

## Lakeland Laconics

Mrs. Henry Leopold of Atlanta is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Cook.

Mrs. E. J. Bowyer returned this morning from a two-months' visit to Huntington, W. Va., where she was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. G. L. Handley, formerly Miss Eloise Bowyer. Mrs. Bowyer left Mrs. Handley and her sweet little daughter enjoying the very best of health.

Mr. Thomas R. Simpson, of Minnesota, who winters at Daytona Beach, is a visitor to Lakeland, the guest of his friends, Col. and Mrs. John B. Minnis, at their lovely home overlooking Lake Morton. Mr. Simpson is much impressed with the beauties of Lakeland and is thinking seriously of buying a winter home here.

Mr. Will F. Wider, in speaking of the South Florida Fair, declares he was much impressed with the poultry, hogs and cattle, and wants to see Polk county have a big fair next winter. Mr. Wider, his wife and son, Stuart, and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Parsons and son, Charles, spent several days in Tampa and enjoyed the trip greatly.

Mr. W. D. Putnam, of Chicago, is in the city, the guest of his father-in-law, Col. Thomas Bryant. Mr. Putnam is a manufacturer of ladies' ready-to-wear, specializing on afternoon and evening gowns. His family come to Lakeland each winter, but it has been three years since Mr. Putnam has been down. He will visit the Crooked Lake section, where he has property holdings, before returning to Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Savage and two children of Montgomery, Ala., and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Rue of Bessemer, Ala., returned to their homes today after a very pleasant visit to Lakeland, guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Christenberry. Both gentlemen are officials of the Atlantic Coast Line railway, and the ladies are relatives of Mrs. Christenberry, Mrs. Savage being the latter's aunt and Mrs. Rue her sister.

George Moore, of Lakeland, yesterday took charge of the prescription department of Stewart's Drug Store. Mr. Moore for some years was proprietor of the Red Cross drug store of Lakeland and sold out when he was drafted into the U. S. Army. He served the country for a year and a half. Mr. Moore comes to Clearwater with highest recommendations and also finds here quite a few of his old friends and neighbors. As a pharmacist he has few equals.—Clearwater Sun.

## CASINO THEATRE

Better Pictures

TONIGHT

### Connie Griffith

## "Miss Ambition"

The drama of a girl who climbed the social ladder and then went back—for love.

## "Fit to Fight" For Men Only

This moving picture drama, illustrating the awful scourge caused by social diseases, will be shown at this theater to men only at 10 p. m. to-night (Tuesday). No extra charge.

### HARTZELL'S CONCERT ORCHESTRA

Monday, March 3rd—  
"THE TRIUMPH OF VENUS"

Thursday—  
Wm. S. HART  
In  
"RIDDLE GWANE"

## ROTARIANS HOLD REGULAR BI-WEEKLY LUNCHEON TODAY

The good effects of the Maibolland "revival" were apparent today at the meeting of the Rotary Club being manifest in a larger attendance than usual and in a very harmonious and pleasant spirit. The meeting was held at Rutherford's, where a very satisfactory luncheon had been provided.

The chief matter discussed was the community building project, which was made the subject of an excellent talk by Dr. R. R. Kime, who asked that if the Rotarians were really interested in this matter that they indicate it. Responding to this invitation, all members of the Club present by standing vote, indicated that they stood squarely and enthusiastically behind the project. A strong representation from the membership will appear before the City Commissioners tomorrow night and request that an election be held on the proposition as to whether or not the people desire a community building erected in the Park. After an expression is heard on this point, it is proposed to push the project to a successful conclusion.

On application of Rotarian E. E. Lusk, Major General Blanding was recommended to the Board of Governors for election as honorary member of the Club.

Rotarians were urged to see the "Fit to Fight" picture being shown at the Casino this afternoon and again tonight at ten o'clock. At the conclusion of the luncheon President Chase invited all present to repair to the theater to see this instructive film as his guests.

### 75 Children To Put On Tom-Thumb Wedding

Evangelist W. T. Brooks and Miss Gail Wilhite, who have just closed a very successful revival campaign in Lakeland are going to put on a play at the Auditorium in Lakeland on Monday night, March 3rd, which promises to be an entertainment of the highest order and one that will attract a big crowd.

The play is called "A Wedding in Dwarf Land". It will be presented by home talent, seventy-five children and young people being used.

The play will be in two scenes, the first being an old-fashioned church service, the little preacher in frock coat, the janitor in overalls, the Deacon asleep at his post, the widow in weeds flirting through her veil with a strange man, the little mothers with crying babies, the gum-chewing lassies, etc. The preacher will deliver a scorching sermon, interrupted by the crying babies.

The second scene will be a church wedding. The bride, groom, and wedding party will be in full evening dress, the costumes furnished by Wilhite. Flowers, rice and old shoes will be in evidence.

Between the acts there will be a drill put on by thirty girls in Red Cross costumes and boys in uniform.

Those who are to take part in the play are asked to meet at the Christian Church at three o'clock each afternoon for a thirty minutes practice.

The preacher will be Walton Wilson, the bride Benita Van Moon. The other parts were assigned this afternoon, but the personnel is not yet announced.

### FORMER TAX COLLECTOR RAST BEGINS 10-YEAR SENTENCE AT THE STATE PRISON FARM

Jacksonville, Feb. 25.—At 10 o'clock Monday morning, an automobile left Duval county jail having in it, John Walter Rast, with Ralford as the destination, where the state prison farm is located, and where Rast is to serve a sentence of ten years, he having been found guilty of the charge of embezzling \$138,000, funds of the state and county, while tax collector of Duval county.

J. S. Blitch, superintendent of the state prison farm, arrived in the city Saturday, left yesterday morning with his prisoner. In the car was also Emory Elijah Stevens, a negro, who was tried for the murder of his wife and was convicted of manslaughter, the court imposing a sentence of three years in the state penitentiary, the prison farm.

Counsel Still Busy  
Counsel for Rast is still busy with efforts to get the Rast case before the supreme court. As the matter now stands, this would mean a cost of between \$5,000 and \$6,000 for Rast and this amount, it is said, he is unable to produce, having, through his attorneys, filed petition for insolvency. This plea was denied by the court, on the ground that Rast, while on the witness stand, made the admission that he had realty to the amount of \$18,000.

On Saturday, September 7, 1918,

## LAKELAND PEOPLE INTERESTED IN ORLANDO MUSICAL FESTIVAL

The Musical Festival to be held at Orlando Feb. 28, March 1, 2 and 3, is an event of great interest to all music lovers of the State, and it will undoubtedly bring visitors to Orlando from every section of Florida.

Artists of great renown will be heard, headed by the famous violinist, Mischa Elman. There will be a chorus of 200 voices and orchestra, and many celebrities, both vocal and instrumental performers will add to the attractions of the event.

On Sunday a distinguished party of Orlando people visited Lakeland in the interest of the Festival. They were Mrs. John T. Fuller, Mrs. P. Phillips, Dr. P. Phillips and Mr. E. G. Haussett. They expressed themselves as much gratified at the interest they found in the project in this city and at other points in this section, and appeared very confident that the Festival would be a great success.

It is probable that a number of Lakeland people will attend the Festival, some details of which will be found in an advertisement in today's issue of the Evening Telegram.

John Walter Rast, who was then tax collector of Duval county and had been for several successive terms, was removed from office, an order of suspension having been issued by Gov. Sidney J. Catts. At the time, Rast was seriously ill at his home on West Fourth street, Springfield, and subsequently underwent an operation. The day of his suspension, when his home was telephoned as to a statement regarding his suspension, which followed the report made by Marvin C. McIntosh, assistant state auditor, showing a shortage in his accounts, the reply came, through his family, "I have no statement to make tonight."

### Contended His Innocence

He contended his innocence and after his suspension resigned from office and had his name placed on the ballot in the November election and defeated his opponents in the race for tax collector of Duval county.

On October 30, the grand jury of the circuit court returned with an indictment charging Rast with the embezzlement of \$139,187 of the funds of his office, the indictment being certified to the criminal court of record.

On January 28, the case went to

## Will Ask County To Employ Expert For Citrus Culture

Bartow, Fla., Feb. 25, 1919.  
Editor Telegram:—Polk county as you know is of great importance or possibly of greater importance than any other county in the State, in the matter of the citrus fruit industry and its future.

I have for a long while been trying to work out a plan to have in this county a citrus fruit expert, to work among the growers and give them assistance towards raising of better fruit, and the situation now is that the extension division of the agricultural department, both State and federal, are willing to increase their appropriation in this county, if the county commissioners will increase their appropriation in proportion, which would give us two men in Polk county.

As I understand it, the extension board will want county to pay \$1,800 per year, and they will pay \$600 per year to make up a salary of \$1,800 per year, and \$50 per month for automobile incidental expenses, and besides the extension board will put in an emergency assistant agent whose salary will be paid entirely by the federal authorities.

As the situation stands today there is no county agent in this county, although there is provision made for the employment of one, and the place is vacant because the agent that was working in this county has resigned, and in filling the place again we are anxious to have two men, one for the citrus fruit industry and the other for the farming and live stock industry.

The matter will come before the county commissioners at their meeting in March, and we would like for the people to let the county commissioners know what they want done, and we trust that you will speak to your commissioners and also be present at their meeting next week so that they will know how to act in accordance with the wishes of the people.

Yours very truly,  
CHAS. H. WALKER.

trial in this court, Judge James M. Peeler presiding. The case went to the jury on February 6, the jury returning shortly after 5 o'clock the afternoon of that day, after being out an hour and ten minutes, with a verdict of guilty.

## Revival To Begin At Methodist Church Next Sunday

A revival meeting will begin in the First Methodist Church next Sunday morning, Rev. C. M. Dunaway, of Atlanta, Ga., one of the General Evangelists will do the preaching and Mr. P. M. Boyd of Tampa, Fla.,



REV. C. M. DUNAWAY

will conduct the singing. Rev. Mr. who will welcome him again in our Dunaway is one of the ablest preachers in the Church. He preaches the fundamental doctrines of the Christian religion with rare power and persuasiveness. He is more con-

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**IMPORTANT MEETINGS**  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT IN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

by that time. Each Committee will be asked for a report of work done since the last meeting.

There will be a meeting of the officers and teachers of the Sunday School to make plans for the Centenary movement in the Sunday School. Following these meetings the Board of Stewards will hold a called session. Every member of these organizations is urged to be present.

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