

Dr. and Mrs. Hitt of Hicksville, Ohio, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Armstrong Tuesday. They are touring the estate, having recently spent some time in Miami.

Mrs. J. H. Reddick of Bartow, and Mr. A. P. Caultley and daughter, Barbara of Lakeland were guests for the week end of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Shepherd.

LT. Lusby Brawley of the 24th Infantry, Co. M., who left recently for Fort Benning, Ga., has been made second command of his company, according to word received here this week by friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Goldstein are the guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Wolf, who have been making a serious operation, was able to return to her home here on Sunday.

J. W. Napier of Nashville, Tenn., is spending several days at his home on the Sebring road. Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Buxton and daughter of Memphis, Tenn., arrived Friday for a visit of a few days with Mr. Napier.

Remember the BFW Club's annual Valentine bridge party on Feb. 14. Always a delightful affair. Everybody invited.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Johnson of Evansville, Ind., who have been the guests of their nephew, I. B. Ford and family for several days, left Friday for a visit in Fort Myers, Miami, and Key West, before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Rutt and son, Buddie, of Lakeland were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. E. Rutt in an instructor at the Aero-Tech Flying School in Lakeland.

Miss Mildred Wray, district deputy president, went to Lakeland Monday evening to install officers of the Rebekah Lodge. She was accompanied by Mrs. Jewel Deleag, Mrs. Agnes Cox, Mrs. Eddie Hansen, Mrs. Alvina Thomas, Mrs. Helen Mann and Mrs. F. E. Wray.

Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Mack of Elkins Park, Pa., have arrived in Avon Park, to spend the winter at their home. They have as their guests their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Henschelbacher, who will return home tomorrow.

Miss Mildred Wray, district deputy president of the Rebekah Lodge, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. F. E. Wray, and Mrs. M. L. Waters, were in Lakeland Thursday, where they attended a meeting in honor of the official visit of Mrs. Myrtle Crook, president of the Rebekah Assembly.

Valentine Bridge, Feb. 14, annual affair of the BFW club, to which you are cordially invited.

Among members of Headquarters Battery, 56th Field Artillery Brigade, who are stationed in Camp Blanding, and who spent last week end at their homes here were Capt. James, Doris Fletcher, Clyde Jarrett, Ray Mathis, Albin Ebel, W. A. Maddox, Clayton, Ike and Hobby Harden, and Howell G. Goolbsy.

C. C. Turk and daughter, Miss Hazel Turk of Lansing, Mich., and friends, Mrs. Florence Benson and Mrs. Eva Foster of St. Johns, Mich., arrived Saturday, and are pleasantly located at the home of Mrs. May Walden. Mr. Turk is a cousin of Mrs. William Gart, who is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Boyer, former residents of Avon Park.

STATE OFFICER TO VISIT
Mrs. Myrtle Brooks of Ft. Lauderdale, president of the Rebekah Assembly, will make her official visit to the local lodge on Thursday evening, January 23.

Baptist Class Has Delightful Party

The Philadelphia class of the First Baptist Sunday school was entertained at a most delightful party on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Ray Wells, with Mrs. H. H. Shepherd, co-hostess. A short business meeting was presided over by the class president, Mrs. Shepherd, and Mrs. R. H. Lawton held the devotional.

Games of Pitt proved an especially enjoyable diversion for the evening, after which the hostesses served delicious refreshments of whipped cream, and coffee. Members present included Mrs. S. F. Longbottom, Mrs. E. C. Weyer, Miss Melba Collins, Mrs. R. H. Lawton, Mrs. L. D. McGiboney, Mrs. J. B. Coen, Jr., Miss Mary Coen, Ruth Wadley, Mrs. Lena Clements, Miss Evelyn Clements, Mrs. Lula Shaw, Mrs. W. R. Archer, Mrs. C. H. Schell, Mrs. J. P. Dalton, Mrs. Harold Guerdin, Mrs. Durrah Martin, Mrs. Frank Costine, Mrs. C. R. Wingfield, Mrs. Ray Wells and Mrs. H. H. Shepherd.

Baptist Circle at Lawton Home

Circle number two of the W. M. U. of the First Baptist church of Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. H. Lawton. Mrs. D. T. Lockett opened with prayer, and the chairman, Mrs. Lawton presided over the business session. It was announced that the next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. D. T. Lockett.

Mrs. S. J. Pendleton taught from the study book, "The New Why and How." The meeting closed with prayer, followed by the hostess serving sandwiches, fruit bars and coffee.

Those present were Mrs. Milford Dillie, Mrs. M. M. Foster, Ernest Spencer, Mrs. M. M. Foster, Mrs. Anna Lawton, Mrs. E. C. Weyer.

Miss Elmeria Sadler To Be Married

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grady Sadler announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Elmeria, to Mr. Orville Ray Cresta of Sebring, son of Benjamin Cresta of Knoxville, Tenn. Miss Sadler is a graduate of the Avon Park high school, and for the past year has been a valued employee of the local telephone company.

Garbers Entertain Bridge Club

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Garber entertained members of their bridge club at a delightful party on Tuesday evening. After several enjoyable progressions, high score individual prizes were awarded to Mrs. D. G. Perry and Walter S. Betts. Mrs. Garber served a delectable salad course with coffee after the games.

UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Dr. Alfred C. Elliott, Pastor Sunday, January 19: Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. in charge of Superintendent J. M. Paul Garber. Instead of the usual devotion period, Mr. Walter Macdonald Kahle, who has traveled thousands of miles and lectured to many thousands of people on the problems of finance, will speak. Dr. D. W. Kurtz, a leader in the Brethren church, stated, "Mr. Kahle will be presenting his solution to a problem that is uppermost in the minds of the majority of people today, and presents his truth in a very interesting way. He has plenty of wit and humor, and yet is very serious." Arrangements have been made for Mr. Kahle to speak in Union Congregational church and the Methodist church, as follows: Union Congregational church, Monday and Wednesday, January 20, 22 at 7:30 p. m.

The two churches will unite for these meetings and all members and friends of both churches are urged to attend. The public also is cordially invited to these meetings. The general subject of Mr. Kahle's addresses will be: "Stretching Short Dollars." His program is designed to help build stronger financial homes and characters in the churches and the community.

Morning worship service at 11:00 o'clock when Dr. Elliott will speak on "Eternal Life." Special music by the choir. A helpful and interesting message for all people, young and old. You are cordially invited to hear it.

The Young People's Pilgrimage Fellowship at 8:30 p. m. Charles Bennett will lead the meeting and Mildred Wray will introduce the topic: "Is God a Person?"

The Children's Choir will meet for rehearsal at the church on Wednesday at 8:30. No "Quiet House" service on Wednesday owing to the meeting at the Methodist church. We hope Union Congregational church will be well represented at this service. The Ladies' Aid will serve a chicken dinner at the church on Friday, January 24, at 6:30 p. m. Tickets 50 cents each. The Senior choir will meet for rehearsal at the church on Saturday at 7:30 p. m. A cordial invitation is given to the winter visitors and the public to attend these services and social gatherings.

METHODIST CHURCH

C. R. Mingleford, Pastor 9:45 a. m. Church school, E. H. Wray, superintendent. Join us in the study of "The Slighted Invitation." An interesting subject taught by capable teachers. 11:00 a. m. Morning worship, sermon by the pastor, subject: "The Great Alternative." Special music by the choir. "Blessed is the man whose watch keeps church time as well as business time." 8:30 p. m. Young People's meeting, Senior, Intermediate and Junior groups. 7:30 p. m. Evening worship, message by Mr. Walter Macdonald Kahle, a leader in the Church of the Brethren. His subject will be "Stretching Short Dollars." Mr. Kahle gives us the solution to a problem that is uppermost in the minds of the majority of people today, and presents his truth in a very interesting way.

Make your plans to attend this service. 8:00 p. m. Tuesday, Circle number 2 and 3 meet at the places

announced. Bring a visitor with you to your circle. 10:00 a. m. Tuesday, District meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at Haines City. If you are a member of this organization you will want to miss this meeting. The State President, Mrs. Frazier of Miami will be present and speak in the morning. A returned missionary from China will speak at the afternoon session.

7:30 p. m. Tuesday, Mr. Walter Macdonald Kahle will speak again. The short dollar will be getting longer by this time, so plenty of wit and humor, and yet very serious.

Blessed is the man who can endure an hour and a quarter in a place of worship as well as two hours and a half in a place of amusement.

W. M. RECK

REGISTERED BROKER
REAL ESTATE IN ALL SECTIONS
Rental, Real Estate, Property Management
15 Jacaranda Arcade
Avon Park, Fla.

You Will Find Our Shoe Repair Service Second to None

AT NO HIGHER COST
Orthopedic Shoe Correction

Stewart's

WALTER S. BETTS
REAL ESTATE
REGISTERED
BROKER

LISTINGS SOLICITED
Avon Park, Fla. Phone 13

Phoning 13

Phoning 13

Phoning 13

Phoning 13

Phoning 13

Phoning 13

Phoning 13

Phoning 13

Phoning 13

Phoning 13

Phoning 13

Phoning 13

Phoning 13

Phoning 13

Phoning 13

Phoning 13

Phoning 13

Phoning 13

Phoning 13

Phoning 13

Phoning 13

Phoning 13

Phoning 13

Phoning 13

Phoning 13

Phoning 13

Phoning 13

Phoning 13

Phoning 13

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

Clubs

DOES FORD PAY GOOD WAGES?

HERE ARE SOME FACTS about Ford Labor. During the year ended November 30th, 1940, the Ford Payroll throughout the United States averaged 113,628 hourly wage earners, not including office employees, students, or executives. They were paid \$185,105,639.12. On this basis, the average annual wage was \$1,639.03.

According to the latest available government figures, the annual average wage of all workers in employment covered by old age insurance law was \$841.00.

If the 45,000,000 workers of this country received the same average wage as Ford employees, they would have had additional wages of more than \$35,000,000,000, thus increasing the national income about 50%. Think what such an increase would mean to the workers of this country and to the American farmer, whose prices are based on the national income.

Wage scales in the Ford Rouge plants are divided into three classifications:

Unskilled . . . Minimum hiring wage . 75c per hour

Semi-skilled . . . Minimum hiring wage . 80c per hour

Skilled . . . Minimum hiring wage . 90c per hour

Higher wages are in consideration of ability and years of service.

Minimum wage scales for unskilled labor at the Rouge plant are the highest in the industry. Top wages for skilled labor compare favorably with, or are higher than, wages in other automobile plants.

Now some facts on Ford labor conditions: Not only are sanitation and other health conditions the best in the industry, but Ford also leads in safety devices for the protection of employees. Proof of this is found in the following com-

parison of compensation insurance costs: The national average rate in automotive manufacturing plants as computed by the National Association of Underwriters is in excess of \$1.50 premium on each \$100 payroll. The Ford cost of workmen's compensation is less than 50c.

This indicates that the chance of injury in a Ford plant is much less than in the average automobile plant.

The Ford Motor Company has no age limit for labor, and in fact deliberately attempts to keep older workers working. The average age of Ford workers at the Rouge and nearby plants is 38.7.

A recent check-up shows that nearly one-third of the workers at these Ford plants were 40 or over, falling into these age groups:

25,819 between 40 and 50

14,731 between 50 and 60

3,377 between 60 and 70

417 between 70 and 80

12 between 80 and 90

In addition to the so-called regular employees, the Ford Motor Company has hired, and now has on the payroll, at the same regular hourly wage, thousands of workers who are blind, crippled or otherwise incapacitated for normal productive work. They are not selected for their ability to build cars or to maintain the plant. They are on the payroll because of Henry Ford's belief that the responsibility of a large company to labor goes beyond the point at which the unfortunate worker can no longer produce profitably.

The above are facts. They are open to anyone who really wants to deal in facts. Anyone who wants to get a job . . . buy a car . . . or place a national defense contract on the basis of fair labor treatment must place Ford at the top of his eligible list.

Badcock Employees Are Entertained
Earl H. Ware, manager of the Badcock Store, was host to all employees of the local store and their families, at a dinner in the dining room of the Jacaranda hotel Tuesday evening. The dinner was given in special appreciation of the splendid December sales made by the employees, and in consideration of the fine cooperation and interest of those associated with the store. The long table had for a centerpiece a bowl of country roses. A delicious broiled steak dinner was served.

Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Ware, Mrs. Ruby Bass, Walter Hodges, Frank Wilcox, Mrs. Nan Route, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gould, Mr. and Mrs. Zed Scarborough, Mr. and Mrs. Al Rogers, and C. R. Geiger.

Bridge Club Has Enjoyable Evening

Mrs. Bill Sackheimmer was hostess at her home on Monday evening to members of her club at a most delightful party. The usual numbers of bridge progressions proved enjoyable and resulted in Mrs. Francis Shockey receiving high score prize; Mrs. F. Gearing, second high; Mrs. Nelson Smith, third; and Mrs. Roland Drott, fourth in bridge, which was played after the bridge games.

The hostess served a tempting refreshment course late in the evening, consisting of potato salad, sandwiches, pickles, olives and coffee.

Those present included Mrs. Francis Shockey, Mrs. Roland Drott, Mrs. Jack Head, Mrs. Nelson Smith, and Mrs. F. Gearing, Mrs. Albert Shrigley, and Mrs. Tom R. Jones of Sebring.

Mrs. McGiboney Is Hostess to Circle

Circle number three of the Baptist W. M. U. S. met at the home of Mrs. L. D. McGiboney Monday afternoon. Mrs. W. C. Touchton led the devotional, and Mrs. Frank Costine taught the lesson from the book, "The New Why and How." The hostess served refreshments of egg olives, and cream cheese and sandwiches with coffee to those present who were Mrs. Cliff Thomas, Mrs. J. D. Sherman, Mrs. J. L. Collins, Mrs. David Shockey, Mrs. W. C. Touchton, Mrs. Frank Costine, and Mrs. Ray Wells.

THE SUN

Published every Saturday at Sun Court, Avon Park, Florida

GILBERT FREEMAN
Publisher

W. M. HETHERINGTON
Managing Editor

Entered as Second Class Mail at the Post Office at Avon Park, Florida, under Act of March 1, 1979

Subscription Rates:
One Year in Advance \$1.50
One Year outside County \$1.50

THE SUN SNAPSHOTS

Blind Trough Headwaters—Students of the N. Y. Institute for the Education of the Blind are taught headwaters which may later serve as vocational careers.

Behind the "Comet"—The "Comet" is a new type of boat built by the U. S. Navy. It is a small, fast, and maneuverable boat, and is being used in the Navy for various purposes.

1941 Do Sole is shown here with the world's most unusual novel outfit. The U. S. 622, under development at the Do Sole, is a new type of boat built by the U. S. Navy. It is a small, fast, and maneuverable boat, and is being used in the Navy for various purposes.

Do Sole is shown here with the world's most unusual novel outfit. The U. S. 622, under development at the Do Sole, is a new type of boat built by the U. S. Navy. It is a small, fast, and maneuverable boat, and is being used in the Navy for various purposes.

Do Sole is shown here with the world's most unusual novel outfit. The U. S. 622, under development at the Do Sole, is a new type of boat built by the U. S. Navy. It is a small, fast, and maneuverable boat, and is being used in the Navy for various purposes.

Do Sole is shown here with the world's most unusual novel outfit. The U. S. 622, under development at the Do Sole, is a new type of boat built by the U. S. Navy. It is a small, fast, and maneuverable boat, and is being used in the Navy for various purposes.

Do Sole is shown here with the world's most unusual novel outfit. The U. S. 622, under development at the Do Sole, is a new type of boat built by the U. S. Navy. It is a small, fast, and maneuverable boat, and is being used in the Navy for various purposes.

Do Sole is shown here with the world's most unusual novel outfit. The U. S. 622, under development at the Do Sole, is a new type of boat built by the U. S. Navy. It is a small, fast, and maneuverable boat, and is being used in the Navy for various purposes.

Do Sole is shown here with the world's most unusual novel outfit. The U. S. 622, under development at the Do Sole, is a new type of boat built by the U. S. Navy. It is a small, fast, and maneuverable boat, and is being used in the Navy for various purposes.

Do Sole is shown here with the world's most unusual novel outfit. The U. S. 622, under development at the Do Sole, is a new type of boat built by the U. S. Navy. It is a small, fast, and maneuverable boat, and is being used in the Navy for various purposes.

Do Sole is shown here with the world's most unusual novel outfit. The U. S. 622, under development at the Do Sole, is a new type of boat built by the U. S. Navy. It is a small, fast, and maneuverable boat, and is being used in the Navy for various purposes.

Do Sole is shown here with the world's most unusual novel outfit. The U. S. 622, under development at the Do Sole, is a new type of boat built by the U. S. Navy. It is a small, fast, and maneuverable boat, and is being used in the Navy for various purposes.

Do Sole is shown here with the world's most unusual novel outfit. The U. S. 622, under development at the Do Sole, is a new type of boat built by the U. S. Navy. It is a small, fast, and maneuverable boat, and is being used in the Navy for various purposes.

Do Sole is shown here with the world's most unusual novel outfit. The U. S. 622, under development at the Do Sole, is a new type of boat built by the U. S. Navy. It is a small, fast, and maneuverable boat, and is being used in the Navy for various purposes.

Do Sole is shown here with the world's most unusual novel outfit. The U. S. 622, under development at the Do Sole, is a new type of boat built by the U. S. Navy. It is a small, fast, and maneuverable boat, and is being used in the Navy for various purposes.

Do Sole is shown here with

INSTALLMENT ONE
CHAPTER I

The erect middle-aged man in blue business suit and white shirt, out of the White House paused reluctantly before the inquisitive press of correspondents.

"Anything new on our rearmament program, General?" one reporter wanted to know.

Another asked, "Did the President have anything to say about Mexico?"

General Hage, Chief of Staff of the Army, had managed to disperse with a calm smile that disconcerted which he had emerged from conference with the President.

"There is nothing to give out, gentlemen," he said with quiet firmness, and strode to his military sedan that was waiting in the driveway.

The general's car sped off to the long, concrete Monitions Building on Constitution Avenue that houses the War Department. General Hage hurried to his office on the second floor and instructed his aide-de-camp to summon Colonel Flagwell.

In a few minutes Flagwell, assistant chief of staff G-2, in charge of military intelligence, reported in from another wing.

"Sit down, Flagwell," the general invited. "The President has just decided to go to the bottom of this Mexican situation."

Flagwell's lean, aquiline face remained impassive except for a quick gleam of fire in his piercing blue eyes.

"That's good news, sir," he exclaimed; and added to his secretary: "In that connection, my section has just completed our final estimate of the situation based on the most available information. Would you care to hear my report now?"

"Go ahead," Flagwell said.

"I'll be as brief as possible, sir. Our best estimate is 200,000 European regular troops and 100,000 militia, and technical troops reported from Mediterranean ports during the past six months, together with some reserve troops, have been mobilized from South American ports."

To all outward appearances they fully support the argument of a new Mexican dictatorship that, as a part of the Mexican military forces, these troops are not the concern of the United States.

General Hage's straight mouth parted in a cynical smile.

"There is the big rub, Flagwell. The Mexican version has so rationalized their European army that the American public falls for the fiction completely. It almost has our State Department fooled, even when our ambassador knows the real situation."

"The subterfuge is obvious, sir," Flagwell averred. "My whole section agrees that the United States faces attack from Van Hasek's army."

General Hage's somberly nodded his head.

"I agree perfectly with your deductions, Flagwell, and informed the President pretty much to the same effect today. He is very gravely concerned and wants the facts as quickly as possible. But what can the President do unless Congress is convinced and facts are available for the public?"

"In the meantime, General, are we to reinforce our border guards for defense in event attack comes sooner than expected?"

The Chief of Staff groaned and said: "The President doesn't want order troop concentrations in the border. Flagwell, Congress would probably refuse him an appropriation for transportation. He'd be accused of saboteur-rattling."

Flagwell mopped his brow and said slowly: "I see, sir. But just what our move, please?"

"To collect facts. Our ambassador to France has some contacts with the French secret service. A chance to slip one of our officers into the Mexican service at Mexico City. Our first move is to select our man and send him to Paris to get his detailed instructions. It's very important. We must pick the right man for this, a man with plenty of brains and backbone. I rather had young Benning in mind."

"An excellent choice," Flagwell promptly agreed. "But right now I've got Captain Benning down in San Antonio. Investigating another



By General ARED WHITE
A. WHITE

spy mess at Eighth Corps Area Headquarters."

"Setting him back to Washington at once," General Hage decided. "Instruct corps Area to ship him by fast plane. Benning will sail from New York for France without delay. That's all, Flagwell."

Captain Allan Benning, in civilian clothes, sat waiting in a battered old coupe just outside Fort San Antonio. For two weeks past he had been following one of those slender threads of investigation that were intended to connect local espionage activities with the Van Hasek army in Mexico.

Important secrets had been stolen from southern military headquarters at the fort. Not least of these was the secret tables of organization of the proposed new American fighting division. Gone too, was the file copy of army manuals, and the file copy of Benning's suspicion had centered promptly on a staff sergeant, Gajous.

Not by reason of any action on the part of the sergeant, but because of an eloquent intangible, the palpable inconsistency of Gajous' background, Benning had been convinced with his present conviction.

Gajous was a man of forty, a combat pilot with the French air corps during the World War. Three years ago he had taken papers as an American citizen and enlisted in the army.

At headquarters Gajous' superior swore by him. He was highly competent as an administrative clerk having supervision over half a dozen typists. To the casual observer Gajous might have appeared a staid, stolid, stately man who had given up the struggle for higher success and settled happily into his present little groove. His face was long, lean, and lined with small, level black eyes in which there was no fire.

With Benning, it had been a matter of bating a trap. He had fabricated a secret report that American reserves were being sent to the border, where Gajous would find it in the course of his duty today. Now Benning was waiting for Gajous to leave the fort when the headquarters crew knocked off work for the day.

The suspected man took a bus into San Antonio and had dinner at a hotel. He emerged at five and headed south out of the city. It was dusk when Gajous left his taxicab and parked it in a field at the foot of a point south of the old county poor farm. Benning parked his own coupe by the roadside and waited.

Benning recognized Gajous as a field service on occasion as an emergency landing-place for student fliers from Randolph Field. A fringe of willows lay along the road, and through these Gajous ploughed with the decisiveness of a man who knows where he is going.

But Benning learned a few moments later that Gajous was not off his guard. As the captain eased into the willows, a star of flame blazed his eyes, the bark of a pistol clapped his ears. He dove to the ground, his right hand whipping his own service pistol into play and sent a bullet driving at the spot whence had come the attack. Then he lay tensely waiting.

"If this isn't, sir," Benning said, "Good luck," Flagwell said, rising. "Do a thorough job of it and get the Mexican picture as clear as you can, as possible, consistent with thoroughness. I'll have an officer at the airport with you. That's all, Captain. Come money."

"I'll not, sir," Benning said. "Good luck," Flagwell said, rising. "Do a thorough job of it and get the Mexican picture as clear as you can, as possible, consistent with thoroughness. I'll have an officer at the airport with you. That's all, Captain. Come money."

The embassy staff had calculated to the minute when Benning was to arrive from the Gare du Nord. No sooner had he dropped the bronze knocker than the embassy front door opened. A bespectacled male secretary looked him over in sharp appraisal and said: "You are the gentleman we're expecting."

"Captain Benning, just in from the United States," the captain answered.

"Please come in," the secretary said. "Mr. Shields has reserved this hour and is waiting for you."

The ambassador sat at the door of his reception room to receive his visitor.

visitor. Mr. Shields was a portly, smartly groomed man in late middle life. His round, ruddy face was an ingratiating smile as he invited Benning to a seat and tendered a cigarette.

"I'm glad you're here on the dot, Benning," he said. "There's quite a bit to be done in Paris, and you must be in Bordeaux tomorrow to catch your boat for Vera Cruz."

Benning said, "I'm at your disposal, sir."

The ambassador regarded his visitor with a certain whimsical witfulness. He lighted a cigarette.

"You know, Benning," he said, "I decidedly envy you this opportunity for distinguished service. I think I know what's under the surface of things in Europe, but I can't prove anything in the concrete way that's necessary. So you must go to Mexico to do the job."

"I'd suppose, sir," Benning commented, "that our government was informed at least of the larger diplomatic facts."

"Pact?" Shields echoed the word derisively. "But only in the most accepted fact in international relations today: that the maps are laid out for an overhaul. Outwardly everyone is praying for peace to come out of the current muddle. Under the surface the big question is: When will the lid blow off? We're looking to you for the answer, Benning."

Benning's eyes narrowed. "I'm not sure I understand, sir."

Mr. Shields laughed merrily. "I'll speak frankly. Why, after years of devastation, the last year did the Coalition Powers patch up an armistice with the Axis while their armies squatted inconclusively on a mere segment of conquered Europe? Ostensibly to 'rest' a weary army and to save the civilian population. But now everyone suspects the armistice is a Coalition subterfuge to force a disarming of the Axis."

Benning felt the rise of his pulse as he drew down along the rows of bangs to where a sleek new observation plane waited with spinning motors. A captain in flying tux was seated at the controls of the observation plane. Bart said to him: "Well, this is your passenger for Washington. I've to deliver him to you in the shortest possible time. There's all, Captain!"

In the sky there was the first rose glow of approaching sunset when Benning made out, through the glass bottom of the plane, the wide silver ribbon of the Potomac. In the distance, Washington's Monument stood sentinel over the sleeping capital, the large round dome of Congress loomed up out of the granite and marble huddle of government buildings. As the plane swung down for a landing at Bolling Field, he glimpsed the gray bulk that crowned the State Department. Nearby, the trim outlines of the White House.

CHAPTER II
The plane swung back across the Annapolis river and landed. Benning thanked the pilot for a safe journey and sped by military red car to the river into Washington. At the War Department he went to the second floor and reported to Colonel Flagwell.

Colonel Flagwell had come down early for Benning's arrival. His placid, unemotional face broke in a slight smile and his eyes sparkled at sight of the young officer. He led the captain into a private office and closed the door.

Without formality Flagwell said: "Someone must go into Mexico and get the facts. Benning, you're the man. I remind you of the danger of such an enterprise. While I have thought of you for the detail, you need not accept unless you want to."

"Thanks for thinking of me, Colonel," Benning said with an easy smile. "When do you wish me to leave?"

"There was an approving gleam in the captain's eyes when he took from his pocket a bulky sealed letter and handed it to Benning.

"You're sailing for Europe at eleven on the America. Available information is in this letter. When you've read it, destroy it by burning. You'd better take a commercial plane to New York. Your past reservations have been attended to. An Inland flight at Southampton, cross the Channel to Le Havre and proceed to Paris by express. Our ambassador, Mr. Shields, will be accompanying you in Paris. Any question, Benning?"

"I'll not, sir," Benning said. "Good luck," Flagwell said, rising. "Do a thorough job of it and get the Mexican picture as clear as you can, as possible, consistent with thoroughness. I'll have an officer at the airport with you. That's all, Captain. Come money."

The embassy staff had calculated to the minute when Benning was to arrive from the Gare du Nord. No sooner had he dropped the bronze knocker than the embassy front door opened. A bespectacled male secretary looked him over in sharp appraisal and said: "You are the gentleman we're expecting."

"Captain Benning, just in from the United States," the captain answered.

"Please come in," the secretary said. "Mr. Shields has reserved this hour and is waiting for you."

The ambassador sat at the door of his reception room to receive his visitor.

Aptitude Tests
Aid Army SpiritContentment of Trainee Is
Deemed Essential for
Efficiency.

WASHINGTON.—A corps of specially trained army interviewers has questioned the first contingent of trainees called to service under the conscription act. Their object was to place the trainee in a position that will increase army efficiency.

This group of men, charged with properly classifying trainees, consisted of both commissioned and non-commissioned officers. Many of the interviewers, especially National Guard and reserve officers, were personnel managers in private industry.

To heighten efficiency of the army and keep the personnel satisfied with army life these men classified trainees according to their private occupations or special qualifications. The trainee underwent his first classification test immediately upon arrival at the reception center at which he was sent after induction. At that time he received the army general classification test which classifies him according to his general capacity to learn.

This system of tests then helped the interviewer form an estimate of his probable skill and adaptability.

Test No. 1 was a self, formal question-and-answer proceeding. The officer with whom he talked sought to determine the man at ease and to enjoy more of a casual chat with him, for this interview was an attempt to determine the trainee's classification of the trainee.

The information he gave about himself—his aptitudes, his languages, musical or theatrical talent, education and his hobbies—was recorded on what is known as a soldier's classification card, a record that will follow him throughout his military career.

If the trainee exaggerated and attempted to pull the wool over the eyes of the interviewer in hopes of getting a soft job and was caught by the interviewer he probably was sent to a trade school, where he was to ascertain a man's skill.

Interviewers pay close attention to how the trainee reacts to the tests. The trainee might have wished to follow, for the army has learned that from this system the man may be more proficient and, likewise, of more value to the army.

Classification Made.
When the interview was over the trainee returned to his group and the card went to an expert classifier, who thereupon he cards in the army. A list of civilian and military occupations, decided where the trainee was to be sent.

The classifier's opinion goes before the chief classifier, who sent the card to a card section. Thereafter he cards in the army. A list of civilian and military occupations, decided where the trainee was to be sent.

Benning made a swift deduction and said dryly, "I assume, sir, that I am to go to Mexico masqueraded as an escapee."

"A very lucky break, Benning. We have the whole inside of it. Benning is known to be an American with no record of the sort and no notable American loyalties. As a former American officer, Van Hasek now thinks the fellow is a good acquisition. Gave him the rank of major, which you now inherit."

"Isn't it a bit extraordinary, sir, that the French learned all this?" Benning wanted to know.

"Not when you consider the facts. Benning, it appears that you are in love with a girl in Luxembourg, told her his plans, proceeded to send for her as soon as he could afford it."

"And she spilled the beans?"

The ambassador smiled and said: "Why not? The French keep their secrets to the ground and they've been eking Benning since he first showed up in Luxembourg. They put their cleverest agent on him, a Mademoiselle Lucette Ducon. The French are ready to order orders over to us. You'll need only to transfer your own photographs."

The French have a special process for doing this. At your convenience en route to Mexico you should practice his signature. I thought, too, you might want to look the fellow over to refresh your memory on his mannerisms."

Captain Benning thought briefly and got to his feet.

"Very good, sir," he said. "I'll be ready to go to Vincennes."

The ambassador handed Benning a package and said: "The French have made a photograph of Benning for transfer to the Benning's passports. Benning took a taxi to Vincennes. Benning passed out of Paris through the Porte de St. Denis to the grim old walls of the ancient citadel. A sentry challenged at the gate, examined Benning's credentials, and sent him to the command post where he dispatched a non-officer to guide the American to the Benning little cell.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

NIGHT NEWSPAPER

CUTOUTS like this are a happy idea to be used for plants you grow indoors. You can add interest to the flowers you keep in the house and to the attractiveness of your rooms as well if you use boxes in clever designs like these. Bits of plywood are cut out with a hot wire, or a coping saw, painted and nailed together to make the boxes.

Rep. Carl Vinson, chairman of House War Relocation Authority, drops a "hopper" into the "hopper," at the table in the House restaurant—the first making of a law.

Rep. Carl Vinson, chairman of House War Relocation Authority, drops a "hopper" into the "hopper," at the table in the House restaurant—the first making of a law.

Rep. Carl Vinson, chairman of House War Relocation Authority, drops a "hopper" into the "hopper," at the table in the House restaurant—the first making of a law.

Rep. Carl Vinson, chairman of House War Relocation Authority, drops a "hopper" into the "hopper," at the table in the House restaurant—the first making of a law.

Rep. Carl Vinson, chairman of House War Relocation Authority, drops a "hopper" into the "hopper," at the table in the House restaurant—the first making of a law.

Rep. Carl Vinson, chairman of House War Relocation Authority, drops a "hopper" into the "hopper," at the table in the House restaurant—the first making of a law.

Rep. Carl Vinson, chairman of House War Relocation Authority, drops a "hopper" into the "hopper," at the table in the House restaurant—the first making of a law.

Rep. Carl Vinson, chairman of House War Relocation Authority, drops a "hopper" into the "hopper," at the table in the House restaurant—the first making of a law.

Rep. Carl Vinson, chairman of House War Relocation Authority, drops a "hopper" into the "hopper," at the table in the House restaurant—the first making of a law.

Rep. Carl Vinson, chairman of House War Relocation Authority, drops a "hopper" into the "hopper," at the table in the House restaurant—the first making of a law.

Rep. Carl Vinson, chairman of House War Relocation Authority, drops a "hopper" into the "hopper," at the table in the House restaurant—the first making of a law.

Rep. Carl Vinson, chairman of House War Relocation Authority, drops a "hopper" into the "hopper," at the table in the House restaurant—the first making of a law.

Rep. Carl Vinson, chairman of House War Relocation Authority, drops a "hopper" into the "hopper," at the table in the House restaurant—the first making of a law.

Rep. Carl Vinson, chairman of House War Relocation Authority, drops a "hopper" into the "hopper," at the table in the House restaurant—the first making of a law.

Rep. Carl Vinson, chairman of House War Relocation Authority, drops a "hopper" into the "hopper," at the table in the House restaurant—the first making of a law.

Rep. Carl Vinson, chairman of House War Relocation Authority, drops a "hopper" into the "hopper," at the table in the House restaurant—the first making of a law.

Rep. Carl Vinson, chairman of House War Relocation Authority, drops a "hopper" into the "hopper," at the table in the House restaurant—the first making of a law.

Rep. Carl Vinson, chairman of House War Relocation Authority, drops a "hopper" into the "hopper," at the table in the House restaurant—the first making of a law.

Rep. Carl Vinson, chairman of House War Relocation Authority, drops a "hopper" into the "hopper," at the table in the House restaurant—the first making of a law.

Rep. Carl Vinson, chairman of House War Relocation Authority, drops a "hopper" into the "hopper," at the table in the House restaurant—the first making of a law.

Law

With the turn of the job of determining what and sometimes rough of the houses of Congress pictures take you over the bill, authorizing the "o"

With the turn of the job of determining what and sometimes rough of the houses of Congress pictures take you over the bill, authorizing the "o"

With the turn of the job of determining what and sometimes rough of the houses of Congress pictures take you over the bill, authorizing the "o"

With the turn of the job of determining what and sometimes rough of the houses of Congress pictures take you over the bill, authorizing the "o"

With the turn of the job of determining what and sometimes rough of the houses of Congress pictures take you over the bill, authorizing the "o"

With the turn of the job of determining what and sometimes rough of the houses of Congress pictures take you over the bill, authorizing the "o"

With the turn of the job of determining what and sometimes rough of the houses of Congress pictures take you over the bill, authorizing the "o"

With the turn of the job of determining what and sometimes rough of the houses of Congress pictures take you over the bill, authorizing the "o"

With the turn of the job of determining what and sometimes rough of the houses of Congress pictures take you over the bill, authorizing the "o"

With the turn of the job of determining what and sometimes rough of the houses of Congress pictures take you over the bill, authorizing the "o"

With the turn of the job of determining what and sometimes rough of the houses of Congress pictures take you over the bill, authorizing the "o"

With the turn of the job of determining what and sometimes rough of the houses of Congress pictures take you over the bill, authorizing the "o"

With the turn of the job of determining what and sometimes rough of the houses of Congress pictures take you over the bill, authorizing the "o"

With the turn of the job of determining what and sometimes rough of the houses of Congress pictures take you over the bill, authorizing the "o"

With the turn of the job of determining what and sometimes rough of the houses of Congress pictures take you over the bill, authorizing the "o"

With the turn of the job of determining what and sometimes rough of the houses of Congress pictures take you over the bill, authorizing the "o"

With the turn of the job of determining what and sometimes rough of the houses of Congress pictures take you over the bill, authorizing the "o"

With the turn of the job of determining what and sometimes rough of the houses of Congress pictures take you over the bill, authorizing the "o"

With the turn of the job of determining what and sometimes rough of the houses of Congress pictures take you over the bill, authorizing the "o"

With the turn of the job of determining what and sometimes rough of the houses of Congress pictures take you over the bill, authorizing the "o"

With the turn of the job of determining what and sometimes rough of the houses of Congress pictures take you over the bill, authorizing the "o"

Law in the Making

With the turn of the year a new Congress—the 77th—began its job of determining what shall be the laws of this nation. It's a long and sometimes rough road between the introduction of a bill in one of the houses of Congress and its enactment into law. These pictures take you over that road. This particular bill is the Vinson bill, authorizing the "construction or acquisition of naval aircraft."



Rep. Carl Vinson of Georgia, chairman of House Naval Affairs committee, drops a resolution into the "hopper," at the Speaker's table in the House of Representatives—the first step in the making of a law.

HR-9848. William J. McDermott Jr., bill clerk of the House, puts a number on the resolution into the "H. R." for "House Resolution." Resolutions indicate temporary legislation. Bills become continuing laws.



Next milestone on the bill's journey is at the desk of Lewis Deschler, parliamentary officer of the House, an encyclopedia of legislative procedure, who sits at the Speaker's table during sessions. Mr. Deschler decides which House committee will get the resolution.



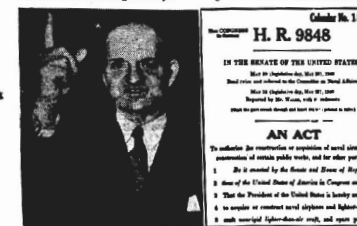
And now HR-9848 is delivered to Robert H. Harper, a clerk of the House Naval Affairs committee. Many copies are run off.

Chairman Vinson, having decided to call a hearing, checks the resolution with Commander I. C. Bogart.



Debate . . . In due course hearings are heard on HR-9848. Here Rep. L. B. Johnson of Texas, member of the Naval Affairs committee, is having his say.

Read in Session . . . After making a few changes, the committee reported favorably on HR-9848. Roger Calloway, reading clerk, reads it in session.



Author-Booster . . . After the Vinson measure was given the green light in committee, it went to the House, where its author sold his piece in its favor.

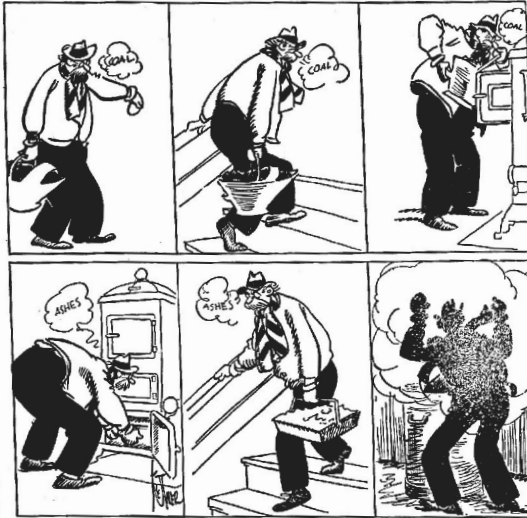
For Defense . . . And here is the first page of HR-9848, calling for the construction or acquisition of naval aircraft. A long route, but it's democratic way



The public is privileged to listen to committee arguments.

• OUR COMIC SECTION •

Peter B. Peeve



S M A T T E R P O P

By C. M. Payne



P O P

By J. Miller Watt



Let Them Work

Farmer McTavish fell in a well where the water was seven feet deep, and cold. His wife, who had seen him fall in, called down to him: "I'll ring the dinner bell so the boys will come and pull you up." "What time is it?" McTavish yelled back. "About half-past ten." "No, dang it, let 'em work till dinner time. I'll swim around until they arrive."

WISCRACKER

"Hullo! What are those red marks on your coat?" "Rust. My tailor said this stuff would wear like iron."

A Generous Disposition

"Friend," said Plodding Pete, "I want to ask you a favor." "I haven't time to listen to you," said the pedestrian. "I suppose you're expectin' me to ask you for money?" "You needn't, I'm broke." "Well, jes' to show dat I'm a good feller an' don't carry no ill will, jes' wait here till I panhandle up an' down de block a couple o' times an' I'll lend you some."

PATTERN SEWING CIRCLE DEPARTMENT



lengthening bodice panels that accent height, thus making you look slimmer, and gathers beneath the yoke portions, this dress is cleverly detailed to give exactly the effect that women's sizes require. The neckline is finished with a deeply notched collar, the sleeves are trimmed with narrow cuffs. And you'll find it one of the most comfortable fashions you ever put on.

Pattern No. 8836 is designed for sizes 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46 and 48. Size 38 requires, with short sleeves, 4 1/2 yards of 36-inch material, without nap, with long sleeves, 4 1/2 yards. 1/2 yard for contrasting collar and cuffs. Send order to:

SEWING CIRCLE PATTERN DEPT., Room 1318, 111 W. Wacker Dr., Chicago. Enclose 10 cents in coins for Pattern No. Size Name Address



ONE special beauty of this design (No. 8836) is that you can make it up in household cottons or home wear, cutting the sleeve off short, and in spun rayon or thin wool for runabout, cutting the sleeves long! And it's so easy to make that you're certain to repeat it many times. Belted only in the back, with

Ask Me Another • A General Quiz

1. What is the population of Greece?
2. What standards are used by the Bureau of the Census in computing the number of illiterates in the country?
3. Under what conditions may a private in the U. S. army wed?
4. What does a pangryic piece if writing do?

The Answers
1. 2,044,684.
2. The Bureau of the Census rules that any person 10 years of age or older who cannot read or write in any language is an illiterate.
3. With his commanding officer's permission.
4. A pangryic piece of writing laboriously praises.

ST. JOSEPH'S WORLD'S LARGEST SELLER AT 10¢ ASPIRIN

Nothing for Nothing
Set it down as a fact to which there are no exceptions, that we must labor for all that we have, and that nothing is worth possessing, or offering to others, which costs us nothing.—John Todd.

QUALITY AT A PRICE
The outstanding value of St. Joseph's Aspirin is its purity and strength. It is the only Aspirin that is 100% pure. ST. JOSEPH'S COMPANY, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Evil Thought
Multitudes think they like to do evil; yet no man ever really enjoyed doing evil since God made the world.—Ruskin.



The smoke of slower-burning Camels gives you —
EXTRA MILDNESS EXTRA COOLNESS EXTRA FLAVOR
AND—

28% LESS NICOTINE

than the average of the 4 other largest-selling cigarette tested—less than any of them—according to independent scientific tests of the smoke itself.



Gas Tax Money
Should Be Used to
Build New Roads

VOLUME XVII—NUMBER 13

THE HIGHLANDS SUN

AVON PARK, FLORIDA, SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 1941

SINGLE COPY: FIVE CENTS

Eat More Citrus
For Your
Health's Sake

Tampa U. Head Speaks Sunday at State Park

"March of Iron Men" Subject; Choralists To Sing

Dr. James Elliott Mendenhall, president of the University of Tampa, will be the principal speaker at the second of the winter program series at Highlands Hammock state park Sunday. His subject will be "The March of Iron Men."

The program will be opened at 8 o'clock with a concert by the Solberg Choral Society, with Prof. P. J. Gestel directing and Leon Kahn, accompanying.

In case of inclement weather, the program will be given at the Solberg high school auditorium. A sign advising of the change to the school will be placed on the Solberg Circle if such a change becomes necessary.

Last Sunday the series opened with an excellent address by Dean Walter J. Matherly, of the University of Florida, and a concert by the Solberg school band. Dean Matherly spoke on the difficulties of youth in preparing for jobs in peace time and the difficulties they encounter in a war-time world.

The dean was introduced by County School Superintendent F. N. K. Bailey, who also presented State Forester Henry J. Maltberger.

The program was directed by Clayton Perreault, of Bradenton, and Rev. Luther Price, Solberg Presbyterian church minister, had charge of the devotional period.

Dr. Mendenhall, president of Tampa University, last speaker, is a wide background in fields of education, publishing, editing and authorship. He counts in his circle of friends and intimates some of the greatest men of our time.

Dr. Mendenhall was presented a special key to the National Social Science Honor Society, Pi Gamma Mu, for furthering the interests generally of the social sciences and assisting in broadening the invaluableness of this national collegiate organization.

He has a geographic area in the Atlantic named for him by his friend, Admiral Richard E. Byrd, and was recently selected by the committee of University Presidents to write the official honoring the life and work of the late Dr. John H. Finley, formerly editor-in-chief of the New York Times. Also, he has recently been invited to become an honorary member of the American Society of the French Legion of Honor.

Dr. Mendenhall is an honor member of the Air Legion of the British Empire, and has written a number of books in the field of aviation for high school youth, having studied that field in Europe. He has organized a committee of 100, composed of business, professional and cultural leaders in Tampa, whose advice he is seeking to assist in developing a more practical approach to education. This young university president feels that education should go beyond the classroom and bring into the university rich resources from the world of business and industry.

Contract Let For Six Rearing Pools On Hatchery Site

Lee Littleton, who recently was awarded a contract to dig six rearing pools for the Highlands County Fish and Game association on the association's property at Lakemont, will have a dragging set up so that operations will start Monday.

The contract was let by the directors last Saturday and involves \$1100. Fred Peden, president, announced. However, an additional \$400 is needed to build cement catch basins, he said, and the association is conducting an intensive membership campaign to raise the funds for the present and future development of the rearing pools, the principal objective of organized sportsmen.

"We should have 3000 members in our organization to carry on," said Peden. "And there is no reason why we shouldn't have that number. The cost is only \$1 a year, but for that small sum we can make Highlands county the fishing mecca of Florida. In addition to members, we will welcome any donations now, because we want to have the pools in operation by March 1."

The six pools will be 150 x 400 feet, each graduating from a depth of 18 inches to five and a half feet. They will be connected by canals with Lake Letta, and have an outlet into Big Bonnet lake, because of the natural fall.

Only bass will be reared at first, they being considered most important at this time. Later, the association may raise broom and perch. Bass fry will be obtained from the federal hatchery at Wekiva, near Crescent City, and placed in the pools. When they attain a size of six inches, they will be placed in the county's various lakes.

The Wekiva hatchery has notified that Highlands association that 100,000 bass fry have been allotted to the local rearing pools, for delivery here about March 1.

Maple Leafs Will Train Here Again

International Club to Come Back for Fourth Year

The Toronto Maple Leafs will train in Avon Park for the fourth successive season, according to announcement this week by G. E. Crabtree, manager of the Jacksonville hotel, who said an agreement had been reached with the baseball club for their return to Avon Park. They will make their headquarters at the Jacaranda, as they have in the past.

It was reported earlier in the season that the Maple Leafs would go to Winter Haven this year, but there was some conflict over the use of the baseball field, due to increased high school activities, it was reported.

The Avon Park chamber of commerce issued an invitation to Toronto several months ago, offering to have the use of the baseball field, with club house accommodations, and virtually the same conditions as have obtained in the past three seasons.

The club will report here for spring training about the 15th of March. The war has made a heavy drain on athletes in Canada, but even a country at war must have its baseball, and when the international league opens this spring, the Maple Leafs will be doing business as usual.

Baldwin Named Receiver For Drainage District

Cyril Baldwin was named receiver of the Itokopka Consolidated drainage district of Highlands and Glades counties in a suit filed in federal court in Tampa the latter part of last week by Edward Major Campbell, of New York, a holder of bonds and notes.

Mr. Baldwin will resign at once from the staff of Controller J. M. Lee, and will open an office in Avon Park about February 1, it was learned. Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin will return here to reside at their home on Highlands avenue.

Judge Barker, in making the appointment, directed Baldwin to file a \$5000 bond and take charge. He is to take tax books and other records of the hands of supervisors and put on a drive to collect delinquent taxes.

The receiver also was asked to report on the financial condition of the district and of the Indian Prairie sub-drainage district and the original Itokopka drainage district which were made a part of the present consolidation.

Benefits set at \$747,845. The benefits of the Indian Prairie district were set at \$747,845 and bonds totaling \$211,000 were issued and work done, but the program never was completed.

The original Itokopka district then was formed, but it also failed to complete its program, and finally the two and additional territory were united in the consolidated district, for which benefits were set at \$2,300,000. But it, too, ran into difficulties.

Campbell asked the court to prohibit the interests in the original district and in the consolidation. J. J. Franklin, J. J. Hendry and Charles F. Lykes, members of the board of supervisors, were made defendants.

SOUTHERN GLEE CLUB TO SING HERE

The Southern Singers of Florida Southern College will appear at the Congregational Church next Friday, January 31 at 8 p. m. The 50 mixed voices, under the direction of Dr. John A. M. Stewart, will render a program of songs in a rare musical treat for Avon Park music lovers. (Program on page 88.)

Federal Road Head Says 19 Defense Highway

Rep. 19, through Central Florida, has been designated by the federal road administration as a defense highway, and the government is willing to help Florida build it, if congress will furnish the money, according to a Washington news story appearing in the press Tuesday.

Governor Holland and the Florida delegation reported that Thomas H. McDonald, commissioner of the public road administration, offered to help Florida solve its road difficulties, following a two-hour conference, during which he was told that the concentration of naval and military facilities in Florida had created a need for new roads which the state was without funds to build.

President's Ball Will Be Held at Hammock Tavern

Highlands County will stage a President's Birthday Ball on next Friday, January 31, birthday anniversary of President Roosevelt, who is again lending his name to these nation-wide parties to raise money for the fight on infantile paralysis. Walter Betts is county chairman, and is making the arrangements.

The Highlands party will be held at Hammock Tavern on Black Beach Lake, Sebring, and must: will be furnished by Paul Alcorn's Kenilworth orchestra. Admission will be \$1.00 per couple, and the proceeds will go to the Infantile Paralysis fund. Seventy percent of the money raised legally will remain in Highlands county for use here should the need arise.

Dr. L. W. Martin Seriously Injured In Airplane Crash

Dr. L. W. Martin, of Sebring, was seriously injured last Saturday morning in an airplane accident as he attempted to land his plane at Okeechobee, and as a result, is confined to his own hospital with severe lacerations, a crushed left ankle, a broken left arm and a fractured right shoulder blade and elbow. No internal injuries were reported.

Dr. Martin owns a plane and has been flying between Sebring and Okeechobee. Last Saturday morning, flying alone, he attempted to land at Okeechobee in inclement weather. He descended low over the field to take a look before landing. When he attempted to climb again, the plane stalled and fell to the ground, burying its nose in the dirt.

Dr. Martin was removed from the wreckage and taken to a Fort Pierce hospital in an ambulance. He was brought to his hospital in Sebring Sunday. Other doctors of the county have taken over the care of his patients at the hospital. Meanwhile, he is reported to be resting.

Lions Will Observe Birthday of Founder

Next Monday the local Lions Club will celebrate their founders birthday with a quail dinner furnished by hunters of the club and a full hour of fine entertainment of varied kinds. All Lions and their wives or lady friends in this locality are expected to attend. This is not a ladies night, but it is customary each year in January that all Lions Clubs have a special dinner in honor of Melvin Jones Birthday (Founder of Lions International) and share the enjoyment with their ladies.

Several new members will be added to the roster of the club at this time. This dinner and program was held at the Methodist church, last night, and it was reported that the ladies of the church headed by Mrs. Hayes Maxwell will prepare and serve the dinner which promises to be one that will not easily be forgotten. Dinner will be served at 7:30 o'clock.

Barnett Officers Are All Re-elected at Annual Meeting

The annual stockholders' meeting of the Barnett Bank of Avon Park was held Thursday, and directors elected for the coming year. They are: D. M. Barnett, W. R. Barnett, J. S. Francis, M. V. Fletcher and C. H. Walker.

Immediately following the election of directors, all officers of the bank were re-elected as follows: D. M. Barnett, president; M. V. Fletcher, vice president; C. H. Walker, vice president; S. F. Longbottom, cashier.

President D. M. Barnett, accompanied by W. R. Barnett, a companion of Dr. Martin, attended the meeting.

President Barnett, in reviewing the year's activities, expressed himself as pleased at the progress made by the bank, and sounded an optimistic note for the future.

Dr. L. W. Martin Seriously Injured In Airplane Crash

Mrs. Chas. Sherman is expected home today from Montgomery, Ala., where she was called by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. G. W. Oliver, of Sebring. Mrs. Sherman is pleased to know that Mrs. Oliver's condition has improved.

Red Devils Take Twin Bill From Wauchula Quints

The Avon Park Red Devils hung up another double victory here Tuesday night when they defeated the Wauchula Wildcats in a double bill. The Devillets downed the visitors 27 to 16, while the boys took the game 34 to 26.

The girls' game started out with the Devillets taking the lead, which they never relinquished, but added to their margin throughout the game. Tom Martin led the girls with 16 points while her team mate Mildred Barnard scored 9. Parnell led the Wauchula girls with 17.

The boy's game was considerably faster. The Devils took the lead, but in the closing moments of the game, when coach Rosen sent in his second string the Wildcats picked up enough points to put them in striking distance of the game. The starting team went to the rescue in the last two minutes to save the game. Jack Williams led the Red Devils with 12 points but was topped by Marsh of Wauchula who scored 10 points. Ward Ward made 10 points in the game.

All This and Exhibits, Too

General Manager F. T. Strider of the Florida State Fair has announced the night grandstand attraction this year during the entire fair will be Frank White's spectacular show "The Flying Saucers of the Future" with America's most beautiful girls assembled from all parts of the western hemisphere to create the greatest patriotic and sentimental attractions of all time. Salute to Freedom will be presented each evening throughout the fair February 6th to 16th, in front of grandstands.

Mrs. Chester Yates and daughter, Bobby Sue, spent the week and a half at Camp Blanning with Captain Yates.

Airport May Be Used As Base For Bombers

Army Inspector Says Avon Park Has Fine Field

Capt. R. E. Beebe, in charge of flight training for bombers at MacDill field, flew in here Thursday for an inspection of the municipal airport, with a view of using the field for primary training for bombers. He was on a tour of inspection of several fields, and while he would give out no official information, said the Avon Park airport was "the best seen outside of regular airline fields."

Those in close touch with the situation here, are of the opinion that it is highly possible that Avon Park will be designated as a sub-airfield, which would mean the building of a few bombers here, with staff, fliers and attendants. When this time comes, nobody knows. But the field is being developed with paved runways almost entirely at government expense, and the history of these developments is that the army moves in when the fields are completed and needed for the expanding defense program. This would probably be a gradual development, it is said. The airport might be used first as a landing field, then hangars might be added and finally machine shops, barracks, etc.

Such a program would not necessarily interfere with the establishment of a flying school, according to those in the know. The army is working in close cooperation with the flying schools in other places, and could do so here, it is believed. Up to now, there has been no such thing as a flying school, but hardly a week goes by without some new angle developing, and there is every indication that the field will very soon be used by the army as soon as it is completed.

Orange Festival Highlights

The late Dr. Adolph Steiner, who will be honored on Sunday afternoon with a program given in his memory, was one of the organizers of and active in the affairs of the Winter Glee Club, but did not serve as president of the organization, as stated through error last week.

Col. and Mrs. J. M. Lee stopped over in Avon Park for a visit Thursday, enroute from Okeechobee, where they attended a Cattlemen's association meeting Wednesday night.



Several special features will highlight the 1941 Florida Orange Festival to be held at Winter Haven, Fla., from Jan. 31 to Feb. 1. One of the big days will be Friday, Jan. 31, when Governor Spessard Holland, along with several hundred citrus men of the state will be special guests. Mrs. William H. Hays, Sebring, a woman columnist of the air, will broadcast one of her daily Florida Citrus Commission programs from the festival grounds. Joe Hall, Tallahassee, president of the Florida Junior Chamber of Commerce, will be one of the principal speakers. The two pictures shown the festival entrance, while Governor Holland and Mrs. Hall are shown in the bottom panel, left to right.