Folks You Know . .

Mrs. L. S. Brendla is in Miami on a 30 day visit with her son, Rev. J. A. Brown.

Mrs. L. H. Futch of Lawtey was the guest of her brother, B. T. Crosby and family several days this week.

Miss Ann Brodie and her brother, Edward Brodie, who are attending school in Washington, D. C., spent the holidays here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Brodie.

Misses Nancy Betts and Doris Reddick, who are attending Brenau College in Gainesville, Ga, will return there next week, after spending the holidays here with their families.

Lieut. Jack Lyle of Lake Charles, La., spent New Year's here with Mrs. Lyle and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Armstrong.

Miss Marie Anderson has returned to Avon Park, after spending the holidays at her home in Bradenton.

Miss Millie Pearson, who spent the holidays at her home in Bailey, N. C., returned to Avon Park last week end.

Ricki Spatz, John Giddens, David Lanier and Howard Todd, who attended Bolles School in Jacksonville, are returning there this week end, after spending the Christmas and New Year's holidays here at their homes.

Mrs. E. R. McClendon, who has been spending the past several months in Tucson, Arizona, will return to Avon Park about the first of February.

Dr. and Mrs. John S. Donaldson and son, Johnnie have returned to their home in Washington, after spending the holidays here with Dr. Donaldson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Donaldson.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hardesty of Washington D. C., have arrived here to make their home, and are living at the Klase home at Lake Byrd. Mrs. Hardesty is a daughter of Mrs. Anna Klase. Mr. Hardesty is connected with the Acacia Insurance company, and will have his headquarters in Avon Park.

Misses Betty Touchton, Martha McNicholas, Gloria Hughs, Willa McGiboney, Martha McNicholas, Susan Dorminey and Mary Carratt, all students at Florida State College For Women left Tuesday night for Tallahassee to resume their studies, after spending the holidays at their homes.

Mrs. John Parker, who has been in Virginia with her husband, Captain John Parker, who was stationed at Camp Lee, arrived Wednesday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Crosby. Captain Parker has been transferred to Lakeland, where the couple will make their home. Mrs. Perker was formerly Miss Juanita Crosby.

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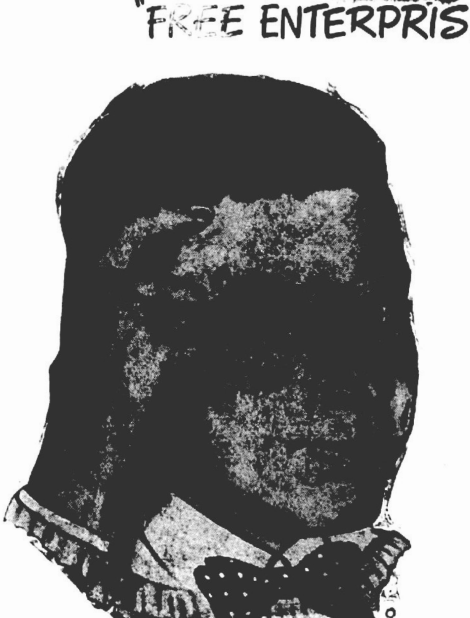

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Call that any name you like. Call it Free Enterprise or Democracy or Opportunity. Whatever you call it, it's American-bred-in-the-bone.

Without it, nobody's going to plan any farther than tomorrow. Without it, there's no incentive to invent or invest, discover or develop. Without it — and don't let any one tell you otherwise — this country would lose its high place among the nations of the world.

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Keeping On the Go With the USO

(By Tom W. Dobson, Director)

The regular Tuesday night dance will not be held until such time as the operation can be assured of trucks being supplied to bring the Junior Hostesses from the outlying areas. Also, the Hendricks Field orchestra requires a truck which has not been forthcoming as yet until the gas shortage is alleviated. Until such time as a dance can be held, the upstairs ballroom is being used by the local high school basketball team under the direction of Coach Carter. The boys practice early in the morning and will play their scheduled games on Friday evenings. The first game will be in about two weeks.

We received our new 9x12 movie screen and it has been set up in the ballroom. With this large screen we are using full length of the ballroom to show the feature movie and it has proven very popular with the service personnel. We are quite pleased with this new addition and feel that our attendance on our movie nights will grow weekly. We invite the community to attend and see the improvement for themselves.

It was stated in this column last week that the lights that decorated our Christmas tree were loaned us through the courtesy of the city. Giving credit where credit is due, rightfully, we wish to thank Mr. R. R. Brown of the Florida Public Service Company for the Christmas lights. We are sorry to have not given Mr. Brown credit previously.

On January 15, at 8 p. m., a new club named the Husbands and Wives Club will hold its first meeting in the club lounge. The purpose of this club is to allow the servicemen and their wives an evening for refreshments and dancing. There will be a short business meeting which will be followed by dancing to our new radio-phonograph combination. We are extending an invitation to all the husbands and wives in this locality to attend the affair and thereby signify their approval of this new Saturday evening activity.

As we write this column preparations are being made for the first meeting of the Senior Hostesses of the year. We are looking forward to a full attendance so that plans for this year can be filled. More about this meeting will be written in this column next week.

Our Snack Bar continues to draw the service personnel. We are asking some help from the ladies of the community who may have a few hours available in the evenings to help in serving. Those of you who are available can signify your willingness to help by contacting Mrs. Margery Church, who is in charge of the Snack Bar.

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Nearly 1½ Million Dollar Contracts Announced by Army

ATLANTA, GA, Dec 23 — Contracting firms in five southeastern states have been awarded Army contracts in the amount of $1,490,574.87, Headquarters Fourth Service Command, announced today.

The firms received the awards, the type of construction work to be performed under the supervision of the Army Engineers, the location of the various projects and the amount of each contracts are, by states:

Florida: Southern States Construction Co., Miami, construction of fence and gates at the Perry (Fla.) Army Airfield, $10,507; Engle Electric Co., Lakeland, installation of railroad electric switch movements, rails and control at Avon Park (Fla.) Bombing Range, $11,065; N. H. Armstem, Inc., Dunedin, construction of bombing, gunnery and rifle ranges at Mountbrook, (Fla.) Arm Airfield, $70,629; John W. Payne, Jr., Avon Park, construction of fence, gates and repairs at Lake Placid Maneuver Area, Fla., $15,370; Stevens and Sipple, Orlando, construction of temporary frame buildings at Army Air Forces Tactical Center, Orlando, Fla., $32,525; Nelan-Dickerson Construction Co., Lakeland, construction of target range, hutments, clearing at Zephyrhills (Fla.) Army Airfield, $47,407.80; H. E. Wolfe Construction Co., Inc., St. Augustine construction of runway extension at Robins Field, Wellston, Ga., $632,420.50; Paul A. Miller Construction Co., Leesburg, construction of temporary frame buildings at Camp Blanding, Fla., $15,295.

Georgia: Williams Construction Co., Columbus, construction of additional facilities and temporary frame building at Lawson Field, Fort Benning, Ga., $47,312.79; Wm. F. Bowe and Co., Augusta, paving with necessary excavation, drainage facilities, planting at Charlestown, (S. C.) Army Air Base, $160,471.80; Claussen-Lawrence Construction Co., Augusta, construction of additional parking aprons at Chatham Army Airfield, Savannah, Ga., $165, 355.25; T. H. Pearce and Co., Columbus, construction of additional facilities at Camp Stewart, Ga., $84,663.25: T. D. Lamb, Jr., Vidalia, construction of removal of clearance zone obstructions at Waycross (Ga.) Army Air Field, $19,510.

Mississippi: Campbell Construction Co., Jackson, construction of temporary frame buildings and facilities at Foster General Hospital, Jackson, Miss., $57,604,37; B. L. Knest, Contractor, Pass Christian, construction of temporary frame buildings and facilities at Ocean Springs, Miss., $57,604.37.

North Carolina: P. S. West Construction Co., Inc., Statesville, construction of temporary frame building at Camp Davis, N. C., $13,530.

South Carolina: Boyle Construction Co., Sumter, construction of temporary frame buildings, covered walk, sprinkler system at Florence (S. C.,) Army Airfield, $49,303.74.

Billy Sunday's Estimate of Bible

"Twenty-nine years ago, with the Holy Spirit as my guide, I entered the portico of Genesis, walked down the corridor of the Old Testament art-galleries, where pictures of Noah, Abraham, Moses, Joseph, Isaac, Jacob and Daniel hang on the wall. I passed into the music-room of the Psalms where the spirit sweeps the keyboard of nature until it seems that every reed and pipe in God's great organ responds to the harp of David, the sweet singer of Israel.

"I entered the chamber of Ecclesiastes, where the voice of the preacher is heard, and into the conservatory of Sharon and the lily of the valley where sweet spices filled and perfumed my life.

"I entered the business office of the Proverbs and into the observatory of the prophets where I saw telescopes of various sizes pointing to far off, events, concentrating on the bright and morning star which was to rise above the moonlight hills of Judea for our salvation and redemption.

"I entered the audience room of the King of Kings, catching a vision written by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Thence into the correspondence room of Paul, Peter, James and John writing their epistles.

"I stepped into the throne-room of Revelation where tower the glittering peaks, where sits the King of Kings upon his throne of glory with the healing of the nations in his hand, and I cried out:

'All hail the power of Jesus
Name,
Let Angels prostrate fall,
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown him Lord of all."

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"TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY"

(By RUSSELL KAY)

In this day of alphabetical juggling anything in the nature of a string of unintelligible letters is apt to be passed up by the average individual as "just another one of those things."

From Don Blanding, Florida poet and artist now sojourning in Hollywood, California, came an unusual and mystifying holiday greeting — A Talisman for the New Year.

Just a string of letters: L-I-D-G-T-T F-T-A-T-I-M . . . apparently unrelated and meaningless until understood but possessing limitless power to help and heal those who learn their magic and apply them in their daily lives.

L-I-D-G-T-T F-T-A-T-I-M

Carve those magic letters over your mantle and in your heart, urges Don. Let their meaning become crystal clear in your heart and mind. Employ them regularly and sincerely and they will bring peace of mind, health, happiness and success.

Then he tells the amazing story of how this Talisman came to him and why he is passing it on to others.

He tells how during the depression he found himself financially, emotionally, mentally and physically "broke." Sick with worry and tortured with insomnia, he became a bewildered spirit. He was feeling pretty sorry for himself and felt entirely justified in such pity.

At the hour when he had all but surrendered to hopelessness and defeat, a Hawaiian lad, who had long been a friend, approached him. "Alohi Lani," he said, calling him by the Hawaiian name the natives used. "You're feeling pretty sorry for yourself."

"I've got a right to," Blanding flared. "What about it?"

"Nothing," said Mike quietly, ignoring the tone of annoyance, "but I can help you."

Skeptical, and showing his irritation, Blanding snapped: "How?"

"I have been watching how your light burns all night and I know you are lying awake worrying, worrying, worrying. That's no good. You promise me that tonight when you go to bed you'll pretend that you have just had a lomi-lomi (Hawaiian message which is very relaxing). When you feel all easy, then you say something for me."

He handed Blanding a paper on which was lettered: L-I-D-G-T-T F-T-A-T-I-M — and explained that each letter stood for a word to make up the magic phrase "Lord, I Do Give Thee Thanks . . . For The Abundance That Is Mine."

Blanding laughed hollowly and said: "What kind of hocus-pocus is this?" — "How can I be thankful for nothing?"

The friendly Hawaiian grinned. "You have much," he said, "but anyhow, do this for me." Sensing the Hawaiian's sincerity and eagerness to be helpful, Blanding promised but he was in no way convinced and considered the whole idea phoney.

But that night as he tossed on his bed those letters kept dancing before his troubled mind. Then he said the phrase they represented: "Lord, I Do Give Thee Thanks For The Abundance That Is Mine." . . . The question came, "Thanks — for what?"

Then he began to count his blessings: Two hundred pounds and six feet of sound physical body, perfect but for shattered nerves. He thought of a legless friend, once a prominent actor, who was carrying on with a smile, altho he now sold pencils on the street . . . A blind friend who had overcome seemingly unsurmountable difficulties to make a worthwhile happy life. All about him he found others cheerfully carrying burdens far greater than any he had known. He was ashamed. Over and over and over again he said that simple, humble phrase until he fell into a deep healing sleep.

Up to greet the rising sun, Blanding, for the first time in months, realized the glory of a new day. He noted the clean freshness of the air, the sparkling dewdrops on colorful foliage, the song of the birds. Since that day he has kept ever in his heart those precious letters:

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Clubs and Parties . . .

By HETTIE H. HETHERINGTON — Phone 54

Auxiliary of Episcopal Church Met Wednesday

St. Margaret's Auxiliary of the Episcopal Church met on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the parish house for the regular monthly business and program meeting. Mrs. Alexander Gilmour, president, presided. Father John Daley led the devotionals that opened the meeting. A new member, Mrs. W. H. McCarthy was welcomed into the auxiliary.

It was announced that a food sale will be held downtown, Friday, January 14. Mrs. M. V. Pilcher and Mrs. W. A. Roberts will be in charge.

Father Daly was chairman of the program, giving a most instructive talk on "Church Polity," in which he outlined the origin of the church, and the changes in church government. A discussion followed.

During the social hour, dainty refreshments were served from an attractively appointd tea table. Mrs. Gilmour graciously presided at the tea service. Mrs. J. A. Johnson and Mrs. S. S. Thayer were hostesses for the afternoon.

Those present were Mrs. Alexander Gilmour, Mrs. G. B. Hervey, Mrs. J. A. Johnson, Mrs. R. H. Jordan, Mrs. R. R. Cummings, Mrs. C. F. Kenney, Mrs. W. H. McCarthy, Mrs. Carrie Putney, Mrs. C. E. Mann, Mrs. W. A. Roberts, Mrs. Roy Selms, Mrs. S. S. Thayer, Miss Slaughter, Mrs. E. G. Todd, Mrs. F. A. Truan, and Mrs. George Voorhees.

Mrs. Ethel Weaver Will Speak Jan. 11 at New Project

Mrs. Ethel Weaver, home economist for the Florida Public Service company, will be the guest speaker at a meeting to be held at 7:30 Tuesday evening, Jan. 11, in the community house at the new housing project. Mrs. Weaver will speak on "Home Maintenance and Nutrition." While the meeting is being held primarily for the people on the project, Mrs. Mary J. Thigpen, manager said, all citizens of Avon Park are extended a most cordial invitation to be present.

Mrs. Kirkwood Is Hostess to Class at Supper Monday

Mrs. J. H. Kirkwood, president of the Woman's Friendship Bible class of the First Methodist church, entertained the members at a most delicious supper at the Hut on Monday evening, preceding the monthly meeting. Mrs. Ray Young, a valued and beloved member of the class, who will soon be leaving Avon Park, was guest of honor for the evening.

The long tables were attractively arranged with sprays of bougainvillae, shrimp plant and bleeding heart, clusters of these colorful blossoms being entwined down the center, to emphasize a red and yellow color scheme. The tiny nut cups at each place were yellow, and the napkins were in a yellow and red design.

The delicious supper consisted of creamed chicken in patty shells, fresh carrots and English peas, candied yams, chicken and noodles, cabbage salad, avocadoes and tomatoes, hot homemade rolls, orange marmalade, devil's food cake and coffee.

Mrs. Young was presented by the class with a beautiful fostoria flower bowl.

At the business meeting, following the supper, the class voted to adopt another Chinese orphan, in addition to the one which they have been supporting for several years.

Members also voted to sell the lot they own on Lake Isis and use the money to buy bonds. It is planned to use the money later to help furnish the kitchen in the new Educational building, which is to be built after the war.

Those present on this delightful occasion were Mrs. Jas. Aitchison, Miss M. E. Mallory, Mrs. Reason Shivers, Mrs. I. D. Kelly, Mrs. Edward Hammond, Mrs. F. W. Ames, Mrs. S. C. Pardee, Miss Furlow Anderson, Mrs. C. F. Catlin, Mrs. J. D. Raab, Mrs. Arthur Johnson, Mrs. C. H. Pardee, Mrs. Ray Young, Mrs. A. McKee Elwell, Mrs. I. L. Hall, Mrs. G. B. Hall, Mrs. R. A. Gerrard, Miss Roscoe, and Mrs. J. O Bridges

Baptist WMU Met Monday Afternoon at Church

The WMU of the First Baptist Church met at the church on Monday afternoon for the monthly business and program meeting. Mrs. H. H. Shepherd was chairman of the program for the afternoon, the theme being "We Can Do All Things Through Christ Who Strengthens Me." Mrs. S. J. Pendleton, president, presided at the meeting.

Members were reminded that they were to meet, as usual on the third Monday of the month for an all day meeting to roll bandages for the Red Cross. The group will gather at 10:00 a. m., and each person is to bring her own lunch.

Sixteen members were present at the meeting on Monday.

Mrs. Cloud Writes Article Appearing in School Magazine

Mrs. Virginia Cloud of Bartow, formerly of Avon Park and a member of the faculty here for many years, is represented in the January number of "The Instructor," classroom magazine for elementary teachers, by an article in the "Teachers' Help-One-Another Club" department entitled "Check-Up Boxes."

Mrs. Cloud's article follows:

With an overcrowded third grade, I have found check-up boxes very helpful. Boxes marked Spelling and Arithmetic are put in convenient places in the room. If a child misses a word in spelling, that word is written correctly several times and slipped into the spelling check-up box. If he misses a problem in arithmetic, that work is corrected and put into the arithmetic check-up box before he leaves in the afternoon. After school, when I am doing my own check-up work, I go through these boxes. If I find incorrect work, I return it to the child the next day, explaining what is wrong, and the work is corrected and shown to me.

WINTER GUEST CLUB CELEBRATES HOLIDAY

Fifty-nine members of the Winter Guest Club were served at a delicious turkey dinner served by Mrs. A. W. Forbes and her committee on Christmas day. The banquet was followed by an appropriate program led by Mrs. Willis Robinson. Christmas carols in which every one joined heartedily predominated. A supper and games topped off the day's enjoyment.

On New Year's eve forty-six members attended a luncheon and many of them stayed through the program and saw the old year out and the new year in.

MRS. STEVENS HOME

Mrs. Fred Stevens returned Tuesday from Ohio, where she has spent the past summer, visiting relatives. She couldn't find accommodations here and is now located in Sebring, where she has rooms with Rev. and Mrs. S. H. Wirsching. Mrs. Stevens visited Atlanta, Ga., enroute home and was guest speaker of the Atlanta Republican Women's Club at a luncheon at the Piedmont hotel.

IN Hanford, Calif., Postmaster Harvey Washburn wrestled with a letter plainly addressed to "James Sullivan, painting his cousin"s house; a short guy, a little bald and a scar on one knee."

MARILYN LOUISE AND WAYNE STEPHEN II — First set of twins ever born at APAAF Hospital were born to Captain and Mrs. Wayne S. Connors December 27 at approximately 11:00 AM. A boy and girl, weighing five pounds, fourteen ounces and six pounds, four ounces respectively, seem to be very contented about the whole thing as they lie in their mothers arms. In the picture L|R — Capt. Connors, Wayne Stephen II, Mrs. Connors, Marilyn Louise and Capt. Charles B. Cunningham. Capt Connors is assigned to the 316th Bomb Sq. Capt. Cunningham is a physician at Base hospital. (Capt. Cunningham was a physician in the hospital in Capt. Connors home town, Virginia, Minn. — Ed).

(From HIGH SCORE)

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In case the name selected should be submitted by more than one party, the reward will be divided accordingly.

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BOY SCOUTS ENJOY A BIKE HIKE

Eighteen Scouts on their bikes and their Scoutmaster, Mr. R. E. Maysack, went on a three day outing to Highlands Hammock State Park Tuesday, December 28th and returned Thursday afternoon all in good spirits.

Tuesday night they weathered a heavy rain and Wednesday night a cold spell which they survived all hale and hearty. The daytime weather, however, was beautiful and the activities were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Dick Stodden, Harry Carratt, Glen Whitcomb, Roger Sappington, Chas. Davis, Geo. Harper, Coram Lamb, Ted Ward, Glen Reeder, Hubert Pate, Garth Spencer, Bill Cooley and Julius Cooley rode on their bikes. Harold Garrett, Bill Langford, John Post and Mr. Maysack rode on truck and auto carrying tents, blankets, provisions and cooking utensils. Sam Longbottom and Bill Archer rode horseback.

The horsemen arrived at the camp some time after the cyclers. The next thing any one knew the horses were drinking water out of the large container intended for the use of the Scouts. Fresh water had to be carried from the amphitheatre fountain.

The program included a nature hike led by Mr. Green, Superintendent of the park, and a bird hike was conducted by Scout Roger Sappington. Tests in fire building and cooking required for advancement were passed, and campfires added greatly to the enjoyment.

Enormous appetites were displayed and the food supply was almost cleaned out. Dick Stodden displayed some fine culinary talent and Glen Whitcomb, assisted by Bill Langford, turned out some licking good pancakes.

Although several of the boys were suffering from colds before they started, no ill effects were evident. Coram Lamb even claimed that his cold became better during the outing.

All the boys had plenty of pep to spare for their ride home and made the trip in good time.

HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY NOTES

The following books have arrived during the Christmas holidays. About 25 new books can be put in circulation during the week.

Thinkers and Doers by Darrow.

American Red Cross Text-book on Home Hygiene and Care of the Sick by Blakiston.

Fight for Life by De Kruif.

Attaining Manhood by Corner.

Healthful Living by Williams.

Food, Nutrition, and Health by McCollum.

Safety by Williams.

Electrical Occupations by Klinefelter.

Aviation from Shop to Sky by Floherty.

Your Career in Aviation by Matoon.

(FINE ARTS (700-799)

Making Homes by Schultz.

Applied Drawing by Brown.

How to be your Own Decorator by Koues.

Boy's Book of Photography by Teale.

History Sings by Kinscella.

Social Games for Recreation by Mason.

How to Appreciate Motion Pictures by Dale.

Costumes and Scenery for Amateurs by Mackay.

Cokesbury Game Book by Depew

Sports and Games by Keith.

Library books were called in during the Christmas holidays, but in cases where students had not finished their books, the books were saved for them to get immediately after the holidays. Students cooperated splendidly in returning books on time.

Millions of bushels of feed grain are being transported from the western provinces of Canada to help relieve the shortage handicapping American farmers, reports the Canadian National Railway, which is operating special trains to rush feed to eastern livestock and poultry producing areas.

Sue's VIEWS

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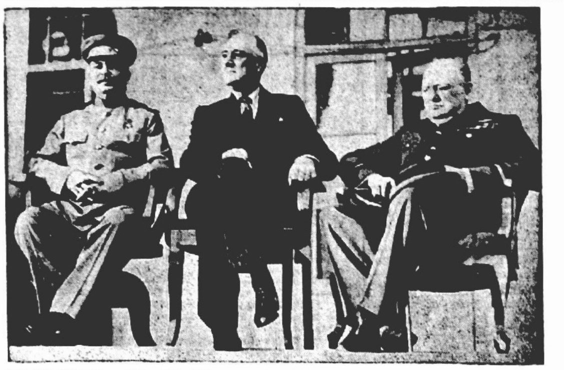

THE BIG THREE — Pictured in Teheran, capital of Iran, during their five-day conference which sealed the doom of Germany and her partners in crime are the Big Three Allied leaders of the present conflict. Left to right, in case you don't know, the statemen are Joseph Stalin, Premier of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; Franklin Delano Roosevelt, President of the United States; and Winston Churchill, Prime Minister for His Majesty, King George VI of England. The three leaders are reported to have set a "zero" hour for the start of the assault against the Nazis and to have pledged themselves to cooperate in plans for "a world family of democratic nations" in which war will be abolished "for many generations."

Church Notes

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Hoyt Tatum, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 A. M.

Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.; Sermon topic: "A Boy's Religion". Sermon topic: "Christ Makes Free."

Youth Fellowship Meeting, 7:15 P. M.

Evening Worship 8:00 P. M.

Wednesday 8:00 P. M., Prayer Service.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

W. D. Croft, pastor

Sunday School 10 A. M.

Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.

Young Peoples Service 7:15 P. M.

Evening Preaching Service 8:00 P. M.

Prayer Meeting Wed. 8:00 P. M.

THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER (EPISCOPAL)

Rev. John Ellis Daley, Rector

Services Sunday

8:00 A. M. Holy Communion.

11:00 A. M. Church School and Morning Prayer and Sermon.

Week Days

10:00 A. M. Holy Communion: Wednesdays, Fridays, and Holy Days.

UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Emmanuel S. Hedgebeth, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 A. M.

Sunday Worship 11:00

Wednesday "Quiet Hour" Service 8:00 P. M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. O. E. Burton, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 A. M.

Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.

Training Union 6:45 P. M.

Evening Worship 8:00 P. M.

Wednesday 8:00 P. M. Prayer Service. (This is the hour of power).

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

V. P. Black, Minister

Bible Study 10:00 A. M.

Preaching 10:45 A. M.

Young People's Class 7:00 P. M

Preaching 8 P. M.

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City Buses operating to Avon Park Army Air Field can stop only at designated bus stops by order of Police Dept.

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To Field: 1. Earl Green's Pure Oil Service Station. 2. Cities Service Station, east end of Mall. 3. On top of hill past traffic light, at oak tree.

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CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF

The Barnett Bank

of Avon Park

From Report to Comptroller at the Close of Business December 31, 1943

RESOURCES

CASH and Due from Banks	$ 391,888.12	
U. S. Securities	1,202,279.38	
Listed, Municipal & Other Bonds & Securities	76,737.50	
Accrued Interest	4,525.43	$1,675,430.43
Loans and Discounts		84,135.60
Overdrafts		10.58
Furniture & Fixtures		6,029.56
Other Resources		91.87
		$1,765,698.04

LIABILITIES

Capital	$ 50,000.00	
Surplus and Undivided Profits	60,120.84	$ 110,120.84
Reserves		10,015.02
Reserve for Dividend Payable January 1, 1944		2,000.00
Bills Payable		None
Other Liabilities		575.02
DEPOSITS		1,642,987.04
		$1,765,698.04

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Folks You Know . .

Mrs. L. S. Brendla is in Miami on a 30 day visit with her son, Rev. J. A. Brown.

Mrs. L. H. Futch of Lawtey was the guest of her brother, B. T. Crosby and family several days this week.

Miss Ann Brodie and her brother, Edward Brodie, who are attending school in Washington, D. C., spent the holidays here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Brodie.

Misses Nancy Betts and Doris Reddick, who are attending Brenau College in Gainesville, Ga, will return there next week, after spending the holidays here with their families.

Lieut. Jack Lyle of Lake Charles, La., spent New Year's here with Mrs. Lyle and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Armstrong.

Miss Marie Anderson has returned to Avon Park, after spending the holidays at her home in Bradenton.

Miss Millie Pearson, who spent the holidays at her home in Bailey, N. C., returned to Avon Park last week end.

Ricki Spatz, John Giddens, David Lanier and Howard Todd, who attended Bolles School in Jacksonville, are returning there this week end, after spending the Christmas and New Year's holidays here at their homes.

Mrs. E. R. McClendon, who has been spending the past several months in Tucson, Arizona, will return to Avon Park about the first of February.

Dr. and Mrs. John S. Donaldson and son, Johnnie have returned to their home in Washington, after spending the holidays here with Dr. Donaldson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Donaldson.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hardesty of Washington D. C., have arrived here to make their home, and are living at the Klase home at Lake Byrd. Mrs. Hardesty is a daughter of Mrs. Anna Klase. Mr. Hardesty is connected with the Acacia Insurance company, and will have his headquarters in Avon Park.

Misses Betty Touchton, Martha McNicholas, Gloria Hughs, Willa McGiboney, Martha McNicholas, Susan Dorminey and Mary Carratt, all students at Florida State College For Women left Tuesday night for Tallahassee to resume their studies, after spending the holidays at their homes.

Mrs. John Parker, who has been in Virginia with her husband, Captain John Parker, who was stationed at Camp Lee, arrived Wednesday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Crosby. Captain Parker has been transferred to Lakeland, where the couple will make their home. Mrs. Perker was formerly Miss Juanita Crosby.

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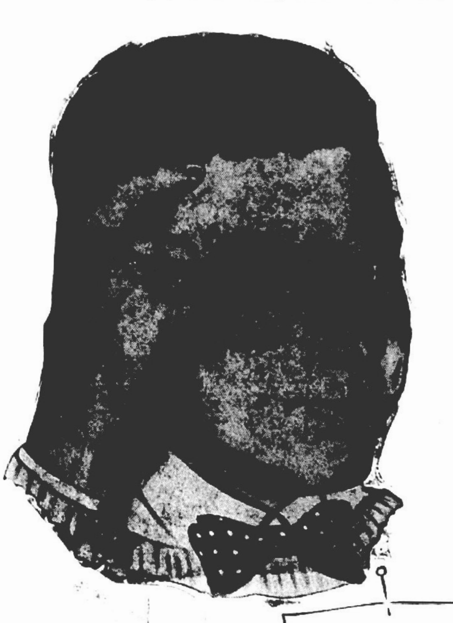

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That when a business man founds a business, he's building for a future—and nobody can take that future from him.

That when any man works hard and saves his dollars, those dollars are his. He can spend them if he likes. Or he can invest his money, secure in the knowledge it's working for him.

Call that any name you like. Call it Free Enterprise or Democracy or Opportunity. Whatever you call it, it's American-bred-in-the-bone.

Without it, nobody's going to plan any farther than tomorrow. Without it, there's no incentive to invent or invest, discover or develop. Without it — and don't let any one tell you otherwise — this country would lose its high place among the nations of the world.

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Keeping On the Go With the USO

(By Tom W. Dobson, Director)

The regular Tuesday night dance will not be held until such time as the operation can be assured of trucks being supplied to bring the Junior Hostesses from the outlying areas. Also, the Hendricks Field orchestra requires a truck which has not been forthcoming as yet until the gas shortage is allieviated. Until such time as a dance can be held, the upstairs ballroom is being used by the local high school basketball team under the direction of Coach Carter. The boys practice early in the morning and will play their scheduled games on Friday evenings. The first game will be in about two weeks.

We received our new 9x12 movie screen and it has been set up in the ballroom. With this large screen we are using full length of the ballroom to show the feature movie and it has proven very popular with the service personnel. We are quite pleased with this new addition and feel that our attendance on our movie nights will grow weekly. We invite the community to attend and see the improvement for themselves.

It was stated in this column last week that the lights that decorated our Christmas tree were loaned us through the courtesy of the city. Giving credit where credit is due, rightfully, we wish to thank Mr. R. R. Brown of the Florida Public Service Company for the Christmas lights. We are sorry to have not given Mr. Brown credit previously.

On January 15, at 8 p. m., a new club named the Husbands and Wives Club will hold its first meeting in the club lounge. The purpose of this club is to allow the servicemen and their wives an evening for refreshments and dancing. There will be a short business meeting which will be followed by dancing to our new radio-phonograph combination. We are extending an invitation to all the husbands and wives in this locality to attend the affair and thereby signify their approval of this new Saturday evening activity.

As we write this column preparations are being made for the first meeting of the Senior Hostesses of the year. We are looking forward to a full attendance so that plans for this year can be filled. More about this meeting will be written in this column next week.

Our Snack Bar continues to draw the service personnel. We are asking some help from the ladies of the community who may have a few hours available in the evenings to help in serving. Those of you who are available can signify your willingness to help by contacting Mrs. Margery Church, who is in charge of the Snack Bar.

FDR says:
Payroll savings is our greatest single factor in protecting ourselves against inflation.

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Nearly 1½ Million Dollar Contracts Announced by Army

ATLANTA, GA. Dec 23 — Contracting firms in five southeastern states have been awarded Army contracts in the amount of $1,490,574.87, Headquarters Fourth Service Command, announced today.

The firms received the awards, the type of construction work to be performed under the supervision of the Army Engineers, the location of the various projects and the amount of each contracts are, by states:

Florida: Southern States Construction Co., Miami, construction of fence and gates at the Perry (Fla.) Army Airfield, $10,507; Engle Electric Co., Lakeland, installation of railroad electric switch movements, rails and control at Avon Park (Fla.) Bombing Range, $11,065; N. H. Armstem, Inc., Dunedin, construction of bombing, gunnery and rifle ranges at Mountbrook, (Fla.) Arm Airfield, $70,629; John W. Payne, Jr., Avon Park, construction of fence, gates and repairs at Lake Placid Maneuver Area, Fla., $15,370; Stevens and Sipple, Orlando, construction of temporary frame buildings at Army Air Forces Tactical Center, Orlando, Fla., $32,525; Nelan-Dickerson Construction Co., Lakeland, construction of target range, hutments, clearing at Zephyrhills (Fla.) Army Airfield, $47,407.80; H. E. Wolfe Construction Co., Inc., St. Augustine construction of runway extension at Robins Field, Wellston, Ga., $632,420.50; Paul A. Miller Construction Co., Leesburg, construction of temporary frame buildings at Camp Blanding, Fla., $15,295.

Georgia: Williams Construction Co., Columbus, construction of additional facilities and temporary frame building at Lawson Field, Fort Benning, Ga., $47,312.79; Wm. F. Bowe and Co., Augusta, paving with necessary excavation, drainage facilities, planting at Charlestown, (S. C.) Army Air Base, $160,471.80; Claussen-Lawrence Construction Co., Augusta, construction of additional parking aprons at Chatham Army Airfield, Savannah, Ga., $165, 355.25; T. H. Pearce and Co., Columbus, construction of additional facilities at Camp Stewart, Ga., $84,663.25: T. D. Lamb, Jr., Vidalia, construction of removal of clearance zone obstructions at Waycross (Ga.) Army Air Field, $19,510.

Mississippi: Campbell Construction Co., Jackson, construction of temporary frame buildings and facilities at Foster General Hospital, Jackson, Miss., $57,604.37; B. L. Knest, Contractor, Pass Christian, construction of temporary frame buildings and facilities at Ocean Springs, Miss., $57,604.37.

North Carolina: P. S. West Construction Co., Inc., Statesville, construction of temporary frame building at Camp Davis, N. C., $13,530.

South Carolina: Boyle Construction Co., Sumter, construction of temporary frame buildings, covered walk, sprinkler system at Florence (S. C.,) Army Airfield, $49,303.74.

Billy Sunday's Estimate of Bible

"Twenty-nine years ago, with the Holy Spirit as my guide, I entered the portico of Genesis, walked down the corridor of the Old Testament art-galleries, where pictures of Noah, Abraham, Moses, Joseph, Isaac, Jacob and Daniel hang on the wall. I passed into the music-room of the Psalms where the spirit sweeps the keyboard of nature until it seems that every reed and pipe in God's great organ responds to the harp of David, the sweet singer of Israel.

"I entered the chamber of Ecclesiastes, where the voice of the preacher is heard, and into the conservatory of Sharon and the lily of the valley where sweet spices filled and perfumed my life.

"I entered the business office of the Proverbs and into the observatory of the prophets where I saw telescopes of various sizes pointing to far off, events, concentrating on the bright and morning star which was to rise above the moonlight hills of Judea for our salvation and redemption.

"I entered the audience room of the King of Kings, catching a vision written by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Thence into the correspondence room of Paul, Peter, James and John writing their epistles.

"I stepped into the throne-room of Revelation where tower the glittering peaks, where sits the King of Kings upon his throne of glory with the healing of the nations in his hand, and I cried out:

'All hail the power of Jesus
Name,
Let Angels prostrate fall,
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown him Lord of all."

INVEST IN AMERICA,
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"TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY"

(By RUSSELL KAY)

In this day of alphabetical juggling anything in the nature of a string of unintelligible letters is apt to be passed up by the average individual as "just another one of those things."

From Don Blanding, Florida poet and artist now sojourning in Hollywood, California, came an unusual and mystifying holiday greeting — A Talisman for the New Year.

Just a string of letters: L-I-D-G-T-T F-T-A-T-I-M . . . apparently unrelated and meaningless until understood but possessing limitless power to help and heal those who learn their magic and apply them in their daily lives.

L-I-D-G-T-T F-T-A-T-I-M

Carve those magic letters over your mantle and in your heart, urges Don. Let their meaning become crystal clear in your heart and mind. Employ them regularly and sincerely and they will bring peace of mind, health, happiness and success.

Then he tells the amazing story of how this Talisman came to him and why he is passing it on to others.

He tells how during the depression he found himself financially, emotionally, mentally and physically "broke." Sick with worry and tortured with insomnia, he became a bewildered spirit. He was feeling pretty sorry for himself and felt entirely justified in such pity.

At the hour when he had all but surrendered to hopelessness and defeat, a Hawaiian lad, who had long been a friend, approached him. "Alohi Lani," he said, calling him by the Hawaiian name the natives used. "You're feeling pretty sorry for yourself."

"I've got a right to," Blanding flared. "What about it?"

"Nothing," said Mike quietly, ignoring the tone of annoyance, "but I can help you."

Skeptical, and showing his irritation, Blanding snapped: "How?"

"I have been watching how your light burns all night and I know you are lying awake worrying, worrying, worrying. That's no good. You promise me that tonight when you go to bed you'll pretend that you have just had a lomi-lomi (Hawaiian message which is very relaxing). When you feel all easy, then you say something for me."

He handed Blanding a paper on which was lettered: L-I-D-G-T-T F-T-A-T-I-M — and explained that each letter stood for a word to make up the magic phrase "Lord, I Do Give Thee Thanks . . . For The Abundance That Is Mine."

Blanding laughed hollowly and said: "What kind of hocus-pocus is this?" — "How can I be thankful for nothing?"

The friendly Hawaiian grinned. "You have much," he said, "but anyhow, do this for me." Sensing the Hawaiian's sincerity and eagerness to be helpful, Blanding promised but he was in no way convinced and considered the whole idea phoney.

But that night as he tossed on his bed those letters kept dancing before his troubled mind. Then he said the phrase they represented: "Lord, I Do Give Thee Thanks For The Abundance That Is Mine." . . . The question came, "Thanks — for what?"

Then he began to count his blessings: Two hundred pounds and six feet of sound physical body, perfect but for shattered nerves. He thought of a legless friend, once a prominent actor, who was carrying on with a smile, altho he now sold pencils on the street . . . A blind friend who had overcome seemingly unsurmountable difficulties to make a worthwhile happy life. All about him he found others cheerfully carrying burdens far greater than any he had known. He was ashamed. Over and over and over again he said that simple, humble phrase until he fell into a deep healing sleep.

Up to greet the rising sun, Blanding, for the first time in months, realized the glory of a new day. He noted the clean freshness of the air, the sparkling dewdrops on colorful foliage, the song of the birds. Since that day he has kept ever in his heart those precious letters:

"L-I-D-G-T-T F-T-A-T-I-M"

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Clubs and Parties . . .

By HETTIE H. HETHERINGTON — Phone 54

Auxiliary of Episcopal Church Met Wednesday

St. Margaret's Auxiliary of the Episcopal Church met on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the parish house for the regular monthly business and program meeting. Mrs. Alexander Gilmour, president, presided. Father John Daley led the devotionals that opened the meeting. A new member, Mrs. W. H. McCarthy was welcomed into the auxiliary.

It was announced that a food sale will be held downtown, Friday, January 14. Mrs. M. V. Pilcher and Mrs. W. A. Roberts will be in charge.

Father Daly was chairman of the program, giving a most instructive talk on "Church Polity," in which he outlined the origin of the church, and the changes in church government. A discussion followed.

During the social hour, dainty refreshments were served from an attractively appointd tea table. Mrs. Gilmour graciously presided at the tea service. Mrs. J. A. Johnson and Mrs. S. S. Thayer were hostesses for the afternoon.

Those present were Mrs. Alexander Gilmour, Mrs. G. B. Hervey, Mrs. J. A. Johnson, Mrs. R. H. Jordan, Mrs. R. R. Cummings, Mrs. C. F. Kenney, Mrs. W. H. McCarthy, Mrs. Carrie Putney, Mrs. C. E. Mann, Mrs. W. A. Roberts, Mrs. Roy Seims, Mrs. S. S. Thayer, Miss Slaughter, Mrs. E. G. Todd, Mrs. F. A. Truan, and Mrs. George Voorhees.

Mrs. Ethel Weaver Will Speak Jan. 11 at New Project

Mrs. Ethel Weaver, home economist for the Florida Public Service company, will be the guest speaker at a meeting to be held at 7:30 Tuesday evening, Jan. 11, in the community house at the new housing project. Mrs. Weaver will speak on "Home Maintenance and Nutrition." While the meeting is being held primarily for the people on the project, Mrs. Mary J. Thigpen, manager said, all citizens of Avon Park are extended a most cordial invitation to be present.

Mrs. Kirkwood Is Hostess to Class at Supper Monday

Mrs. J. H. Kirkwood, president of the Woman's Friendship Bible class of the First Methodist church, entertained the members at a most delicious supper at the Hut on Monday evening, preceding the monthly meeting. Mrs. Ray Young, a valued and beloved member of the class, who will soon be leaving Avon Park, was guest of honor for the evening.

The long tables were attractively arranged with sprays of bougainvillae, shrimp plant and bleeding heart, clusters of these colorful blossoms being entwined down the center, to emphasize a red and yellow color scheme. The tiny nut cups at each place were yellow, and the napkins were in a yellow and red design.

The delicious supper consisted of creamed chicken in patty shells, fresh carrots and English peas, candied yams, chicken and noodles, cabbage salad, avocadoes and tomatoes, hot homemade rolls, orange marmalade, devil's food cake and coffee.

Mrs. Young was presented by the class with a beautiful fostoria flower bowl.

At the business meeting, following the supper, the class voted to adopt another Chinese orphan, in addition to the one which they have been supporting for several years.

Members also voted to sell the lot they own on Lake Isis and use the money to buy bonds. It is planned to use the money later to help furnish the kitchen in the new Educational building, which is to be built after the war.

Those present on this delightful occasion were Mrs. Jas. Aitchison, Miss M. E. Mallory, Mrs. Reason Shivers, Mrs. I. D. Kelly, Mrs. Edward Hammond, Mrs. F. W. Ames, Mrs. S. C. Pardee, Miss Furlow Anderson, Mrs. C. F. Catlin, Mrs. J. D. Raab, Mrs. Arthur Johnson, Mrs. C. H. Pardee, Mrs. Ray Young, Mrs. A. McKee Elwell, Mrs. I. L. Hall, Mrs. G. B. Hall, Mrs. R. A. Gerrard, Miss Roscoe, and Mrs. J. O Bridges

MARILYN LOUISE AND WAYNE STEPHEN II — First set of twins ever born at APAAF Hospital were born to Captain and Mrs. Wayne S. Connors December 27 at approximately 11:00 AM. A boy and girl, weighing five pounds, fourteen ounces and six pounds, four ounces respectively, seem to be very contented about the whole thing as they lie in their mothers arms. In the picture L|R — Capt. Connors, Wayne Stephen II, Mrs. Connors, Marilyn Louise and Capt. Charles B. Cunningham. Capt Connors is assigned to the 816th Bomb Sq. Capt. Cunningham is a physician at Base hospital. (Capt. Cunningham was a physician in the hospital in Capt. Connors home town, Virginia, Minn. — Ed).

(From HIGH SCORE)

Baptist WMU Met Monday Afternoon at Church

The WMU of the First Baptist Church met at the church on Monday afternoon for the monthly business and program meeting. Mrs. H. H. Shepherd was chairman of the program for the afternoon, the theme being "We Can Do All Things Through Christ Who Strengthens Me." Mrs. S. J. Pendleton, president, presided at the meeting.

Members were reminded that they were to meet, as usual on the third Monday of the month for an all day meeting to roll bandages for the Red Cross. The group will gather at 10:00 a. m., and each person is to bring her own lunch.

Sixteen members were present at the meeting on Monday.

Mrs. Cloud Writes Article Appearing in School Magazine

Mrs. Virginia Cloud of Bartow, formerly of Avon Park and a member of the faculty here for many years, is represented in the January number of "The Instructor," classroom magazine for elementary teachers, by an article in the "Teachers' Help-One-Another Club" department entitled "Check-Up Boxes."

Mrs. Cloud's article follows:

With an overcrowded third grade, I have found check-up boxes very helpful. Boxes marked Spelling and Arithmetic are put in convenient places in the room. If a child misses a word in spelling, that word is written correctly several times and slipped into the spelling check-up box. If he misses a problem in arithmetic, that work is corrected and put into the arithmetic check-up box before he leaves in the afternoon. After school, when I am doing my own check-up work, I go through these boxes. If I find incorrect work, I return it to the child the next day, explaining what is wrong, and the work is corrected and shown to me.

WINTER GUEST CLUB CELEBRATES HOLIDAY

Fifty-nine members of the Winter Guest Club were served at a delicious turkey dinner served by Mrs. A. W. Forbes and her committee on Christmas day. The banquet was followed by an appropriate program led by Mrs. Willis Robinson. Christmas carols in which every one joined heartedily predominated. A supper and games topped off the day's enjoyment.

On New Year's eve forty-six members attended a luncheon and many of them stayed through the program and saw the old year out and the new year in.

MRS. STEVENS HOME

Mrs. Fred Stevens returned Tuesday from Ohio, where she has spent the past summer, visiting relatives. She couldn't find accommodations here and is now located in Sebring, where she has rooms with Rev. and Mrs. S. H. Wirsching. Mrs. Stevens visited Atlanta, Ga., enroute home and was guest speaker of the Atlanta Republican Women's Club at a luncheon at the Piedmont hotel.

IN Hanford, Calif., Postmaster Harvey Washburn wrestled with a letter plainly addressed to "James Sullivan, painting his cousin''s house; a short guy, a little bald and a scar on one knee."

BOY SCOUTS ENJOY A BIKE HIKE

Eighteen Scouts on their bikes and their Scoutmaster, Mr. R. E. Maysack, went on a three day outing to Highlands Hammock State Park Tuesday, December 28th and returned Thursday afternoon all in good spirits.

Tuesday night they weathered a heavy rain and Wednesday night a cold spell which they survived all hale and hearty. The daytime weather, however, was beautiful and the activities were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Dick Stodden, Harry Carratt, Glen Whitcomb, Roger Sappington, Chas. Davis, Geo. Harper, Coram Lamb, Ted Ward, Glen Reeder, Hubert Pate, Garth Spencer, Bill Cooley and Julius Cooley rode on their bikes. Harold Garrett, Bill Langford, John Post and Mr. Maysack rode on truck and auto carrying tents, blankets, provisions and cooking utensils. Sam Longbottom and Bill Archer rode horseback.

The horsemen arrived at the camp some time after the cyclers. The next thing any one knew the horses were drinking water out of the large container intended for the use of the Scouts. Fresh water had to be carried from the amphitheatre fountain.

The program included a nature hike led by Mr. Green, Superintendent of the park, and a bird hike was conducted by Scout Roger Sappington. Tests in fire building and cooking required for advancement were passed, and campfires added greatly to the enjoyment.

Enormous appetites were displayed and the food supply was almost cleaned out. Dick Stodden displayed some fine culinary talent and Glen Whitcomb, assisted by Bill Langford, turned out some licking good pancakes.

Although several of the boys were suffering from colds before they started, no ill effects were evident. Coram Lamb even claimed that his cold became better during the outing.

All the boys had plenty of pep to spare for their ride home and made the trip in good time.

HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY NOTES

The following books have arrived during the Christmas holidays. About 25 new books can be put in circulation during the week.

Thinkers and Doers by Darrow.

American Red Cross Text-book on Home Hygiene and Care of the Sick by Blakiston.

Fight for Life by De Kruif.

Attaining Manhood by Corner.

Healthful Living by Williams.

Food, Nutrition, and Health by McCollum.

Safety by Williams.

Electrical Occupations by Klinefelter.

Aviation from Shop to Sky by Floherty.

Your Career in Aviation by Matoon.

(FINE ARTS (700-799)

Making Homes by Schultz.

Applied Drawing by Brown.

How to be your Own Decorator by Koues.

Boy's Book of Photography by Teale.

History Sings by Kinscella.

Social Games for Recreation by Mason.

How to Appreciate Motion Pictures by Dale.

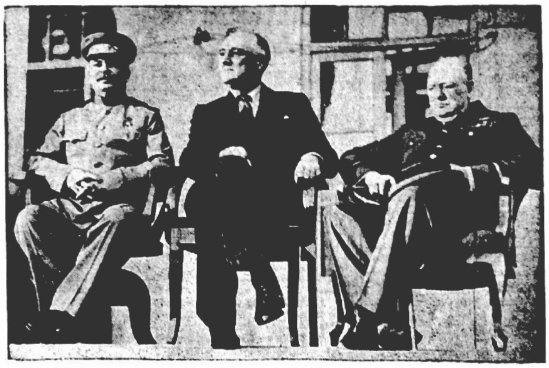
Costumes and Scenery for Amateurs by Mackay.

Cokesbury Game Book by Depew

Sports and Games by Keith.

Library books were called in during the Christmas holidays, but in cases where students had not finished their books, the books were saved for them to get immediately after the holidays. Students cooperated splendidly in returning books on time.

Millions of bushels of feed grain are being transported from the western provinces of Canada to help relieve the shortage handicapping American farmers, reports the Canadian National Railway, which is operating special trains to rush feed to eastern livestock and poultry producing areas.



THE BIG THREE — Pictured in Teheran, capital of Iran, during their five-day conference which sealed the doom of Germany and her partners in crime are the Big Three Allied leaders of the present conflict. Left to right, in case you don't know, the statemen are Joseph Stalin, Premier of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; Franklin Delano Roosevelt, President of the United States; and Winston Churchill, Prime Minister for His Majesty, King George VI of England. The three leaders are reported to have set a "zero" hour for the start of the assault against the Nazis and to have pledged themselves to cooperate in plans for "a world family of democratic nations" in which war will be abolished "for many generations."

Church Notes

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Hoyt Tatum, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.;
Sermon topic: "A Boy's Religion".
Sermon topic: "Christ Makes Free."
Youth Fellowship Meeting, 7:15 P. M.
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Wednesday 8:00 P. M., Prayer Service.

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Young Peoples Service 7:15 P. M.
Evening Preaching Service 8:00 P. M.
Prayer Meeting Wed. 8:00 P. M.

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U. S. Securities	1,202,279.38	
Listed, Municipal & Other Bonds & Securities	76,737.50	
Accrued Interest	4,525.43	$1,675,430.43
Loans and Discounts		84,135.60
Overdrafts		10.58
Furniture & Fixtures		6,029.56
Other Resources		91.87
		$1,765,698.04

LIABILITIES

Capital	$ 50,000.00	
Surplus and Undivided Profits	60,120.84	$ 110,120.84
Reserves		10,015.02
Reserve for Dividend Payable January 1, 1944		2,000.00
Bills Payable		None
Other Liabilities		575.02
DEPOSITS		1,642,987.04
		$1,765,698.04

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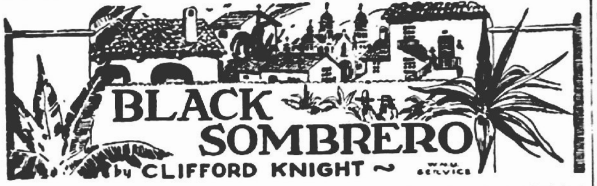

BLACK SOMBRERO

by CLIFFORD KNIGHT

CHAPTER I

We were agreed, that warm October evening as we sat gazing down from the hills upon the twinkling lights of Los Angeles, that the story of Elsa Chatfield should be written. Elsa, we thought, typified something eternal in the spirit of American youth—something so fascinating to us older individuals that it should be set down as a part of the permanent record of the American scene.

There was a difference of opinion, however, as to where the story should begin. Dwight Nichols was for omitting all mention of Aunt Kitty and starting in boldly with the baby.

"Babies are always good to open with. New life, you know. Everything before them. The world and the devil. Of course, I'm not a writer, Barry, as you are; I'm only a sportsman."

Huntoon Rogers has since denied that he foresaw even the smallest part of the story which began that night in the hills overlooking the vast metropolitan area of Los Angeles and had its end far down the West Coast of Mexico. And, of course, Dwight Nichols and I were merely talking in the air when we agreed that the story of Elsa Chatfield should be written, for the story then was only about to begin.

"You know, Barry," Dwight said, looking off over the vast meadow of twinkling lights below us, "I thought once that I understood women. But that was when I was younger. I could have done justice to Elsa then."

Margaret Nichols at this moment came out and joined us, sitting on the top step with her cigarette which she smoked lazily. It was one of those rare nights in California when one could sit out of doors comfortably, and her bare arms and throat seemed to smolder whitely in the half light which shone from the living room windows. There was a quality of exquisiteness about Margaret that explained Dwight; he had a passion for the exquisite, and Margaret loved him devotedly. Margaret now desired our company.

"I don't like the piano and the singing. Not now, anyhow," she said. "Nobody can sing these horrible modern songs, if they really can be called songs. Did I interrupt you, darlings? Forgive me and go right on talking."

"We were just talking, dear. Speculating about woman," said Dwight, lighting a fresh cigarette. "We mentioned Elsa Chatfield and then came to rest upon Aunt Kitty."

"Lovely old cat," said Margaret. "Did you know her, Hunt?"

"No, Margaret," replied Rogers. "A plump, sleek tabby who sat a lifetime on silk cushions over in Pasadena, then at the end sank her claws in Elsa and died. She ought to h. had a love affair—and a baby!"

Dwight blew a cloud of ghostly smoke into the shadows and said that Elsa's aunt had been in love once. Margaret was incredulous.

"You didn't know Sam Chatfield—Elsa's father—did you, Hunt?" asked Margaret, turning to Rogers. Huntoon Rogers said that he had not. "I was right in thinking that you came into our circle after Sam fled. He was a small, round, reddish man who quite remarkably had no egotism. Dwight, I think, is a little taller than Sam. Anyway, he bounced like a rubber ball when he walked, and he was something in a bank in Pasadena.

"Sam Chatfield sat behind a huge mahogany desk all day and said no. That's an awfully hard sort of job, don't you think?" she said seriously. "For just imagine men coming with ambition and hopes, or in desperate straits about their finances and needing money, and having to say no to them. Any decent person would feel it dreadfully. And, of course, Sam did, because he was a decent sort, you know. He simply clutched decency to himself with all the passion of a fierce new love. Of course, to make up for it, Sam had to say yes when he was away from the bank, and so he never said no to anything that concerned Elsa or himself. Aunt Kitty was beyond his yes and no, because she was wealthy.

"Then one day he fled, and they discovered that he'd said yes and not no to himself too often. Aunt Kitty quieted the loss at the bank with her own money, because there was family pride, you know. But you can imagine what that meant to Elsa. Her mother was dead. Either Elsa didn't like Mexico, or Sam thought it best for her to be up here—she did visit him, though, occasionally. Anyway, Elsa had to move in with Aunt Kitty and go on listening to Aunt Kitty talking, talking, talking. Poor Elsa! She was twelve then, and managed in a year or two to escape to school in the East. And after that—well, there was the baby. She was seventeen by that time."

"But who is there who could possibly want to make away with Aunt Kitty—if that is what really happened?" I asked, moved somewhat by what Huntoon Rogers had said before Margaret came out.

Nobody could think of a reply at once, then Dwight's chair stirred and he cleared his throat reluctantly.

"Well," he began, "that, of course, is why there are detectives—like Hunt Rogers—"

"Not detective, Dwight." Rogers interrupted quickly. "I'll admit that I've been drawn into more than my share of affairs of that kind. I prefer to be known, however, for what I am—namely, an humble professor of English literature."

"Sorry, Hunt. I didn't mean anything."

"No apologies, Dwight; it's not important. What were you going to say, though?"

Again I thought I detected a reluctance in Dwight Nichols' manner.

"Oh—I've thought at times, since Kitty Chatfield's death, what embarrassment an unimaginative sleuth could cause me. You see, I have a motive—"

"A motive, darling?" Margaret's voice held a startled note.

"Yes. You see, that Cabazon property — Kitty Chatfield and I owned it in joint tenancy, with right of survivorship. It doesn't matter now how the arrangement came about. But, when Kitty Chatfield died, it meant about two hundred thousand dollars to me. Isn't that a motive?"

"Lovely old cat," said Margaret.

"It's a reasonable one, to be sure," said Rogers.

"Oh, I had a motive then, too," exclaimed Margaret.

"Of course, dear," said Dwight. "What's mine is yours."

"That's not what I meant, darling."

"What's your motive, Margaret?" inquired Rogers.

"Jealousy."

"Jealousy!" echoed Dwight. "You don't mean—?"

"I mean just that." Margaret's voice was firm. "I was so jealous of Kitty Chatfield I could have killed her!"

A disturbance from the driveway interrupted our conversation. We went around to see what it meant, but before we reached the front of the house a flivver bleated weakly as if impatient at our slow coming. And there was Elsa climbing out of a most amazing contraption. It looked as if it had been stolen from a junk yard. A jagged rent was in the top, a piece of which waved grotesquely in the light stir of air. The engine had died with a hollow cough as we rounded the corner of the house, and the villain had climbed from under the wheel and was twisting the crank and grunting profanely as if to torture it into another try at life.

"Pay the gentleman for me," said Elsa to Dwight. "It's two dollars and I haven't it." When the man had gone roaring indecently off down the hill, she explained: "He was such an intense man; I rode with him instead of in the shiny car the other taxi man had. I like intense people. It was bumpy, but there was moonlight, and I didn't mind." She shook me warmly by the hand, murmured Huntoon Rogers' name when Margaret introduced him; and then, with her arms linked in mine and Dwight's most confidingly, we went toward the house.

"But where's your car, Elsa?" asked Dwight.

"I sent it this morning to Jimmy the Cheese." She stopped short with a burst of laughter conceived in a sudden little ecstasy of humor. "Fancy! I never thought of calling him that before! And I've known him for years too. To Mr. James Chesebro, Dwight, trustee," she said pompously. Freeing her arms she drew in the air before her own beautiful figure a great stomach and strutted in the grass.

"He and I are through with each other now. We don't have to hate each other any longer. We're both glad, of course. Aunt Kitty cuts me loose today. I'm on my own." There was an exuberance, an elation in her voice. The fact was thrilling to her.

Dwight already had explained the arrangement. There had been no money she could count on from her father after he went to Mexico; Aunt Kitty had assumed her expenses. But at her death Elsa had been disinherited.

"She gave her the income from the estate for a year from the date of her death," Dwight had said, "knowing that Elsa ought to save something out of it, but darn well confident she wouldn't."

Sounds of laughter came from the house as we mounted the steps and burst in upon the others. I lost, of course, the soft touch of Elsa's hand upon my arm and the comfort of her nearness to me, for she flew to embrace one of the girls among the crowd of young people making merry in the living room. But not, however, before she had tossed to me over her shoulder the urgent command, "Barry, don't go away tonight without me."

I have no doubt that Jimmy the Cheese, as Elsa called him that night, was relieved that the departed Aunt Kitty finally had cut loose her niece. An old ladies' home, even though it were filled top and bottom with tea-and-toast old ladies, was a much easier task for a dignified administrator, almost middle aged, than just Elsa. She had sent him her expensive motor car that morning, and a letter explaining: "You're aware that Aunt Kitty didn't expect me to have a cent left today. So I'm not disappointing her. I can't think of keeping anything my dear aunt's money has paid for."

"And I haven't," said Elsa from her chair beside the piano, that evening she joined us at Dwight and Margaret's. "Not a penny—or anything her money has given me—" She stopped in vague alarm. She had not spoken the truth. The process of her thought was visible in her face. "Except the clothes on my back." Dismay was in her eyes. "And—" She stood up and tugged first at her cuffs, then at the shoulder of her dress. "I'll not keep these any longer."

"Do them all up in a nice package, Dwight, and send them tomorrow to Mr. Chesebro, with love from Elsa. Be sure to put in the love." She smiled down upon Dwight as he gathered the small bundle, one tawny, beautifully tanned arm pointing to where the ring had rolled. "And, Margaret, dear, please get me one of your old suits for a working girl."

Margaret arrived instantly with a heavy apricot negligee and the working girl suit was searched out within the seclusion of Margaret's bedroom.

Huntoon Rogers is a large man, probably six feet tall and with a frame in proportion. He has mild blue eyes, such as I have never seen elsewhere; his ears are prominent, as is his nose, the latter not to his disadvantage. The blond hair is beginning to thin on top. He looked up at me after a few moments and spoke so quietly that nobody else in the room could hear him.

"She hated her Aunt Kitty, didn't she? Bitterly."

"There's no doubt of it."

He went on playing. He displayed a remarkable skill. If I had not stood watching the dexterity of his left hand, I'd have thought he was playing a two-handed composition.

"What did Aunt Kitty die of?" he asked, glancing up again.

"An overdose of morphine."

His flying fingers executed a long run.

"Was she an addict?"

"Yes."

"Self administered?" he inquired, finishing the piece with a restful chord.

"The police said yes; the district attorney's office, as you are aware, has doubts."

"It's a stone rolled away from the tomb," said Elsa, full of classical allusions, her quiet voice devoid, however, of the theatrical. "It's Tantalus fed at last and Sisyphus at the top of the hill. The dead hand has let go its terrible grip." She drew her head back and breathed immensely of the moonlit night. "Barry, oh, you can't imagine, even with that trick author's imagination of yours, what it means to be free! Free of Aunt Kitty and the centuries of 'No' and 'Cannot'! It's freedom, Barry, when I thought freedom had forsaken me."

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WAR ON ALL FRONTS
A SERIES OF SPECIAL ARTICLES BY THE LEADING WAR CORRESPONDENTS

Dismal Italy

By Frank Gervasi

(WNU Feature—Through special arrangement with Collier's Weekly)

Already the words "sunny Italy" have for the American doughboys of this war the same hollow sound that "La Belle France" had for their fathers in the last one. In terms of rain, mud and misery, Italy has become the France of this war—France, however, without Paris, for the only major city the Allies have captured thus far is Naples, a dark, sad city.

The next big town on the road to victory, Rome, promises only more waterless water closets, and children crying for biscuits and sour balls, and black-market prices spiraling out of an inflation partly influenced by the arbitrary Allied pegging of the lira at one hundred to the dollar, and partly out of an ancient Italian aptitude for gypping foreigners. And nowhere from here to Rome and beyond, is there even a faint promise of a hot bath.

Win and Go Home.

Ever since they volunteered o were drafted, two thoughts have been uppermost in the minds of the men variously known as doughboys, doughfeet, jeeps, dogfaces and G.I. Joes. The first is to whip the pants off the Germans; and second, but not secondarily, to return home to double features, hamburgers, beer, baseball, girls, families, firesides, and Sunday clothes. A year in North Africa, Sicily, and more particularly, Italy, has accentuated those American desires.

That isn't so completely true among those more highly organized intellects known as officers. Among them, I have found many who believe that America's responsibilities go beyond mere victory. But it's overwhelmingly true among the common soldiers (and I have talked with hundreds of them in and out of battle) in the militarily stagnant Middle East and on the active fronts in Italy. Here they cry, with one voice: "Let's get it over with and let's go home. Let's leave Africa to the Arabs, Sicily to the dagos and Italy to the wops."

Their state of mind is attributable to the fact that, in the broader sense, they don't know what they are fighting for, and anything beyond the necessity of defeating Germany will be one for the gentlemen in striped pants to contend with when they gather around the green baize tables to draft plans for the postwar world. In even the most inarticulate Britons, I have found yearnings, however vague, for the creation of world order wherein there shall be peace and justice, and work for all people, so organized that opportunities for tyrants again to raise their heads will be reduced to a safe minimum.

Britons Fight Professionally.

Here on a front which is roughly half British and half American, it is possible to compare the British attitude toward war and its end, with the American. The British seem to understand war and to fight it almost daily and certainly professionally. They seem to know that war and politics are inseparable. The Americans fight much as they play football—intensely and enthusiastically, but with the sole idea of winning. There's nothing gay about Americans in battle. They fight dutifully, doggedly, bravely, but animated solely by the desire to win.

The Englishman knows he's not going to find the same old England when he returns to Limehouse and Leicester Square, and he's not at all sorry, but rather glad. The American doesn't want anything changed. To him social progress or change of any kind is synonymous with Communism, and he wants no part of Communism, preferring, as one doughboy put it, as he stood in the blood and muck of the battlefield after he had crossed the Volturno: "At least, under our way, every guy got the same chance of being President. Yeah, sure, it's dog eat dog, but you've got an even chance of being the dog that wins."

None of this is cabled in the spirit of viewing with alarm, but merely to set down what constitutes a major problem confronting the architects of peace, a problem which is drawing closer now with every hard-earned mile of conquered or liberated Europe. The problem is simply what to do about "I wanna go home."

The mentality of the American soldier and how to fit what that state of mind implies—isolationism—into, for example, the Willkie world is the problem. Unfortunately, although the defeat of Germany is assured, Doughfoot or Dogface won't be able to go home as soon as he would like or, worse still, as quickly as citizens in the United States widely believe.

The fall of Rome doesn't mean that Italy has been conquered. There is the prospect of a long, hard winter fight, and only the disintegration of Germany, like a flywheel gone wild, will bring victory early in 1944.

Washington Digest

'Realistic' Attitude Marks Change in Allied Diplomacy

New Journey Into International Cooperation Combines Idealism and Realism; Step Away From Old Style Power Alliances.

By BAUKHAGE

News Analyst and Commentator.

WNU Service, Union Trust Building, Washington, D. C.

What kind of a man is Stalin?

That question was put to President Roosevelt at the White House press and radio conference on the day of his return to Washington from Europe. He was tanned, alert, cheerful, still pulsing with the consciousness of achievement. His answer, which came without a second's hesitation, I thought, was significant.

Stalin, he said, was a realist, just like himself.

I am not particularly interested in the accuracy of that answer, either as an analysis of Stalin or self-analysis of the President. But to me the fact that the President chose realism as the outstanding and common characteristic of himself and the man on whose word and deed so much of the future depends, was, I think, significant.

On the whole, in the light of later pronouncements, use of that term seems a good omen rather than a bad one.

Mr. Roosevelt is committed to a plan for the postwar world which leans toward the ideal, rather than toward the old style diplomatic "realism" which is nothing but tooth-and-claw tactics behind a laundered facade of protocol. I think the American people have shown plainly that they are more interested in stopping—or at least postponing—wars than they are in the slogans of the isolationists or the imperialists. Granted that, the fact that Roosevelt emphasizes the "realist" side when he speaks, gives one a feeling that he and Stalin and Churchill have been able to reach some rough agreements that are practical enough to work, and yet are a little less earthy than the old power alliances, which always end in wars and always will.

The Conference

I recall very well that crowded news conference for which friend and foe alike turned out to see what the President looked like after his trip. One hundred and seventy-nine working press and radio correspondents were there, not counting officials. The innocent expected some hot, inside stuff; the cynical hoped the President would reveal errors by concealing them; the average reporter knew it was going to be a good story one way or the other. Everyone was satisfied. Those who yearned for the dramatic got the story of the German plot which didn't come off. Those who were looking for trouble were gratified that he revealed no new concrete developments. The objective reporter got his quota of news, for everything a President says is that.

But the two remarks of the President stood out in my mind—the one I mentioned (realism) and another, made almost as soon as the last of us had squeezed into the crowded oval office, and they were, I believe, most revealing as far as our future foreign policy goes.

Those in the first row had time to take in the President's cheerful and informal appearance—the colored shirt and the pull-over sweater which he had worn on his trip—and which, because of one meeting following another from the moment he arrived at the White House, he still wore. He had been on the job since 9:30 a. m.—it was then after four.

As soon as the signal that the last reporter was in the room was given, the President began to speak of the success of the trip, and he said that those who shared with him in the hopes of a durable peace (he referred to Russia, Britain, China) were motivated by the determination that there would not be another war while this generation lives.

I must admit that the words at first struck me a little coldly—"while this generation lives." Not much long-range optimism there, I thought. But afterward and since his later pronouncements, general though they have been, I feel a little better about it. It seems to me that perhaps we are at last embarked upon an adventure in international cooperation with enough idealism to keep our eyes on the heavens and enough realism to keep our feet on the ground. That is my New Year's hope and wish.

Analysis of a Reporter's Job

As I sit down to my typewriter, I sometimes try to visualize the people who will read what I write—just as I try to visualize the little groups gathered about the loudspeaker when I talk to them.

Sometimes I shudder lest they exaggerate the importance of the things we reporters report.

I am not a bit different from the anxious anonymous reporter who, after the last war, still clad in his khaki shirt, wearing the OD (it's "GI" now) tie and trench coat, who came down to work and stumbled around the various offices and meetings getting his stories and writing them under the eagle eye of the copy desk.

The reason I am worried now is because I hear so many people talk about the things "the Washington correspondent" writes—or says on the radio—as gospel. Well, most of us try to report what we see and hear. We don't always know whether it is true or false. We just try to tell you about it. Most of us label what we know and what we think. Some do not.

Sometimes when we talk with people we think really ought to know, we report what they say with a little more confidence. If we can't quote the "Brass Hat" or the cabinet officer or the senator who told us this or that we say "authoritative quoters." We are supposed to know from experience whether what we hear is sound fact or just wishful thinking.

The longer we live, the better we are able to judge between the real people and the phonies. Most oldtimers in the government don't try to fool reporters because they know they can only do that once. Maybe twice.

You know the old Scotch proverb: "If he cheats you once, shame on him; if he cheats you twice, shame on you."

Many people think that unless we attack the party in power, we must be in favor of it. That isn't true. We know, as the old bull said, "One cow is much as another." We know that despite the different party regalia politicians display, they are really pretty much alike once they get into office—not as good as they might be for the most part, seldom as bad as the opposition paints them.

The Active Element

But the party in power is the active element, it makes news because it does things. The minority merely objects. We report what is done. Not because we approve or disapprove of what is done but because that is a concrete act. The opposition can do little more than oppose. That is negative. We know that if the opposition were in power, it might do the same thing, and the party in power, which would then be the minority, would object.

That is hard for the partisan layman to understand. We know that. We have ideas, too, and the party in power usually has some pretty good ones which the minority has to object to, merely on party grounds. Not being of either party we, the reporters, may also become partisans not really of the party but of some of the party's ideas.

It is hard to make some people believe that we are not partisan when we are objective, easy to make others believe we are not when we are.

I have covered Republican and Democratic regimes. I have covered one Democratic regime a long time. I certainly hope, for the good of the state, that I shall be able to cover a regime of the Republican party, not because I think it is per se better or worse than the Democratic regime but because I think a change is good for the republic.

When the next administration comes in, I shall report what it does. I shall lean, in spite of myself, toward the constructive issues it promulgates. But that won't, I hope, make me a Republican any more than my leanings toward the constructive side in this regime make me a Democrat. I am neither. I am, and hope to remain, a reporter. But, as beauty lies in the eye of the beholder, so truth often lies in the ear of the listener.

BRIEFS . . . *by Baukhage*

Best seller in Britain today is a booklet on how to stretch a clothes coupon. Called "Make Do and Mend," the booklet offers the British housewife a wealth of information on how to utilize her old clothes and household linen to the last thread—by methods which would have made her shudder in peacetime. The booklet is one of the most popular publications.

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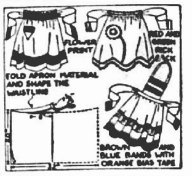
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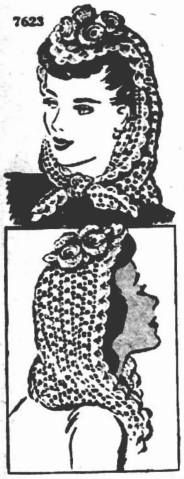

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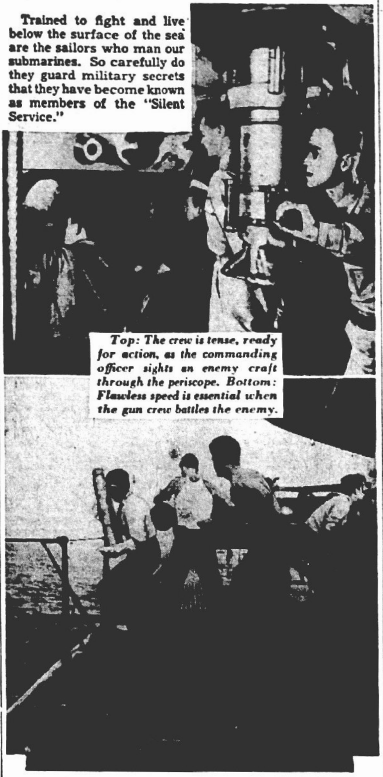
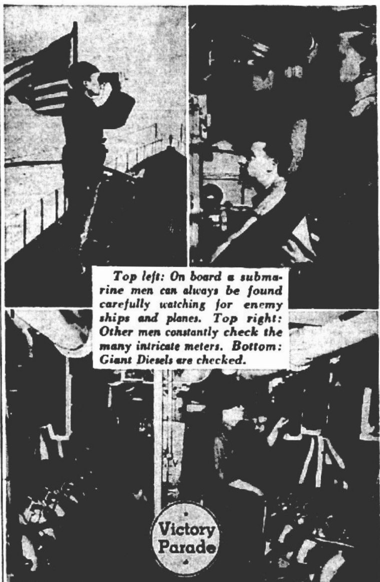
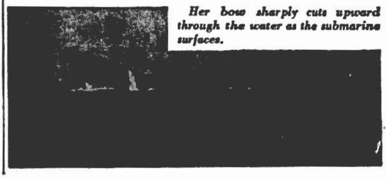


Top: The crew is tense, ready for action, as the commanding officer sights an enemy craft through the periscope. Bottom: Flawless speed is essential when the gun crew battles the enemy.



Top left: On board a submarine men can always be found carefully watching for enemy ships and planes. Top right: Other men constantly check the many intricate meters. Bottom: Giant Diesels are checked.

Food served on submarines is famed throughout the navy. Left: A cook is shown cooking a turkey. Space on submarines is at a minimum, yet there is room for a radio and a combination mess and recreation room.



Her bow sharply cuts upward through the water as the submarine surfaces.

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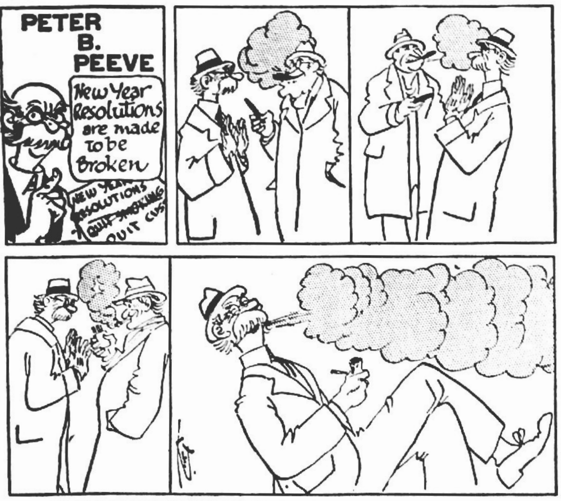

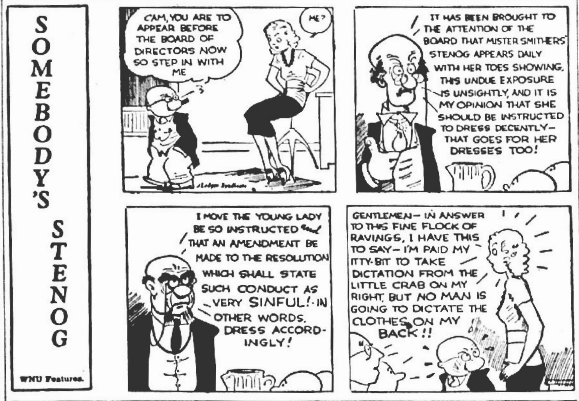
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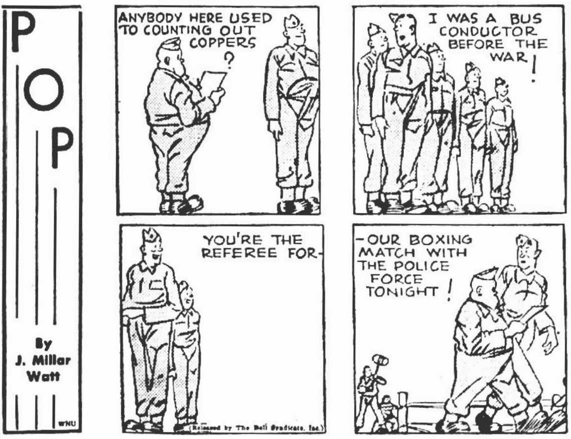
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Husband—Enough is enough!

Ceiling Going Up

Customer—How much is this pork?

Farmer—That's 50 cents a pound.

Customer—Did you raise it yourself?

Farmer—Yeah. It was only 35 cents yesterday!

School Daze

Teacher—Billy, name an insect.

Billy—A fly.

Teacher—Correct. Now, Johnny, name another insect.

Johnny—Another fly!

Bad to the Last Drop

Jones—What kind of liquor has our new neighbor got?

MacTavish—Very bad. I stopped in last evening and he gave me a drink. It was so bad I almost didn't finish it.

Who? Me?

Stranger—Taxi! I'm in a rush! Step on it! (Long pause while cab travels several blocks.) Hey, do you know where I want to go?

Driver—No, but I'm going as fast as I can!

Needs Irrigating?

Mr. Jones—What's that terrible noise in the next house?

Mrs. Jones—That's Mrs. Smith cultivating her voice.

Mr. Jones—Cultivating! That's not cultivating, that's harrowing!

Answer Yourself

Johnny—Dad, what is a genius?

Dad—Ask your mother. She married one.

Johnny—I didn't know Mom had been married twice!

FOR A SONG

Wifey—What kind of a bird do you think I ought to buy to go on this hat, dear?

Hubby—One with a small bill!

Sure Thing

Joe—I'll bet I can tell you the score of this game before it starts.

Bill—Okay. It's a bet. What will it be?

Joe—Nothing to nothing, before the game starts!

Hardly News

Jones—Well, Johnny, your sister is going to marry me! How's that for news?

Johnny—Huh! Are you just finding that out?

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With Her Around

Wife—The new nurse is very scientific. She never lets anyone kiss the baby when she is there.

Husband—Who would want to?

SNAPPY FACTS ABOUT RUBBER

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In 1939 crude rubber was the most important single commodity imported into the United States on a dollar basis. Gross imports then were 499,616 long tons, valued at $178,489,142.

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OUR MEN

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quart ton "Jeep." This is a very popular model with the officers. Enlisted men are sometimes rewarded for good behavior by assigning them as drivers of this model.

Clothing strikes rather a smart note in the Arabic surroundings. Everyone, it seems has switched towards the military lines in dress. Plain, ordinary overalls have been streamlined, greened up and given a new title of "fatigues." Tuxedos and tails have disappeared from the night clubs and night clubs, too, have disappeared. You might care to know that necktie knots are currently being pulled into small, dirty balls.

The boys are saying that this war can't last forever. Of course there is no guarantee that the war won't actually last forever and perhaps a bit longer. Anyway, don't you think we've got a lot of spirit and plenty of gumption when we look into each other's bloodshot eyes and say, "Wot de hell. De war can't last furevver."

We have no complaints about the climate. After all, it isn't anybody's fault if the rotten rain never stops, if the sun comes out only when we've gone in, if it gets so damn cold in the gloomy mornings that we fall in line wearing our blankets.

Other than that, we manage to keep pace with Army regulations, which seems to be our primary objective at the moment. Meanwhile you are doing a grand job and are really fighting a hard war there against taxes, prices and the OPA.

Keep your chin up and have a chicken broiling in the oven for the time when we will be seeing you again.

Sincerely,
"G. D."

IN the first cold wave of the season Chicagoans shivered and their discomfort was heightened by stronger than usual winds, but David Segal, North Side liquor store proprietor, perhaps fared the worst — indoors. Burglars blockaded him in a refrigerator room while they looted his store's cash register and escaped. The well-chilled Segal was released by a customer who removed the beer cases burglars had used to block the cold room door.

MR. HOWARD IMPROVING

E. R. Howard, of Winston Salem, N. C., who is in a critical condition in a hospital in Corbin, Ky., is slightly improved, according to word received here from Mrs. Howard, who is at his bedside. Mr. Howard had visited his wife and baby here last week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Godwin. He was enroute to a point in Kentucky on a business trip, when he was found unconscious on the train, and taken off at Corbin, Ky. Mrs. Howard was formerly Miss Wava Godwin. Mr. Howard is connected with the Reynolds Tobacco Co.

RESULTS COUNT

Whatever the original intention, the Senate committee never got going on any of the state agencies under the governor's jurisdiction. In fact it began to look as if it wouldn't get going on anything that would make the front pages. This dull outlook was brightened for a time when some of the 'hit dogs" of Comptroller Jim Lee's tax collection activities steered the investigation toward fees paid to lawyers who had aided the comptroller in suits against railroads, Palm Beach millionaires and others who had dodged or neglected their taxes. There was quite a to-do about that for a time but the promoters decided to drop it when they found that the public was more impressed by the huge sums Jim Lee was recovering than by what it cost him to hire lawyers who were smart enough to hold their own with the high-powered legal talent of the opposition.

With Jim Lee given up as too hot to handle the session neared its end. — FT. MYERS NEWS-PRESS.

THIS once heavily populated miinng town, Silver City, Idaho, where 45s roared in bygone years, is now a ghost town — except for one man. He is William Hawes, 67-year-old native who claims to be mayor and police force for the city of empty buildings. In his spare time he works on an automobile he started building seven years ago. His long time friend, Carl Johnson, 71, left recently, explaining "the cold winters and loneliness are a little too much for me."

Platoons Learning Butchery To Supply Fresh Meat Overseas

ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 23 — Designed to carry out the task of supplying American fighting men overseas with fresh meat, butchery platoons are being orgainsed and trained in the slaughtering of livestock and care of the meat until it reaches the issuing quartermaster, according to the Quartermaster Branch, Fourth Service Command.

Two such platoons are now in training in the southeast, says Captain George S. Stoltz, chief of the subsistence section, Quartermaster Branch, who has just returned from testing the equipment of one such platoon at Louisiana State University. Each platoon, he explains, is composed of 45 men. They will operate in squads of 15 men. Each squad will have two killing tripods and two sets of slaughtering and butchering tools. Their job will be to slaughter animals, dress the carcasses which will be stored and chilled in portable Quartermaster cold storage units mounted on two and a half ton trucks. After the meat has been properly chilled, it will be issued to the various troop units.

The primary purpose, Captain Stoltz declares, is to give the men fresh meat, properly slaughtered, inspected and prepared. Slaughtered animals are to be purchased by Quartermaster officers in the countries where the American troops are operating and will be inspected by Veterinary Corps officers immediately after being slaughtered to be certain that only good fresh meat is furnished American troops.

In occupied countries, according to the plan, the Quartermaster butchery platoons will take over the local abattoirs where animals for the Army would be slaughtered and when necessity demanded, livestock for civilian consumption would be killed. If, however, the civilian population are prepared to handle this work, they would do so under military supervision.

OILY SUBSTITUTE

Being the biggest owner of land in the Everglades oil well region maybe the state won't have to depend on Jim Lee from now on. — FT. MYERS NEWS-PRESS.

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We will appreciate your usual cooperation.

THE SUN

Designated Stops For Busses

"Busses operating to and from Avon Park and the Base can stop in town only at designated bus stops," Mr. J. O. Bridges Manager AP Bus Line announced today. The new ruling, he added, "is the order of Avon Park Police Department, making it illegal to stop busses along the streets to pick up or unload passengers."

Each official stop along the route is indicated by a "Bus-Stop" sign, located as follows:

To Base: Earl Green's Pure Oil Service Station; Cities Service Station; Top of hill past traffic light. From Base: Corner of Main and Verona Streets (Street leading to USO).

The American airplane industry completed the greatest production year in its history with an output of 87,000 military planes, which far over-shadows anything the Germans were able to do in their peak period, states the current issue of American Aviation Magazine. An even greater output is expected for 1944.

Jan 7, 14, 21, 28

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
NOTICE TO APPEAR

MAMIE MARY SMITH,
Plaintiff,
vs.
CURTIS GEORGE SMITH,
Defendant.

TO THE DEFENDANT, CURTIS GEORGE SMITH:

You are hereby notified that a Bill for Divorce has been filed against you in the above styled Court, and you are hereby warned to appear in person or by attorney on or before the 7th day of February, 1944, or judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will proceed ex parte.

WITNESS the Honorable D. O. Rogers, Judge of said Court, this 3rd day of January, 1944, with the Seal of said Court affixed

H. T. PIETY,
Clerk of said Court
(SEAL) COLON DESHONG
Deputy Commissioner

Presented by:
S. COLQUITT PARDEE
Attorney for Plaintiff
201 Brickell Building
Avon Park, Florida
Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
NOTICE TO APPEAR

ALEXANDER R. ALLEN,
Plaintiff,
vs.
JUNE ALLEN,
Defendant.

TO JUNE ALLEN, DEFENDANT:

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WITNESS the signature of the Honorable D. O. Rogers and the Seal of the above styled Court this 3rd day of January, 1944.

By H. T. PIETY, Clerk
(SEAL) COLON DESHONG
Dep. Clerk.

S. COLQUITT PARDEE
Attorney for Plaintiff
201 Brickell Building
Avon Park, Florida
Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF HIGHLANDS
NOTICE TO APPEAR

MANCE C. SMITH
Plaintiff,
vs.
MARY PAULINE SMITH,
Defendant.

TO MARY PAULINE SMITH, Defendant:

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(SEAL) By COLON DESHONG,
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S. COLQUITT PARDEE
Attorney for Plaintiff
201 Brickell Building
Avon Park, Florida
Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
NOTICE TO APPEAR

EMANUEL LEWIS,
Plaintiff,
vs.
IRENE LEWIS,
Defendant.

TO IRENE LEWIS, Defendant:

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S. COLQUITT PARDEE
Attorney for Plaintiff.
201 Brickell Building
Avon Park, Florida
Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO SELL MINOR'S LAND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That on the 1st day of February, A. D. 1944, I will apply to Honorable T. A. McNicholas, County Judge in and for Highlands County, State of Florida, at his office in Sebring, in said county, for an order authorizing me, as guardian of Clarence E. Kylander, Jr., minor heir of Clarence E. Kylander, Sr. and Alice V. Kylander, deceased, to sell at private sale the following real estate belonging to the estate of said minor, same being in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:

[illegible] 230, 232, 236, 239 and 242, in Section Sixteen (16), Township Thirty-three (33) South, Range Twenty-eight (28) East;

Said minor has the fee simple interest in said property. Such application to be based upon petition now on file in the office of said Judge.

This 17th day of December, 1943.

W. C. KYLANDER
AS GUARDIAN
Dec. 31, Jan. 1, 8, 15, 22.

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F. & A. M.
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Masonic Temple.
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Meets first and third Thursdays of each month at the
Avon Park
Chamber of Commerce Building
at 8:15 P. M.
All members invited to attend meetings.
J. Paul Garbee, Secy.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
House Bill No. 1962

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That W. T. Connell, the holder of the following certificates has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate numbers and years of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No. 86; Year of issuance, 1941.

Description of property: All Blk. B, Map of Pine Villa, per Plat Book 3, page 79, in Section 15, Township 33, South, Range 28 East.

Name in which assessed: Part in name of W. T. Connell, part Unknown.

All of said property being in the County of Highlands, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the court house door on the first Monday in month of February, 1944, which is the 7th day of February, 1944.

Dated this 5th day of January, 1944.

H. T. PIETY
(SEAL) Clerk of Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida.
By: HELEN S. PECK, Deputy Clerk.

IN THE COURT OF COUNTY JUDGE HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
IN PROBATE.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Laws of 1933

Re Estate of:
GEORGE F. SMITH, Deceased.

TO ALL CREDITORS, LEGATEES, DISTRIBUTEES AND ALL OTHER PERSONS HAVING ANY CLAIM OR DEMAND AGAINST SAID ESTATE.

You, and each of you, are hereby notified, required and directed to present any claim or demand of any nature whatsoever, against the estate of Geoge F. Smith, deceased late of Highlands County, Florida, to the Hon. Thos. A. McNicholas, County Judge of Highlands County, Florida, at his Office in the Court House in Sebring, in said County and State, within twelve months from the date of the first publication hereof.

You are further notified that such claim or demand must be presented in writing, and be sworn to by the Claimant, his Agent or Attorney.

Date of first publication, January 7, 1944.

FRED M. SMITH
Administrator of Said Estate.
Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, Mar. 3.

ORDINANCE NO. 262

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE OUTDOOR ADVERTISING IN THE CITY OF AVON PARK, IN HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN SIGHT of PUBLIC HIGHWAYS; TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN ADVERTISEMENTS AND ADVERTISING STRUCTURES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REMOVAL OF ADVERTISING AND ADVERTISING STRUCTURES ILLEGALLY POSTED, DISPLAYED, ERECTED, USED OR MAINTAINED; TO PRESCRIBE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS RELATING THERETO; AND TO PRESCRIBE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AVON PARK, IN HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. DEFINITIONS. The following terms, wherever used or referred to in this Ordinance, shall have the following meanings unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

(a) "Advertisment" means any writing, printing, picture, painting, display, emblem, drawing, sign, or similar device intended to invite or to draw the attention of the public to any goods, merchandise, property, real or personal, business services, entertainment or amusement, manufactured, produced, bought, sold, conducted furnished or dealt in by any person which is posted, painted, tacked, nailed or otherwise displayed outdoors on real property, and includes any part of an advertisement recognisable as such.

(b) "Advertising structure" means any structure erected for advertising purposes, with or without any advertisement displayed thereon, situated upon or attached to real property outdoors, upon which any poster, bill, printing, painting, device or other advertisement of any kind whatsoever may be placed, posted, painted, tacked nailed or otherwise fastened, affixed or displayed.

(c) "Advertising sign" means any card, cloth, paper, metal, painted or wooden sign or any character, posted, stuck, glued, tacked, painted or otherwise fastened or affixed to or upon any fence, post, tree, wall or thing other than an adveritsing structure.

(d) "Highway" means every way or place of whatever nature open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel in this City.

(e) "Person" includes an individual, partnership, association or corporation.

(f) "Post" means post, display, print, paint, burn, nail, paste or otherwise attach.

(g) "Real Property" includes any property physically attached or annexed to real property in any manner whatsoever.

(h) "Adjacent" means in plain view.

Section 2. ENFORCEMENT OF PROVISION BY MAYOR. It shall be the function and duty of the Mayor of said city to administer and enforce the provisions of this Ordinance. He may, in the performance of his duties hereunder, assign to the Superintendent of Public Works and other employees of said City such duties as he may prescribe.

Section 3. CERTAIN OUTDOOR ADVERTISING PROHIBITED. No advertisement, advertising sign or advertising structure shall be constructed, erected, used, operated or maintained:

(a) Within 15 feet of the outside boundary of a public highway or within one hundred feet of any church, school, cemetery, public park, public reservation, public playground, highway or railroad intersection.

(b) Which involves motion or rotation of any part of the structure or displays intermittent lights.

(c) Which uses the word "Stop" or "Danger" or presents or implies the need or requirement of stopping or the existence of danger, or which is a copy or imitation of official signs.

(d) Which are placed on the inside of a curve or in any manner that may prevent persons using the highway from obtaining an unobstructed view of approaching vehicles.

(e) Which contain more than fifteen square feet of surface on one side..

Section 4. OUTDOOR ADVERTISING ON HIGHWAYS. Any person who wilfully or maliciously displaces, removes, destroys or injures a mile-board, milestone, danger-sign, signal, guide-sign, guide-post, highway sign, or historical marker or any inscription thereon, lawfully within or adjacent to a highway, or who in any manner paints, prints, places, puts or affixes any advertisement upon or to any rock, stone, tree, fence, stump, pole, mile-board, milestone, danger sign, guide-sign, guide-post, highway sign, historical marker, buildings, barns or other object lawfully within the limits of any highway, shall be guilty of a violation of this ordinance and shall be punished accordingly.

Section 5. CERTAIN ADVERTISEMENTS EXCEPTED. The following advertisements, advertising signs and the advertising structures, or parts thereof, upon which they are posted or displayed, are excepted from all the provisions of this ordinance, except those contained in sub-sections (b), (c), and (d) of section three hereof;

(a) Those constructed, erected, operated, used or maintained by the owner or lessee of a place of business or residence on land belonging to said owner or lessee and not more than one hudred feet from such place of business or residence, and relating solely to merchandise, services or entertainment sold, produced, manufactured or furnished at such place of business or residence;

(b) Those constructed, erected, operated, used or maintained on any farm by the owner or lessee of such farm and relating solely to farm produce, merchandise, services or entertainment sold, produced, manufactured or furnished on such farm;

(c) Those upon real property posted or displayed by the owner or by the authority of the owner, stating that real property is for sale or rent;

(d) Official notices or advertisements posted or displayed by or under the direction of any public or court officer in the performance of his official or directed duties, or by trustees under deeds of trust, deed of assignment or other similar instruments.

(e) Danger or precautionary signs relating to the premises on which they are, or signs warning of the condition of or dangers of travel on a highway erected or authorised by the Chairman of the State Road Department of Florida, or by the Mayor of said City; or forest fire warning signs erected under authority of the state conservation department and signs, notices or symbols erected by the United States Government under the direction of the United States Forestry service.

(f) Signs solely to denote route to any city, town, village or historic place or shrine.

(g) Notices of any railroad, bridge, ferry or other transportation or transmission company necessary to the direction or safety of the public;

(h) Signs, notices or symbols for the information of aviators as to location, directions and landings and conditions affecting safety in aviation erected or authorized by the Chairman of the State Road Department of the State of Florida;

(i) Advertisements, advertising signs and advertising structures not visible from any highway or other public place;

(j) Signs or notices containing two square feet or less, placed at a junction of two or more roads in the state highway system denoting only the distance or direction of a residence or place of business;

(k) Signs or notices erected or maintained upon property giving the name of the owner, lessee or occupant of the premises;

(l) Historical markers erected by duly constituted and authorized public authorities;

m) Highway markers and signs erected or caused to be erected by the Chairman of the State Road Department;

(n) Signs erected upon property warning the public against hunting, fishing or trespassing thereon;

(o) Signs erected by Red Cross authorities relating to Red Cross Emergency Stations;

(p) Signs advertising bona fide agricultural county district or state fairs or small local signs maintained at public expense for the benefit of local activities.

Section 6. VIOLATION A NUISANCE; ABATEMENT. Any advertisement, advertising sign or advertising structure which is constructed, erected, operated, used, maintained, posted, or displayed in violation of this ordinance is hereby declared to be a public and private nuisance and shall be forthwith removed, obliterated or abated by the Mayor of said City or his representative, and for that purpose they may enter upon private property without incurring any liability therefor; Provided, however, that if any outdoor advertising structure or outdoor advertising sign of the value of One Hundred Dollars or more bears the name of the owner thereof, the said owner shall be given a written notice of the alleged violation, and shall have thirty days after the receipt thereof within which to show that the said advertisement, advertising sign or advertising structure does not violate the provisions of this ordinance.

Secton 7. PENALTIES. Any person, violating any provision of this ordinance, whether as principal, agent or employee, upon convection thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not exceeding One Hundred Dollars or by imprisonment at hard labor upon the public works of said City for not exceeding sixty days, either or both in the discretion of the Mayor; and each person shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense, for each month during any portion of which any violation of this ordinance is committed, continued or permitted. The existence of any advertising copy on any outdoor advertising structure or outdoor advertising sign or advertisement shall constitute prima facie evidence that the said outdoor advertising sign or advertisement was constructed, erected, operated, used, maintained or displayed with the consent and approval and under the authority of the person whose goods or services are advertised thereon.

Section 8. SEPARABILITY OF PROVISIONS. If any provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby.

Section 9. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordiance are hereby repealed.

Section 10. All outdoor advertisers shall be given one hundred twenty days in which to comply with this ordinance.

Section 11. This Ordinance is an emergency measure and it is hereby found and determined that the health and welfare of said City require its immediate passage and that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and welfare of said City and this Ordinance shall take affect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor or upon its becoming a law without such approval and upon its being published one time in a newspaper published in said city.

Passed in adjourned regular session of the City Council of the City of Avon Park in the County of Highlands and State of Florida, this 4th day of January, 1944.

C. P. ANDERSON
President City Council
Attest: LUCILLE SHOCKLEY,
City Clerk

Presented to and approved by me this 4th day of January, 1944.

E. A. DELANEY
Mayor
Attest: LUCILLE SHOCKLEY,
City Clerk