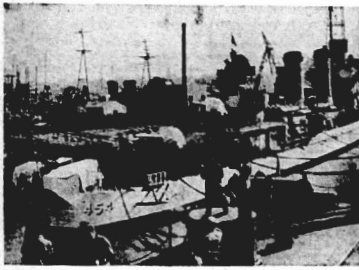


WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS By Edward C. Wayne

Orient Bristles With Military Activity As U. S. and Japan End Conferences; U. S. Planes Aid British Libyan Drive; Nazis Admit Russia Recaptures Rostov

EDITORIAL NOTE:—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the writer and not necessarily those of this newspaper. (Released by Western Newspaper Union.)



Here is a view of the U. S. S. Elyan, new destroyer for the U. S. Navy, during commissioning ceremonies at the New York Navy Yard. Officers and crew are facing aft as the colors are raised. The ship is a sister ship of the U. S. S. Kearny, up and making port under her own torpedoes had to offer.

JAPAN: Demands

Following exploratory talks between special Japanese envoy Kuroki and Secretary Hull which had more or less been kept secret, the latter suddenly issued a five-point ultimatum to Japan which showed plainly that the United States feared no crisis with Japan, and that her attitude toward Japan's plans in the Pacific was unchanged.

The United States boldly asserted she was insisting on Japan's withdrawal from the Axis, that Japan must get out of China, that she must withdraw from Indo-China, that she must be willing to keep the open door in the Pacific.

This was followed closely by a wave of rumors—that Japan was sending 30,000 men in 70 transports to Indo-China—that the U. S. was going to patrol the supply route to China along the Burma road with airplanes.

On top of all this came Premier Hideki Tojo's blunt statement that in the light of developments Japan considered Britain and the United States "hostile nations," accusing the Western powers of attempting to exploit East Asia, and saying: "We must purge this sort of practice with vengeance."

Then came word from Singapore that all army leave had been cancelled and that the entire British force there had been placed "on the alert."

There was little doubt but that the sword of war was dangling by a thread in the Pacific, a fact which President Roosevelt had recognized in taking a brief vacation to Warm Springs, Ga. As he left he remarked that his date of return "depended on Japan."

Tojo continued his tirade against Britain and America by taking note of the rumor that this country was planning a Burma Road patrol. He said that Japan "could not ignore" such a move, and would counter it as "deliberately hostile action."

Real spot that all eyes were turned upon was the border of Thailand, against which many believed that Japan would launch an invasion attempt as an "answer" to Hull's latest message.

Such a move, Washington observers felt, would instantly touch off war in the Pacific.

RUSSIA: Gateway Gain

As the Russians admittedly had their backs to the wall in Moscow, they had claimed an outstanding victory in the central southern sector where their assaulting armies had recaptured Rostov-on-Don, an important gateway to the Caucasian oil fields previously lost to the Nazis. For several days the Russians had been talking about a counter-attack somewhat to the west of Rostov, an attack which might drive southward with some success.

At that time Pravda and the army paper Red Star had hinted that the counter-attack was seriously affecting General Von Kleist's supply lines.

Suddenly the Russian armies fell with full force on the Von Kleist army corps, and Kaulbarsch reported the entire corps was annihilated and that the Russians had the Nazi forces in the Rostov district routed and sent westward in "disorderly retreat."

The Germans admitted the evacuation, and ascribed it to an effort to gain time for retreating against the attacks of the civilian population on the German rear "in defiance of international law."

Stripped of its Nazi propaganda angles, this seemed at first a partial admission on the part of the German High Command that the Russian attacks on the German communication lines, which had featured Red dispatches for a week, had played a big part in the German disaster at Rostov.

'Natural' Man

DETROIT, MICH.—To Russell Allen, 26-year-old die-maker of Detroit, shoes are only the dictates of dignity. Nightly he can be seen walking down Detroit's streets—sans shoes. He says shoes aren't natural and has gone barefooted for years. He was sickly until he adopted a diet of foods in their natural state. His only meat is raw beef.

U. S. ARMY: Changes Ideas

Partly as a result of maneuvers in the South, partly as a result of reports from American observers with the warring armies in Europe and Africa, the U. S. Army's ideas of a fighting force are undergoing rapid changes.

Modern armies had been accepted, also modern motor transport, and our army had its planes, tanks, anti-tank guns, anti-aircraft guns, and all the other appurtenances of modern warfare.

But this has not been deemed the best arrangement, and army officers and commanders are reorganizing the army, so that each unit is practically a whole mechanized army in itself.

Each infantry outfit, the new army idea envisions, will have its own screen of tanks, will be completely motorized, and will transport from place to place, will have its own battery of planes, will have its own self-contained medical unit.

Thus what used to be a regiment of foot-soldiers, working in conjunction with separate units of plane, artillery and tanks, will now become a complete little army in itself, with all the necessary arms.

FINNS: Being Replaced?

The report by the British admiralty that the submarine of the Royal Air Force sent to the bottom recently in Arctic waters by Soviet vessels recently in Arctic waters gave rise to the belief that the Nazis were seeking to replace Finnish troops on the northern Russian front.

This indicates a probability that Finland might not be as wholeheartedly in the war as the German command would have the world believe.

One submarine, the British reported, sank five ships and seriously damaged a sixth, and the other sent three to the bottom out of a convoy of seven and damaged the others so that "their destruction was believed probable."

At least two of the vessels were carrying troops, London said.

GILLETTE: His Letter

George Mason, the "Father of the Bill of Rights," living in his home, Gunpowder Hall, five miles from Washington, he wrote the Virginia Bill of Rights, which was the basis for the drafting of the national Bill of Rights.

of 1787, did not contain a specific declaration of individual rights. In the opinion of the delegates that a declaration was unnecessary, it would either readmit rights already existing, or it would merely prohibit the national government from interfering with them. Nevertheless, when the draft was submitted for adoption, it was discovered that it was "undemocratic" to bring it about. The existence of such a possibility is indicated by our promise of aid to the Free French forces in the terms of the lend-lease act, and such help may bring it about by giving the British and Free French a more secure future.

How much this advantage will amount to remains to be seen.

Christmas Trees Pay for College

ITHACA, N. Y.—Homecoming Christmas trees and boys hired as "sandwich men" to advertise them have helped a former New York state college education at Cornell university.

The sale of Christmas trees takes care of half the expenses of George Hanson, now a sophomore at Cornell, who is a member of the New York state college of agriculture.

In the past three seasons he has received a total of \$456 from his plantation since nine years ago. This December another \$15 will go into his till.

George credits his success to a local market near his home to satisfied customers who come back year after year and pay fancy prices for extra-special trees, and to advertising, including the "sandwich men" who have been hired to move a number of the trees as the side branches closed in but 800 trees survived.

MISCELLANY:

Washington: Five days before the nation's operating railway workers were to go out on their scheduled strike the tie-up was averted when it was announced from Washington that the railway workers had agreed to a new contract.

New York: The American Institute of Decorators was celebrating the 22nd and 23rd members of the order, and the new members today "ingrained in our nation's nature."

U. S. to Observe 150th Birthday of 'Bill of Rights'

WASHINGTON.—While armies are engaged in the death struggle to determine whether the democratic ideal or totalitarianism will dominate the world, the United States is to rule Europe and Asia, the American people are preparing to observe the 150th anniversary of the Magna Charta of their liberties—the Bill of Rights.

The Office of Civil Defense, at the request of the American Library of Congress, through its state and local defense councils throughout the land, and with the collaboration of national, state and local agencies, will lead the nation's observance of "Bill of Rights Day" on December 15, a request in a joint resolution of the senate and the house of representatives, President Roosevelt's proclamation fixing that day as the one on which the whole nation pays its respects to the source of its liberties—gives the event special significance.

In schools throughout the United States there will be exhibits demonstrating the participation of the school in the observance of the anniversary. Local celebrations are to be under the auspices of the local defense councils, and will demonstrate that the ceremonies in commemoration of the Freedmen's march to the White House, which could be achieved only in a free society. The Library of Congress is sponsoring a series of lectures on the origin of the Bill of Rights, defining the liberties it guarantees and contrasting the position of the American people with those of the so-called countries which were democracies, as well as those in the totalitarian states.

Special Program Outlined.

Director F. H. LaGuardia of the Office of Civil Defense has suggested that each local defense council institute formation of information committees, to get the facts about the total defense program; to develop local interest in defense; to make them more meaningful; to develop locally organized defense groups; to provide speakers on defense subjects for local organizations.

In his statement requesting the collaboration of the Office of Civil Defense and local defense councils, Mr. LaGuardia said:

"The precise event signified by these ceremonies will be the ratification of the Bill of Rights by the State of Virginia, whereby the asserted necessary three-fourths of the States was secured, and whereby it became a part of the Constitution of the United States."

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There is no evidence of any immediate danger of that, although the removal of General Weigand from his African command indicates an effort toward greater cooperation between Vichy and the Nazis, which the British government has already announced.

At the moment, French Guiana needs and wants the economic benefits of American trade, and the presence of additional troops will be a moral as well as a physical support for the French people in the knowledge that we are on the alert. The occupation of Dutch Guiana can hardly be considered an unfriendly act toward either French Guiana or Martinique, and we are not likely to have any serious friction between either and the Vichy government turns over everything to the Nazis.

African Event Important.

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Occupation of Dutch Guiana Strengthens Defense Bases

The picture shows one of the bauxite mines on the Surinam river which will be guarded by U. S. troops. Occupation of Dutch Guiana is a new taking place, following the conclusion of an agreement with the Netherlands government and Brazil. Bauxite from these mines provides a large percentage of the aluminum needed for national defense.

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For the occupation of Dutch Guiana, the acquisition of naval bases from Britain, fits into the plan to strengthen the links in the chain of defenses we have built to protect ourselves against the invasion of both men and propaganda. The invasion of men is still regarded by most people as only a remote possibility, the invasion of propaganda is now accepted as an accomplished fact.

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Folks You Know..

Mrs. S. F. Longbottom, and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Longbottom of Sebring, spent Tuesday in Tampa with Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Wills. The many Avon Park friends of Miss Eunice Wills, will be pleased to learn that she is now rapidly recuperating from a recent appendicitis operation. Miss Wills has often visited her sister, Mrs. Longbottom at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Ward, accompanied by the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Ward, who have spent some time here with their son and family, left Sunday afternoon for a brief visit on the east coast. Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Ward left Vero Beach for their home in Champaign, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Ward returned home Monday night.

Bill Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Hall, who recently enlisted in the army at the recruiting office in Tampa, has been sent to Wehita Falls, Texas, where he will attend an airplane mechanics school.

John Sherman and George Sherman of Castle, N. Y., returned to their home on Thursday, after visiting here for several days. They brought a truck load of delicious apples to Florida when they came, and after disposing of them, took back north, a truck load of our famed Florida citrus fruit.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Jarrett returned word from their son, Clyde, who is stationed at Camp Blanding, that he had successfully passed an examination to join the Air Corps, on Tuesday in Orlando. Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett and daughter, Helen plan on spending Sunday with him at Camp Blanding, unless he is able to get leave for a week and at home.

Mrs. C. R. Ginn Jr. underwent an emergency operation at Weems hospital Wednesday morning at 4 o'clock. Her many friends will be pleased to know that she is recuperating nicely. Her mother, Mrs. F. W. Ames arrived Wednesday from Zephyrhills.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Roberts, Mrs. J. H. Kirkwood, and Mr. and Mrs. M. Foster spent Saturday in Tampa with Mr. and Mrs. Booth Kirkwood. Mrs. Kirkwood remained for the week end. Friends here will be glad to know that Mrs. Booth Kirkwood is improving from a recent operation.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bovard arrived in Avon Park Monday from Trenton, Pa. and will spend the winter at their home on south Verona Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred French of Detroit, Mich. arrived Sunday to visit their niece, Mrs. Ernest Spencer and family, until after the first of the year.

Mrs. R. Robinson will arrive next week from her home in New York to spend some time in Avon Park. Mrs. Robinson is a sister of Mrs. J. R. Kinehart.

Mrs. Cyril Baldwin returned home Wednesday from Savannah, Ga., where she was called on Monday by the death of her aunt, Mrs. Lettie Hendricks.

Mrs. Minerva Hoy and daughter, Miss Maud Hoy of Brave, Pa., arrived Monday to spend the holidays with Mrs. Hoy's sister, Mrs. J. B. Coen and family.

Miss Virgie Harris of New York has arrived to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harris. Miss Harris is a supervisor at Bellevue hospital in New York.

Mrs. G. W. Oliver, who has been visiting relatives in Georgia, has returned to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Sherman. Mrs. Tom Ferrell of New Orleans, La., is also visiting her sister, Mrs. Sherman.

Mrs. M. V. Pilcher and daughter and son, Madge and Johnnie spent the week end in Sarasota, with Mrs. Pilcher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cardwell.

Mrs. S. Y. Haru is returning home the end of the week from Miami, where she has been visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Keune.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Guerdni and son, Freddie, who have been in Rantoul, Ill. and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Guerdni, who have spent the summer in Gary, Ind., have recently returned to Avon Park.

C. A. Straubel has arrived from his home in Green Bay, Wis., to spend some time with his father, H. A. Straubel, and his daughter, Mrs. Nan Rouse and family.

LELAND ELDER TO MARRY MISS ESTHER HARRIS

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Harris of Magnolia street announce the engagement of their daughter, Esther Lucille, to Leland Frank Elder, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Elder of Avon Park. The wedding will take place during the holiday season.

Sgt. and Mrs. Alexander have taken an apartment at the home of Mrs. George Voorhees. Sgt. Alexander is stationed at the Sebring Air Base.

Mrs. Fred Peden will leave next week end for Gallipoli, Ohio, where she will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Lear.

Mrs. W. J. Prevatt and Mrs. Geo Symonds spent Saturday in Tampa.

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FOR SALE—Girl's bicycle, \$7.00; Firestone scooter, with seat, balloon tires, just like new, \$2.00. Mrs. K. B. Vann, Sebring road, across the road from Lanier home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Rex Reed and daughter, Alyse, who have spent the past several months in Lansing, Mich., returned to Avon Park Sunday.

Mrs. H. W. Harden, Mrs. L. P. Childers, Mrs. Laverne Longest, and Miss Allie Harden spent Friday in Lakeland.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. L. Brown of Los Angeles, Cal. were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. R.R. Porter, Sgt. Saturday, as they were enroute to Miami.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that Will, husband of Mrs. E. V. Vinton, Tampa, Fla. holder of Tax Certificate No. 123-192, issued the 6th & 18th day of July & August A. D. 1937-25, respect- ively has filed same in my office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

Said certificate embraces the follow- ing described property in the County of Highlands, State of Florida, to-wit: of NE 1/4 & E 1/2 of SW 1/4, Sec. 21-22-27, T2N, R10E, S19W, 1925 cover- ing 1.25 acres of land, more or less, under the said certificate issued was the 1st day of December, 1941.

Unless said certificate shall be re- deemed according to law, the property described therein will be sold to the highest bidder at the court house door at 11:00 A. M. on the first day of the month of January, 1942. Dated this 1st day of December, 1941.

H. P. PURDY
Clerk of Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida.
By D. G. Young, Deputy Clerk
Dec. 6, 1941, 27.

NEGRO CITIZENS BEING OR- GANIZED IN CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Throughout Highlands County and all over the state, the Negro Citizens are seriously taking their places in Civilian Defense. Meet-

ings in Sebring. Avon Park and We find that the Colored population are very responsive, willing to be enrolled in any service without fear or questions asked of them. Highlands County Defense Council Lake Placid were a complete suc- cess stated County Chairman Ben Stewart.

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ATTENTION! Truck and Bus Owners IMPORTANT

Several weeks ago questionnaires prepared by the War Department were sent out to all owners and operators of buses and trucks requesting them to register their truck or bus. To date only 46 per cent have complied with this request. If you have not filled in this questionnaire sent you, and mailed it in as requested, Please DO SO AT ONCE. This survey is separate and apart from the survey made by the State Defense Council. This War Department Survey is in addition to that registration. We assume that every truck and bus owner is a loyal American and that every loyal American is willing and anxious to give 100 per cent cooperation in this crisis.

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Grand Jury Makes Report

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\$30,000.00 outstanding with nothing to show for them. It may be said that the validity of the notes may be questioned but until their validity is established, it was the duty of the City Attorney as well as the Council to safeguard the interest of the City certainly to the extent that it would not become necessary for the City to spend large sums of money in litigation either for the cancellation or return of the mortgage and notes. Furthermore it has been brought to the attention of the Grand Jury that since these transactions took place, the owners of the property involved have executed an option agreeing to convey this same property to another purchaser for the amount of \$10,000.00 (TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS). The transaction between the City and the seller of this property took place in the latter part of 1940 and the option to the new purchaser or proposed new purchaser was made in 1941. It is difficult for the Grand Jury to understand how the City Council together with its adviser, the City Attorney, would agree in September 1940 to pay the sum of \$30,000.00 for certain described property and just one year later the same property in better condition is being sold for \$10,000.00. This we think amounts to a gross mismanagement of the City affairs by those who are charged with their responsibility.

In the course of the investigation the Grand Jury has found that under the terms of the City charter, the City Attorney is required to give bond. This bond was for the purpose of protecting the City against the loss of any funds passing through the hands of the City Attorney. We find that for causes not altogether clear Mr. Pardee was unable to secure a bond to protect the City as its charter requires but regardless of the fact that he could not secure such a bond the City Council permitted him to continue to act as such officer without bond. All of this time he was handling large sums of money in the collection of delinquent taxes for the City and also during this time Miss Tompkins was not only a member of the City Council but as an attorney-at-law she was associated with Mr. Pardee in his practice. While it does not appear to be any firm in which she appears as a member yet Mr. Pardee's stationery gives her name as an associate. The Grand Jury is informed that through the activity of Miss Tompkins as a member of the City Council she was able to have the Council maintain him as City Attorney without bond. We feel, therefore, that this condition is highly improper. In the first place it was not proper for her as a member of the firm or an associate of the City Attorney who handled large portions of the City Attorney's collections under the supervision of Mr. Pardee, to insist on his retaining the position of City Attorney without bond nor was it proper for her as a member of the City Council to permit him to use her influence as such to retain the position as City Attorney without giving the bond as required by law. Although the City Council permitted Mr. Pardee to maintain the position of City Attorney for a considerable period of time without giving the necessary and required bond they eventually undertook to remove him from that office seeing as their reason the fact that he had not provided a bond. The charter of the City of Avon Park, Section 20, provides that the City Council shall have the right by resolution adopted by a unanimous vote of all members present at said meeting and actually voting, to remove or remove from any city officer. Such a resolution was presented to the City Council of Avon Park and Miss Tompkins voted against it, thereby preventing the vote from being a unanimous vote and thereby preventing the removal of Mr. Pardee as City Attorney. This conduct on the part of Miss Tompkins we feel was clearly in violation of her duty as a member of the City Council.

We are further advised that Miss Tompkins while a member of the City Council sold insurance and surety bonds to the City. This likewise was in clear violation of the charter of the City and in all circumstances it is a violation of sound public policy. This Grand Jury has very carefully investigated the official and professional conduct of Mr. Pardee and Miss Tompkins in respect to their different relations to the City of Avon Park and it is our considered opinion that such conduct on their part, both being attorneys at law is contrary to the sound ethics of that profession. It is our direction, therefore, that these matters together with all of the details and ramifications of these transactions be referred to the Court Commissioners of the Tenth Judicial Circuit that it might inquire into the professional conduct of Mr. Pardee and Miss Tompkins whether disbarment proceedings should be instituted against them. The Grand Jury is not unimpressed of the fact that during the period herein referred to the City Council of Avon Park operated under the domination of Mr. Pardee but it also is not unimpressed of the fact that though Mr. Pardee exercised tremendous influence on the Council, the Council cannot be excused or lightly treated for its carelessness in dealing with and attending to the business of the City of Avon Park. The lack of attention and almost criminal neglect of some of the fundamental operations of the City of Avon Park by the Council

Local Band Takes Part In Gigantic Parade At Orlando



AVON PARK

The Avon Park High School Band, under the leadership of E. L. Roberts, played an important part in the Christmas Parade of Bands held last Thursday (4th) to inaugurate the holiday season in Orlando. Fifteen bands from 13 Florida towns and cities took part in the event which was witnessed by approximately 25,000 people from all sections of the state. Following

Highlands County Boys On Duty in Pacific War Zone

With Japan in the Pacific, the long arm of family ties brought the war home to Sterling. Carlos Duran, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Duran, of South Pine street is one local man in the service in the Pacific. Three years ago he enlisted as a radioman in the U. S. Navy. He reenlisted in August when his time expired. He had his most recent family visit over two years ago. In his latest letters home, Carlos gave indications that they were expecting the worst to happen. Up until the announcement that mail for sailors was to be sent through San Francisco, he was technically stationed at Manila. Several months prior to that, he had been stationed at Pearl Harbor.

U. S. Marines In Need Of Men

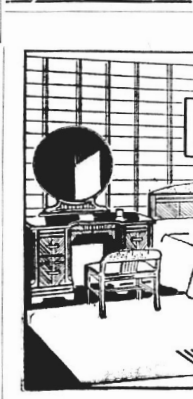
The United States Marine Corps wants men immediately! Young men between the ages of 17 and 28 of good health and character are eligible 1st Sgt. James G. Moore of the Tampa Marine Recruiting Office announces that the office will be open day and night. Applicants will be accepted and interviewed at any hour. For information or enlistment, apply at room 128 during the day and room 2 at night. Both offices are in the post office building in Tampa. Don't lag behind, boys! Enlist now in the outfit that is always first to fight. The United States Marines!

The police department of the Union of South Africa recently pursued 100 American-made motorcycles, the department of commerce says. Major and Mrs. Amos Tyree of Deloto City received word last night from Mrs. D. M. Tyree that "all are safe." Lt. Com. D. M. Tyree who is an officer aboard a navy heavy cruiser stationed at Pearl Harbor with his wife and two children. The family have been living in Honolulu. He has been stationed there for the past two years and before that was doing shore duty in Washington, D. C. He visited here three years ago. The full significance of the situation is better understood by Major Tyree than the majority of people in this area as he was stationed in Pearl Harbor doing much the same work from 1925 to 1928.

H. H. Thompson, husband of Mrs. Claire Parr Thompson, is another who is stationed near the Philippines. Although Mrs. Parr recently returned from a visit to San Francisco, she was unable to see her husband there. Crowded living conditions in that area have prevented the wives and families to move to the islands. Mrs. Parr has not seen her husband for 14 months.

Three Avon Park boys stationed at Pearl Harbor are Russell Massey, Harold "Buck" McCelland and Elzie Banner.

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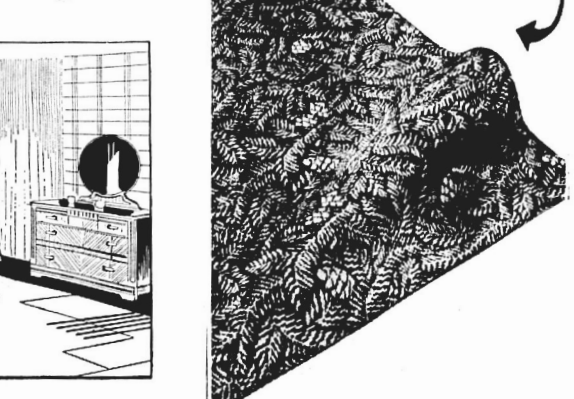
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G. B. Hunt, who is the parole and probation supervisor for the Florida Parole Commission in the district which includes Highlands county. Hunt's headquarters will be in Arcadia.

Dragline Operator Killed In Accident At Flying School

Tragedy struck for the second time at the Sebring Basic Flying School Tuesday when Charles Oliver Whorl died as a result of injuries received while operating a dragline December 3.

The first tragedy occurred when S. H. Varnadore was killed by a truck some weeks ago.

Mr. Whorl, a dragline operator for Cleary Bros. for the past five months, was operating a dragline belonging to another construction company when the accident occurred. Injuries sustained when the machine turned over were a severely crushed chest, several fractured ribs, and a pierced right lung.

Mr. Whorl had come here from Coconut Grove with his wife and two children, Charles Arthur and Darlene. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles V. Whorl of Girard, Ohio.

The body was shipped to Girard Wednesday.

In addition to the family members named above, Mr. Whorl is survived by one brother, Robert, and six sisters. Mrs. Gertrude Stinson, Mrs. Lillian Thompson, Mrs. Annabelle Stambough, and Miss Jane Whorl, all of Girard; Mrs. Eva Gauder, of California; and Mrs. Edna Mong, of Akron, Ohio.

NEW FEDERAL HOUSING PROGRAM APPROVED

Fifty Family Units To Be Constructed On Lake Shore

Federal housing project for an estimated 50 units under "title six mortgage insurance" on land owned by the City of Sebring on the southeast shore of Lake Jackson has been approved by President Roosevelt, according to a telegram from Congressman J. Hardin Peterson, received by City Attorney Joe D. Kinsey yesterday.

The houses to be built for the accommodation of officers to be stationed at the Basic Flying School here will be of one, two and three family units and it is expected there will be a total of 115 units approved later.

Single family units will be built for \$4,000, two family units for \$6,000 and three family dwellings for \$8,000.

It is understood that a contract will be let for the first 50 units and the contractor will sell or lease the buildings.

This project is in addition to the housing program for enlisted men and civilian employees which is to be built on the 25 acre tract in Sebring Highlands which the city has offered to sell to the government for this purpose.

In the case of the officers housing program the contractor will purchase the land from the city to which the city acquired title by foreclosure of tax liens.

Fish are never seen by some species of kingfishers, which live in dry areas, and eat insects, lizards, and snakes.

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For filling vacancies in the War Department, Sebring, Florida, Applications may be filed with the manager, Fifth U. S. Civil Service District, New Post Office Building, Atlanta, Georgia, until further notice.

Full further information and application forms may be obtained from the Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Post Office, Sebring, Florida, or from the Manager, Fifth U. S. Civil Service District, New Post Office Building, Atlanta, Ga.

Among the latest additions for the army are the "cleansing stations" which are combination units for disinfecting clothing and providing bathing facilities for troops in the field.

GRAFF BALLET PROGRAM TO BE GIVEN JAN. 27

Compositions By Joseph Havel and Maurice Havel Included in Repertoire

The program of the Graff Ballet featuring Grace and Kurt Graff, and sponsored by the Little Theatre group will appear in Sebring, Tuesday night, January 27, at the school auditorium.

The program opens with "Fantasy," a new dance which carries the greetings of the Graffs and the entire company to the audience. Based on circular forms, the movement of the dance turns and spirals, crescendoing to a sounding climax. The rhythmic pulse of the music, composed by Joseph Havel, drives the dancers to an ecstatic momentum. "Garden Party," a satire on the boredom of a mythical king and queen with their social duties, and the superficiality of society, danced by Anne Devine with and by David Sheinfeld. The second ballet. The music is by David Sheinfeld. The third number presents

Grace Graff in "Dance of Peace," a new composition with music by Joseph Havel.

"Ode to the Living," a full-length ballet featuring the whole company, constitutes the first half of the program. It is a dance of two women who meet death, one whose taste of life has scarcely been awakened, and one whose over eager love of life finds realization only in death. The intervening theme is that, whatever course human affairs may take, life goes on; that, regardless of heredity and environment, the persistent pulse of life does not need the passing tread of death. Characters in the ballet are:

Young guests of the Great House, Three Who Play Together, One Who Dances Alone, One Who is Laughed At, The One Who Guards, Daughter of the Great House, Death, Daughter of the Streets, The Men, First Love, Second Love, The Woman, The Child, and The Last Lover. Kurt Graff dances the character of Death, and Grace Graff dances the "Daughter of the Streets." The music is by Joseph Havel. Featuring Grace and Kurt Graff and eight members of the company, "Vintage-1917" an impression of early American rustic dance to a medley of popular tunes, opens the second half of the program.

Next, Kurt Graff dances a new solo composition, "Creature in the Night," with music by Maurice Havel. Following, Grace and Kurt Graff appear together in "Romance," with music by Eric Satie. "Singing Earth," whose theme is the fertility of life, concludes the program. Its seven scenes include: Ecstasy of Morning, Tramps Through the Fields, Girl in the Wind, Two Without Care, Then Comes the Rain, Ripening Fields, Harvest, Singing Earth. The musical score was written by Joseph Havel.

Costumes for the ballets were designed by Mr. Graff, John Pratt, and Paul Morrison and executed at the summer workshop in Vermont.

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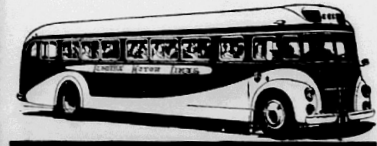
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Clubs and Parties . . .

By HETTIE H. BETHERINGTON — Phone 54

Lieut. Bennink Is Honored on Birthday

Lieut. Donald Bennink was a surprised honor guest at a delightful party at his home on Tuesday evening, when a number of friends enjoyed an informal get-together, in honor of his birthday anniversary.

Games were furnished as entertainment, and Lieut. Bennink was the recipient of many humorous gifts. Later in the evening, dainty refreshments of jelly, cake and coffee were served, with the Air Corps colors of yellow and blue predominant. The tired birthday cake centered the table, and was topped with a miniature model airplane, with the required number of candles burning on the outer edges of the two lower tiers.

Friends sharing the evening with Lieut. and Mrs. Bennink were Mayor M. E. Covington, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Kenney, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bovell, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Abbott, Captain and Mrs. Peter Sights, Lieut. Hall, Lieut. Earl D. Caton, Lieut. Ted Watson, Lieut. Clarence Rice, and Colquitt Pardee Jr.

Thanks folks for the generous response to the request for filling First Aid Kits!

John Clements Is Nine on Saturday

Mrs. Chas. Clements entertained at an enjoyable party on Saturday afternoon in honor of the ninth birthday anniversary of her son John. Both indoor and outdoor games afforded amusement for the young guests, after which John opened his many attractive birthday remembrances.

At five o'clock, delicious refreshments of individual frosted cakes and homemade pineapple ice cream were served. The pretty white birthday cake, aglow with nine small candles, was at one end of the lace covered dining table, which was centered with a pretty arrangement of poinsettias. Favors were colored lollipops. Chrysanthemums were used throughout the house in decoration.

Those invited to share the happiness of the afternoon with John were Edward Vann, David Lanier, Karl Crosby, Margaret Lawton, Marjorie Hetherington, Joyce Basemore, Gloria Basemore, Billy Morrell, Rosemary Kipp, Billy Wingfield, Virgil Hall, Bruce Norland, John Ormsley, Floyd Shaw, Doris Collins, Lynn Longbottom, Anna Vikari, Patricia Smith, Helen Knowles, and Betty Lou Burned.

Two Are Hostesses at Christmas Party

Mrs. Ray Wells and Mrs. H. H. Shepherd entertained the Philanthropic class of the Baptist Sunday School at a lovely Christmas party at the Wells home on Thursday evening. The rooms were attractive with arrangements of poinsettias, Florida holly and greenery with the mantel, a replica of a Christmas scene. Miniature decorated Christmas trees stood at either end, their reflection in an oblong mirror creating a soft glow over a tiny snow house with Santa Claus and reindeer, gleaming with snow and tinsel.

Christmas packages were heaped around a gay Santa Claus figure on the dining table, overlaid with a broadcloth. A musical game, with Mrs. Pat Jackson playing the accordion effected a novel manner in which to distribute the gifts. Mrs. Jackson also played other numbers, during the evening.

Delicious refreshments of fruit cake topped with whipped cream and coffee were served. Favors were red and green cellulose horn shaped containers of candy, tied with cellophane bows.

Those enjoying the party were Mrs. Pat Jackson, Mrs. J. H. Coen Jr., Mrs. W. Gailard, Mrs. Fred Estep, Mrs. Burnett, Mrs. Frank Costine, Mrs. E. C. Weaver, Mrs. S. Longbottom, Mrs. R. H. Lawton, Mrs. Durth Martin, Mrs. Paul McFarland, Mrs. M. M. Foster, Mrs. Gertrude, Mrs. J. P. Dalton, Mrs. Evie Canup, Mrs. Maud Hey, Mrs. A. H. Hancock, Mrs. M. G. Heubner, Mrs. H. Walker, Mrs. W. B. Archer, and Mrs. W. W. McFarland.

Mrs. Bass Hostess at Afternoon Party

Mrs. L. E. Bass was a popular hostess to club members and additional friends, at a lovely party at her home on Tuesday afternoon. Autumnal decorations, with bouquets of chrysanthemums predominating, were used to pleasing advantage.

High score club prize for the afternoon, a pair of ice box dishes was won by Mrs. G. S. McKnight; second high, two delicious casseroles, was given to Mrs. Wm. Hauptmann. Dainty clay point dishes, almonds and coffee composed the refreshment course.

Those enjoying the party were Mrs. W. H. Yates, Mrs. W. H. Kempton, Mrs. G. S. McKnight, Mrs. H. A. Vickery, Mrs. J. E. Brick, Mrs. Margery Church, Mrs. C. A. Clark, Mrs. Katherine Bristol, Mrs. Chas. Madeira, and Mrs. Wm. Hauptmann.

Dr. and Mrs. L. W. Chandler spent Sunday in Orlando with their daughter, Miss Elizabeth Chandler.

Womans Club Has Delightful Christmas Program Friday

An atmosphere of hospitality and the sparkle and beauty of the holiday season were combined to provide a typical setting for the December meeting of the Woman's club, which was held at the club house Friday afternoon. "Home Decorations at Christmas," the theme for the day, was portrayed in lovely detail by the Garden club, who under the direction of their president, Mrs. J. A. Johnson, were responsible for the floral arrangements throughout the club house.

Upon arrival, club members were greeted by Mrs. Paul A. Rumpsa, who presented each one with a dainty bouquet of Florida flowers. A sign of appreciation was given with an inner circle of balm and tied with a crisp red cellophane bow, fashioned a welcoming wreath on the outside door. Over the entrance a swag of cedar, with glistening tiny silver balls and Christmas bells, had one welcome into the clubhouse, aglow with holiday decorations, designed especially for the home.

An artistic arrangement on the piano gave thought of a mantel decoration. Gilded leaves formed a background for the figure of a Madonna, lighted by the twinkling of myriads of tall red tapers, graduated heights, burning at the end of the piano.

The president's table held a flat arrangement of poinsettias intermingled with greenery, in a green glass bowl. Among other exquisite table arrangements about the room were, a hurricane candle holder in pink hollyhock glass, surrounded by unusual shaped glass containers filled with red holly leaves, and resting on a clear glass reflector. Large red balloons nestled among greenery to effect a colorful note, silver pine cones on a reflector supplemented by burning red Christmas candles formed another pretty arrangement; and a cluster of Florida holly berries on a reflector, flanked on either side by green candles were further suggestive of the Christmas theme.

A tiny lighted Christmas tree with a miniature Santa Claus figure, portrayed the spirit of the holiday season, while gay little popcorn Christmas trees added a delightful bit of cheer, and were suggestive of a close destination for table or mantel. A large white bowl, filled with an array of gilded fruit was suggestive of a beautiful home during the holidays.

The tea table overlaid with a white linen cloth, was placed against a background of Christmas greenery, with miniature popcorn trees on either side of punch bowl. On the wall back of the table, was hung a Della Robbia wreath tied with a huge red velvet bow. Mrs. C. Parke Anderson and members of her committee served dainty cookies and punch from this attractively appointed table.

Mrs. Johnson gave a short talk, in which she told of many ways of making holiday wreaths and decorations for use in the home. She spoke of gilding Easter beans for effectiveness, and of dipping branches in starch and silver snow to lend an artistic touch. Mrs. Johnson also stressed the value of securing local talent on programs as this feature stimulated interest in club meetings.

Members responsible for the clever and original table arrangements and decorations in the club house included Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Paul A. Rumpsa, Mrs. Jack Head, Mrs. M. V. Fisher, Mrs. Peter Sights, Mrs. N. B. Jones, Mrs. S. S. Thayer, Mrs. R. B. Porterfield, Mrs. S. N. Reeves.

A group of girls from the high school gave a play, appeared in white robes, in the program, and sang a group of the better known Christmas carols, to delight the audience.

Mrs. R. J. Wood, soprano soloist, rendered two beautiful vocal selections. Her numbers were "Cantique Noel" (Adolph Adam) and "Gesu Bambino" (Pietro A. Yon).

Mrs. Stanley N. Reeves was accompanist for the musical numbers. Mrs. J. Paul Garber introduced the program. Mrs. W. J. Fisher, women's club president, presided at the business meeting of the organization. Mrs. C. E. Lanier, chairman of the nominating committee, gave their report, and asked to be released from this office.

Officers elected were Mrs. S. S. Thayer, first vice president; Mrs. C. Parke Anderson, second vice president; Mrs. Chas. F. Kenney, recording secretary; Mrs. S. N. Reeves, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Earl H. Ware, treasurer.

A new nominating committee was named, composed of Mrs. M. G. Whitcomb, chairman; Mrs. W. J. Prevatt, Mrs. J. Paul Garber, Mrs. Harold Worden, and Mrs. J. L. Abbott.

James and Jellies were brought by members to be boxed and sent to the Children's home in Jacksonville.

A delightful feature of the after-

noon was an exchange of gifts from a miniature tree.

It was announced that there would be no further meeting of the Garden Club this month, but the January meeting will be held with Mrs. C. E. Crabtree at the Jacaranda hotel.

Math Society Met Friday

The third meeting of the honorary society, Alpha Gamma Phi, was held Friday evening in the Episcopal Parish house. The constitution, which was drawn by the president, Winifred Demarest, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was dispensed with.

Madge Pilcher was appointed chairman of the social committee. Walter Martin and Margaret Dill were also on the committee. The constitution, which was drawn by Mr. Wood, the sponsor, was read by the president and accepted by the club members. Alice Rouse was graciously accepted into the club as an associate member. The club will have all day picnic on the twenty-second of December. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

At this time the program was begun. The initiation program was first in order. It began by having six boys, who represented great mathematicians and physicists, tell something of their work and history. Then the members took an oath in union to lead a much about science as possible and help to further its use in the community.

Bobby Keller gave a talk on television which was very interesting. Next a speech by Jack Coggins on plastics that was enjoyed by all.

The program was closed with an address by Walter Martin, "The Part Mathematics and Physics Play in National Defense." Due to the present crisis this talk proved to be very up to date.

The meeting was then adjourned to the other end of the building where punch and cookies were served.

MAIDIE PILCHER, Reporter.

Jack Head Has Birthday Party

Jack Head, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Head, celebrated his 16th birthday with an enjoyable party at his home on Saturday evening. The rooms were colorfully decorated in the Christmas theme. Miniature popcorn trees on either end of the buffet and a bowl of gilded fruit, in the living room, added emphasis of the holiday motif.

Dancing formed the delightful diversion for the evening, and delicious refreshments of sandwiches, potato chips, cake and punch were served. The pretty birthday cake was frosted in white with sixteen red candles atop. Paul Vikari, whose birthday came on the same date, shared with Jack in blowing out the candles, with a birthday wish, and assisted in cutting the cake. Jack was the recipient of many useful gifts from his friends invited to the party.

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Auxiliary Supper Delightful Affair

The climax of a spirited attendance contest among members of the American Legion Auxiliary, was the delightful buffet supper given on Monday evening at 6:30 at the Customer's Room. At this time the Even side entertained the Odds who were the winners, as their guests.

The enjoyable supper consisted of meat balls and spaghetti, cabbage salad, hot Cuban bread and butter, pickles, radishes, coffee, and cookies, and baked apple topped with whipped cream. The guests were seated at small prettily appointed tables, each centered with a small bouquet of chrysanthemums. Other seasonal flowers were used to advantage about the room.

During the supper, Mrs. Margaret Mandis, former president, and a beloved member and untiring worker in the organization, was presented a past president's pin. The presentation was made by Mrs. Harold Clowe, president.

The gifts for the Christmas Joy Shop at the Veterans' hospital in Lake City were on display. Many additional articles supplemented the array of gifts, already assembled, and members packed a large box, which was to be forwarded to the hospital. Here the disabled veteran may select a gift or gifts to be sent "back home," and it will be Christmas wrapped and mailed for him. The shop is conducted for the veteran who is financially unable to purchase Christmas remembrances.

Arrangements were also made to send a huge box of current magazines to the Veterans' hospital in St. Petersburg.

It was voted to dispense with another meeting this month, it being anticipated that the next meeting will be held Monday evening, Jan. 12.

Members enjoying the supper and meeting were: Mrs. Walter Martin, Mrs. R. C. Jarrett, Mrs. D. G. Perry, Mrs. Ed Welch, Mrs. Demos Mandis, Mrs. W. J. Prevatt, Mrs. J. L. Deleagal, Mrs. Harold Stuckey, Mrs. Howard Maddox, Mrs. Earl W. Hartt, Mrs. Chas. Sherman, Mrs. Ben T. Stewart, Mrs. Ed Clowe, Mrs. H. R. Carver, Mrs. Walter S. Betts, Mrs. John H. Hood, Mrs. C. H. Lewis, Mrs. Mary Holcomb, Miss Peggy Mandis, and Mrs. W. M. Hetherington.

CHRISTMAS PARTY TUESDAY

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church will hold their annual Christmas party at the Hut on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 16 at 3 o'clock. Each one attending is requested to bring a toy for the mission box. Christmas decorations will be featured, and a delightful program, including vocal selections by Mrs. R. J. Wood, and readings by Mrs. Harold Warden will be presented. All women of the church and friends are invited to be present.

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Pardee Answers Grand Jury Report

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have been told that the report is given wide circulation so that it may serve as a warning to officials of other cities. I imagine that these officials will consider the report entirely gratifying.

Among the charges made against me there is one that says I sold an old negro out of his home and put him out in the street without any notice of the suit, this despite the fact that there is the evidence in the office of the Clerk in letters as big as the moon the fact that this negro not only had notice of the suit but that he was represented by two lawyers. (I understand he was furnished money to pay

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLAND COUNTY, IN THE MATTER OF FIRST MORTGAGE AND GUARANTY COMPANY, A CORPORATION.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR DISOLUTION OF FIRST MORTGAGE AND GUARANTY COMPANY.

Notice is hereby given that the stockholders of the First Mortgage and Guaranty Company will be called upon to apply to the Judge of the Circuit Court for the Tenth Judicial District, Florida, on the 13th day of December, 1941, for an order dissolving the First Mortgage and Guaranty Company, a corporation, and for an order appointing a receiver for the same. The said stockholders are hereby notified to be present at such time and place, and to bring with them a copy of the petition for dissolution of the First Mortgage and Guaranty Company, and a copy of the order of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial District, Florida, dated the 13th day of December, 1941, in the above entitled matter.

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