

Florida Leads Citrus World

Produces Nearly Half Of Crop Raised In This Country Survey Shows

LAKELAND, Sept. 14.—(Special)—Despite tremendous increases in production, particularly in grapefruit, in the citrus industry of the United States, Florida continues to hold a dominating position in the citrus industry of the United States, producing nearly one-half of the 122,500,000 boxes produced in this country during the 1938-39 season.

This is shown by the annual citrus summary of the federal-state market news service, compiled by H. P. Wilson, which will be ready for distribution in a few days.

It was the second year more than 100,000,000 boxes of citrus had been produced in the United States, the summary shows to 1938 in 122,500,000 boxes in the 1937-38 season and 122,485,000 boxes for the season just closed.

Florida's production of oranges, grapefruit and tangerines amounted to 57,600,000 boxes, compared with 41,300,000 in 1937-38, an increase of more than 16,000,000 boxes. California had a slight decrease in production of both oranges and grapefruit, but Texas jumped ahead substantially in grapefruit.

Other citrus states produced about the same amount as a year ago. Florida kept pace with the increase in national production of oranges, the five-year average tabulation from 1923 to 1938 in the annual report showing a gain from 9,907,000 boxes to 23,740,000 boxes, while total U. S. production for the same period rose from 8,800,000 to 64,414,000. Grapefruit production in Florida lagged behind national figures, due to the small size of large Texas gains. National production of grapefruit increased from 7,523,000 to 20,925,000 boxes, or about 400%. Florida's grapefruit production increased from 7,077,000 to 16,620,000 boxes during the same period.

Texas accounts for this national gain to a large extent, the five-year average tabulation showing that state rising from 21,000 boxes to 8,818,000 boxes, or 400% in the same period.

Movement of Florida's crop last season produced many new records, including amount of fruit shipped, length of season and shipments starting single weeks. The peak week last season came on Dec. 17, when 4,818 cars went to market, nearly 1,000 more than the previous week. The week before, three thousand and a few cars a week was a common occurrence during the 1938-39 season, with three weeks in December showing that much fruit moved, and starting with the first week in January there were 13 consecutive weeks when the total movement exceeded 3,000 cars.

Through August 19, the summary shows 107,719 cars of Florida citrus went to market, the first time it has gone over the 100,000-car mark. During the 1938-39 season, 80,287 cars were shipped. Volume shipments extended over the longest period in history. While past seasons showed scattering shipments in late summer, this year there was a heavy movement in July, which continued through August, when nearly 1,000,000 boxes were shipped. August shipments also were relatively large, with an occasional car still being shipped early in September.

Commercial canneries outbroke all records during the season, the report shows, with 1,187,544 boxes of oranges and 8,481,053 boxes of grapefruit through the week of Aug. 26. The federal government's surplus commodity program was responsible for diverting 3,645,589 boxes of citrus from commercial channels, including 1,747,224 boxes of grapefruit and 41,865 boxes of oranges diverted by the grower to take advantage of government purchases amounting to 738,451 boxes of grapefruit for canning and 908,222 boxes of oranges for fresh fruit shipment. In addition, the government purchased 208,827 boxes of oranges for fresh fruit use.

"As would be expected with a large volume of fruit," the summary states, "prices were relatively low. There were nearly 5,000 more cars of Florida oranges sold on the 10 auction markets than in any previous season, or 25,224 cars at \$2.06 compared with 20,686 cars at \$2.24 in 1937-38, a decrease of 16c a box. The volume of Florida oranges sold on the auction markets has increased sharply the past few years. The volume in 1938-39 was approximately 2 1/2 times that of 1937-38 and 1938-39 was three times that of the 1927-28 season. Compared to the more recent seasons of 1931-32, through 1936-37, there was a 100% increase in the volume of oranges sold this year than the average of those former seasons.

"California prices also were lower or a decrease of 30c from a year ago. Total sales of California oranges on the auction were 17,187 (Continued on page four)

ROAD DEPT IS FRIENDLY TO RIDGE ROADS

Highlanders Are Optimistic About Improvements For State Road Eight

HAJES CITY, Sept. 14.—(Special)—Judge Robert T. Dewell, chairman of the legislative committee of The Sebring Highlanders said today that the state road department is "more than satisfied" with the first survey reports on projected improvements to highway No. 8, and is now ready to receive rights-of-way maps and the preparation of deeds to convey the necessary footage.

Returning from a quick and unannounced trip to Tallahassee, Judge Dewell said he found J. H. Dowling, state highway engineer, in complete accord with the plans of the Highlanders and that state road officials "recognize the merit of our plea and are ready to do something within the very near future."

In a conference with the Highlanders legislative chairman, Dowling and R. H. Hale, road board chairman, agreed to accept the present rights-of-way of road No. 8 on the basis of a legislative stipulation which entitles the state to take full and incontestable possession of any right-of-way that has been made in the required number of years.

This means, Judge Dewell said, that the task of the Highlanders is somewhat lessened, inasmuch as they will be required to get deeds only on the footage needed to widen the road and make safe turns and curves.

The state officials have further agreed to work no hardships on grove owners during the footage which might encroach on present plantings and details of that feature will be worked out at a later date.

The state wants all the required rights-of-way deeds in the hands of the road department by Jan. 1. "That one request alone should indicate to all concerned that no time will be lost in getting road No. 8 improved and that the project is rapidly evolving from the planning stage to an actual work stage," Judge Dewell declared.

C. P. Robinson, Polk county highway engineer, will be requested to send the already prepared rights-of-way maps to the jurisdiction to Tallahassee immediately and then the engineering department there will work up the necessary maps and information.

The present right-of-way of 60-2-3 feet will be widened to a flat 80 feet wide, the widest required for highways planned and taken care of present and normally anticipated future.

While all this work is going on, the Highlanders' membership committee, is making plans for a road rally to be held at the Park Theatre on Thursday, September 21, at 10 a. m. An attendance of over 100 is expected and Judge Maxey, president of the Highlanders county unit will preside. All members and others interested are urged to attend.

"This 30 cents, while not important to any one individual, is important to every citizen of this section to aid in making a better and bigger ridge country," he added, "and the membership drive will be announced within a few days."

"Residents of the ridge country will be highly benefited when the road is improved and further benefits will accrue with the completion of No. 19, thus giving us a wide state route which will bring more business and more tourists," Judge Dewell said.

The board of governors of the Highlanders will hold their next meeting in Sebring next month, the exact date and time to be determined later.

A series of meetings has been planned for other points on the ridge in order to acquaint all citizens with the work, plans and ambitions of the organization.

Highlands County In Limelight At Fair

World's Fair, N. Y.—Sept. 14.—An exhibit of rare tropical fruits chemically preserved so that they appear just as they do in their natural state is attracting wide attention at the Florida State Exhibit at the New York World's Fair. The fruit, preserved under the direction of Louis Altmeyer, county agent of Highlands county, is displayed with its foliage in glass containers in the loggia.

Coast Line Is Seeking Name For New Train

Streamline To Be Operated By Two Railroads From New York To Miami

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—A contest, seeking a name for the new streamlined train which the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and the Florida East Coast Railway will operate daily service between New York and Miami this winter, was announced today by these railroads.

Prizes of \$500 were offered in the contest, with a first award of \$300. Second prize will be \$150, third prize \$75, and 25 other awards of \$10 each. The contest is open to all persons who can suggest a name, together with the contestant's brief explanation of the name chosen by him.

The rules announced that the first prize would be awarded to the person submitting the best name, which is to be used for the train, not together with the most appropriate reason for such a name. The second, third and other awards are to be made in the order of excellence, and may or may not be the same name as that used by the first prize winner.

The rules stated that all entries must be delivered or bear postmark prior to midnight October 10, awards will be made by November 1.

The streamlined cars, of lightweight stainless steel construction are now being built in the Budd plant at Philadelphia. The 2,000 horsepower diesel locomotives are being built by the Electro-Motive Corporation, LaGrange, Ill. The train is expected to go into service about December 1 on a New York-Miami schedule of 25 hours, the fastest ever set up for that run.

State Park System To Have Ten Units

TAMPA, Sept. 14.—(FNS)—Florida's state park system will have ten units when the present program of the Florida Park Service is finished, according to a representative of the state agency. Three of the parks are open already and the others are under development, with the expectation that some will be made available to the public by 1940.

State parks already opened are Hillsborough, between Tampa and Zephyrhills; Highlands Hammock, near Sebring; Gold Head Beach, near Key West; Highland development are the Florida River, near Marianna; Port Clinch, near Fernandina; Myakka River, near Sarasota; Pan-American, near Ft. Lauderdale; Suwannee River, in Suwannee county; Torreya, in Liberty county; and Volusia Hammock, in Volusia county. Through donations most of the lands for the parks are acquired, necessary tracts being obtained by purchase only when they cannot be secured through donations.

Drivers Urged To Get Licences Now And Avoid the Rush

With hundreds of drivers' licences yet to be issued in this county, Judge T. A. McNicholas is urging everyone who has not done so to get their driver's licence at once and help avoid the usual late rush.

Every driver or operator of an automobile or truck is required to secure a licence by October 1, when the new law goes into effect and this leaves just two weeks in which to comply with the law.

Licences are obtainable at the office of Judge McNicholas in the court house at Sebring but in order to avoid the rush, he is maintaining a branch office in his law offices in the Toulton Building here. Judge McNicholas is not a permit to enter school on the opening day. Children who become six after January 1 must remain out of school until the next school year. —Stanley N. Reeves, Pres.

First P-T-A Meeting On Thursday Evening September 21, 8 p. m.

The first meeting of the season of the Avon Park P-T-A. will be held on Thursday evening, September 21, at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium. The program will include a talk by Mrs. C. F. Farvin of Manatee, former state president of the association, and Mrs. T. J. Ward will render vocal selections.

The members of the faculty will be introduced and the evening will close with a social hour. All parents and everyone else interested in the schools are invited to attend.

PIETY RESIGNS AS SUPERVISOR OF REGISTRATION

Plans To Run for Another County Office And Complies With Law

As he intends to be a candidate for another county office in the elections next year and in order to comply with the law, H. T. Piety has resigned from the office of supervisor of registration in Highlands County. The law specifically states that the supervisor of registration cannot be a candidate for another office until six months after ceasing to be a supervisor.

In his letter to Gov. Fred P. Cone, tendering his resignation, Mr. Piety said:

September 11, 1939 Governor Fred P. Cone Governor of the State of Florida Tallahassee, Florida

I am asking this means of tendering my resignation as supervisor of registration in Highlands County, Florida, the same to be effective on the fourteenth day of September, A. D. 1939.

I am resigning as Supervisor of Registration in order that I may run for an office other than the one which I now hold. In connection with that matter, I would like to call your attention to Section 235 of the Compiled General Laws of Florida 1927, which provides in part that "... The supervisor of registration shall not be eligible for any other office until six months after ceasing to be such supervisor." It is for the purpose of complying with the above quoted part of the statute mentioned and for the purpose of making myself eligible for another office that I am tendering my resignation as Supervisor of Registration. I am planning to run for the office in the next primary election, which is necessary that I cease to be Supervisor of Registration immediately, and I am asking that you please accept my resignation as of the date mentioned and that you appoint someone to fill my unexpired term immediately upon my acceptance of my resignation.

Hope that you will see fit to act so as to make this resignation effective on the date named and thanking you for your prompt attention to this matter, I beg to remain,

Very respectfully yours, H. T. Piety, Supervisor of Registration Highlands County, Florida.

Services were held Wednesday morning at the South Side Baptist church of which he was pastor. Rev. Jack Dalton of the First Baptist church officiated and interment was made in the cemetery at Lakeland and Mulberry. The services at the grave were conducted by Rev. Kelly McArthur, pastor of the First Baptist church of Tampa, and Rev. McDowell of Lakeland. Active pathbearers were younger members of the church. The funeral was held at 2 p. m. at the home of the deceased. Rev. Piety was born in the town of Lakeland and was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Piety. He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Donna McArthur, two sons, Clifford of South Carolina and Harold who lives here and is a student in Geneva, who teaches school at Ocala, and three brothers, Steve and Jim at Lakeland and Donald of Tampa; also one sister, Mrs. Hardy English of Lakeland.

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COVINGTON IS RE-ELECTED BY HUGE MAJORITY

Entire Administration Council Ticket Defeated, Ward Tops The Ticket

Although Mayor M. E. Covington was returned to office by an overwhelming majority, the entire administration council ticket was swept out of office at the municipal election Tuesday. Mayor Covington was given a total of 847 votes and his opponent, J. T. Hatten received 483. Out of a total registration of approximately 1150 there were 894 votes cast and each member of the winning anti-administration ticket polled 500 votes and the losers were each under the 500 mark.

E. H. Ware led the entire ballot with 599 votes, receiving 500 from both sides, as did C. P. Anderson with 555. Then came Mattie W. Tompkins with 525, Dr. George S. McKnight with 525 and Max Wild with 503.

E. W. Hart headed the losing ticket with 463 votes, closely followed by L. D. McGibson with 462. Will Bennett was next with 450. A. McKee Elwell with 400 and Louis O. Wolf with 395.

The voting was orderly the entire day which was fine with no rain to hinder the voters from going to the polls. An efficient election board consisting of Chester R. Yates, P. Nelson Smith, C. L. Armstrong and M. J. Cook, tallied the vote in fast time and the result was known shortly after midnight.

"Howell and Hope Elder each received a vote for Mayor. Ten ballots were thrown out for irregularities and one of these 107 ballots had been written along side the candidates for council: "six of one and half a dozen of the other."

Rev. John Henry McClelland, a resident of Avon Park for the past 26 years, passed away at his home here Sunday night from a heart attack. He had been in poor health for some time but had filled the pulpit at the South Side Baptist church that evening.

J. H. McClelland Died Sunday Night; Burial Wednesday

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Avon Park Students Leave For College

Among the Avon Park young men and women leaving for various colleges and universities are: Barbara Betts, Mary Jane Sanderson, Mary Jane McCarthy to Berea College, Gainesville; Gail, Eloise Dickenson and Carrie Pearson to Trevecca College, Nashville, Tenn.; Dorsey, McNicholas to University of Atlanta, Ga.; Virginia Mary Washington College, Frederickburg, Va.; Marion Foster, J. L. Greene and Donald McCoy to Tulane University, New Orleans, La.; and Donald and Herd Todd to Bolles Military Academy, Jacksonville.

Schools Opened Here Thursday Morning

The Avon Park schools opened Thursday morning with brief chapel exercises at 10 o'clock and assignment to classes. There was no school in the afternoon but all children reported at the usual hour this morning when work started in earnest for the new term. Enrollment figures are not available as yet and complete details will be given next week.

New Maturity Law Is Keeping Fruit on Trees

Citrus Commission Reports No Fruit Shipped Up To September 12

LAKELAND, Sept. 14.—(Special)—Effectiveness of Florida's new maturity law in keeping unripe grapefruit and oranges off the market continues to be demonstrated again this week, as the new crop hangs on the tree in contrast to past years when considerable volume had gone North up to the same date.

The new maturity law prohibits picking citrus until it shows a natural break in color. This is supplemented to a more rigid chemical test. The color requirement apparently is the big factor in preventing, however, in preventing movement of fruit, which might otherwise be quality.

A considerable volume of fruit, of questionable palatability even though it meets the former, stringent maturity law, has moved to market up to Sept. 12 in past years. Records of the state inspection bureau showed that 173,152 boxes of Florida citrus, principally grapefruit, had been shipped up to this date last season. In 1937, there had been 23,200 boxes moved up to this time, and the year before 104,800 boxes were shipped.

Dade county moved the first citrus northward on a commercial basis last year when 764 boxes left the county on August 24. August 24, 1938, followed with a shipment seven days later. In 1937, Manatee county was the first, section to move fruit with 122 boxes leaving on Sept. 1. Dade county followed two days later with 402 boxes, and Lee shipped 400 boxes the next day. Polk county, Florida's largest citrus producer, started shipping on Sept. 6.

Dade county was first again in 1936, when 400 boxes of grapefruit moved out on August 29, followed by 600 boxes the next day. Dade, Manatee and Lee counties all joined the shipping procession on August 31, with 800 boxes out of Dade, 100 out of Manatee and 1,212 out of Lee.

While the above figures and dates show a marked improvement in the maturity law, it is not yet clear that fruit quality is better. Florida by Sept. 1, under the former maturity requirements, up to Sept. 12 this year, the honorary harvesters had not received a request for an inspector, indicating it would still be several days before the first commercial shipment would be made.

Rainy weather is said to have delayed the start of the new season by preventing citrus from showing the "natural break in color" required by law. It seems evident at this time, however, that the season will open within a week or ten days. Grapefruit will move first, and it will be at least a month long before oranges reach volume movement.

O. B. Brotherhood Meeting Tonight

Judge T. A. McNicholas will give the address of welcome at the annual meeting of the Orange Blossom Baptist Brotherhood Association meeting being held tonight at the First Baptist church. Dr. J. Harrison Griffin, former pastor of the First Baptist church at Winter Haven and now secretary of the State Brotherhood of Baptists, will preside. Dr. P. T. Touchton, president of the Orange Blossom Association, will preside. All these men are eloquent speakers and will worth hearing and all members are cordially urged to attend this meeting.

Minature Golf Course Here a Huge Success

Opening officially last Saturday noon the new miniature golf course operated by the chamber of commerce, has proven an instant success. Up to Wednesday night there had been over 600 admissions and everyone playing expressed a well satisfied with the amusement afforded.

The course was built by members of the chamber of commerce and is being operated by that body for the entertainment of citizens and visitors and also to help provide funds to carry on the usual activities of the chamber. Young and old have patronized it after-noon and night and it is proving a big drawing card.

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ROAD OVERPASS AT LAKE MONT MAY COME SOON

County Reaches Agreement With Grege Maxey Regarding Right-of-Way

Highland county board of county commissioners, in a special meeting called at the request of the State Road Department Tuesday, voted to buy right-of-way for an overhead crossing of the Seaboard Airline Railway at Lakeland and move the buildings near the crossing that are now on the land needed for the fill.

Meeting with the board were John Blair and Charlie Dahl, of the state road department engineering force, and Grege Maxey, owner of the buildings adjacent to the crossing.

Mr. Blair stated that the money is available for the construction of the overpass, which will cost the neighborhood of \$150,000. All that is needed is for the county to supply the right-of-way, he said.

After an amicable discussion in the board room and a visit to the site of the proposed overpass, the board voted to pay \$5,000 for the necessary right-of-way, to be paid in installments, and to move the buildings to the right-of-way, which is to be 160 feet wide.

The agreement between the board and Mr. Maxey does not involve any cash at the present time. Mr. Maxey assured the board that he was willing to wait for the money and to accept tax receipts on his property in payment, or any other method of payment the board is able to work out.

The road department representatives assured the board that they would be notified on or before they took immediate action the money that is now available for the construction of the overpass would be spent elsewhere unless the county was willing to provide the right-of-way and could secure the road department's deed would be signed before the department is ready to start work.

The commissioners are of the opinion that work will start on the construction immediately after the approval of the project by the Federal Bureau of Road, which is co-operating with the state in building the overpass.

The commissioners were assured that they would be notified on or before next Tuesday of the action of the Federal Bureau of Road. It was his opinion that the road department will push the construction of federal road 19 as fast as possible to the point where the proposed highway joins Lake Jackson boulevard just south of Sebring, and that the county would be notified to furnish right-of-way for the route between Sebring and Avon Park for several miles. The overpass is built at Lakeland, as the present Sebring-Avon Park road will be used as a connecting link for the federal highway for a long time yet.

Commissioners Bell and Crew voiced the same opinion, and this no doubt was the reason they considered closing the deal on the overpass right-of-way at the above figure at this time.

The board passed a resolution requesting the road department to furnish the local abstract company with the description of the land needed for right-of-way for nineteen between Lake Placid and Sebring.

The commissioners intimated that he had some assurance (Continued on page four)

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Floyd Gibbons' ADVENTURERS' CLUB

HEADLINES FROM THE LIVES OF PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF!



"Widow Maker"

HELLO EVERYBODY: William Pellegrinetti of Chicago comes to bat today with a yarn about a place where tree stumps grow on trees. You know, at first glance a fellow would be liable to say that a tree is a natural place for a tree stump to grow. I ought to explain that these stumps didn't grow down at the bottom of said trees, where they were supposed to. No—you found them hanging in branches of other trees—they didn't even belong to.

The fellows had a name for those dangling stumps. Bill Pellegrinetti will tell you about that later. But now let's get on with the story of how Bill won the reputation of being a man of iron nerve.

Bill says he doesn't deserve that reputation at all. It's true, he stood his ground when death came bounding toward him—but Bill says he stood there for a totally different reason from the one the other fellows attributed to his action. It was in August, 1933, that it happened, and Bill was a member of a CCC outfit in a camp twenty-three miles from the town of Mehama, Oregon.

They were building a mountain road, and Bill explains that the road builders worked in three crews. The first gang to follow up the markings made by the surveyors were the timber fellers. They went up the line cutting down all the trees that stood in the way of the road.

Then followed the dynamiters, who blasted all the stumps and roots out of the ground. After the dynamiters came the laborers. Crews ordered to lay small, temporary bridges.

Bill was with the laborers. He was with a crew whose job it was to lay small, temporary bridges over all the mountain streams that the road crossed. And then, before we go any farther, we'll let Bill himself take the floor and tell us about those tree stumps.

"When the blasters were dynamiting the stumps," he says, "large parts of them flew into the air. Often stumps, with the roots still on them, fell great distances, and became lodged in the tops of standing trees. We called those hanging stumps 'widow-makers' and they were rightfully named. For a slight breeze would often dislodge them, and when they came crashing down, it was very bad luck to be on the spot they picked to land on."

It was one of those widow-makers that started all the trouble for Bill. They were laying a cedar log foundation for one of the bridges they had to build when all of a sudden things began to happen.

The stream they were bridging ran through the bottom of a deep gully. The mountains rose sharply above them and the trees, at that



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point, were bare and scattered. Up that steep mountainside, there was one tree, standing by itself, with one of those large stumps swaying from its upper branches.

It was about three feet in diameter, and parts of its roots were still sticking out like the tentacles of an octopus. Nobody paid any attention to it until, suddenly, as the boys were working busily away at their bridge foundation, they heard a loud crashing noise above them.

"Widow Maker" Crashes Down Through Branches. It was the stump—crashing down through the branches. Once it hit the ground it would come hurtling down that slope at express-train speed. And it was right there, where that great stump came hurtling down, that the men yelled, "Widow-maker!" And immediately every one in the crowd started making for shelter.

That is, everybody started making for shelter but Bill Pellegrinetti! He was absorbed in his job and didn't see the stump coming until he heard the first man cry out. Then he looked up just in time to see the stump make its first bounce.

"It came down that slope," he says, "gaining momentum with every fraction of a second. It bounded in enormous leaps, straight toward me. For a moment it fascinated me. Then, I tried to run and found to my horror that I couldn't. I couldn't move a muscle."

Afterward, Bill's pals called it cool nerve. They told other fellows in the camp how close he stood, never flinching, while that great stump came hurtling right at him. But Bill says it wasn't nerve at all. In fact, it was just the opposite of nerve.

"It kept right on coming," he says, "looking bigger at every bounce it took. Somehow those long spindly roots shooting out from its side looked like arms reaching out to grab me."

"It all happened in a few brief seconds, but in that time a million thoughts raced through my mind. Already I was figuring that I was a goner. I wondered what people would say about me, and recalled small incidents, long since forgotten, about my parents and other members of my family."

The Hurling Stump Was Taking Its Last Bounce.

"Some folks say that when you're faced with death you think of all the evil things you've done in the course of your lifetime. Maybe I had never done anything really serious, where that great picture of the 'widow-maker' bearing down on me. I remember all the things I thought I was leaving, and how much I wanted not to leave them. Then I say to myself, 'Bill, you're not so bad off after all.'"

(Revised by Western Newspaper Union.)

Beane's Cigarette Tax Bill
The National Consumers Tax commission says the average city stenographer pays \$1.23 in hidden taxes on her annual cigarette bill.

Beane's Fire
Boston has suffered severely from fire. Destructive fires occurred there in 1876, 1879, 1771, 1780, 1872, 1889, 1893.

Bruckart's Washington Digest

Treasury Official Discusses Our Needs Regarding Taxation

Government Wants to Know What Business Has to Say About Present Levies; Where Are We Going to Get the Revenue to Pay Our Debts.

By WILLIAM BRUCKART
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WASHINGTON.—In these days when the menace of a world-depressing war hangs perilously overhead, it is heartening to read something or hear something that gives consideration to the problems of America and Americans. While international broadcasts were filling the air with facts and alleged facts and just plain propaganda the other night, it struck me as most significant that an official of the treasury should take time out and talk, by radio, on the general subject of taxation and the country's needs in this regard.

Undersecretary John W. Hanes, then serving as secretary of the treasury because of the absence of Secretary Morgenthau, made what a good many described as a dry speech. Certainly, most editors regarded it as dry, or else they thought that the means of tomcats squealing at the press of their tails. There can be no debate, of course, that the war situation requires the closest scrutiny and the closest nerves; but the point is that all of us hope our nation is going on over the horizon of the present emergency needs to be given—and must be given—to our internal affairs as well as our relations with those across the water who are quarreling over the line fence.

So it was that, when Mr. Hanes made a statement regarding the need for a general reallocation of taxes, a great many people felt it to be a very hopeful sign. Now it is always a healthy indication when an official of the federal government looks facts in the eye. We have not seen a great deal of that in recent years.

But if such things are significant and valuable, how much more important it is to see an official come out of the heart of the New Deal and say, in effect, that the treasury wants to hear what business has to say about the present taxes. Mr. Hanes went further: He said the treasury wanted to hear these things in private, not in a public demonstration where the individual taxpayer has grievances about unfair taxes could be held up to public scorn. You will remember, of course, how some of the New Dealers staged a vaudeville show a year ago; how it picked out cases of taxpayers who had avoided taxes by taking advantage of the provisions of law, and how each of these was marked as an unprincipled citizen.

Many of the Taxes That Had Been Tried Failed Miserably

If I read the speech by Mr. Hanes correctly, what he had to say was that a good many of the taxes that had been tried by the spitting type of New Dealers have failed miserably. Of course, Mr. Hanes could not say it just that way, but he told of repeal of a group of taxes and revision of others, and in almost every case he mentioned the changes would aid business recovery.

The thing that is important to me in this situation is that Mr. Hanes had the courage to take a definite position for reallocation of taxes on an equitable basis—for I do not believe anyone can justify the split structure that now is used to keep the federal government afloat. It can be said, moreover, that Mr. Hanes recognizes what confronts the nation in the way of recovery. None of us have heard very much from top flight officials lately as to how this \$45,000,000,000 debt is ever going to be paid. The boys who spent the money, and had a good time doing it, are sinking to cover. They don't want to face the facts. Whatever their attitude may be, however, taxes are going to come. Nine-cent dollar or 50-cent dollar, and Mr. Hanes apparently was willing to tell the country the story of taxes up to this time.

Leaders of the house of representatives in the last session of congress recognized the general situation. But they were only half-hearted about it, as politicians always are when taxation is before them. Now tax-revision encourages votes anywhere. But the house leaders put through a resolution authorizing the ways and means committee to start a study of the general tax problem. A sub-committee, headed by Representative Cooper of Tennessee, was appointed to do the job. And here is where the treasury got into the picture, because Mr. Hanes suggested the treasury could be of help in making the study.

Must Be Smart Politics
To Undertake Tax Revision
It is much too early for any one to hazard a guess as to what will be done. Next year is a year for general elections, from the President down to the local level. It is unusual for a congress to undertake tax revision (especially upward) in advance of a campaign, but some how I believe it might be pretty smart politics to do so next year. There is nothing to suggest that Mr. Hanes had any politics in his mind; indeed, I think the contrary is true, because Mr. Hanes has been a business man and it is likely that he is versed in politics. He told of the situation in a rather simple and understandable way, and when it is summarized what he said was: We have to have more tax receipts but on an equitable basis. It will require to be seen whether the other official leaders will have the guts to place the taxes on a sound basis.

One can look over the tax laws and find so many instances where tax burdens break the back of one line of business and fall absolutely to touch another. The demagogues will tear their hair and moan about taxing the poor, and proceed to lay taxes that are hidden in a hundred articles that were workers must have. And that is the menace of the present tax situation: hidden taxes. I wonder how many political leaders would be able to hold on to their jobs if they would let the truth about the taxes they have concealed.

The public administration clearing house, an institution designed to aid state governments by dissemination of information regarding the various states, released a statement a few days ago that was quite illuminating as to the state of affairs taken in tax matters. It showed that four additional states—Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York and New Jersey—had enacted new taxes on cigarettes in 1939. That makes a total of 25 states now using this source of revenue. There are eight cities that have special taxes on cigarettes, in addition to state levies.

Now, I am not to be misled by the cause of the cigarette. The tobacco industry and the tobacco farmer, I assume, are able to take care of their own problems. But how many people have stopped to think that 25 states are making the equivalent of a tax ranging from one cent to five cents on a pack of cigarettes, and the federal government takes six cents a pack (of popular priced brands) before the pack reaches the retailer? The average man who is able to pay a tax on tobacco pay a tax ranging from one cent to five cents on a pack of cigarettes, and the federal government takes six cents a pack (of popular priced brands) before the pack reaches the retailer? The average man who is able to pay a tax on tobacco pay a tax ranging from one cent to five cents on a pack of cigarettes, and the federal government takes six cents a pack (of popular priced brands) before the pack reaches the retailer?

Household News

By Eleanor Howe



DESSERTS IMPORTANT IN MENU

(Recipe Below.)

Desserts That Are Different

Build up your menu to an interesting climax with a new and delicious dessert. Desserts really play an important part in the menu, and in nutrition.

Sweets, provided in proper amounts and in the proper place in the diet, are just as necessary for good nutrition as milk, meat, fruits, vegetables and cereals. Plan the dessert to fit the menu—a light sweet for the close of a hearty dinner, and a richer, heavier dessert to wind up the meal that is fairly simple. Consider the weather, too, and when it's hot and humid, serve sweets that are temptingly dainty. When the temperature drops and appetites perk up accordingly, desserts may be sweeter, richer and more substantial.

You'll find in this collection of tested recipes from my own kitchen a dessert for almost any occasion.

Quick Friedplings.
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Strange Facts

Air to Float Wood
Easter Lily Is Out
Real Wash Out

Like water, the pressure of air increases with depth. For instance, if a mine shaft were 35 miles deep, the air at the bottom would be about 1,000 times as dense as the air at the earth's surface, or heavy enough to float several kinds of wood and even water.

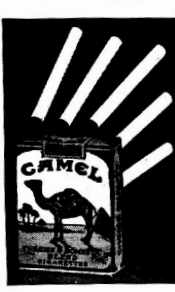
In northern Ireland it is a serious offense, punishable by a fine, to wear or carry an Easter lily on Easter Sunday, as this flower is a symbolic reminder of the unsuccessful Easter rebellion in Dublin in 1916.

Despite the fact that he was mentally deranged, Associate Justice Henry Baldwin (1779-1844) of Pennsylvania was allowed to serve for 14 years on the bench of the supreme court of the United States because its members can be impeached only for misconduct.

In several towns along the Italian Riviera, a balcony is considered to be such an essential decorative feature of a house that those without one usually have a painted substitute, some being made more realistic by the inclusion of the family wash, which is generally hung out on dry railings—Collier's.

By burning 25% slower than the average of the 15 other of the largest-selling brands tested—slower than any of them—CAMELS give a smoking plus equal to

5 EXTRA SMOKES PER PACK



Now impartial scientific laboratory tests of 15 of the largest-selling brands confirm Camel's long burning. Here is a quick summary of the report recently completed by a leading laboratory:

1. CAMELS were found to contain MORE TOBACCO BY WEIGHT than the average for the 15 other of the largest-selling brands.

2. CAMELS BURNED SLOWER THAN ANY OTHER BRAND TESTED—25% SLOWER THAN THE AVERAGE TIME OF THE 15 OTHER OF THE LARGEST-SELLING BRANDS! By burning 25% slower, on the average, Camels give smokers the equivalent of 5 EXTRA SMOKES PER PACK!

3. In the same way, CAMELS HELD THEIR ASH FAR LONGER than the average time for all the other

Camels, unlike other smoking... and more of it per pack... in Camels, the quality cigarette every smoker can afford. Penny for penny, Camels are your best cigarette buy.

THESE LONG-BURNING CAMELS HAVE A CAMEL'S WISDOM THAT IS SIMPLY SWEET

CAMELS LONG-BURNING COSTLY TOBACCO

SOCIAL and Personal News

Phone 37

DAISY TEN EYCK Society Editor

Harry Carratt Has Birthday Party

Mrs. Gus H. Carratt entertained with a party at her home on Tuesday afternoon, celebrating the ninth birthday of her son, Harry. After playing many interesting games in which Harry Saunders carried off the honors, the gifts were unwrapped and admired. A shower of good wishes followed, and then came the refreshments of cold drinks, cake, ice cream and cookies.

Boy friends attending Harry's party were: L. D. MacDonald, Gene Saunders, Harry Saunders, Rich Saunders, Virgil Martin, Geo. Hayner and Arthur Carratt.

Wimodausis Club Meeting Friday

The Wimodausis club met at the home of Mrs. H. Reddick last Friday afternoon. The business meeting was conducted by the president, Mrs. L. M. Marsh and a social hour followed. Refreshments of fruit, food and cake were served.

Those attending were: Mrs. L. M. Marsh, Mrs. David Stuckey, Mrs. W. W. McFarland, Mrs. O. A. Head, Mrs. Nina Prevatt, Mrs. Minnie Cameron, Mrs. O. Williams, Mrs. Lena Clements and the hostess, Mrs. H. Reddick.

PARK THEATRE

AVON PARK, FLORIDA
CHILDREN 10c
ADULTS 25c
SHOW
"ALWAYS A GOOD SHOW"

Saturday, Sept. 16
THE 3 MESQUITEERS

"New Frontier"

JOHN WAYNE
Serial & Comedy

Sunday & Monday, Sept. 17-18
"LUCKY NITE"

ROBERT TAYLOR and MYRNA LOY
Comedy & Novelty

Tues. & Wednesday, Sept. 19-20
"The Hound of the Baskervilles"

BASIL RATHBONE and WENDY BARRIE
Also NEWS

Thursday & Friday, Sept. 21-22
JAMES CAGNEY

"OKLAHOMA KID"

Also
Sports Review & Novelty

"HURRICANE"

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LISTINGS SOLICITED

VERY MANY THANKS!

I deeply appreciate the very heavy vote given me in the election Tuesday, returning me to office for another two years. It gratifies me to know you have that confidence in me and I will do my utmost to merit a continuance of the faith placed in me.

Thank you all again!

M. E. COVINGTON, Mayor
City of Avon Park
Highlands County, Florida

Mrs. Longbottom Circle One Hostess

Circle One of the First Baptist Church held their meeting at the home of Mrs. S. F. Longbottom Monday afternoon. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. R. Lawhorn. Mrs. J. D. Sherman led in prayer and Mrs. W. W. McFarland taught the lesson from the ninth chapter of the "Book of Luke." The meeting was dismissed with prayer. Refreshments of ice cream, punch and waffles were served. The next meeting will be at Mrs. W. W. McFarland's home.

Attending were: Mesdames Fred Webster, Otto Skipper, W. W. McFarland, J. D. Sherman, R. Lawhorn, C. Pabor, John Giddens, J. A. Bishop and the hostess, Mrs. S. F. Longbottom.

Circle Two Met With Mrs. Stuckey

Circle Two of the W. M. S. of the First Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. David Stuckey Monday afternoon. Mrs. Stuckey opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. Fred Touchton conducted the business meeting. Mrs. S. J. Pendleton taught the lesson from the ninth chapter of the "Book of Luke," assisted by the members reading the chapter. Mrs. David Lockett, and Mrs. S. J. Pendleton dismissed the class with prayer.

Refreshments of food and cake were served to the following: Mesdames David Lockett, J. E. Crosby, Mike Smith, Anna Lawhorn, J. R. Bennett, S. J. Pendleton, Fred Touchton and the hostess, Mrs. David Stuckey.

William Hood Has Birthday Party

William Hood entertained several of his boy friends at his home on Saturday afternoon to celebrate his thirteenth birthday. After some strenuous games and a good swim they were invited to the porch for refreshments of sandwiches, baked beans, potato salad, cold drinks, ice cream, cake and candy.

Good fellows who got together with "Bill" were: David Lanier, Howard Todd, Sammie Longbottom, Arthur Gregory, Buddy Johnson, Arthur Crews, Billy Archer, Roland Dilley and Jimmie Hetherington.

Mrs. Louise Bishop was in Lake Placid for a few days this week.

CIRCLE THEATRE

FROM 190 - SUNDAY, FLA.

Sunday & Monday, Sept. 17-18
KAY FRANCIS

Women in the Wind

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"The Hound of the Baskervilles"

BASIL RATHBONE

Saturday, Sept. 23
KAY FRANCIS

"COMET OVER BROADWAY"

COMING:
"CONFESSIONS OF A NAZI SPY"

"ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL"

"DARK VICTORY"

Pilgrim Fellowship Class At Wray Home

The Pilgrim Fellowship class of the Congregational church held an ice cream social at the home of Miss Mildred Wray on Friday night. The evening was passed very pleasantly playing games and contests. Mrs. Wray helped her daughter entertain. Ice cream and cookies were served.

Enjoying this interesting party were: Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Elliott, Mrs. and Mr. Harmon Atkins, Henry and Ruth Wild, Louise Wilkerson, Marjorie McKnight, Robert Prescott, Lillian Bennett, Patti Rounds, Orell Skipper, Mary Frances, Jean and Albert Correll.

Mrs. Johnson Hostess To Thursday Club

Mrs. Floyd Johnson entertained the Thursday night club this week at the Florida Public Service rooms. High score was won by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moffett, second by Mr. and Mrs. Lawler Wells and floating prize went to Mr. and Mrs. E. Roberts. A sweet course was served.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moffett, Mr. and Mrs. L. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Dilley, Mr. and Mrs. Rayner, Mr. and Mrs. Lawler Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. John Hood, and Mrs. Floyd Johnson. Guests of the club were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carter.

Methodist W. M. S. At Reddick Home

Circle Three of the W. M. S. of the First Methodist Church met at the home of Mrs. H. Reddick on Monday night. Routine business was carried on, and then the Bible study was conducted by Mrs. Elwell. Each member's "Polypars" of young folks at the camp were discovered and thanked. Refreshments of sandwiches and limeade were served to: Mesdames McKee Elwell, A. Wester, R. Reed, W. A. Luthy, T. P. Turner, C. R. Gerrard, R. A. Gerrard, H. Reddick, M. L. Rogers and Mrs. C. R. Mingford.

Mrs. Pardee Hostess To Bridge Club

Mrs. C. H. Pardee entertained the Tuesday afternoon club at her home on Tuesday. Several progressions were enjoyed and high score went to Mrs. Alexander Gilmore. A sweet course was served late in the afternoon. Guests of the club were Mrs. M. E. Covington, and Mrs. George Voorhees. Regular members in attendance were Mesdames S. Y. Hartt, J. B. Hart, S. C. Pardee, C. H. Pardee, W. H. Kempton, W. H. Katt, Lulu Bass, Ida Brick, Marguerite Church and Mrs. Geo. Scott McKnight.

Thursday Contract Club Met

The Thursday afternoon contract club met at the Tourist club house at one o'clock on Thursday for a covered dish luncheon and an afternoon of bridge. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. S. Y. Hartt, Mrs. S. Y. Hunning, Mr. and Mrs. George Symonds, Mrs. Lulu Bass, Mrs. C. A. Clark, Mrs. Georgia Vickery and Mrs. Katherine Britton.

Births—

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Rutledge announce the arrival of a nine and a half pound boy on Wednesday afternoon. The little fellow will be named later.

Mrs. Virginia Cloud and daughter Frances were in Orlando on Tuesday.

Mrs. Roy Atkins of Everglades City is visiting relatives in Avon Park for a week.

Mrs. James Davis and children, are visiting friends in Lake Wales for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dietz of Miami were guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. Elmont this week.

Comptroller and Mrs. J. M. Lee and daughter Mildred are greeting friends here yesterday and today.

Fr. R. I. Brown and Bill Morrison who had been his guard at the Episcopal camp on Trout Lake during the summer, have gone on an extended fishing trip at various points in Florida.

THE AVON PARK TIMES

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow H. Jones of the Park Theatre have taken over one of Dr. Mary Coffin's houses on Lake Ida.

George Koehler has returned to his home here, after spending the summer at his boyhood home near Detroit, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wagner of Cleveland, O. are guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. Elmont at Bee Villa, the past week.

Herbert Todd left Monday for Jacksonville, where he will complete his senior year at Bolles Military Academy.

Mrs. Nan Straubel Rouse and husband are now making their home in Avon Park, and are living on Walnut Street.

Miss Nellie Reed has returned from Miami where she has been visiting her brother Tazoni Reed and family, for two weeks.

L. R. McLeod of Moultrie, Ga. was the weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Katt. Mr. McLeod is the brother of Mrs. Jones.

Clive Smith, a former Avon Park resident, is now of Beacon Springs, was in Avon Park, on Sunday, greeting old friends.

Miss Hettie Undermark, popular school teacher here, returned this week from Pennsylvania where she spent the summer.

Mrs. Ida Collins has returned from Daytona Beach where she has been visiting for the summer with Mrs. Barbara Meadows.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Stewart of Appleton are registered at the Mid-State hotel. Mr. Stewart is relief operator at the Seaboard Railway.

Mrs. Eva Nesbitt who has been the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Park for several months, is now the home of Mrs. Sue Gregory.

Miss Louise Willerson left on Tuesday for her home in Brookville, after spending several weeks as house guest of Miss Mildred Wray.

Fr. Moses, rector of the Episcopal church in Lakeland had a party of young folks at the camp on Trout Lake over Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Homer and daughter Leslie and Mrs. William Homer, all of Bartow, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Jackson.

Miss Frances Hargrove has gone to Bradenton for her vacation before going to Bartow to resume her duties as teacher in the Bartow school.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bell and daughter Yvonne of Birmingham, Ala. spent a week at the Mid-State Hotel, visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Biggie. Mrs. Biggie is a sister of Mr. Bell.

Frank Kunkel, father of Mr. N. Elmont, and granddaughter Lois are leaving on Monday for their home in Cleveland, O. after spending several months visiting in Avon Park.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bishop of Lake Placid spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bishop, and James Bishop went back with them for a few days visit, returning on Tuesday.

Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Alderman, and children, Sammie and Russell, of New York Richey, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gough on Thursday. While here they called on old friends and acquaintances.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hart have returned from an extensive motor trip to points in Mississippi. They also visited with their daughter and son-in-law and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Leppert, at New Orleans, La.

Miss Oleta Biggie is visiting her family at the Mid-State hotel and will leave for Birmingham, Ala. the last of the week. Miss Biggie was one of Avon Park's high school graduates, and is now manager of the Western Union at Winter Park.

Miss Alma Harrell, popular Avon Park dancer, is here. She is so much that she spent six weeks of her vacation at Daytona Beach, returning there three times from her home at Gulfman, Ga. She says she is glad to get back to Avon Park once more.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Putsch flew from Montgomery, Ala. arriving in Avon Park Saturday morning, and parking their plane at the Avon Park airport, they proceeded by auto to their home in Lake Placid. On the way from Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. Putsch stopped over in Jacksonville, where they called on Donald Todd at Bolles Military Academy, and he was their guest at dinner, and over Friday at the George Washington Hotel. Donald accompanied them to Avon Park for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Todd.

Special Class For Teachers

State University is Providing Special Instruction For Highlands Teachers

GAINESSVILLE, Sept. 14.—Teachers of Highlands county, as well as others interested in further educational advancement will have an opportunity to register for extension work in Avon Park this fall, according to B. C. Riley, Dean of the General Extension Division, University of Florida. The organization meeting for extension classes has been set for September 23, at 8:30 a. m. at the Avon Park high school building.

Miss Alberta Lee Davis, of the extension teaching staff, will conduct the first semester of American Literature, course 401, which is a study of American Literature from the beginning of the century to the present. This course will also be available for instruction of World Literature, English Literature, and first and second year English.

Charles R. Hughes, of the General Extension Division, will be present at the meeting to register the applicants. The courses are open to any men or women over 16 years of age, for vocational or cultural improvement. The fee for any course is fifteen dollars. Teachers may secure extension of their certificates by taking six semester hours of this work.

Persons who wish further information, may call on the General Extension Division of the University of Florida.

Teacher's Salary Fund Increased

TALLAHASSEE, Sept. 14.—Increased attendance in Florida schools last year has boosted this year's appropriation for the Teachers Salary Fund to \$2,091,793, according to a summary of county school reports issued today by State Superintendent Collins English. The first distribution to the counties is scheduled under the new school code for September 15.

Fifty-five counties which reported increased school attendance have been allotted more funds from the state. Allotments to 11 counties were increased the amount they received from the state last year. The greatest increases in attendance were reported by the following counties: Hillsborough, 1,859; Duval, 1,147; Escambia, 865; Duval, 866; Orange, 560. The net increase in the total state appropriation is \$768,596.

The average daily attendance in Highlands County last year was 2,124, which was 34 pupils more than were in attendance the previous year. The state has apportioned \$87,893 to this county for current teacher salary and transportation expenses.

Florida counties employed about 450 more teachers last year than the year before. The principal increase in attendance was in the high schools, largely from children in rural areas attending city schools. About 200 additional buses were purchased by the counties to provide service for 8,592 more pupils. There was an increase in attendance in Florida elementary schools of 2,261 pupils, although in nearly every other state in the nation there is an annual decline in attendance in the lower grades.

Offers Service in War.

An all-Florida aviation unit of 15 to 20 fliers has been offered to the French government for war service by Col. Joe Stehlin, member of the LaFayette Escadrille during the World War. Fifteen of the fliers picked for the unit have from 800 to 3,000 hours in the air. The unit would be named Roul LaFayette Escadrille in honor of an American Ace who brought down 22 enemy planes and who went down in flames over the Marne.

W. H. Dent has moved to Avon Park from Miami, and has taken the Luthy cottage on Hill Street.

Sidney Cochran left for DeLand on Monday and will be employed in the Touchton drug store there.

Mrs. A. R. Clark left early this week to attend the funeral of her father, Mr. W. F. Creary, at Clyde, N. C.

Miss Mary Smith and Miss Nadine Sloan of Leesburg spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bowman.

J. S. Blackburn who is to take general charge of the field work of the American Fruit Growers in the Avon Park house, has moved from Leesburg to the state house on Prospect Street. His territory extends from Lake Wales to Lake Placid and Arcadia.

Mr. and Mrs. James Luxton returned Wednesday from a short trip through the southern part of the state. Leaving Friday they visited Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Morgan in Key West and also spent two days in Miami. They also visited the Catalpa in Everglades City.

Florida May Come Into Its Own In Sugar Production

JACKSONVILLE, Sept. 14.—Patently pleading for several months past that the quota for its sugar industry be increased, Florida may get from the Second World War that which it was unable to obtain during peace, it was pointed out today by Harold Cole, president of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce.

"The price of sugar—and other foodstuffs—have been rising all over the Nation during the past several days," the State Chamber head declared.

"Wages being unable to advance as quickly as prices, this has the effect of cutting salaries for the working man's dollar today buys much less than it would a week or even three or four days ago."

"The whole situation—especially that of sugar prices—is ridiculous if used to the fullest possible extent, the Florida Everglades could produce enough sugar to supply the entire demand of the continental United States. Although to produce only one-tenth of the national consumption, we could put the heads of 100,000 families to work, saving them more than \$700,000,000 in wages and largely ending unemployment in this State. This has been pointed out to Congress time and time again, but Federal quotas and regulations were continued to hamper and hamstring the Florida sugar industry."

"Hence we today find ourselves and our families dependent upon offshore sources of supply for our sugar. And with increased demands on steamship transportation, freight rates have naturally gone up, thus resulting in higher and higher prices for our sugar."

"The American housewife, however, is not merely taking this without making her feeling known. Congress knows, or certainly soon will know, what the women of this country think about this situation and I am sure steps will be taken to permit Florida's great sugar industry to enjoy the growth and development it has so unaccountably sought in the past."

State Beverage Dept. Operating Costs Are Low

TALLAHASSEE, Sept. 14.—(FNS)—Operating costs of the State Beverage Department have been greatly decreased during the past two fiscal years in spite of the fact that added duties and responsibilities forced the department to employ 20 additional men authorized.

The first forty drivers licensed in Orange county were issued members of the Winter Park Raceway Club by Judge Victor H. Kichin. Kichin, Kivianan Maynard H. Kichin received No. 1.

The audit shows that the department transferred \$7,890,917 to the State Welfare Fund from which the state's fiscal year without a deficit. Tom Long, director of the Insurance Department, states that the savings of more than half million dollars made by Governor Carr in the departments directly under his control, enabling the state to finish the fiscal year without a deficit.

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