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PTA Observes Founders' Day

Highlands County Unit Shows Progress

A Founders' Day program, in observance of the 45th anniversary of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, marked the February meeting of the PTA at the high school auditorium Thursday evening. Mrs. W. C. Touchton, as chairman, had arranged a most delightful program.

In commemoration of the anniversary, and in honor of the founders of the organization, Mrs. H. C. Wenden, as the guiding spirit, lit the tall candle during the course of the large birthday cake. Other members, who comprised the platform, upon which the organization is built, carried a blue and yellow candle, significant of the spirit they represented in this national group of over two million members.

Mrs. W. B. Archer represented Good Health; Mrs. A. C. Wenden, Good Health; Mrs. Durrin Martin, Safety; Mrs. T. R. McFarland, Educational Opportunities; Mrs. James A. Davis, Conservation of Human Values and Natural Resources; Mrs. E. H. (Scott), Vocational Adjustment; Mrs. E. N. Reeves, Constructive Leisure Time Activities; Mrs. W. F. Fisher, Home-Schooling; Mrs. R. H. Martin, Active Spiritual Faith.

The Rev. W. D. Croft, pastor of the Nazarene, led the devotionals. Mrs. W. B. Archer, who was led by Miss Alma Harrell.

PAUL GARNER GIVES REPORT
PTA members were deeply interested in the splendid report given by J. Paul Garner, member of the Highlands County Board of Public Instruction, in which he summarized some of the improvements that have been made to the school system in Avon Park during the past three years, and what is planned for the future.

He mentioned the vocational building, completed in 1929, stating that at present this is the only manual training school in the county, but it is hoped soon to provide one for Sebring.

The music building annex was completed in 1940 Mr. Garner said, and an athletic field was acquired for the school. The five acres, on which the field is located cost the school board less than \$100, he stated, and with the exception of the building, which was purchased from funds of Avon Park school district, most of the improvements made to the field were paid for from the state fund.

The state manual school, he said, which was closed year before last, due to lack of sufficient number of students, was moved near the grammar school building, where it was used last year for agriculture students, and this year is being used for Diversified.

Cooperative training classes and for public school music classes. The property where this building is located was secured from the city for \$100, he said, and has some citrus trees on it that were a source of revenue this year.

R. I. Harris decided as a gift to the school board several lots near the colored school that can be used at some later date as an athletic field for the colored students, he stated.

Lights were provided in the grade school buildings two years ago. Shorthand and typewriting classes are now given three nights a week in Sebring and Avon Park, and upon payment of a small tuition, anyone can attend these classes.

The county school board, with the approval of local trustees, has in mind the following improvements for the Avon Park schools in the future, Mr. Garner continued.

The rest rooms in both the grammar and high school buildings must be put in better sanitary condition, and plans are being formulated to make these improvements during the next month or two. The sidewalks on the north side of the school need re-

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Taxpayers' Group Pledges Aid To National Defense

At a very informative meeting of the Avon Park Taxpayers Association Tuesday evening, a Resolution was adopted whereby the association pledged themselves to serve the interest of our county by not taking of any public official any expenditure which can be deferred or which is believed not now essential either to defense or to the welfare of our state or community.

Three members of City Council are present and being asked to explain some of the features of the proposed City Bond refinancing. No action was taken but several of the members are studying the details of the plan for their own satisfaction.

The old question of City and County consolidation, being a subject which was brought up for discussion. While all agreed this was desirable they admitted it could not be accomplished until the laws under the legislature makes it possible. It was mentioned that Lake Wales had hired professional bondsmen to prepare the plan they were still operating on the plan they devised, making the cost per year quite small.

At the meeting, W. T. Connell and W. B. Kempton were named on the Program Committee to arrange definite programs for each regular meeting. The next meeting will be held on March 19 unless this date does not suit the speaker being invited.

Southern Singers To Give Program Here Next Sunday

The Florida Southern Singers, a group of 40 mixed voices from Florida Southern college at Lakeland, will give a concert in Avon Park on Feb. 22 at the Union Congregational Church, at 8:00 P. M.

Arrangements for the concert were completed with Dr. John A. M. Stewart, director of the college group.

A feature of the concert in Avon Park will be the playing of two numbers by William Spivey, 18 years old, of Sebring, who is president of Florida Southern college. Young Spivey has achieved a wide reputation for his ability to play a variety of different instruments from memory. Occasionally, when college duties will permit, the president accompanies his own piano concert, furnishing an original commentary on the origin and meaning of selections played by the young musician.

A varied program will be presented by the Lakeland group, including classic numbers, as well as negro spirituals. Among the classic numbers will be "How Let Every Tongue Adore Thee" by Beethoven, and "Ave Verum Corpus" by Mozart. The spirituals will include "Blessed Saw the Wheel," and "Swing Low Sweet Chariot."

The Southern Singers were organized in 1940 as the outgrowth of a men's glee club and mixed chorus. Dr. Stewart has been in charge since their formation, and the present group has been training since the school year opened last September. They have appeared in many out-of-town concerts, and had planned a tour this spring which would have taken them to New York City, performing at many places enroute and on the return trip. This itinerary was cancelled, however, due to transportation difficulties because of the war.

Dr. Stewart's aim has been to form a true chapel choir, which can give genuine interpretation to the best in choral music. The present aggregation has been acclaimed one of the best singing groups of its kind in the state, and invariably attracts large audiences to its concerts.

TIRES ISSUED THIS WEEK

Certificates were issued for tires and tubes this week by the local tire rationing board to the following:

Howard C. Maddox, farm and grove work, 1 truck tire, and one truck tube.

Leo Clyde Warner, two obsolete passenger tires, and two obsolete passenger tubes.



Books Now Open For Registrations For May Primaries

Registration books for the county are now open in the voting precincts, where they are in charge of deputy registrars. Under the new registration, all voters in the county must re-register before participating in the May Democratic primaries.

In Avon Park, the books are in the following places:
Precinct 1—All north of the Mall and east of the S.A.L. railway—Scenic Highlands Shop office.
Precinct 1-A—All south of the Mall and east of the S.A.L.—D. Roberts.

Precinct 1-B—All west of the S.A.L. railway—Lawson Service Station.
The books will remain in the precincts for the next thirty days, or until March 10, when they will be returned to the office of Supervisor of Registration Roland J. Drott. The books will remain open the court house until April 10 for registrations. All eligible voters are urged to register while the books are in the precincts.

Mrs. Banks, Well Known Here Dies at Lakeland Home

Mrs. Jessie L. Banks, 75, widow of T. C. Banks, and long active in the Methodist church, died at her home in Lakeland Wednesday, Feb. 4. Funeral services were held from the chapel of the First Methodist church in Lakeland Thursday morning with the Rev. J. D. Hurt, pastor of the First Methodist church, officiating.

The body will be taken to Gadsden, Ala., for interment.
Mrs. Banks, who made her home in Lakeland and Forestport since she moved from Avon Park 10 years ago, was for six years president of the Florida Conference Woman's Missionary Society. For a number of years, she was a member of the general board of missions of the church. She was house mother at Florida Southern college for a number of years, where she was affectionately known as "Ma Banks." She held extensive civic and social holdings in Polk and Highlands counties.

Mrs. Banks was well known in Avon Park, and has visited here on numerous occasions.

Red Cross First Aid Class to Start Monday

Mrs. J. M. Huber will begin a Red Cross First Aid Class next Monday, and all those interested are asked to meet at the Episcopal parish house at 2 p. m. At that time a definite decision on what days the class will meet, will be made. It has been suggested that it be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Those planning on taking the course, are urged to be present on Monday afternoon.

DR. COLVIN TO SPEAK HERE TONIGHT

Dr. Leigh Colvin, Ph. D., of New York City will speak on "Liquor and War" at the First Methodist Church Saturday evening, Feb. 16 at eight o'clock. Everyone is invited.

Defense Council Heads Give Reports

Garber Gives Report On Activities of Schools

Highlands County Civilian Defense Council met Thursday night, February 5, at courthouse, Sebring. Instead of the regular routine reports of division chairmen, Ben T. Stewart, County Chairman announced "this meeting will be a round table discussion of various pertinent matters."

T. W. Bramhall, of Sebring, a Spanish American War Veteran, was introduced by Mr. Stewart as succeeding Mr. Casey Jones as Division Chairman of Communications and Transportation. Mr. Jones recently resigned this post as his Western Union work called him to Key West where he is superintendent of the office. Mr. Bramhall stated that he expected to have his Division fully organized and functioning smoothly by the last of next week.

Mr. William Hauptmann, of Avon Park, co-chairman of Publicity, Moral and Education made an inspiring talk. "We American people are not yet fully awakened to the fact that we are in war in an appealing work war. We have a tendency toward too many slogans, but slogans will not do our war work. We can't fight with slogans. Let us strive to action."

"Slogans are useless unless they do arouse us to work for victory."

Mr. Hauptmann stressed the fact that salvage of various materials now going to waste, such as newspapers, magazines, all kinds of paper, clean rags and clothing, tin and lead foil, is very necessary at present.

"Tin cans and rubber are also requested," he said. "But at present our country has no facility for handling these items which present a very serious problem unless handled carefully. Those who can separate tin cans and old tires in a dry place are urged to do so. But, be sure not to dump them in the open where they will tend to water and fill and thus become a health menace," advised Mr. Hauptmann.

"Just as soon as our country can properly handle these items we will advise the public," he continued.

Mr. Hauptmann also disclosed the fact that the program of the city of Avon Park now has a hall for newspapers and magazines which makes them easier to handle. Through these channels, present being \$150.00 from the junk dealer. Let us unite to hasten such a sale in our county, urged he. "The year will be required by the city to turn over these channels; turned over to the Red Cross, the Federal Treasury, or applied to Defense Council expenses."

After this announcement, some discussion took place as to how this subject at a later meeting.

Another interesting fact of Avon Park's National Defense efforts was brought out by Mr. Hauptmann when he announced that Avon Park is off to a little start in the salvaging of waste materials. This was shown in the advertising sheets of local merchants which carried announcements of when and where such material should be delivered.

For defense bring waste paper, etc., to room opposite hardware store, and for the notice. As there seemed to be some uncertainty in other towns of county in regard to handling of this matter, Mr. Hauptmann stated that he would be glad to see cooperation of merchants to announce the facts thus.

Continuing his interesting talk, Mr. Hauptmann said, "Tin foil is a very necessary item of salvage and a good way to collect this is to arouse the interest of our young citizens, the juvenile organizations. Many children have from time to time collected tin foil and sold it to secure five or ten cents."

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Deputy Revenue Collector To Aid With Income Tax

John H. Maloy, Jr., deputy collector of the Internal Revenue Department will be at the post office in Avon Park, Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 10 and 17 to assist Avon Park income tax payers in filling out their 1941 blanks. He will arrive at 8:30 a. m. and be at the post office during the entire two days.

Mr. Maloy says that those business men who seek his help have a statement of their gross income and gross expenditures for 1941 prepared and ready when they contact him for unless this is done time will not permit handling many of the reports of individuals should also have a report on their gross earnings for the year and a fair idea of the deductions permitted.

Among the various exemptions permitted, Mr. Maloy pointed out, are tax exemptions, which include real estate tax, state gasoline tax, admission tax, driver's license, radio and telephone messages over 24 cents, safety deposit box rentals, etc.; contributions to churches, charities and organized drives in the community; and interest paid on borrowed money where money was not used for purchase of tax exempt bonds and others.

Interest on mortgages are a deduction and include houses purchased under FHA. However, Mr. Maloy points out, interest paid on the purchase of a car, household appliances, etc., are not deductible items for the reason that this interest is capitalized and becomes a part of the purchase price of the car or appliance.

Income tax returns are based on gross receipts less gross expenditures, thus arriving at a net income. In many cases this net income is small. Therefore, the various business should have all of these figures assembled to enable the revenue officer to give intelligent assistance in completing returns.

All deductions are classified as earned income deductions, commercial deductions and statutory deductions. Earned income deductions include those items of expense incurred by a person necessary for him in earning his salary, wages, honoraria and commissions, etc. He must make the earned income. For example a carpenter who purchases a new set of tools is permitted to deduct the price of these tools, or the maintenance of same when figuring his tax, and a traveling salesman may deduct his traveling expenses. Commercial deductions apply only to the business man as well as other commercial activities. The statutory deductions are those which are set out in the income tax laws.

The great difference between the 1940 and 1941 law is that a husband and wife making joint returns are now required to file out an income tax blank where \$2000.00 was the minimum last year. The same credit of \$100.00 for each dependent is given as in former years. Thus a family of three whose net income for 1941 was \$2000 would this year pay on a tax of \$100.00. The single man earning \$750.00 per year must file a return. Income tax returns must be paid on or before March 16.

Aviation Editor Visits Schools

Devon Francis, aviation editor of the Associated Press, arrived Wednesday from Miami and is spending a few days here in Lakeland, looking over the Lakeland and Avon Park flying schools operated by Al Lodwick. His aviation stories are featured in the daily papers all over the nation.

On Friday, Francis was entertained by Mayor Covington at his celebrated "Cracker dinners" consisting of fried hams, hush puppies, collard greens, corn bread, sweet water pie, etc.

Mayor appointed Francis as Colonel on his staff, presenting him with an engraved certificate, designating him as honorary member of the post office, and thus becomes a full fledged member of the official family.

Other guests were Al Lodwick, Stan Helberg, Robert Austin, Capt. A. P. Sights, R. E. Betz, C. E. Crabtree, Judge A. M. Niche and "Vice Admiral" Jack Burnett.

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Churches Unite In Day Of Prayer

To Observe Service at Methodist Church Feb. 20th

Four of Avon Park's churches, Union Congregational, Church of the Nazarene, Episcopal Church, and First Methodist Church, will unite to observe the World Day of Prayer at a special intercession service to be held in the First Methodist Church at 7:30 p. m. on Friday, February 20.

A special program prepared by a group of three women now living in the United States will be used in this service. The chairman of this small group of women was a former teacher in Gilling College, Chilly, and is now a professor in a Biblical Seminary; the second, the wife of a German pastor, imprisoned in a concentration camp, and the third, a French woman who had no word from her family in France.

Mrs. R. Mayack is chairman of the local committee. The public is cordially invited to attend this service. Let us get together.

Overstreet Says He Will Work For Larger Pensions

H. Earnest Overstreet, candidate for congress next at large, spoke to a fair-sized audience in Brickell hall Wednesday afternoon, in the hope of increasing old-age pensions. Other speakers on the program were Senator William Chitt, representative C. E. Lanier and Wilbur King, candidate for railroad commissioner.

Overstreet, who led the fight through three sessions of the Legislature for increased pensions, had succeeded last year in getting more money from the race track fund, told his audience that if sent to Congress he would ask the federal government to increase its contribution to pensions. The federal government now matches state contributions dollar up to \$6 per month. He said he would advocate raising the federal contribution to a maximum of two dollars for every dollar the state gives for old age pensions.

Overstreet paid a tribute to Representative Charlie Lanier, who he said stood by him in the old age pension fight, and consistently supported it, in spite of pressure from race track lobbying interests, who fought the bill.

Improvements Being Made at Badcock Store This Week

In keeping with the progressive nature of the firm, the Badcock Furniture company under the capable management of Earl H. Ware, is making new improvements to the office and large front display room, which will add to the general appearance. Just recently, a new main office, and a smaller private office have been added. The entire front interior is being rearranged and is receiving a fresh coat of paint, ivory walls with light green trim, to form a pleasing entrance for the customer, and to provide a cheerful and homelike atmosphere, in which the shopper may make selections from the large and complete stock.

Pancake Day On Tuesday, Feb 17 at Parish House

Tuesday, Feb. 17 is Pancake Day, and this hour, which is cordially invited to the parish house, where the members of St. Margaret's Auxiliary of the Episcopal church will serve "hot yellows" from 12 till 2 o'clock for 50 cents. The menu will consist of hot pancakes and syrup, sausage, coffee and orange juice, bring the family and enjoy Pancake.

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Folks You Know..

Mrs. L. B. Kolb and Mrs. M. L. Johnson of Ocala were guests Saturday night and Sunday of the former's mother, Mrs. J. M. Clelland. They are at present located in Tampa, where they are in charge of the exhibit of the Girls Industrial School at the fair.

Both Mrs. Kolb and Mrs. Johnson are members of the faculty at the school.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jordan and son, Dale of Pahokee, spent Sunday in Avon Park with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Jordan. They were accompanied home Sunday night by Mrs. Jordan who spent several days with her son and family at their home.

Mrs. Paul Jordan and son, F. S. Jordan were visitors in Miami the first of the week. Mrs. Jordan returned home Thursday.

Mrs. Lula Wright returned home Sunday from Nocatee, where she has been spending the past three weeks. Mrs. Wright has recently returned to Avon Park from Salem, Va., where she spent several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Henry Halliday and family.

E. G. Todd, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Todd, Jr., at their home in Sparrows Point, Md., for several days returned home Tuesday. Mrs. Todd remained for a longer visit, and is expected home the first of the week.

Mrs. Gale Farr of Jacksonville, who is visiting her mother, Mrs. L. M. Langford, returned home several days on account of the illness of Mr. Farr. She returned to Avon Park the first of the week for a continuation of her visit.

Alden Smith arrived this week from Greenwich, Conn., being called here by the serious illness of his father, Irving Smith. Mr. Smith's condition had improved yesterday, friends will be glad to know.

Mrs. Al Klomp of Miami spent the week with her friend, Mrs. J. L. Abbott.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ragsdale and daughter, Joy Lou, and Mr. and Mrs. O. Moss spent Tuesday in Tampa, and attended the fair.

Mrs. G. S. McKnight, Miss Marie McKnight, Mrs. W. H. Yates and Mrs. George Voorhees spent Sunday afternoon in Haines City with Mrs. McKnight's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hooley.

Chess games are coming into the picture with several of the winter visitors, who are learning the fundamentals of the game, under the tutelage of K. E. Mayack, expert chessman.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl H. Ware and sons, Mike and Jimmie, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wells and son, Lewie attended the fair in Tampa on Wednesday.

Mrs. H. L. Milligan and young son, Langford of Miami are arriving today to visit the former's mother, Mrs. L. M. Langford, and sister, Mrs. Gale Farr.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. O. Locke and son and daughter, Charles and Mae Porter, and niece, Polly Thomas are spending today in Orlando.

Mrs. H. W. Harden is spending several days in Tampa. During her absence Mrs. Ed Welch is supplying in her place at the post office.

Mrs. J. L. Wells, Marjorie and Betty Jo Wells, Martha McNicholas, Edward Sherman and Albert Wester attended the Tampa Fair Thursday afternoon and evening.

Mrs. Tressie Albritton returned home Monday from Tampa, where she has been visiting Mr. J. B. Hendry for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. James Beville of Daytona Beach spent Friday night and Saturday in Avon Park as guests of Mrs. L. M. Langford.

Mr. and Mrs. M. I. Kent of Homestead, Pa., left yesterday, after spending several days here, visiting Mr. Kent's sister, Mrs. J. B. Coen and family.

Staff Sgt. Devon Reddick of Camp Blanding and Mrs. Reddick and their son, Dickie, will spend the week and here with relatives.

Mrs. I. W. Chandler and daughter, Mrs. W. R. Carter, spent Wednesday in Lakeland.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

(By RUSSELL KAY)

The Florida Fair swung into its second week with a record that more than justifies the good judgment of officials in deciding to hold the event despite the war. Although the weather was too cool for comfort the first three days, a surprising number of visitors turned out, and with warmer weather toward the end of the week the crowds steadily increased to record attendance equal to normal years.

While I have been identified with the enterprise for the past 25 years, I can't recall a time when county exhibits have equalled those presented this year. County and Home Demonstration agents have outdone themselves with the striking and impressive displays of the variety of products native to their particular sections. Not only are such exhibits better than ever before but more counties are represented.

The general belief that the tire situation would prevent many from using their cars and thus limit attendance from distant points, has proved a myth, for even in lot operators report the best business they have experienced for several years while streets for blocks in every direction are solidly with cars and license tags from every state and practically every county.

Evident, too, is the fact that people have more money this year than they have in years past. Concessionaires all report good business while the midway of the Royal American Shows is jammed with the various shows and rides proving more popular than ever. Thrill hunters and entertainment seekers find this year's Fair offering all that anyone could ask for with automobile racing, Jimmie Lynch and his Death Dodgers, and Frank Wirth's outstanding stage show "Thumbs Up".

Service men by the thousands packed the grounds on Military Day when the gates were thrown open to them without charge, but their attendance was not limited to this particular day for they could be seen throughout the grounds in large numbers each day and evening.

Most of these young men were from other states and all of them were amazed at the exhibits they found and for the first time gained a real idea of the resources of Florida. Many came into my office requesting literature descriptive of the Fair to send their folks back home, and it is safe to assume that thousands of letters were written to relatives and friends telling of the interesting things they saw and the information they gained by these marvelous State Fair exhibits.

As usual, Earl Brown presented a masterpiece for the Florida National Exhibit, which occupies an entire building and brings home folks a taste of the type of exhibits this state has been presenting to the nation during the past few years.

Another particularly attractive building is presented by the Tampa Cigar Manufacturers Association. A giant tank made of cigars greets you as you enter the door and attractive displays of individual firms flank your journey through the building until you reach the section where expert cigar makers are busily engaged in making the finest type of hand-made cigars just as they do in hundreds of Tampa factories. Further on you see the cheaper grade being turned out in volume by machine. The display is particularly interesting to tourists and you see them standing ten deep watching the workers who operate in a glass enclosure.

Spontaneous get the thrill of their lives in the Fish and Game building where monster black bass, alive, in specially constructed tanks, leer at them as they move along in their private swimming pool. Every variety of fresh water fish is exhibited in this special aquarium while the center of attraction, occupying a larger tank, is a family of otters. A cunning tame black bear cub acts as host in the game section and delights everyone with his antics. Watching him with a look of genuine disgust are panther and bobcat, untamed and positively unwilling to be tamed. Only greeting for the visitor is an ugly snarl.

The livestock, poultry and dairy shows are bigger and better than ever before and northerners are amazed to learn that such splendid stock is being bred in this state. Have you ever seen a buffalo in the flesh? Well, you'll find them on display at the Florida Fair! How they escape the nickel, I don't know—but say they do! And they are proving quite an attraction, especially to kids, most of whom have never seen one before. You still have time to see this year's great Fair as it continues through Saturday, February 14. You'd better take it in, for it may

UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Dr. Alfred C. Elliott, Pastor
Sunday School at 9:30 a. m.
Topic for adults: "Jesus and the Ministry of Healing." Jesus healed sick people. Can we do so? Jesus said: "Greater things than these shall ye do." Has the Church lost the healing power possessed by the disciples? Join us on Sunday and let us talk the matter over. We have a class for you.

Morning worship service at 11:00 o'clock, when Dr. Elliott will speak on, "Missing Links." Theme: "The Wondrous Cross" by the choir. Come and worship with us.

The Young People's Pilgrim Fellowship will meet at 8:30 p. m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Head. The worship service will be led by Yvonne Head and Winifred Head. The topic to be discussed is: "Suppose You Lived in Africa." Young people invited.

The Ladies Aid will hold a special meeting at the Church on Monday at 8:00 p. m. The "Covenant Circle" Women's Missionary Society will meet on Thursday, instead of Wednesday at 8:00 p. m. at the home of Mrs. A. C. Elliott. Miss Alice Davidson will have charge of the devotion, and a report on "The Chain of Missions" will be presented by those who attended the meetings at Winter Haven.

The "Quiet Hour" service will be held on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. An inspirational service with a brief address by the pastor. In these days, when the very life of our nation is at stake and Christian patriots who have the safety and welfare of the nation at heart, should gather in their churches to pray for God's blessing on America and to seek His help in our endeavors to resist the aggressor nations.

A special Union service in observance of the World Day of Prayer will be held at the First Methodist Church on Friday, February 16, at 7:30 p. m. For all the churches are uniting in this service and the public is most urgently invited to attend. Mrs. R. Mayack is chairman of the committee having charge of the program, the theme of which is, "I am the Way."

The Senior club will meet for rehearsal at the church on Saturday at 7:30 p. m.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

"Soul" is the subject of the Lesson-Service which will be read in Churches of Christ, Scientist, throughout the world on Sunday, February 15, 1942.

The Golden Text in "To, this is the word" will be read for him, and he will save: "this is the word; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation." (Isaiah 25:9).

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Service is the following from the Bible: "The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him." (Lam. 3:25).

The Lesson-Service also includes the following passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "The proper use of the word soul can always be gained by substituting the word God, where the definite meaning is required. In other cases, use the word sense, and you will have the scientific application. As used in Christian Science, Soul is properly the synonym of Spirit or God; and out of Science, soul is identical with sense, with material sensation." (p. 682-5-12).

CHURCH OF CHRIST

O. E. Moss, Minister
Sunday service:
Bible Study Classes, 10 a. m.
Worship, 11 a. m.
Sermon topic: "The Prayers." Evening worship, 8 p. m.
Wednesday, Devotional meeting, 8 p. m.
All time is new war time. A welcome awaits all.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH NOTICES

Sunday:
Holy Communion, 7:30 a. m.
Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.
Holy Communion and sermon, 11:00 a. m.
Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18:
Holy Communion, 9:30 a. m.
Evening service, 8 p. m.

TAKES SPECIAL COURSE

Gainesville, Ga. (Special)—Miss Barbara Betts, a senior at Bryn Mawr College, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Betts of Avon Park is enrolled in the special business typing course given free to Seniors this term as part of the defense work of Bryn Mawr college under Professor T. R. Kinch, through the aid of the War Relocation Administration.

Mr. H. G. Thompson of Montgomery, Ala., will arrive Monday and visit his daughter, Mrs. J. R. Francis and family.

The HEADLINES Say

No money for bombs are going to reach these lovely Hollywood beauties. Life millions of other Americans, they're helping to build a West Coast corps with the resistance against the Axis. The girls are Mary Anderson and Lois Hanson.

When New Orleans' Great Victoria Hotel and great star of Hollywood colleges and universities are the new planned school. The new planned school is the new planned school. The new planned school is the new planned school.

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Shedding for Moses is Vaughn Monroe, popular band leader and great star of Hollywood. Vaughn (right) holds a Handi-quilt made to collect funds in the 1941 United States Red Cross campaign. The quilt is made of specially designed bottles were donated by the Over-Florida Glass Company, Toledo.

Winter Guests to Hold Fish Fry Next Saturday
The Winter Guest Club will hold their annual fish fry at the club house on Saturday, Feb. 21 at 6 p. m.

The greatest catch in this year's annual Silver Sailfish Derby at West Palm Beach was recorded last Friday when 111 were brought to gaff. This catch exceeded by three the record for any one day in the Derby last year.

Find Your Name In The Ads
If your name appears in one of the ads appearing in this issue of The Sun, you will receive a free ticket to the Park Theatre.

Park Theatre
Good for Either Next Sunday or Monday
Clip ad in which your name appears and take it to the box office and see.

Henry Fonda "You Belong To Me"
RUTH CLINE WILKER, Defendant
NOTICE TO APPEAR
THE STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF HIGHLANDS
BYRONVILLE GEORGIA
On the 2nd day of March, 1942, before me, the undersigned, Judge of the County of Highlands, Florida, to the bill of Complaint filed against the said Ruth Cline Wilker, the purpose of said bill of Complaint being to establish a vinculo matrimonii against you, and the said Ruth Cline Wilker, in which said order it was ordered that you appear in court on the 11th day of March, 1942, at 10 o'clock, a. m., in the County of Highlands, Florida, to answer to the said bill of Complaint.

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Jacksonville, Feb. 12, (Special)—Due largely to the adding of new names to the Old-Age assistance rolls, the number of recipients of public assistance in Florida and the total grants paid these recipients both reached a new high for January. It was announced here today by Leland W. Hlatt, state welfare commissioner.

Cash grants in the amount of \$694,577.50 at the rate of \$8.25, \$24 per year, were paid to \$9,115 persons receiving Old-Age assistance, 9,941 individuals receiving Aid to Dependent Children, and 2,685 recipients of Aid to the Blind.

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In Highlands County, the commissioner pointed out, 180 persons received \$2,354 in Old-Age Assistance during January, 44 children received \$515 in Aid to Dependent Children, and 15 blind and near-blind received \$239 in Aid to the Blind.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Head and Mrs. M. V. Plicker were in Lakeland Wednesday afternoon.

BIRTHS
Mr. and Mrs. Howard O. Wray of Miami announce the birth of a baby girl, weighing eight pounds, twelve ounces, who arrived Monday, Feb. 9. The little man has been named Howard Lawrence. Mrs. Wray was formerly Miss Virginia Panchall, Avon Park. The baby is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wray and Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Panchall, both of Avon Park.

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LUNE XVII—NUMBER 15

State To Spend Nearly 2 Million In Roads Here

State Road Budget Calls For Big Outlay Here

The tentative budget for 1942 of the State Road Department calls for the largest expenditure of state and federal funds in Highlands county than ever before contemplated, according to a copy of the budget road to the board of county commissioners at their meeting Tuesday.

The tentative budget contemplates the expenditure of \$1,952,197.64 for roads and road improvements in Highlands county. Part of this, \$722,467.44 is already underway with contract let and men working on the projects made up as follows:

Paving of road 8-A from Gladstone county line north 12.137 miles, \$978,940.72; paving 2.074 miles from U. S. Reservation to road 8, \$40,556.72; two projects on road 8, 2 miles on west end of project #47 west, \$669 and 3 miles on east end of project #39 east, \$600. It was not stated where these projects are but it is presumed to be in connection with the access road to the air base.

Other projects listed in the tentative budget as proposed for construction this year are an underpass on road 8-A (Route 19) at Lake Placid, under A.C.L., \$125,000.00; partially paved road 8-A at Sebring, \$1,000,000.00 and grading of 12.131 miles of 8-A between Lake Placid and Sebring, \$257,499.92.

Of the proposed budget, \$1,952,197.64 comes from the state and \$1,000,000.00 from the federal government would be furnished by the state.

The completion of all the above projects would mean that practically all of the paved road originally built with county funds would be replaced by modern roads and the county would have a good road from Avon Park south the entire length of the county which would replace some of the poorest road in the state and shorten the north-south route through the county several miles.

The county commissioners are evidently not too optimistic about the Federal funds being available for all the projects but are making every effort to cooperate with the State Road Board to facilitate the completion of the proposed construction.

The board voted unanimously to attend the next meeting of the road board which is to be held February 27 in Miami.

Commissioner J. H. Rodd reported that the Army and Navy are \$2,500,000 developing the bombing range in the northeast part of the county. The board passed a resolution calling for the State Road Board to use the county's share of the gasoline funds which have accumulated in the construction of a hard surfaced road from Avon Park to the bombing range. Under the law, 80 per cent of the gasoline tax collected in the county is to be spent by the state road department in constructing state roads within the county since the county has released the gas tax from the "Kanner Act."

Since the county took this action only recently the amount of funds accumulated could not be large and unless the State Road Department anticipates collections and advances funds against them it will not mean much of an expenditure of the county's reserve road funds.

County Agent L. H. Almyer exhibited the Tampa Fair check for \$1,000 which was paid to the county for participating in the fair. He also reminded the commissioners that the annual county fair is scheduled for the first week in March and suggested that the county "grow a little heavier" on the exhibit this year.

He also reported that the aerial photograph map contracted for by the county has been received and cannot be available to the public. The charter for the soil and water conservation district in the better conservation district in the county has been granted and signed by Secretary of State Roy. Mr. Almyer stated, and the organization meeting will be held soon.

SCENIC HIGHLANDS

AVON PARK, FLORIDA, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1942

AP WRITER COVERS LOCAL FLYING SCHOOL



Avon Park and the Lockheed Aviation Military Academy will receive national publicity as a result of the visit to the local flying school of Devon Francis, noted writer on aviation for World Wide News Service, a department of the Associated Press, New York City. Francis, who was a recent visitor to the local flying school and the Lockheed School of Aeronautics, and Stanley A. Hedberg, Director of Public Relations, looking on.

Two Francis is pictured here writing his stories with Albert I. Lovick, owner of the local school and the Lockheed School of Aeronautics, and Stanley A. Hedberg, Director of Public Relations, looking on.

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Route 19 May Be Built Soon Townsend Says

Urges County Secure Right of Way For Road

Route 19 through Highlands county may be built despite the curtailment of participation of the Federal Bureau of Roads in the construction of state roads, during the war period, is indicated by a letter from J. P. Townsend, district road board member, to County Attorney M. R. McDonald, which was read at the meeting of the board of county commissioners held at the court house Tuesday.

The letter from Mr. Townsend was in reply to the following letter from Mr. McDonald dated January 30:

"At the last meeting of the County Commissioners, I was directed to proceed to acquire the right-of-way for this road from Sebring to Avon Park where the right-of-way had not been acquired. This was accomplished by Mr. McDonald.

"However, certain persons here, perhaps that oppose the road between these points, insist that nothing will be done regarding this part of the road for many years. If so, we will proceed to obtain the right-of-way before people build on the lots around the Lake here."

We are expecting the present State chain gang force to do this work when they complete grading to Sebring from south of here. Therefore, please advise me whether or not this project will be graded by the state chain gang force, which is now enamped at DeSoto City? If so, we will proceed to obtain right of way, but if you expect to remove the chain gang to other points, please advise, and in the event we need not hurry in obtaining the right of way.

We hope you will move the state chain gang north of Sebring and begin the grading of nineteen on up.

I shall appreciate your advice immediately regarding this, and I am replying to your letter dated January 20th. It would be my suggestion that you proceed and secure the R/W from Sebring to Avon Park.

For your information, the Federal roads administration will not participate in the cost of grading done by convicts. Our grading cost for this project is about 22 cents per yard, while the grading cost by contract amounts to about 30 cents per yard. Therefore if we should let the grading be done by convicts, it would be more economical to let the grading be done by convicts.

Under these circumstances you can readily see that it would be more economical to let the grading of Road 19 by contract and to use the convicts for grading state roads where federal funds are not available. And if we should move the convicts after they reach Sebring this would not indicate that the road between Sebring and Avon Park would be delayed.

It is my personal desire to see all of Road 19 completed according to present plans.

As I hope that Highlands county will proceed and obtain the R/W between Sebring and Avon Park so that there will be no delay.

Following the reading of the letters Mr. McDonald stated that all of the right-of-way for Federal Road 19 has been obtained and Highlands county except within the limits of Sebring and in Avon Park and a short stretch west of Lake Jackson.

He also stated that the amount of right-of-way along the lake shore had been narrowed until it will not be necessary to condemn any lots along the lake shore and only one building which has been built between the drive and the lake will have to be condemned. He stated that this would eliminate any great expense in connection with securing the right of way. He was instructed by the board to proceed at once with obtaining the right-of-way.

Commission Joins In Elimination of Off-size Packages

Lakeland, Feb. 18.—The Florida Citrus Commission today took the initiative in cooperating with Uncle Sam in the matter of conserving manpower, materials, and machines, when it endorsed a movement on foot to standardize citrus containers and eliminate off-size packages.

There are now thirty-two separate citrus containers on the Commission's approved list. It has been determined that ten of these will satisfactorily handle the crop and the elimination of the other twenty-two will release much material and many man-hours for war effort, at the same time reducing the marketing confusion created by lack of uniformity of containers.

A breakdown of the ten containers the Commission feels will do the job follows:

- One and 3-5 bu. standard box.
- One and 3-5 bu. wire-bound box.
- 4-5 bu. standard box.
- 4-5 bu. wire-bound box.
- Half-tray box.
- One-half box bag.
- 20 lb. bag.
- 8 lb. bag.
- 2-5 bu. standard box.
- 2-5 bu. wire-bound box.

The Commission is represented by R. D. Keene of Winter, Garden and John A. O'Rourke of Orlando, as a committee to represent the Florida citrus industry at a national committee meeting of the United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association, to be held in Chicago, February 8. The matter of standardization of packaging units will be aired here, and it will be the function of the committee to safeguard the Florida industry from enforced further reduction on containers.

Re-Use of Containers
The Commission was asked to explore the advisability of reclaiming and reconditioning used containers, a measure many feel is a step toward protecting the industry's ability to carry on if rationing of containers becomes acute, being guided in their opinion by the fact that a large number of vintage packages are now being rationed for reuse. Data is being collected for presentation at the Commission's next meeting.

Washington Representation
A committee was appointed to select a qualified representative of the Florida citrus industry to be stationed at Washington, members feeling that proper industry representation in the Nation's capital is imperative, and that much can be accomplished by a well-chosen representative. Judge W. L. Tilden of Orlando is chairman of the committee.

Construction Begins On Fifty Houses In Sebring Project

Construction work has been started on the fifty new houses to be built on the lake shore side of North Lakeview Drive in Sebring by the Highlands County New Homes, according to plans of the Federal Housing Administration, will be built to meet the need for homes for personnel of Hendricks field.

In an interview with J. C. Emerson, head of Sebring Homes, Inc., it was learned that the houses will be built on lots with 75 foot frontage. He said the depth will range from 115 to 175 feet.

The houses which will all be five or six room bungalows, will have hard wood floors, tile bathrooms, tile kitchen sinks, and built-in cupboards and closets. They will be complete with landscaping, driveways and cement walks.

The first building, will be completed in approximately six weeks. Construction work is already being done in the securing of lots to build new streets for the settlement.

According to an agreement with the city, water, light and gas, will be supplied by the City of Sebring.

The next group of houses will be built on the upper side of the lake shore drive.

Highlands County Charter has been requested to bring First Aid, Home Agency, Nutrition, Canteen and Motor Corps, to war time efficiency.

A Motor Corps class will start for those who have certificates in First Aid.

Eat More Citrus
For Your
Health's Sake

Football Team Banqueted By Rotary Club

Senior Members of Squad Given Sweaters

Among the social highlights of school activities for the season, was the football banquet, given at the Jacaranda hotel on Thursday evening, when the Rotary club entertained members of the squad, their dates, school officials, and other invited guests.

Walter S. Betts was toastmaster for the occasion, and the invocation was given by Rev. R. I. Brown, rector of the Episcopal church. Pop songs were led by Mildred Barnard and Dorothy Lawhorn.

Greetings to the squad from Dr. S. M. Reeves were followed by greetings from the county school board by J. Paul Garber. C. Parke Anderson presented the city council, in extending greetings, and Francis Shuckley brought greetings from the Avon Park school trustees.

W. D. Allen, director of physical education of the Lockheed Aviation Military Academy gave the address of the evening.

Remarks were heard from James Williams, captain of the '41 team, and Charles Lawhorn, captain of the '42 team.

Before singing "God Bless America," as the final number on the program, Coach Harold Rowe conducted the following award ceremony: James Bradburn, senior Sherman, Jack Witt, Albert Wester, James Williams, Al Friswell, Jack Williams, R. F. Delaney, and Leon Shuckley. The sweaters were very generously given by the Rotary club.

The team presented Coach Rowe with a pattern of the team and pencil set, as a token of appreciation for his loyalty and untiring services.

The banquet table was beautifully appointed with bouquets of colorful spring flowers at intervals the length of the long table. After the banquet, dancing was enjoyed in the canteen room.

Members of the squad and their dates present were Charles Lawhorn and Miss Jean Satterthwaite; James Bradburn and Miss Shirley Noland; Wendell Smith and Miss Dorothy Lawhorn; Edward Sherman and Miss Marjorie Wells; Jack Witt and Miss Mildred Barnard; Charles Locke and Miss Ann Fant; Albert Wester and Miss Martha McNicholas; Paul Rounds and Miss Lena Mae Perry; Cecil Shuckley and Miss Polly Thomas; James Harris and Miss Theda Smith; Mildred Rutledge, Paul Villakits, Jack Williams, Alta Friswell, and Miss Williams; James Varner, Jack Collins, Marion Ward, George Gribble, Walter Ward, R. F. Delaney, and Leon Shuckley, and other invited guests, Miss Madge Pitcher, Fred Foster and Miss Betty Touchton, and Malcolm Cross.

Other invited guests included Coach Harold Rowe and Mrs. Rowe; W. S. Betts, Rotary club president, and Mrs. Betts; Rev. R. I. Brown, representing the ministers, and Mrs. Brown; C. Parke Anderson of the city council, and Mrs. Anderson; Lester Armstrong, chairman of the banquet committee, and Mrs. Armstrong; J. Paul Garber, county school board, and Mrs. Garber; I. H. Ford, Francis Shuckley and Mrs. M. V. Pilcher, trustees, and Mrs. Shuckley and Mrs. Pilcher; James Davis and Robert Wood, gate keepers, and Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Wood; R. F. Suppington, representative of the city, and Mrs. Suppington; W. R. Carter, announcer of all games, and Mrs. Carter; J. S. Francis, "friend of all Avon Park boys"; Dr. Stanley N. Reeves, supervising principal, and Mrs. Reeves.

At least two million dollars in additional revenue will be available for old age pensions this year as a result of increased revenue from horse track wagering, according to State Welfare Commissioner Leland Hlatt.

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Southern Singers To Appear Sunday At Congregational Church

The Southern Singers, of Florida, Southern College will present a program on the Union Congregational Church on Sunday evening, Feb. 22 at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend. The following program will be given:

PROGRAM:
New Lat. Song—Mozart.
Thee—Bach.
Ave Verum Corpus—Mozart.
Go Not Far From Me—Zigarsell.

Salvation is Created—Tchannokoff.
Cherubim Song No. 7—Bortnyansky.
Sea Gardens—Cook.
Only Begotten Word—Tchatch.

Piano Solo:
Clair De Lune—Debussy.
Sea Gardens—Cook.
By William Spivay

Offertory:
Listen To The Lamb—Dett.
Negro Spirituals:
Ezekiel Saw The Wheel—Nobel Cain.
Swing Low Sweet Chariot—Huntley.

Song After—Bull-Christiansen.
Lovely Celia—Arr. Lavas.

The Creation—Richter.
Benediction.
Postlude.

Special Services Begin Feb. 26 At Nazarene Church

"Sight Seeing in Bible Stories and Lesson" will feature the ten day services beginning at the Nazarene Church on Feb. 26 and continuing until March 6. Rev. and Mrs. Joe M. Tyson, children's workers will provide something different in the way of word, song and pictures, which will have a special appeal to the grown-ups will be held each evening at 7:30, and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Tire Certificates Granted This Week

Mandia Stock Farms Inc. whole sale milk dealers, 1 truck tire; Horace Lee Bryant, wholesale bottled drinks, 1 truck tire; Charles Snider Donaldson, grove truck, 1 truck tire.

Obsolete tires and tubes were granted to the following:

Bertrian Frazzelli, 2 truck tires and tubes; Virgil Lee Colada, 2 passenger tires; Alton H. Combee, 1 passenger tire, 2 pass. tubes; Avon Fla. Citrus Corp., 2 truck tires, 2 truck tubes; Otto Alexander Ford, 2 pass. tires; Arthur Baxter Nestor, 2 passenger tires, 2 passenger tubes; William Walter McFarland, 2 passenger tires, 2 passenger tubes.

Grow Your Own Vegetables For National Defense

By BARBARA DARSEY
Florida Writer Project of WPA
The time for home gardens is now.

Home gardens as a National Defense measure have been requested by our Defense officials, national and state. Home gardens will promote the very necessary conservation of food; assist in preventing a threatened food shortage; and to our national health.

The good health of our Nation is our first line of defense. This depends largely on proper diet, which in turn depends on a variety of foods. Vegetables, rich in mineral salts and vitamins, are a vital part of a balanced diet.

Plant carrots in your flower pots!

"Plant a home garden, be it ever so small, admonish national defense officials. Nutrition experts have estimated that if every home owner in our country will plant and bring to fruition six tomato plants and use the fruit thereof the health of our Nation will be greatly improved.

There really are some individuals who see no beauty in a vegetable garden; many others more stable to nature see a double feature: aesthetic and utilitarian. A cabbage patch, how prosaic, yes, and how beautiful too with long pointed, delicate green heads in a field of darker leaves, resembling nothing so much as huge, green radiance row buds. A cabbage patch: a thing of beauty with heads peered in dew at dawn, or casting iridescent sparkles in sunshine after rain. A cabbage patch: thus as thrilling as the songs of the cardinal.

Tomato plants are delightful with soft green, velvety foliage and fruit spheres in green, gold and lacquer red.

And carrots, ah carrots! Their foliage as dainty and finely cut as ferns, and their roots, used by chefs as most garnishes; with golden red delicious raw or cooked and full of mineral salts and vitamins.

If you must have flowers and don't have room for both flowers and vegetables, combine them. Plant cabbages and carrots. Oh, no, not cabbages and carrots. Plant cabbages and pansies. A garden of special beauty that would grace the finest home, recently seen after every third cabbage plant there was a "ring around of posies," a ring of five pansy plants. Down all the rows, marched three cabbages plants, a ring of five pansy plants. The plot was bordered with a deep planting of rose morn petunias, and was indeed a joy forever. These plants all mature about the same time with the same care. Six pansy faces peeping from amid the cabbages are indeed appealing. And, if you want to show your colors, you could obtain the right-of-way.

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

By Edward C. Wayne

Jap 'Culture Offensive' Is Assisting Aggressor in Continuing Attacks; Heroic Stories Arrive From Luzon; Nazi Subs Add More Ships to Toll

(EDITOR'S NOTE:—When updates are expressed in these columns, they are those of the writer and not necessarily those of the newspaper.) (Reprinted by Western Newspaper Union.)

MENACE: Of 'Jap Culture'

As the tentacles of the huge Japanese advance throughout the southwest Pacific stretched themselves across the map, it was evident that the "culture offensive" of the Japanese throughout Asia was a most audacious scheme that might yet cause the United Nations all their utmost power to circumvent.

Observers found it obvious that Japan was playing on the anti-Christian tendencies of the entire Moslem world in the hope that some day all these millions might be bowing to the Mikado, from the brown races of eastern Asia all the way to the tribes of North Africa.

The vital battles of this war found Britain menaced not only by the necessity of keeping far-flung forces

LUZON:

Epic of Defense

Eyes-witness stories of MacArthur's men in action began to filter in from the Luzon front, and though they were delayed, the spirit they fanned bore out the feeling of the "man in the street" that the Battle of Bataan was a heroic struggle in the extreme.

These stories pictured the Japanese as fanatical fighters, battling to the death, trying and meaning, perhaps, when cornered, trapped and about to die, but hurling themselves into the fray, and forcing the American-Philippine troops to shoot them down rather than surrender.

One correspondent told of seeing an American captain, waving a bloody-banded arm, shouting "surrender, you A. S. we have you surrounded!"—and getting the reply from the trapped Japs, in perfect English, "Herta to you, Joe!"

The American tank crews were forced to run down and trample into their footloose small bands of a Japanese "suicide battalion" that had tried to land behind MacArthur's lines.

Yet, outside of these repelling skirmishes between bands of 100 to 300 of the enemy, and of frontal attacks in greater force, it was evident that MacArthur's position was ever-narrowing, ever-shrinking.

The Japanese land batteries had Forts Drum and Hughes and Mills under fire, and the drive toward the huge guns of the forts and the more numerous field guns of the invaders continued with indecisive results.

Meantime, the average American, glowing with pride over the achievement of the men on Luzon, worried because no reinforcements had arrived, and prayed that help might come from the distant defenders.

They were hurried back on Corregidor and to ultimate surrender or perhaps evacuation in another "Dunkirk."

ATLANTIC:

Sinkings Grow

The torpedoing of the Swedish steamship *Amerikaland*, 15,355 tons, sent to the bottom, only 200 miles off New York harbor, one of the biggest freighters, plus the seven other sinkings, raised the total of tonnage lost in the Atlantic to a high figure.

Yet the navy department assured Americans that many German submarines were on the eastern coast, and that the Navy was finding it an expensive war on the eastern coast.

Tragic was the loss of the submarine *S-26* off the coast of Panama. The captain and three companions were on deck when the British happened, and, helplessly to aid the men.

Many reported, however, that between the Hindus, the British and the Chinese were many Japs in understanding, the latter tending to wonder whether the British understood the important nature of the Far East war, and whether the Hindus were anxious to take any part in it other than to surrender.

Chief benefit to United Nations unity, however, was the fact that the Japanese, instead of fighting with propaganda, were coming in as the hated military invader. This, it was hoped, might finally result in their downfall.

Certain it was that America, perhaps as overconfident on the Pacific situation as the British, were rapidly waking up to the seriousness of the conditions in the battle field, and joined by the Australians were making ready to do something drastic about it.

Two things stood out—Wavell's calm promise that Singapore must hold out for "great reinforcements" were on the way, and second, that General Percival, in charge of Singapore's defenders, said "of course" Singapore would be held.

Evaluation of at least a part of Britain's naval forces from the naval base had been devised as a military expediency, a sort of "clearing the decks" for the siege, and it was obvious that the British were going to be cleared from the Pacific stronghold without a bitter kind of fight.

Shortly after the siege had begun, Japanese troops, creeping at low tide the narrow channel between the mainland and the island, began their attack. Slowly they pushed back the beleaguered British troops who contested each foot of ground that they were forced to relinquish.

The Japanese showed the same brand of fight here as they did at the battle of Bataan. (See "Luzon.")

HIGHLIGHTS . . . in the week's news

New York: Radio men on ships of one large coastwise concern had been given a salary boost of \$21.50 a month, and war risk bonuses. The action closely followed the sinking of one of the company's ships.

Valetta, Malta: There had been 13 raids by Italian-German planes on Malta in a single day. Reinforcements continued to arrive for the beleaguered Mediterranean port.

Chicago: Reviewing the municipal budget for the past 12 months, Bureau, Kindred & Co., Chicago financial house, found a decrease of \$248,969.58 in the amount of state and municipal financing last year.

The 1941 total was \$1,389,302.154, compared with \$1,638,271,523 in 1940. A major factor in the decrease was smaller volume of federal grants for municipal improvements last year.

OCD ROW: Succeeds U. S.



MELVYN DOUGLAS
An extra \$4,000 a year . . .

As the congress made ready the first \$100,000,000 for civilian defense, the spotlight of publicity was turned on various appointees who would serve on Mrs. Roosevelt's section of the nation-wide OCD.

As a matter of fact, congressmen themselves were leaders in the criticism of the appointment at the very same time that they, themselves, were being lampooned and laughed at from coast to coast for taking action on a bill to put congressmen who had been defeated into the pension plan for civil service workers.

One group on the Pacific coast started a "bundles for congressmen" movement in an effort to force a mountain of mail to fall on Washington.

But the OCD row not only involved the representatives themselves, but forced a mountain of mail to fall on Washington.

Mayris Chancy, a vaudeville dancer and protégé and friend of Mrs. Roosevelt, named to a \$4,000 job as children's activities director for physical fitness, and Melvyn Douglas, film-star named to an \$8,000 job (while working) to direct the arts division of the setup, were the central figures of most of the criticism.

But some newspapers, leading the fight against Mrs. Roosevelt's group, began publishing lists and backgrounds, and one paper ran a cartoon which said, quoting Representative Fadden, "When the Dies committee exposes someone, that individual immediately is given a job."

The word "bundling," which had not been bandied about on editorial pages for some years, made its appearance again, and congressmen leaders of the opposition declared their desks flooded with congratulatory mail.

ANZACS:
Grim, Hustling

Australia and New Zealand, anxious over the trend of events at Japan, sent units reached ever southward toward the great continent down under, were grimly and seriously reading themselves for the most determined war effort in their history.

Another evidence that first-class and large American support was arriving in the area was seen in the announcement that an American, Vice Admiral H. F. Leary, had been appointed head of the naval forces operating in the Australia-New Zealand area.

A new American naval command, officially titled "United States Naval Forces, Southwest Pacific," also was created. Vice Admiral William A. Glassford, it had been announced, had been placed in command of this force.

Both are in San Francisco, Glassford a native of San Francisco and Leary of Washington. Both will serve under the general command of Admiral Hart, head of the naval portion of the Pacific headquarters, who in turn is under Admiral Nimitz, at least technically.

JAP SPIES:
Caught in Net

That the FBI had not been sleeping on its guns since December 7 has become evident in the announcement of a series of widespread raids on the Pacific coast.

One hundred agents of the FBI swooped down on a Japanese colony overlooking the upper army reservation of Fort MacArthur, near Los Angeles and took into custody a number of Japanese.

They also seized quantities of Axis propaganda, firearms, cameras, radio and other contraband. They found a revolver, 50 rounds of ammunition, Axis propaganda and other material hidden away in a secret place on one farm.

At the same time a group of four Japs was arrested near Portland, Ore., in the Bonville dam area, and a considerable quantity of dynamite was found in their possession.

Six more Japanese were arrested at Portuguese Bend in southern California, and revolver, rifle, motion picture camera, radio equipment, flashlights and a large camera were seized.

RETIRE?
Short, Kimmel

Just when the matter was wondering whether or not a court-martial would be held in the General Short and Admiral Kimmel for their dereliction to duty in Hawaii, both officers simultaneously asked the army and navy for retirement.

Whether this would be the outcome of "Pearl Harbor" as far as the military in the future was concerned would be concerned remained problematical.

Training Youth for Jobs With U.S.

Thousands of young men and women are

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in vocational and trade

schools—courses sponsored

by the U. S. Office of Education. With this

experience they will secure

better jobs, or be qualified to

participate in civil service examinations.

The U. S. Civil Service Commission allows credit

in many of its examinations for training received.

These photos show trainees

airplane mechanics.



Upper picture illustrates graphically an opportunity to learn by doing. Lower: Basic training in the elementary theory of flight. What makes an airplane fly? (Civil Service Commission photos.)

The 'First' Bathing

THIS year marks the 100th anniversary of what is probably the most famous bath in history. The interesting thing is that the bath was never taken, that Adam Thompson was the man who didn't take it and that he didn't take that famous bath in Cincinnati, Ohio, back in December, 1882, even though you can find plenty of printed "authorities" which solemnly assert that he did. Here's how it all came about.

Back in December, 1887, when Americans were as concerned about World War I as they are today about World War II, H. H. Mencken, later famous as the editor of the American Mercury, wrote a story which purported to be the history of the first bathing in America. "My motive was simply to show how harmless fun in war days," says Mr. Mencken. "It occurred to me that it would be taken seriously because it was packed full of absurdities." But apparently he didn't realize how public the public was.

The story, which first appeared in the New York Evening Mail on December 28, 1887, stated that the first American bathtub was displayed by one Adam Thompson. "A wealthy Bostonian and leisure dealer," he was to his admiring friends in Cincinnati on December 18, 1882. It was a party "for men only" and one of the guests took bath in the new contraption.

The party, according to Mencken, had an unexpected aftermath. The bathtub was denounced by physicians as a menace to public health and the Boston city fathers passed an ordinance prohibiting its use except upon medical advice. In Virginia a \$50 tax was imposed on the installation of each bathtub and Hartford, Conn., Wilmington, Del., and Providence, R. I., all charged extra rates for water in which to bathe in bathtubs.

The Philadelphia city council, he solemnly asserted, tried to pass an ordinance prohibiting the use of bathtubs between November and May but the measure never reached the floor, defeated by two votes. However, seriously reading themselves for the occasion, the city council couldn't stop the use of the "new" bathtub.

Lowell Filmore, a prominent lawyer and during Filmore's tenure as President he had a bathtub installed in the White House and thus became the first Chief Executive to take a bath there.

Such were the "facts" which the public accepted in all seriousness. Eight or nine years later Mencken wrote an article which was syndicated to newspapers all over the United States. Reviewing the history of his bath, he said:

"Pretty soon I began to encounter my preposterous 'facts' in the writings of other men. They began to be cited by chiropractors and other such quacks as evidence of the stupidity of medical men. They began to be cited by medical men as proof of the progress of public hygiene. They got into learned journals. They were uttered on the floor of congress. They crossed the ocean, and were discussed solemnly in England and on the Continent. Finally, I began to find them in standard works of reference."

In one of his books Mencken tells how the story was reprinted in the Boston Herald with a four-column head and a two-column column labeled satirically "The American Public Will Swallow Anything." Says Mencken: "And then, three weeks later, in the same edition, Bretz, Kapp, but promoted to page one, the same Herald reprinted my 1-year-old bath-soberity and as a piece of news."

Since then the story has been reprinted countless times—some times for the purpose of debunking it but more often as an authentic item of "social history." Despite all of its army and navy debunking, Mencken, it keeps bubbling up regularly and people keep repeating the yarn as though it were new.

As a final touch of irony it has appeared at least twice in the newspaper with which Mencken's name is closely associated—Thompson's Sun!

As a matter of fact, the bathtub had a much longer history than a mere 100 years. The cave man left behind them paintings which show that they made a kind of bathtub by conducting water from springs through hollow logs into rock basins in their caverns. The people of Babylon, Mesopotamia, Egypt, and Greece all had ingenious water systems and practiced frequent bathing. The baths of ancient Rome were famous for their luxury and cleanliness. All of which proves that the "first inventor" Thompson was anticipated by many centuries.

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FIRST-AID to the AILING HOUSE

By ROSE L. WHITMAN

(Editorial: Old Style Homes)

SOME neighbors of mine have a brick house built about 18 years ago. It is square and chaste, with nothing in its design to make it attractive. It is of the period when ornaments and figures were the fashion, but that today makes it look hopelessly out-of-date. Its occupants knew that it could be made prettier, but were undecided as to how to go about it. They finally made a business of driving through all of the surrounding suburbs on the look-out for houses of somewhat the same proportion, that might give them ideas of what to do. It did take them long to make up their minds. All of the signs and ornaments were stripped off, and the porch roof and columns were replaced by woodwork of modern design that they found at a lumber yard. The front door had been made more than a rectangular block through the wall. This they replaced with a stock entrance of Colonial design, with a flat-topped and side-lights opening on an entrance of the same design. This, and the trim, and the white, was replaced white. The effect of the house was completely changed. It was being an eyesore, but it became one of the most attractive in the neighborhood, with a dignity that was entirely lacking in the old. The job took only three weeks, and the cost was less than a thousand dollars.

Broken Roof Slates

Roof slates are secured by nails going through the upper edge, the nail heads being in the center of the slates. The nails are driven in at an angle, and are a little loose in the slates, and there may be breakage in the slates. The nails are driven in at an angle, and are a little loose in the slates, and there may be breakage in the slates. The nails are driven in at an angle, and are a little loose in the slates, and there may be breakage in the slates.

There is sometimes leakage through a slate roof when a heavy wind blows the snow or rain under the slates. This can be prevented by raising the lower edge of each slate enough to put a dab of roofing cement underneath to secure it to the edge of the course below. This job is best done in warm weather when the roofing cement is plastic and spreads easily.

Cigarette Burn

Question: A mahogany table has been burned by a cigarette. I tried to remove the spot with alcohol, but this left bare wood. How can this be refinished?

Answer: If that ever happens again, scrape the cigarette, then use a razor blade, which is better for the purpose than rubbing with steel wool. For a finish, put on three coats of good drying varnish with a camel's hair brush to build up the depression to the level of the surrounding finish. The job of varnish should be hard before putting on the next.

Knotty Pine Knots

Question: How can knotty pine be finished to obtain a soft mellow appearance?

Answer: The usual finish is liberal wiping with a half-and-half mixture of linseed oil and turpentine. After an hour or two for soaking in, wipe the surface dry. Repeat two days. This will not check the mellowing that comes with age. Another good finish is penetrating oil. This can be had clear or tinted with wood colors. Either finish can be followed by waxing.

Damp Cellar

Question: Two years ago I had my basement ceiling and side walls covered with chemically treated cement to keep water from seeping through. This has been satisfactory until now. I am having trouble again. What can I do to keep my basement dry?

Answer: Age and dampness have destroyed the effectiveness of the cement. As this has been laid for so long it has become very hard, and your best move will be to have the treatment repeated.

Plank Floor

Question: Last summer we put down a porch floor of quarry tile six inches square, with red mortar joints. At the time it was rubbed with linseed oil, but now it has turned and the color is no longer pretty. How can it be brightened?

Answer: Wiping with turpentine should clean the surface, which seems to be giving you the clean and dry, on two or three coats of paste wax, each well rubbed.

Steamboat Above Boiler

Question: I have had my rotary oil burner taken out of the old coal burning furnace and installed in a new boiler designed for oil burning and hope to save oil. I have read from time to time that there should be 18 inches between the top of the boiler to the steam main. I only seem to have nine inches. I should like your opinion as to how this installation will work out.

Answer: The distance is figured from the boiler water level, and from the top of the boiler. This distance should be at least 18 inches.

Women Defense Workers Toil On

Volunteers Go Into High Gear With Attack on Pearl Harbor.

NEW YORK—A day in the life of a woman volunteer defense worker is more crowded than a debutante's social schedule and chaste, with a housewife's blue Monday.

Volunteer defense work, covering anything Americans may do on the home front in total war, went into high gear with the attack on Pearl Harbor. Most active organizations so far are the American Red Cross, American Women's Voluntary Services and the Office of Civilian Defense.

At the office of the motor division of the A.W.V.S., smartly uniformed service workers are on duty at 7 a. m. to answer telephone calls for emergency motor service.

In spite of the confusion of 50 or 60 women who "want to do something" milling about, Miss Reddy dispatched a car to take a small child to a throat clinic.

She directed three fur-coated, shrill-voiced women to the registration desk and at the same time arranged transportation for a group of entertainers to Camp Upton.

While she ate her lunch of a tray she arranged to have surplus food from a day market picked up and delivered to a social service agency.

The motor corps is only one division of the A.W.V.S. which is organized in 28 states and has 150,000 members. In the two weeks more than 1,000 eager women have registered at its local office.

Motor corps volunteers must have driver's licenses. They take courses in first aid, convoy driving, map reading and mechanics and must give 20 hours service before they can wear the corps uniform—a tidy, two-piece outfit in gray blue gabardine.

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When Striped Chipmunk told him where the spring was it seemed to him that he couldn't wait to reach it. You see Grandfather Frog had spent all his life in the Smiling Pond, where he could get a drink whenever he wanted it by just reaching over the edge of his big green lily pad. Whenever he was too warm all he had to do was to say "Chug-a-rum!" and dive head first into the cool water. So he wasn't used to going a long time without water as he had had to do since he started out to see the Great World.

Jump, jump, jump! Grandfather Frog was going as fast as ever. He was still putting out his tongue, then off he would go again, jump, jump, jump! And each jump was a long one. Poor Farmer Brown's boy had heard of him and was sure he could have been as good as him. Grandfather Frog was just one of those who was stupid and walked into trouble.

At last the ground began to grow damp, the farther he went the damper it grew. Presently it became fairly wet, and there was a great deal of cool, wet moss. How good it did feel to Grandfather Frog's poor tired feet!

"Must be the most there," said Grandfather Frog to himself, as he scrambled up on a big mossy hummock so as to look around. Right away he saw a little path from the direction of the Long Lane. It led right past the very hummock on which Grandfather Frog was sitting, and he noticed that where the ground was very soft and wet old roads were in the spring with a splash.

"It's a sure enough path," said he, but what would he do with it by putting those boards there?"

You see Grandfather Frog likes the soft, wet mud and he couldn't understand how anyone, even Farmer Brown's boy, could prefer a hard, dry path. Of course he never had

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Food for National Defense

To a timid woman in a class of 20 prospective wardens, who asked "What can you expect in a black-out?" Miss May Brown, instructor, answered crisply "A lot of darkness."

She proceeded to outline wardens' duties: enforcing lighting regulations; helping street persons to safety; assisting victims; reporting fires; and organizing neighborhood groups.

Most members of the warden classes proceeded immediately to first aid classes. These are organized by the Red Cross with some duty to fit every woman's talent.

At the Office of Civilian Defense a group of 40 interviewers who volunteered to help volunteers, struggled at cataloging qualifications of 200 women a day.

It is a clearing house. The idea is to get volunteer workers into one of the 1,000 jobs listed with the O.C.D.

"I got up at six this morning to get to a class in airplane spotting, before I came here," a weary interviewer said, "I have had a long day and I have a long night to go."

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Things I Never Knew 'Til Now (About the Red Cross)

Back in 1921, Japan suffered the worst disaster in its history, one to the one they asked for on December 7. . . . An earthquake devastated an area of fifty square miles, taking a toll of more than 144,000 lives. (The city of Yokohama was totally destroyed by fire, as was most of Tokyo.) . . . President Coolidge promptly called on the American people to come to Japan's aid with five million dollars. The citizens of this country tramped over each other rushing to help the stricken, and the sum was subscribed in a mere ten days. But America didn't stop there—the dollars kept pouring in until the Red Cross had almost twelve million dollars for Japan, when that nation needed a friend. . . . This, however, is the bitter irony: The Japanese so "appreciative" that they set aside three million dollars of the American Red Cross relief funds to build a "Memorial Fraternity Hospital" in the earthquake area—as a permanent testimonial of Japan's gratitude to the United States.

Red Cross nurses attached to the U. S. Army are officers with the rank of second lieutenant. (And private are strictly prohibited by Army regulations from trying to date them or make passes at them.) . . . In the Navy, the nurses are ensigns. . . . The Army requires its Red Cross nurses to carry bugles and gas masks just like the soldiers, and no wonder. In the last war, 28 American nurses lost their lives in the service of their country. Contributors to the Red Cross have the best guarantee in the world that their money will be put to use. The Red Cross has the funds, because its books are audited annually by the War Department and reported to Congress. . . . The Red Cross's operating expenses are the lowest of any organization in the country—less than four per cent of the money collected. (You can check it in any public library in the Congressional Record.)

The women who are members of the Red Cross motor corps must furnish their own automobiles and gasoline, as well as fuel their own parking bills. During the current emergency, they're required to serve one shift of eight hours each week and be on call twenty-four hours a day. . . . The girls take a six-week training course, and one thing they're taught is how to repair a car themselves.

Abolitionaries play an important part in the work of the Red Cross in wartime. The dogs are sent out on the battlefields to locate wounded men. They carry containers of water, and after letting the soldier quench his thirst, they race back to the stretcher-bearers and lead them to the injured man. . . . In England the Red Cross dogs are furnished with gas masks.

The first war in which the American Red Cross took part was the Spanish-American war. . . . Clara Barton, founder of the American branch, had her first assignment as Major Leonard Wood's tent at Siboney. One day a fellow-officer of Major Wood's stamped into her hospital with a sack in his hand. . . . "I have some sick men in my regiment," he belatedly, "and they want whatever delicacies you have here. I'll pay for them out of my own pocket. Will you sell them to me?" . . . "Not for a million dollars," Clara replied. . . . "I NEED that stuff!" protested the officer, shoving out his jaw. "I think a lot of my men. I'm proud of them!" . . . "We're proud of them, too," retorted Clara. "But we can't sell hospital delicacies. We give them." . . . Chuckling, the officer filled his sack and stamped out. . . . Which is how Col. Teddy Roosevelt became a Red Cross fan.

A red cross can be displayed only by the Red Cross Society, according to an act of Congress. (With the exception of Army, Navy and Marine Corps medical authorities, anyone else who uses a red cross is liable to a \$500 fine and a year in jail.)

There are a million and a half Red Cross volunteers in the United States. Volunteers receive no pay and must buy their own uniforms. (What's more, they must serve 100 hours before they're permitted to put on their uniforms.) . . . On the bulletin board of the Red Cross in L. A. is this reminder: "Don't forget that 'Thumb Up' can be done with one hand, while the other hand 'Digs'."

—Buy Defense Bonds—
War prisoners of all nations are looked after and protected by the International Red Cross, which sets minimum standards of treatment and makes inspections of prison camps. . . . The Red Cross handles all communications between prisoners and their families. Every nation at war sends the names and addresses of their prisoners to the International Red Cross headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, where an index of information about prisoners is kept for the benefit of prisoners.

SPEAKING OF SPORTS

By ROBERT McSHANE

Edited by William H. Thompson

THE veterans of minor league baseball, whose chances of breaking into the big time circuit were almost nonexistent a year ago, are taking renewed hope.

The reason is obvious. Younger players, between 20 and 25, usually are unmarried. In times like these, clubs are hesitant about signing such men. Uncle Sam has a prior claim to their services.

Johnny Nee, veteran New York Yankee scout, admits that baseball's oldest players will claim the attention of ivory hunters next summer. No prospects to see a good share of 30-year-old rookies in spring training camps in 1942. At least if the war continues.

"As I see it," Nee said, "we must look for older players—those who have families and consequently are not likely to be drafted—but who might have a year or two of major league ball in their systems."

The high premium which has been placed on youth causes the public and some club owners to forget that quite a few graybeards have made names for themselves in the majors. Wilky Moore, for instance, was 30 years old when he came to the Yankees in 1927. Moore managed to win 18 games and lose only 7 that year.

Lou Fette and Jim Turner were 30 years old when they hit the majors with the Boston Braves and each won 20 games his first year. Huber Horn, 32 years old, never had been in the majors until last season. He won 19 games for the Red Sox.

The Big Upset

Fred Masny, manager of the St. Louis Browns, announced startling changes in both big leagues this summer. He is quite firmly convinced that the Browns can move up

to the first division, and he wouldn't be at all surprised if the system of the Browns may lose favor. His attitude is based on the notion of players' ages.

Cleveland, he maintains, won't play the same brand of ball without Feller. The Boston Red Sox can't compensate for the loss of Ted Williams and their young, improved pitchers. The Tigers can't replace Greenberg.

The Browns are more fortunate in this respect. They are an older club with more married men aboard. They won't suffer so much from the draft. Every club in the league will be looking mean from time to time, but the Browns may lose fewer.

The Yankees can stand the loss much better than any other club. They could lose any two or three—or more—players and still be the team to beat.

The National League, of course, is faced with the same critical problem. The outcome of the present battle may depend on the draft. Many a familiar name will be missing from the rosters when the season opens on April 1.

The St. Louis Cardinals have a large share of married men, but also a considerable number of younger stars. Just how many young pitchers will be on hand in mid-April is anybody's guess.

About the Dodgers

The Dodgers could be in much worse shape. They get a break in the number of pitchers they have from 35 on up. But, like the remaining clubs, they will lose a number of younger men who were slated for increasingly important roles. It's useless to name each club—the problem is general.

Although major league difficulties make the headlines, the minor league situation is even more critical—particularly at the lower end of baseball's ladder. Class C and D leagues likely will be hard pressed for players before the year is ended. Salaries in Class C run about \$100 a month, in Class D about \$80.

The present uncertainty on the baseball front—both major and minor—may result in an exciting scramble which will sharpen interest in an unprecedented extent. The season probably won't go according to pattern. It promises to be a year of surprises and upsets. Teams which have been kept on the winning side of the ledger by the efforts of one or two men will find their positions extremely precarious—especially if those men are of draft age.

The situation here isn't unhealthy. Baseball won't suffer from the uncertainty.

OUR COMIC SECTION

PETER B. PEEVE



GOOD NIGHT PETER



WHAT'S WRONG?



A CHAP HAS BEEN THROWING THINGS AT ME SINCE I JOINED UP!



WHY HAVEN'T YOU COMPLAINED BEFORE?



THIS IS THE FIRST TIME HE'S HIT ME!



HUH I BET YA SKEE JUMPIN' AINT SO HARD TO DO



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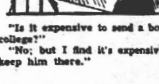
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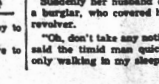
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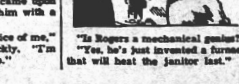
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COMMON SENSE... ALL-VEGETABLE LAXATIVE



The Cerebral One
The cerebral one is like a camel with a great bunch on his back; his heavy gate must be made higher and broader, or he will hardly get in. — Thomas Adams.

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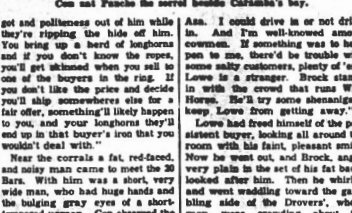
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CAMEL THE CIGARETTE OF COSTLIER TOBACCO

LESS NICOTINE IN THE SMOKE... THAT'S WHY CAMELS ARE FIRST WITH THE MEN IN THE NAVY

"I suppose they just started with the corral," he said thoughtfully, "then built the town westward, using the railroad for Main Street."
"Just about," Caramba agreed.
"That's long and skinny as a copperhead snake. Just about twice as dusty as a asphorhead! All they ask from a pore cowboy is all he's



for the benefit of sharecropping buyers. He gets a decent price or he drives on."

"The looks like a man who can take care of himself," Con said approvingly. "Beckon Brock will pay fair price, as he paid you what you asked."

"Cases ain't the same. I was holding the downhill drag on Slick

have to be crowded. In fact, we've crowded too far, we a—

easy-going..." Says Keith Yaker who's got most of his growth—

all his teeth..."

"Stripes Y Yaker," Batty we purred. "Richer's Crowder. Holler rancher wheels in any kind of fig And Nobby knows it!"

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