

"The man who wandereth out of the way of advertising shall remain in the congregation of the dead."

FIRE DESTROYS PICKLE PLANT & COTTON WAREHOUSE

COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8

County Has 12 Polling Places

Messenger To Give Returns Out On Election Night

Everything is in readiness for the holding of Grady County primary next Wednesday, February 8, for the election of county officials to serve for the next four years. All of the ballots and election papers will be ready for the Executive Committee to pick up tomorrow, Saturday.

The total number of qualified voters this year is considerably smaller than the number registered in the Sept. 1934 election. The total number on the registration books for the coming primary is only 5,268 or 1,886 less than the number registered in 1934, the total at that time being 7,154.

About 60 absentee ballots had been mailed out as The Messenger went to press Thursday afternoon. Twelve voting places will be open as usual, three of these are in the Cairo District at the Courthouse and one voting place on the ground floor and one voting place on the second floor of the Courthouse. The total number of registered voters in the Cairo District has dropped 3,346, a decrease of 128%.

The polls in all precincts throughout the county will open at 7 a. m. and close at 6 p. m. No results can be given out until

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Against Rules To Solicit Votes, Pass Out Cards Feb. 8

According to Walter Williams, Chairman of the Grady County Democratic Executive Committee, it is strictly against the rules of the committee for any candidate or friends of the candidate to solicit votes in the Courthouse or any of the precincts next Wednesday. It is also against the rules, according to Williams, for candidates or friends to pass out cards or literature in the Courthouse or on the grounds of the Courthouse.

The statement by Williams follows: "As Chairman of the Grady County Democratic Executive Committee, I would like to state that it is strictly against the rules of the committee for any candidate or his friends to solicit votes in the Courthouse or pass out cards or other literature either in the building or on the grounds or at any of the precincts next Wednesday, Feb. 8. The committee will appreciate this rule being strictly adhered to."

No Detours Left On State Rt. 188

According to Mr. Barker, in charge of the construction and paving of State Route 188, better known as the Cairo-Ochlocknee highway, stated to a Messenger reporter Thursday that "weather permitting" all of this road would be completed by February 15. He stated that his company, the Southeastern Highway Construction Company, of Ganesville, had been furnished a special permit to proceed to fill in and pave the approaches to all the bridges from Ochlocknee to Cairo.

This is indeed very gratifying news to those who travel this

New Minister Arrived Tues.

Presbyterians Welcome Pastor

The Rev. Armando Rodriguez will preach his first sermon as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at the worship service Sunday morning.

The Rev. and Mrs. Rodriguez and their four children moved to Cairo Tuesday from Blackshear where he has been pastor of the First Church there since 1930.

The new pastor and his family were welcomed this week with a pantry shower and a family night supper. The women of the church held the shower Tuesday night in the Barriane home on First St., S.E. which they will occupy until the new manse is built. The family night supper was held Thursday night at the church with other ministers and their families invited, to become better acquainted with Rev. Rodriguez.

Rev. and Mrs. Rodriguez were reared in Tampa, Fla. and attended schools there. Upon his graduation from high school he entered Erskine College, Due West, S. C. where his studies were interrupted by several years of military service. Upon his discharge, he enrolled at the University of Tampa where he received his BS degree. He graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur.

The Rev. R. T. Wallace, retired Presbyterian minister from Thomasville, has been supplying in the pulpit since the Rev. Hubert Rust resigned to accept a call to the First Presbyterian Church in West Memphis, Ark. last October.

Banks To Close One Day Every Week

Beginning Feb. 16 the three banks of Grady County, Cairo Banking Company, Citizens Bank and Whigham Banking Co., will be closed every Thursday for the entire day.

Several banks in this area will also observe the one day a week closing, through the coordinated efforts of Group Two of the Georgia Bankers Association and bank officers of this District bank officials said this week.

Whigham Cops First Place

Debaters Claim State Honors

The freshmen Whigham Debating Team copped top honors on the campus of the University of Georgia last Saturday to walk away with first place along with Greenville, in state debate competition.

Out of a possible total of eight points, Whigham scored four; Greenville, two; Sparta, one; and Union-Leslie, one, in the Class "C" tournament held in Park Language Hall on the campus. Dr. Clayton Rallow, head of Dra-



TWISTED REMAINS OF PLANT AS IT LOOKED SUNDAY MORNING
Smoke Still Rises In Background Despite All-Night Battle
(Photo, courtesy Thomasville Times-Enterprise)

Legion To Hear Candidates

Members Will Meet Politicians

Election eve next Tuesday will be 'Candidates Night' at the Legion's monthly meeting, to give all veterans and Legionnaires an opportunity to talk with those qualified for the Feb. 8 primary, and hear their political opinions.

Continuous membership pins will be given to 61 members affiliated with the Legion for five years or longer. Ed Childers, Adjutant said today, Candidates for the pins made application earlier in the year for them.

1956 Calf Show, Sale Aug. 14

Weight Classes Of Youth Groups To Be Heavier

Tuesday, Aug. 14, was set as the date of the 18th annual Grady Co. Fat Calf Show-Sale by the sponsoring semi-independent committee of the Chamber of Commerce at a meeting held last Saturday morning at Citizens Cafe. The committee, which also sponsors the Corn Contest and Corn Show, is headed by Walter Williams as chairman. It includes member representatives from various other county groups.

Further marking a transition and trend toward heavier animals, and continued development of the beef animal industry in the county, the committee again changed the weight classes for the 4-H Club and FFA entries and left intact the arrangements first included last year for the so-called "heavy animals class", animals 300 pounds and above, open to all producers, including the youth groups. The grooming and showmanship competition for the youth groups was continued without change.

The 4-H Club-FFA "light class" will now include animals 500-750 pounds in weight and the "heavy class" for entries of these groups

IMPRESSIVE 'CAMPBELL SALUTE' MARKS LOCAL C. OF C. DINNER

New Church Is Dedicated

Gifts Made At Sunday Services

The Memorial Baptist Church, formerly a mission, received a sum of \$700 from the Roddenby Foundation as well as a balance of \$250 on a \$700 gift from the Eastside Baptist Church last Sunday at a dedication service, making the mission a full time church. The presentation of the gifts was made by the Rev. Herschel H. Ward, pastor of the Eastside Church which has sponsored the mission for the last two years and has been instrumental in its growth and expansion into a church.

Roy Thomas was called as full time pastor and Rev. Ward was elected moderator. Dr. Stanley R. Hahn, pastor of the First Baptist Church, made a few welcome remarks and told the new church they would be warmly received in the Grady County Baptist Association after they made application for membership.

The gifts of money will be used for the new building, on which construction will begin this month at the present site in the northeast section of the city.

City Manager At Rotary

Layton Outlines His New Duties

Charles E. Layton was speaker at the Rotary Club Wednesday, the day he assumed his duties as City Manager. He outlined his new duties for Rotarians and visitors at the regular weekly luncheon meeting at the Woman's Club-house.

He gave three forms of city government organizations in the United States today, as the Mayor and Council, City Commission, and City Manager and Mayor and Council. The latter is Cairo's city set-up.

Layton who has been engaged

Willits Address Bright Feature

Praise For Spirit Of Community Is Voiced

The steady increase in the volume of the "convenience foods" business in this country, with sales jumping six-fold since 1939, and the vast contributions of research to improvements in the okra and tomato plants produced in the Southwest Georgia area centering here, were interestingly recounted by the honor guest and speaker as the Grady Co. Chamber of Commerce at its 30th annual "ladies' night" dinner meeting last Monday night saluted the Campbell Soup Co. and its local operations with a program theme emphasizing that appreciation, patronage and promotion of existing industries is the first step toward attracting new ones.

The speaker was Oliver G. Willits, a top executive of the Campbell company from Camden, N. J., who followed his 20-minute address with a narration of a three-dimensional color movie, a "time lapse study" showing quite vividly in three minutes the growth of a tomato plant over a period of 90 days, made with continuous light and exposure. The film portrays in an amazing manner the growth of the plant, clearly visible, from its early stages to and through the development of the tomatoes even as nature adds the rich color at maturity.

Mr. Willits, after relating how the Campbell company developed from the birth of condensed soup in 1897, devoted most of his address to the two of the company's crops most familiar to those of this area—okra and tomato plants

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Whigham Girl In Auto Accident

Ellen Maxwell, 18, of Route 1, north of Whigham, is receiving treatment in a Bainbridge hospital for injuries sustained early last Friday morning when her 1935 automobile overturned five miles north of Climax, Trooper B. G. Rice of the Donalsonville Patrol Post, who investigated the accident, said. Hospital authorities report her condition is satis-

PICKLE PRODUCTION RESUMED AFTER DESTRUCTIVE BLAZE

Revival Series Starts Feb. 13

Brannon Leads In Services

Clifton W. Brannon, evangelist from Longview, Texas, will conduct revival services at the Eastside Baptist Church beginning Feb. 13 and continuing through Feb. 19.

The evangelist has had two successful careers. Beginning as a farm boy in South Georgia he worked his way through school and received his degree as a law major. He was a corporation counsel and attorney for 16 years before he went into full time evangelistic service six years ago. Since then he has held over 250 revivals and has seen more than 12,000 persons unite with Southern Baptist Churches.

He is an internationally known evangelist and has recently returned from the Panama Canal Zone and Central America.

In 1950 he was listed in Who's Who in America for his legal achievements while a practicing attorney for a large manufacturing concern and an officer in 15 corporations.

Everyone is cordially invited to set aside this week to attend these services, Eastside pastor Herschel H. Ward said this week.

Polio Campaign Funds Needed

Response Short Of Goal; Drive Is Extended

Mrs. H. L. Cheney, general chairman of the 1936 March of Dimes campaign in Grady county to provide needed money to combat infantile paralysis, Thursday revealed that the response is still short of the goal and announced that the campaign period is being extended in an urgent plea for everyone to rally to this worthy cause.

"There is great necessity for our goal of at least \$4,000 to be reached," Mrs. Cheney stated, continuing. "We urgently request all who have not contributed to do so at once and that all who can give more to do so now. We ask that all campaign workers redouble their efforts to aid in assuring the necessary money."

Mrs. Cheney said a tabulation Thursday showed \$4,215.62 has

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Cancer Cause Club Topic

Kiwanians In Luncheon Meet

The cancer cause in all of its phases and the great need for more financial support of the American Cancer Society's vast program of education, research and services to victims in the forthcoming March solicitation formed the basis of an interesting talk to Cairo Kiwanis and guests last Tuesday with Mrs. Price Hall of Newton, ACS representative in Southwest Georgia, as the able speaker.

Localizing her statistical information Mrs. Hall

Cotton Loss Is 80 Per Cent

Damage Figures High In City's Worst Fire

The destructive fire which swept the older salt cured pickle plant Saturday night did not hamper pickle production as all male employees and women working in grading, streamed to work as usual Monday morning.

An official of the pickle industries said this week that women in grading were on two ten-hour shifts daily and by the end of the week women working in packing will also be back on the job on a schedule of two shifts a day.

Production has been resumed in the new fresh pack plant on the old property of the Thomas-Robinson Lumber Co. The official said that in the new plant, which has a larger capacity, and completely modern facilities and equipment throughout, customers will receive even better service than before.

The loss caused by the fire which, was discovered about 7:02 p.m. by Alford Manry in the sugar room, ran into hundreds of thousands of dollars, largely covered by insurance.

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Monday Starts Scout Week

Special Programs For Local Troops

Cairo Boy Scouts will observe Scout Week, February 6-12 with an Investiture Program, Court of Honor, Radio Programs, and joint attendance with leaders at church Sunday.

Scout Week falls at this time every year in observance of the date of the chartering of the Boy Scouts of America, Feb. 8, 1910. The radio programs will be heard over WGRA 15 minutes every morning from Monday through Friday and will wind up with a round table discussion on "Meet Your Neighbor" Saturday. Monday, Elpino Troop 310, 10-10:15; Tuesday, Troop 311, 8:45-9; Wednesday, Cairo Troop 308, 10-10:15; Friday, Troop 311, 10-10:15; Saturday, round table discussion, 8:45-9.

The Investiture Program and Court of Honor will be held at the Courthouse next Friday night at 8 p.m., leaders revealed this week.

On Sunday all scouts are to attend church in full uniform with their leaders where they will be recognized by the ministers, as one of the last features in Scout Week.

The Boy Scouts of America are directed by a national council with headquarters in New York, with the nation divided into 12 districts, each with its own council. Since the administration of a national council President Taft, every president has been honorary head of the scouts. Boys from ages 11 to 18 are eligible for membership. On becoming a Scout they take the Scout Oath which