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Boiling Water Flows From Sebring Wells

Is the city of Sebring built over a caldron of seething, boiling water?

Is nature going to provide us with geysers or boiling springs, such as are found in the Yellowstone Park, Alaska, Arkansas and other places where thousands of people gather every year to witness the curiosities of nature, or regain lost health bathing in mineral waters of a hot temperature?

Stranger things than this have happened in other parts of the world; why not in Sebring?

If the wells recently driven by the Peoples Ice and Manufacturing Company continue to keep up the performances they have been staging daily for the last two weeks, then there will be some grounds to believe the driving of these two wells will prove an epoch in our history.

The two wells in question were driven by the Peoples' Ice Company for the purpose of increasing its water supply for the manufacture of ice. For two weeks now these wells have been pumping boiling hot water at the rate of fifty gallons a minute, with no indication of a diminishing supply, either in volume or heat.

This is not a fish story, but an actual fact. The wells have been and are doing just what we claim above.

Several theories have been advanced as to the cause of this phenomena, but as yet we do not accept any of them as being correct. We are perfectly frank in saying that we do not know the cause. A few facts concerning these two wells may enlighten our readers and the explanation may be simple, but if these wells have really tapped a subterranean pool of hot water, then Sebring will indeed be placed on the map in letters of sufficient size to be seen from coast to coast or pole to pole.

The Facts

On account of an inadequate supply of water, derived from the two three-inch wells, located on the east side of the ice plant, the company decided to sink two additional wells on the west side of the plant, about forty feet from the original wells. A pit was dug twenty-five feet deep, curbed and a four inch well was driven. This well were driven seven feet apart, a depth of twenty-five additional feet, making the total depth of the wells fifty feet, which is approximately the same depth as the wells on the east side of the plant.

The original wells supply about fifty gallons of water of normal temperature. Upon attaching the pump to the new wells and starting the same, T. W. Lawton, manager of the company, was greatly surprised to discover that while the volume of water was approximately the same as from the wells on the other side of the plant, the temperature was some place near the boiling point.

Pumping was commenced about Aug. 1. The flow and temperature of the water has been the same as when pumping was commenced. The ice plant has been in operation about seven months and from it there is a waste pipe which carries away the water heated by the chemical action of the ammonia. This waste pipe has been discharging this hot water upon the surface of the ground about twenty feet from where the new wells are located, part of it being absorbed by the earth and part of it running off through the natural channels upon the surface. The discharge of this waste water is about twenty gallons a minute.

At first Mr. Lawton thought that perhaps the temperature of the water from these two wells was due to the seepage of this hot water from the discharge pipe, but considering that the discharge from this pipe is only about twenty gallons a minute and that the wells are pumping fifty gallons a minute, from a depth of fifty feet, after the wells had been in operation for seven or eight days, and there was no apparent depreciation in the temperature of the water, he began to doubt the accuracy of his conclusions.

Mr. Lawton and Mr. Bobb, the latter manager of the water plant, situated but a short distance from the ice plant, both tell us that the water table lies about thirty-five feet below the surface. This would show that the water coming from the new wells is flowed from ten to fifteen feet below that water table, which would indicate that it were practically impossible for the seepage from the waste pipe to heat any such volume of water as has already been pumped—especially after that water had passed through a depth of fifty feet of sand and clay.

In excavating the workmen found

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Interesting League Service

Last Sunday evening at the Epworth League of the M. E. church a very impressive service was held. Special music by Miss Ruth Ruhl and Mrs. Kirk's Sunbeam class was enjoyed by all of the fifty-six people attending. The Sunbeam song was a selection song to the tune of "Onward, Christian Soldiers," but with Epworth League words. So impressive were the words that the league decided to learn the song as a league song. Miss Anna Bogle, choir leader, assisted by C. C. Cobb, led the service. This opportunity is used to express the desire to see everyone in Sebring who does not attend some church between 7 and 8 o'clock to come to the Epworth League service at the M. E. church. Some of your young friends take part every Sunday. Come, hear them. We want you.

A LEAGUER.

Sebring Girls Walloped Married Women On Baseball Diamond

BALL GAME DE LUXE

By SCRIBBLE

Last Friday the married ladies team again suffered defeat at the hands of the Sebring girls ball team by the score of 23 to 6. The game was great in all respects and judging from the boots, howls, hollers, etc. of the spectators everybody enjoyed it. It looked a time or two as if murder in the first degree might be attempted if not coamitted when the ladies in a body tried to capture the official announcer and mob him. He made a hurried exit, however, and doring the rest of the game was seen to cast nervous glances in the direction of the ladies' bench. No violence was enacted, due to the vigilance of the police, who conducted the man in question safely home after the game. Another party that was in real danger was the Hon. George T. Whitehouse, whose ardeat support of the girls and sarcastic remarks to the ladies were an inspiration to the latter to brandish balls, bats, clubs, ect., in his direction. George T., however, eluded the ladies by crawling under the grand stand until he thereafter not to approach too close to their bench.

But to come to the players themselves it must be stated that everyone on both sides did real good ball playing. Mrs. Spooner and Mrs. Graham for the ladies made themselves famous by their ability to play together, between them accepting twenty-eight chances out of twenty-five, which is certainly real ball playing.

Mrs. Hasty let with the stick for the ladies, batting for an average of .000. Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Spooner, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Vinson, between them, made the rest of the hits made by the ladies.

Miss Leona Whitehouse, pitching for the girls, was the star of the game, striking out fourteen ladies and, making three hits out of six trips to the plate, including a triple and a double. But for that matter all the girls hit real well, making a grand total of nineteen hits. Geraldia Whitehouse also showed class with the bat, hitting .500, including a clean triple. Those making two-base hits on both sides were: Misses Ruhl, Young, Moyer, L. Whitehouse and Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Spooner.

The ladies got their money's worth a couple of times over. The library, for whose benefit the game was played, is $57 richer and everybody happy.

Below is the box score of the game:

GIRLS—	A.B.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
A. Leatherman, 1st	4	1	1	4	1	0
Ruth Ruhl, 2nd	6	2	2	1	1	0
Merle Young, 3rd	6	4	4	1	0	2
Leona Whitehouse, p	6	3	3	1	2	0
Helen Moyer, rf	6	2	2	0	2	0
Emilie Ausland, cf	6	5	2	0	1	1
G. Whitehouse, lf	6	4	3	0	0	0
L. Whitehouse, ss	6	3	3	0	0	0
Killeen, c	0	0	0	14	0	0
Total	46	23	19	21	7	5

LADIES—	A.B.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Mrs. Davis, 2b	3	1	1	1	2	0
Mrs. Graham, 1b	4	1	1	11	0	0
Mrs. Love, 2nd	4	1	2	0	1	2
Mrs. Price, ss	2	0	0	0	0	0
Mrs. Spooner, rf	4	1	2	1	0	5
Mrs. Vinson, cf	3	0	1	0	1	0
Mrs. Barrow, 3rd	3	0	0	0	0	2
Mrs. Hasty, lf-3rd	3	0	0	0	0	0
Carwell, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mrs. Dottery, ss	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mrs. Rippberger, lf	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Mrs. Graham	0	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	29	6	6	21	12	11

*Ran for Dottery in seventh.

Summary: Left on bases—Ladies, 5; girls, 6. Three-base hits—Leona, Griselda. Two-base hits—Ruhl, Young, Moyer, L. Whitehouse, Spooner, Graham. Sacrifice hits—Leatherman 2, Varena, Young. Struck out — By Whitehouse, 14; Davis, 7. Base on balls—Off Whitehouse 3. Umpires—Rippberger and Jaeger.

Another for the Junior Boys

The Sebring boys baseball team went to Avon Park Friday afternoon and trounced those youngsters there to the tune of 26 to 15. The trip was made in Brandon Jones' Ohio truck and was in reality a picnic as the ball boys entertained about fifteen girls. After the return of the victors to Sebring they went to the Arrowhead Hotel and had a real party, in which games were played. Refreshments were served and everyone acvoided a good time. When the party broke up everyone voted Brandon and wife real entertainers and went home happy.

Scribble's Scratches

That Spooner-Graham combination sure played ball Friday.

Ben Wilkinson is some pitcher. Why not give her a try-out, Pete?

Wauchula beat Fort Meade 8 to 5 on Friday. If they can do it we can, so buckle up Sebring and let's have fun.

Rippberger is a real umpire. Sure we all.

Carwell and Killeen played a fine game Friday, at least the women say they did.

Charlotte Varena made a fine catch of Love's fly in that famous fifth.

Willie Lee Johnson is the star pitcher for the junior boys.

The boys' team would like a trip to Tampa. Well get it if you will sign up.

Talk about a seventh inning rally — girls made seven outs in that inning Friday. Looked like they were going to have to call Zachary's flies to put them out.

Leona must have been "plumb scared" of those formidable looking bush hitters, Mrs. Rippberger and Mrs. Dottery, as she walked them both.

Messrs. Vinson and Shaffer were the official coaches for the ladies.

Don't forget to practice, boys.

THE SMOKE HOUSE—
WHERE SERVICE IS THE WATCHWORD

The Smoke House, on the circle conducted by Charles Beresford and Claude A. Reese, deserves more mention than space would allow in the first issue of the Messenger. Messrs. Beresford and Reese purchased this business March 1st from Charles Peets, who conducted the same for about one year previous to selling. Both of these young men are from Wauchula, Mr. Reese having been engaged in the fruit business, while he and Mr. Beresford in the confectionery business, previous to moving to Sebring.

Messrs. Beresford and Reese are pleasant, affable gentlemen, perfectly conversant with the wants of their patrons and have enlarged and improved the business in many ways since taking it over. They handle a fine line of cigarettes, cigars, tobaccos, fruits, candies, soft drinks and temperance beverages of all descriptions and also have in connection a billiard parlor, which is patronized by men of high standing in the community, who desire a little relaxation from business cares. One may visit any town or city in Florida, or anywhere else, for that matter, and he will not receive more courteous treatment or better service than that given at the Smoke House.

Repairing Road

M. E. Lanier has contracted to repair the Bascom road from Istokpoga to the Kissimmee river bridge, a distance of about nine miles. He commenced work Tuesday morning and expects it will require about three weeks to complete the same, grading and filling in the low places.

Good Roads League Discusses Bond Issue

The Highlands Good Roads League held its regular monthly meeting in Sebring Friday morning, with a good representation from all parts of the Highlands county present. In fact it was the best-attended meeting the league has held since its organization. This was due to the fact that the question of advocating a bond issue for the purpose of building a system of lateral roads throughout the county was to be taken up. Representatives were there from Venus, Lake Childs, Lake Stearns, DeSoto City, Fort Basinger, Sebring and Avon Park.

The president, H. D. Sebring, being absent, Vice-President George T. Roberts of Avon Park presided over the meeting and after the minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted, the principal object of this meeting was stated.

James W. Lane made a short report of what the delegation sent from Highlands county to attend the meeting of the state highway commission in Miami had accomplished and also outlined the purpose of the organization at Fort Pierce, where the members agreed previous to going to attend and endeavor to shift Atlantic Highway from the east coast to the west coast. Full accounts of these two meetings have been previously given, therefore there is no necessity for going into same at this time, as all readers are thoroughly familiar with the subject.

The matter of building Highlands county lateral roads was then brought up for discussion, Dr. E. L. Partridge leading the discussion with a lengthy resume of what had been accomplished and the necessity for concerted action on the part of all the people of the county. He stated that if a bond issue were necessary to build the needed lateral's, he was in favor of a county issue, rather than a district issue, as the former would sell more readily and bring a higher price than the latter. He thought that such a bond issue might be floated and the bonds released as required by each district, the taxpayers of each district paying the tax money to care for the retiring of the bonds.

In order to get the question before the members present, Ira Rigdon placed a motion before the house that the league go on record as favoring a bond issue for the building of laterals. The motion was seconded by M. W. Lanier.

County Commissioner William King stated that he was unalterably opposed to bonding at this time and would be against it, but if the majority of the voters of Avon Park would oppose such a bond issue. He stated that Highlands county would have $18,000 road funds available from the taxes and that this money would be divided equally among the five districts of the county. He was of the opinion that the tax money should build and maintain the lateral roads.

B. S. Johnson, representing the Venus section, stated that the feeling among the majority of the people of that section was strongly against bonding and that they could take care of their lateral roads and that in the event it became necessary to bond they would only favor a district bond issue.

County Commissioner A. N. McKay of Lake Stearns stated that while the people of his section had not talked the matter over as a whole, he had conversed personally with many of the property owners and that the sentiment there was in favor of bond issue, although he did not think a large issue would be necessary.

E. E. McLin, representing the Consolidated Land Company and who was at the meeting in place of Charles Sinclair, who was the president of the league from Lake Childs, was called to the floor and stated that his company wanted to work with the people of this territory. He said he was not there to talk, but that he wanted to get the sentiment of the people before commanding himself. He pointed out that this is a new country and making great roads therefore it would be advisable to watch the steps carefully and not go too fast. He felt sure that the Consolidated Land Company would be with the people heart and soul in any good improvement and that they expected to put some rapid development in the entire county.

Ira Blassinger section was represented by Wm. Williams, who felt that although that section of the county lying east of the Kissimmee river was thinly settled, it was only a question of securing good roads to induce settlers to come there and promote the development of the county. He thought that all of the people of his section would support a bond issue.

J. H. Peeples, representing the Venus section, stated that he had made a canvass of that district and that at least 90 per cent of the property owners and voters were against a county bond issue. He thought it would work an unjust burden to the taxpayers and as they had practically no income at the present time, there being no market for turpentine and timber, they would protest vigorously against any added burden of taxation. He said they could build their own laterals without a bond issue, but if the future it became necessary to raise funds by bonding they would consider a district issue. He called attention to the fact that Glades county is unable to sell its bonds.

Dr. J. L. Moore of Lake Stearns pointed out that he was one of the

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Board of Trade One of Sebring's Live, Constructive Organizations

The commercial organization or Board of Trade, has long ago given imminent proof of its exceptional merit in every community in which it has been established. Everywhere, throughout the length and breadth of the land, the Board of Trade has been the medium through which the many important and necessary improvements of city or town have been obtained. The Board of Trade is essentially an organization of the business men of the city, but all good citizens are heartily welcomed as members. It is through the intelligent, co-operative effort of this body of men, banded together for the common good, that better railroad and mail service and good roads are obtained. This same organization publishes reliable and authentic information relative to the city's assets, its resources and its future possibilities under proper development; it cooperates with the city government and womna's organizations for city betterment. In fact, it functions in scores of important matters pertinent and necessary to the community of which it is a vital part.

Outside influences, such as federal government, state commissions, railroads, etc., give heed and attention to communications from the Board of Trade, as they appreciate the fact that the Board of Trade of a live and hustling city represents the sentiment and best thought of the entire community. Thus results are obtained through organized effort, which no individual, however strong, could accomplish.

The Board of Trade of Sebring is no exception—and its history is complete with records of important transactions which have helped mightily to build our splendid little city. Its organization was effected in 1914 when better railroad service was absolutely necessary. The Atlantic Coast Line had taken off the passenger train and left Sebring with only an accommodation freight train, with a very irregular schedule. No one man was equal to the task of demanding better service but the co-operation of all in the Board of Trade organization won for them the first improvement they went after and every great advancement they have sought since. As the town has grown it has anticipated the needs and has been ready with train service, paved streets, telephone and other utilities, newspapers and every line of business that would add to the advantages of the town. The Board of Trade, while did not bring about all these things, but through co-operation with all town interests, has supported and pushed all of these projects and more.

The work of the Board of Trade on the good road campaigns and its work on county division cannot be over-estimated, but those matters have had a great deal of publicity lately and need not be reviewed here. Its latest great help to the town is Tuscawilla Park, with its casino already built and outdoor amusements planned. It is not working now for any particular thing, but when there is a need and an incentive, it is ready for action.

In the economy of space, but a small portion of the accomplishments and aims of the Board of Trade of Sebring have been mentioned, but can we not in all conservatism, heartily commend and support this institution? Isn't it a very essential and worth-while organization in the city? Should not every real citizen, who has the proper proportion of civic pride and the best interests of the community at heart, become an active member? We think so. Boost the Board of Trade and you boost your town. Don't wait until your own personal interests need a help, but work for the Board of Trade now, and when you need the help, it will be ready and willing to help you.

A Great Day for Florida

It will be a great day for Florida when each farm has plenty of permanent pasturage and flocks and herds of good high-grade live stock, the owners of these farms having learned to feed their animals for profit upon feeds of their own production, rather than merely a maintenance ration shipped in from some other section, where the production cost per unit is frequently greater than the cost to produce upon Florida lands.

Modern Apartment House Being Erected at Pomegranite and Pine

M. G. Myers is building a modern sixteen-room apartment house on his large, well-shaded lots, corner Pomegranite and Pine streets. The building will be two stories in height, containing eight apartments above and eight below, with a large double veranda both in front and rear. He expects to have the apartments on the lower floor completed and ready for occupancy some time in September—in time to accommodate the early arrivals of our winter tourists.

It is Mr. Myers' intention that each of these apartments will accommodate only two people. In his plans he has utilized the space in such a manner that each room will easily do double duty, for not an inch of available space has been wasted. Each apartment will be provided with a sanitary closet, enameled sink, flowing water, built-in oil stove, with ventilation; built-in china closet, clothes press, and a Murphy Inadoor bed, which is absolutely the latest invention in that line. In fact, all furnishings, with the exceptions of table and chairs, will be built in the walls. The size of the rooms will be about 12x14 feet.

The location of this new apartment house is convenient to the business section of the town and but a short distance from Lake Jackson. Mr. Myers expects to rent these apartments for about $100 each for the season of six months, beginning Oct. 1. It is this desire to cater to a class of people in moderate circumstances, who are used to enjoying modern conveniences, but cannot afford to do so at the rates charged in the majority of Florida's tourist centers.

This new apartment house will partially fill a long-felt want in Sebring and will also be an innovation in South Florida — one that every city catering to the winter visitor trade might well pattern after.

Put in Your Claim

The government made up all the money lost to the railroads during the war and made it up about ten fold. Now the Sanford Herald lost a lot of money during the war and we expect the government to make it up. Hey, fellers, all of you business men and farmers and everybody who lost any money during the war: Put in your claim. The government will make it up—we don't think. And yet we are just as much entitled to the money as the railroads.—Sanford Herald.

The Rustic Tea Room on Lake Jackson boulevard was to have been opened Thursday of last week, but it was impossible to get it ready and the opening party was postponed. The new date will be announced later.

Sebring's Groves Showing Trees and Fruit in Good Condition

The groves in the Sebring district furnish the foundation of the town, for upon the prosperous condition of the groves depends the prosperity of most of the institutions of the town. Many of the groves are owned by people who live in the north and are cared for by men or companies especially fitted for this kind of work. Other groves are in large or small tracts and cared for by the owners themselves, through a caretaker or overseer. Some are merely home groves, taken care of by the owner himself in his spare time. A survey of the groves has been made and the general condition noted. The rains which usually fall every day in the summer have not been doing their share, but in spite of this, the bearing trees show a better growth than has been noted in their history. They are holding their fruit well and the fruit is well on the way to maturity. The young trees have made a good growth, too, so that the only suffering from lack of rain has been among the ornamentals and grass, where an unusual amount of summer sprinkling has had to be done.

Jones Brothers have been in Sebring since the first groves were planted, and have shown by the results that they understand the culture of citrus trees. They now have in their care 300 acres with over 200 of that bearing groves. A survey of the property in their care shows the groves in good condition, well-worked, and well managed.

The Grove Development Company is a company made up of the grove owners themselves, co-operating in the care of their groves, doing the work cheaper and better than if each man was caring for his own. A. E. Withers is the overseer for this company and all work is in his charge. Harry Smith is the horticulturist and is an expert in his line. About thirty men are in the employ of the company and the kind and amount of work varies with the season and the needs of the trees. One thousand acres are in the care of the Grove Development Company and half of this is in bearing trees. Mr. Withers reports the condition of both trees and fruit as being good.

B. A. Cope has in his care 150 acres, 50 of bearing trees and the rest young ones. Marion Pollard is the overseer of this work and is a natural tree man. The trees show good care and bear out the evidence of all the caretakers that this has been a favorable season.

The Builders Supply Company entered the grove development business as a side line, but this part of their work has come to be a business in itself. They are now caring for 500 acres, with 250 in bearing trees. They employ twenty men for this work and have a complete line of implements and equipment necessary for the work. A. E. Withers oversees the grove work and is familiar with every part of the business.

Sam Platt has lived in Florida all his life and is familiar with the soil and its care. He has had much experience with citrus trees and their culture and is conscientious in all of his work. He has in his care thirty-seven acres of bearing grove and 100 of young trees and is planning to set more next season. Mr. Platt reports that the fruit on the trees is good in quantity and the quality is better than usual. He also predicts that the cull box will not receive the quantity of fruit next year that it did last.

Sam Dimberline watched the planting of some of the first groves in the Sebring district and has carefully studied all phases of citrus culture. His son, Wm. Dimberline, took the special course at the University of Florida in the care of citrus trees. Personal attention is carefully given to all the groves and their care and their work is very satisfactory. They have in their charge now 200 acres of

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Duties on Farm Products

The emergency tariff bill just enacted by congress provides the following duties on imported farm products: Corn, 15c a bushel; wheat, 35c; potatoes, 25c; onions, 40c; peanuts, 2c and 3c a pound; peanut oil, 26c a gallon; cotton, 7c a pound; wool, 15c to 45c a pound; meats, 2c a pound; butter and substitutes, 6c a pound; fresh milk, 2c a gallon; condensed milk, 3c a pound; tobacco, $2.35 to $3 a pound. An ad valorum rate of 30 per cent is charged on cattle, breeding cattle admitted free.

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FLORIDA By MOSES FOLSOM

Florida contains the oldest city in America—St. Augustine—settled by white men, and no state has a longer and more romantic history. Pensacola and New Smyrna are also old cities with much in and around them of interest to antiquarians. St. Augustine is now a modern city, with the most beautiful and costly built hotel for its size in the world, while Fort Marion is the only example of a mediaeval fortification in this country. It was originally called Fort Marco, but changed after Florida became an American possession, in honor of General Francis Marion. The old fort is a fine example of the science of military engineering of 200 years ago. The work of construction was by Spanish convicts, Indians and slaves. The city was once surrounded by a wall, and the gateway still stands.

Florida has been mapped and charted as no other state. On the earliest maps of the new world all that was known of the continent north of Mexico was called Florida. Parties interested in early maps can get full information in "Maps of America in the Library of Congress," and in "The Lowery Collection; A Descriptive List of Maps of the Spanish Possessions Within the Present Limits of the United States, 1502-1820." These two volumes can be had from the superintendent of documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., at $1.00 each. The United States postoffice department, Washington, D. C., issues a post route map of the state and sells it for 90 cents. The United States geological survey at Washington has a fine map of Florida, 44x61 inches, which is sold for 45 cents. The United States navy department has maps of the various harbors of the state, and these are sold at different prices.

Florida has ten national bird reservations—more than any other state—and the federal government recognizes the value of our climate and soils by maintaining four special experiment stations, more than in any other state, to test for American use of the more than 40,000 plants so far brought in from foreign lands and not known to this country.

Fossil remains of elephants, mammoths and other huge beasts of the early ages have been found in various parts of Florida. In the office of the state geologist at Tallahassee, are found a surprising collection of bones of land and marine forms of life, indicating the existence here of a vast number of strange and grotesque beasts, birds and fishes long before man had a place on the planet. The alligator is about the only survivor of early ages. The fish commissioner has in his office at Tallahassee a fine collection of mounted forms of existing fish life.

Florida has a fine system of public schools, at the head of which is the state university at Gainesville, ranking high among great educational institutions of the country. Affiliated with it are the Florida Agricultural College, the experiment station, the state plant board and various federal agencies in co-operation. The State College for Women is at Tallahassee, and enjoys a high standard. In the same city is the State Agricultural and Mechanical College for the Colored. The State School for the Blind and Deaf is located at St. Augustine, where pupils of both colors are given a common school education and taught suitable trades. The Confederate Home for Soldiers and Sailors is at Jacksonville. The state marketing bureau is also at Jacksonville. A reform school for boys is located at Marianna, and one for girls at Ocala. A hospital for the insane is located at Chattahoochee. A school for the feeble minded is being built at Ocala. The state prison farm is at Raiford. There are many excellent private and denominational schools and colleges.

Florida furnishes four-fifths of the fuller's earth used in this country and is the largest producer of phosphate in America. Phosphate is an essential element in the making of fertilizers, and thousands of tons are annually shipped across the ocean to enrich the worn soils of European countries. Kaolin, or ball clay, from which pottery is made, is found in many localities, also limestone and extensive beds of peat, and coquina rock, composed of small shells and used for road making and building, is one of the peculiar formations along the east coast. Coral keys or islands fringe the south end of the state, and coral rock is still being formed, and accordingly ours is the only state being increased in landed area by the addition of new reefs and the enlargement of old ones.

The Indian mounds, abundant in all parts of Florida, bespeak a dense aboriginal population, the only record of their existence being left in rude pottery and bones found in heaps of earth built up for observation, defensive and burial purposes. Scientific societies have explored many of these mounds and found relics of rude devices used by our first inhabitants in peace and war. The only Indians now in the state are Seminoles, several hundred of them, on a reservation in the Everglades.

The people of the United States annually consume over four million tons of sugar, and more than fifty million gallons of syrup. Sugar cane grows in every county in Florida. All of the sugar and syrup used in America could be made in Florida, on an area less than the largest county of the state. Cane rattoons in South Florida, or reproduces itself over a series of years, as it will not do in other states. Why not sugar and syrup mills in Florida on a scale commensurate with the importance of these products? The market already exists. The indications are that we will soon have some big mills.

Florida has a varied wild animal and bird life. The state at one time had a great number and variety of birds. The existence of an abundant wild life argues the possibilities of domesticated animal husbandry. There are already fine domestic herds and flocks in many parts of the state. Grass and forage crops can be grown plentifully with practically perennial pastures. There is a regular supply of good water with no continued extremes of cold or heat to put a strain on vitality of beast or bird, and expensive shelter is not needed. The live stock and dairy interests are represented by active state organizations.

The waters of the seas around Florida, which give the state more coast line than any other, with those of the fresh water lakes and rivers of the interior, contain more than 600 kinds of fish, with oysters, clams, crabs and shrimp in abundance. Sea turtles of large sizes are still found and the only sponge fisheries in America are here.

I WILL

I will start this morning with a higher, fairer creed,
I will cease to stand complaining of my ruthless neighbor's greed;
I will cease to sit repining while my duty's call is clear,
I will waste no moment whining and my heart shall know no fear.

I will look sometimes about me for the things that merit praise;
I will search for hidden beauties that elude the grumbler's gaze.
I will try to find contentment in the things I may tread;
I will cease to have resentment when another moves ahead.

I will not be swayed by envy when my rival's strength is shown;
I will not deny his merit, but I'll strive to prove my own;
I will try to see the beauty spread before, rain or shine —
I will cease to preach your duty and be more concerned with mine.

—S. E. Kiser.

[We are not very strong on poetry, but we do like the sentiment expressed in the above.]

New Breed of Poultry

Lamona is the name given to a new breed of poultry that has been developed at the experiment farm of the United States department of agriculture at Beltsville, Md. It has been named after the originator, Harry M. Lamon, senior poultryman of the United States bureau of animal industry. It is a white fowl with red ear lobes that lays a white-shelled egg. White Plymouth Rock, Silver Gary Dorking and White Leghorn were the breeds used as foundation stock. The fowls are larger than Leghorns, with long, deep bodies, well feathered and comb and wattles of medium size. As soon as a stock of birds can be secured a supply will be sent to various state experiment stations to test their adaptability to different sections and conditions.

Citrus Catechism

The Florida Citrus Exchange has issued a neat little booklet called "Citrus Catechism." The booklet gives a great deal of useful information concerning the Exchange and its functions and every citrus grower should have one.

CALIFORNIA ROAD EXPERT SAYS FLORIDA IS POINTING THE WAY

[Tampa Times]

"Florida's roads are the best in the country," declared Douglas C. Rhodes, who with D. W. Lewis, field engineers of the Automobile Club of Southern California, visited Tampa Wednesday during a 20,000 tour of the entire United States. The engineers are preparing road maps showing routes between various cities of the Pacific and Atlantic coasts.

Leaving Los Angeles May 23, the engineers covered more than 9,000 miles on their trip to Tampa, according to the speedometer. The route taken was by no means a direct one, as the proposed road map called for visits to cities in every part of the lower United States. Texas was the first state visited by the autoists, who then went to Kansas City, St. Louis, New Orleans, Atlanta and Nashville. From Tennessee they proceeded to Jacksonville, then down the Florida East Coast to Miami and West Palm Beach. The Miami-Tampa trip was made by way of Melbourne and Kissimmee.

"No state in the union has improved roads to compare with Florida's," the California engineers said Wednesday, before leaving Tampa on the next leg of their journey. They expressed surprise that South Florida did not have an organization smiliar to the Automobile Club of Southern California, which has a membership of 60,000 motorists and a working force of 400 employes. The preparation of road maps and the posting of signs on the highways are only two of the purposes of the club.

The next official stop of the road mappers will be Tallahassee. From the capital city they will go to Washington, New York and Maine, making stops at the larger cities en route. The trip from Maine to California will be made around the Great Lakes and across the northern tier.

The engineers expect to cover more than 30,000 miles before completing their journey the latter part of this year. The maps should be ready by next summer for free distribution to the members of their club.

Florida's Shipments

Carload shipments of citrus fruits from Florida has practically ceased for the season of 1920-21. The total number of cars to July 22 reached 33,615. Of these 12,989 cars carried grapefruit and 20,616 oranges. It is estimated that 12,000,000 boxes of citrus fruit were shipped out of the state when broken shipments are included and that home consumption, including those fruits used in factories, plus the fruit which wasted, would bring the production total to 13,500,000 boxes of citrus fruit. Tomatoes were carried to market outside the state by 5,979 loaded cars. Watermelon shipments reached a record of 4,989 carloads; celery, 4,249 carloads; vegetables, 4,180 carloads; lettuce, 2,657 carloads; potatoes, 2,-332 carloads; cabbage, 1,400 carloads; pineapples, 128 carloads; strawberries, 105 carloads, and cantaloupes, six carloads, according to data given out by the Citrus Exchange.

Reclaiming Jelly

Jelly which will not "jell" may sometimes be reclaimed by the use of pectin. A quart of grape juice which had refused to become jelly was recently brought in the experimental kitchen of the home economics office of the United States department of agriculture at Washington. By the addition of a small amount of apple pectin, a firm, fine-flavored grape jelly was obtained. Because of the success a whole shelf full of jelly failure from which the sample was taken can now be redeemed. Pectin may be easily extracted from apples, also from the citrus fruits and kept for use with juices that lack this ingredient. Some fruits, such as strawberries and pears, do not contain sufficient pectin to make jelly. Pectin must be added.

Why Favor the Railroads?

The government allows the railroads to charge a rate that will insure 6 per cent on their income. Nothing has been done to secure any profit for the farmer. The present financial condition in which the low prices have placed the farmer compels him to reduce production and thereby force a fair price for his products. The prudent farmer will keep well within safe limits in his expenses this year.

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Retired Auctioneer (absent-mindedly)—Sold!—Passing Show, London.

PRESIDENT HARDING INVITES SENATOR FLETCHER TO THE WHITE HOUSE

An unusual compliment was paid Senator Fletcher when he received a note from President Harding a few days ago asking him to call at the White House so that the president might discuss with him certain points in connection with a speech recently made by the senator upon the subject of foreign commerce, transportation, overseas markets and ocean shipping.

This speech was most comprehensive and there have been demands for copies of it from many parts of the country. For the president of the United States to request any one to call and discuss a speech which has been delivered, especially when the party called upon, as in the present case, is a democrat, shows that the chief executive considers the matter of such extreme importance that he desires more light and information on it.

In this speech Senator Fletcher dwelt at length upon the unfairness being shown against the South Atlantic and Gulf ports, the value of new fields and commercial and transportation questions generally. He showed convincingly why other ports are endeavoring to starve those in the south to death and revealed the selfish motives underlying tactics now being employed along this line.

Georgia's Pecan Crop

Georgia, as a general thing, will make a good pecan crop this year. All the older trees are loaded with nuts and the season will be a very satisfactory one. Groves from fifteen to twenty years old are expected to bear a large crop. A conservative estimate of the South Georgia crop this season is given at 3,000,000 pounds, by some correspondents. Because of the short crop in Georgia last year and the total failure of the Texas crop, there are practically on hold-over nuts, reporters say, and the growers will find all the markets clean this fall. High prices are anticipated for the new crop.

Too Many Autos in India

There is at present an oversupply of automobiles in India. It is estimated by a representative of the automobile industry that out of the 14,-032 cars imported into India between April 1, 1920, and Jan. 1, 1921, about 7,000 are stored in Calcutta, Bombay, Delhi, Karachi and other places awaiting purchasers, and in some cases held for nonpayment of drafts by the consignees.

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HIGHLANDS GOOD ROADS LEAGUE RESPONSIBLE FOR MANY IMPROVEMENTS

March 11, 1921, a number of the citizens of Avon Park, Sebring and other parts of the county met in Sebring for the purpose of forming a good roads league. A motion was made and carried to organize under the name of the Highlands Good Roads League. George F. Kellogg of Avon Park was chosen temporary chairman and J. Howard Boyd temporary secretary. The permanent officers elected were H. O. Sebring, president, and Ira Rigdon, secretary, the president appointing the following officers: Vice-presidents, George F. Kellogg, Avon Park; P. G. Miller, Sebring; E. J. Etheredge, DeSoto City; A. M. McAuley, Lake Stearns; Charles L. Gaines, Lake Childs; A. W. Pierce, Hicoria; W. E. Hendry, Venus, and Willie Williams, Bassinger. Directors: Mark W. Lance, Avon Park; J. E. Graham, Sebring; C. F. Saunders, DeSoto City; M. A. Jones, Lake Stearns; C. J. West, Lake Childs; C. H. Shackelford, Hicoria; J. H. Peeple, Venus, and L. C. Pierce, Bassinger.

The membership fee was established at $1 and forty-five of those present paid. Regular meetings were to be held in Sebring on the second Friday of each month. The object of the league to co-operate with all organizations and individuals interested in the building and upkeep of good roads, with a view to securing better highways in the county and state. During the seventeen months of the operations of the league, it has accomplished much along the lines on which it was organized, working with the Board of Trade, county commissioners and the state road department.

It was largely through the efforts of members of this league that the Gulf-Atlantic Scenic Highway League was organized last month at Fort Pierce. They were also largely responsible for the state highway commission designating the road from Haines City south, through Lake Wales, Frostproof, Avon Park, Sebring, DeSoto City and Lake Anne, thence to the East Coast via Okeechobee City and Fort Pierce, as state road No. 8, to be built and maintained by the state, eliminating the necessity of bonding by counties or districts for this purpose.

Largely through the efforts of the Gulf-Atlantic Scenic Highway League we have been assured by members of the state board that the state will commence active operations on the construction of this road at the earliest possible date, making this the first coast-to-coast hard-surfaced road in the state.

Do you realize what this will mean to all the people of the Scenic Highlands, Highlands county and especially Sebring, when this road is completed?

No one can tell all that it will mean, but some of the things are these:

Thousands of people who have never seen this section will pass through every month, not only tourists seeking investments and recreation, but residents of other parts of our own state, who have never before visited us.

This country is new. The most of us who live here have traveled extensively through this state and many others. You all know why you settled here. It was because the beauty of this section appealed to you more than any other you had ever seen. You found health conditions here better than in many other localities and excelled by none; good investments at fair prices; the cleanest, purest, best water you ever drank, free from lime or sulphur and absolutely tasteless. You found a people liberal and broad-minded, sociable and pleasant, but inclined to mind their own business, broad enough to grant to you the same privileges they expected you to extend to them.

All these and more you found, my neighbors, when you came here, and do you not expect that these same advantages that cause you to select this as your future home will appeal equally as strong to many of the thousands who will come and see for the first time when they can travel in comfort over these hard-surfaced roads the same advantages that induced you to settle here?

Yes; many of them will decide to stay. Some will purchase improved property, that they may enjoy the benefit of your labors, already put forth. Others will invest in some of the many unimproved acres that lie all around us, constructing their own homes, clearing and planting their own land and helping others who do not care to do all the work themselves, and each year rolls by and new people see the peace, plenty and prosperity of this, our own community, we will become more and more thickly settled, until it will be one vast orange grove.

Beauty appeals to the eye and through the eye to all the other senses. Neither you nor I have ever seen a more beautiful little city than Sebring, lying on the bosom of beautiful Lake Jackson. Yet the beauty of our city today is as nothing to what it will be some day, when you will see fine homes and residences builded clear around our wonderful lake.

And all these things have been hastened and perhaps made possible largely through the efforts of the Highlands Good Roads League.

Shoddy Goods

It was stated before a congressional committee recently that two-thirds of the woolen goods on the market today are made of shoddy—that is from old rags, old clothes, waste and clippings. This stuff can be reworked many times, and is, and this fact cuts down the use of two-thirds of our raw wool. A bill is before congress to require all goods made of shoddy to be branded in such a manner that the purchaser will know what he is getting. Everybody who is interested in securing this protection should express his views to congress. This bill is called "truth in fabric" law. If you are interested in the enactment of this important law, write to your congressman or senator and urge its adoption.

SEBRING'S UNEXCELLED EDUCATIONAL ADVANTAGES

Each year since the beginning of the town has seen a great growth in the school. When the new building was built five years ago it was expected that it would fill the needs of the town for at least ten years. But it is already out-grown and additional quarters are to be used next year. Three extra rooms will be in readiness for the beginning of school and this will make a room for each grade. The teachers have all been engaged and plans are being made for the opening. A music teacher has been engaged by the Woman's Club to teach public school music and comes especially well recommended as to her qualifications and ability to give the Sebring school the very best in that line. School will open Sept. 19 and it is urged that all who possibly can will be ready to enter the first day.

Music

Sebring has been very fortunate in having musical advantages that are usually lacking in small towns. Mrs. E. C. Wright taught with the Chicago Piano College in Chicago for twenty years, and came from there to make her home in Sebring. After doing the pioneer work here, she now has a large class of private pupils and has done much for the town in furnishing music for many public affairs. As chairman of the music committee of the Woman's Club she has superintended the music of the school. She has for this year engaged Miss Mary Patrick of Texas to take charge of this work. Miss Patrick is also a teacher of violin and voice and Mrs. Wright is now arranging classes for her in that work to supplement her school work. Any one interested in arranging lessons may consult with Mrs. Wright.

Private School

One of the necessities in a tourist town is a private school. Many people come here for a short time and do not care to take up the course of work offered in the public schools. In order that they might continue the work and follow the lessons as outlined in the school from which they came, Mrs. J. H. Boyd conducted a private school here last year, and by its work pleased the tourists and took care of many Sebring students for part or all of their work in all grades of the grammar and high school departments. She is a capable teacher and well fitted for this special work. It is expected that she will continue the work this year and announcement of the details will be made later.

Art Class

An art class, open to the townspeople and tourists, is conducted by Mrs. Mable Degering. This class has been especially for children and has been most successful in its work. The class will be resumed next year, and announcement will be made later as to the time and place of the meeting.

Any information along these lines desired by any one anticipating coming to Sebring will be given by the Messenger on request.

BOARD OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION HOLDS MEETING

Aug. 1, 1921.

The board of public instruction of Highlands county met in regular session. The following members were present: Ira Rigdon, chairman; W. A. Marshall, M. A. Millar and I. C. M. Ellenberger, county superintendent and secretary.

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 5 and of the special meeting of July 16 were read and approved.

On motion the board adjourned until 9 o'clock.

The board was called to order at 1 o'clock by the chairman.

Mr. Sellin, representing the Consolidated Land Company, appeared before the board in reference to taxes.

It was, on motion of W. A. Marshall, seconded by M. A. Millar, resolved that a school shall be maintained at 15-6, former DeSoto county; and that a school shall be maintained at 14-F, Hicoria; and that the pupils of Lake Childs shall be transported to Lake Stearns, and that the ninth grade be added to the curriculum of the Lake Stearns school and the studies of said grade be taught.

On motion of M. L. Crews, supervisor of district 13B, former DeSoto county, be authorized to repair the school building of 28-B, Old Spring Valley school district.

It was, on motion of M. A. Millar, seconded by W. A. Marshall, resolved that a loan be negotiated with the Highlands Bank & Trust Co. of Sebring in the sum of $10,000 for the purpose of paying the school indebtedness of Highlands county to old DeSoto and other purposes. Said loan shall be made as follows: $2,500 due in three months at 8 per cent, $5,000 due in six months at 8 per cent, $2,500 due in nine months at 8 per cent.

Application by the trustees of Arcadia special tax school district No. 1 for permission to negotiate a loan of $1,500 for three months at 8 per cent for the purpose of paying their indebtedness to old Arcadia district in new DeSoto county.

On motion it was resolved that the trustees of Arcadia special tax school district No. 1 be authorized to negotiate a loan of $1,500 for three months, at 8 per cent, for the purpose of paying their indebtedness to Arcadia special tax school district No. 1 in new DeSoto county.

No further business appearing, the board adjourned.

IRA RIGDON, Chairman.
I. C. M. ELLENBERGER,
County Superintendent and Secretary.

Decrease in All Products

Figured on a tonnage basis, the exports of grain, dairy products and meat products during the calendar year 1920 were double, while the exports of cotton were below normal, according to data compiled by the United States bureau of markets and crop estimates. In fact the exports of cotton in 1920 amounted to only about three-fourths of the exports in any prewar year. The exports for the first half of 1920 showed a large increase in all products.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Davis spent last Sunday in Fort Meade.

M. J. Dooner of the Buckeye Confestionery spent the week-end in Tampa.

Mrs. E. W. Harshman has been quite ill for the past week, but is now improving.

J. H. Garst and Ira Rigdon were transacting business in Avon Park Monday afternoon.

George E. Sebring departed Sunday for Sebring, O. Mr. Sebring expects to return about Oct. 1.

Mrs. F. T. Haskins returned last Friday from a short visit at her former home in Winter Haven.

Walter Scott left last Saturday for Brooker, Fla., where he will hold a three-day Masonic school of instruction.

Jones brothers made a trip to Tampa last week and brought back with them a Jersey cow to add to their dairy.

Jim Killeen is building a new garage for Thomas Whitehouse. Mr. Whitehouse and George are helping with the work.

J. H. Peeples and B. S. Johnson of Venus were representing that section at the meeting of the Highlands Good Roads League Friday of last week.

For Sale or Trade—Chandler automobile; good condition; new tires. Will trade for lots or improved property. A. C. Heacock. — Advertisement. 2t

J. H. Strickland, Dave Boney and Andrew Boney, all of whom live east of Lake Istokpoga, were in Sebring Monday transacting business and greeting friends.

J. C. Butler will save you money on your house painting; either outside or interior painting. All work first-class and satisfaction guaranteed.—Advertisement.

Wanted—To rent by the year furnished or unfurnished house of five or more rooms; bath, electric lights and water. Good tenant. Apply this office.—Advertisement. tf

C. L. Knight of Tampa was here Friday of last week and attended the good roads meeting. Mr. Knight is heavily interested in grove property at Lake Stearns and is a strong advocate of good roads.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Stodden of Avon Park, A. G. Smith of Wauchula and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tauchen of DeSoto City were out-of-town people who attended services at the Community church last Sunday.

Wanted—A good, strong woman, from 25 to 40 years old; to help in boarding house; good wages and good home. Don't apply unless you want permanent position. Mrs. J. C. Butler, Sebring.—Advertisement.

H. S. Jones, who has recently returned from Fort Dade, where he had been to bring back a fine jersey cow recently purchased by Jones Bros., reports the progress being made in the building line in Tampa is something simply wonderful.

Word has been received from A. Binger that he and his family will return to Sebring in time for the children to enter school Sept. 19. Mr. Binger is a good public worker and a great helper in the church and all of his friends will be glad to see him here again.

Lake Stearns was represented here Friday of last week by A. M. McAuley, E. A. Bowers, J. L. Moore, Gustav Hoffman, M. A. Jones, L. L. Henderson, F. H. Lewis, H. L. Watters, Charles Towne and T. U. Jackson, who were attending the good roads meeting.

Jones brothers are doing their share in the City Beautiful campaign. They have cleaned the park spaces of all the lots in their care and that means quite a few. Will all out-of-town property owners have their caretakers clean up the premises or write to the Messenger to have it done?

The tacky party given at Cherokee Lodge, home of A. G. Smith of Wauchula Thursday night of last week was perfect in all details. Invitations, costumes, refreshments and prizes were all "tacky" and thirty young people enjoyed the novel entertainment planned for the evening.

George E. Sebring bought the sandwiches and doughnuts that the ladies had left at the ball park last Friday and sent them to the children that were unable to attend the game. Their delight fully repaid Mr. Sebring for his kindness ad the library committee appreciated the money from the sale of the food. Double duty that money did.

L. C. Pierce and Willie Williams of Fort Bassinger were here Friday of last week attending the meeting of the Highlands Good Roads League. These people have lived for many years in a remote section of the county, with mighty poor apologies for roads connecting them with the markets and shipping points. The Messenger hopes that the means of providing them with good roads will soon be worked out.

R. A. Elliott of the Istokpoga school district informs us that they have made arrangements with the county school board to have seven or eight months school this year in their district. There are about twenty scholars in the district and there has been no school there for about two years. The county will furnish the material and the patrons will rebuild the school house. The school board has agreed to supply a teacher and school will begin early in September.

Dr. E. J. Etheredge and Ira Rigdon went to Veuus last Saturday afternoon to attend a good roads meeting. The meeting was well attended by people in the vicinity of Venus and it was made a festive occasion by the serving of chicken pillau before the meeting. Mr. Rigdon and Dr. Etheredge both addressed the people on that all-important subject of good roads and speakers from other communities were also there. After spending Sunday in Venus Dr. Etheredge and Mr. Rigdon returned to Sebring to take up their work here Monday morning.

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The Ku Klux Klan by another name might prove a useful organization.

Cats are credited with having nine lives. Most of the editors can thank God they are not cats.

What would our government think of a citizen who spent 83 per cent of his income for arms and ammunition?—Columbia Record.

Whether damning a worthy enterprise with faint praise proves effective towards insuring the mortality of the one who damns.

A physician has discovered that the human being has seven senses. Maybe some of them have, but we know others who have no sense at all, at all.

If co-operative marketing is good for the growers, why wouldn't co-operative purchasing prove equally good for the merchants and their customers?

The anti-tobacco fanatics are probably gloating over the fact that the tobacco crops of Tennessee and Kentucky are suffering from adverse weather conditions.

The Times-Union advises people to do their "Christmas shopping early, before the price tags are marked up for the holidays." Some dire penalty should be inflicted upon a man who will suggest Christmas times, when the mercury is hanging around in the nineties.

Read the development stories in this issue of the Highlander. Does it look like the Ridge region was going backward? The next census will show from 100,000 to 150,000 people from Haines City to Lake Annie. Is the Highland Heart of Citrus Florida and you can't hold it back.—Lake Wales Highlander.

The Miami Herald is offering a cash prize of $1,000 for a photograph of the handsomest unmarried girl in southeast Florida, but confines the territory from which contestants may enter to seven of the East Coast counties. Lucky they didn't take in Highlands county, for we'd soon be counting the Herald's money.

A 400-pound bear was killed ten miles from Jacksonville; a seven-foot long panther was killed in Orange county, and a doctor and one other man ran down and caught with their hands a twenty-five-pound wild cat somewhere else. Does not appear that pellagra has hurt our manhood much yet.—Tampa Tribune.

Every field of honest endeavor is open to whomsoever desires to enter that field. A monopoly of any line of business means higher prices to the public and such service as the monopolist sees fit to give. Competition is the life of trade and it is only through competition that the public can secure fair treatment. Would any of our readers go back to the time of one grocery store, one hardware store, one dry goods store? We believe not.

For the present, the Highlands County Messenger is being printed in Avon Park. It's main office of publication is in Sebring. Its editor and associate editor live in Sebring. As soon as conditions warrant it an up-to-date new plant will be installed in Sebring. Having the mechanical work done in Avon Park at the present time means lower cost of production and a consequent saving to its patrons. Our circulation the first issue was nearly 700; the second issue nearly 100 more. Nuf ced.

Who could make a better senator from this district than Dr. E. J. Etheredge? He is familiar with all the problems of the new county and has proven his ability to handle them. He knows more about the road situation than any other man. He should be allowed to complete the work that he and Senator Cowles so capably began at the last session of the legislature. The citizens of this district should consider themselves fortunate to have a man of the standing of Dr. Etheredge to represent them, for there are not many of his calibre to be found.—Contributed.

Governor Tejada of the state of Vera Cruz, Mexico, July 3 signed a bill making it obligatory upon all commercial and industrial interests in the state to distribute among their employes a portion of their profits, ranging from 10 to 50 per cent, according to an established schedule. The interests affected, among which are the petroleum firms, have entered a vigorous protest, some having secured the issuance of a temporary injunction. Many have declared that it will be impossible for them to operate under the law and further than do so they will shut down their plants. It surely is rather out of the ordinary when a state says the employers shall divide a part of their profits with the workmen who make these profits possible.

The cattle men of Florida have dynamited the dipping vats, turned their cattle out on the public and defied laws and refused advice. Uncle Sam now steps in and says that the tick-infested cattle of this state shall not be allowed on the northern markets. That blow kills the industry. The skins are not full of ticks, but that they won't make shoes and are only fit for soap grease. If the free pool law would demand the cleaning up of the ticks or refusal to ship domestic cattle on the local markets, perhaps the cattle men would wake up to their own interests. Florida is the greatest cattle country in the union if only improved methods would be used. We should be shipping thousands of them to all the markets. It's a dip or be damned.—Haines City Herald.

PROBLEMS OF AGRICULTURE

Under this head we can think of nothing more important than readjustment of abnormal prices, forced upon us in all lines by the World War, including food, manufactured articles, transportation and labor.

The farmer produces all of the food and consumes one-third of all the nation's cotton supplies. There is no other industrial buyer who competes with him in volume. Heretofore he has worked independently, both in production and distribution, each one a competitor with the other, and much to the disadvantage of all.

But today the farmer is awakening to the fact that union there is strength. While he is working no less, he is reading and thinking more. He sees the results attained by the organization of labor and capital in all other lines of endeavor and he has come to the conclusion that if he would have his labor and his dollar secure up to that of other men in other lines, he must co-operate with his fellow farmers. Therefore, today we see the Illinois Agricultural Association with 108,000 members, members, each paying $15 yearly dues; state farm bureaus in Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Texas, each with a membership of more than 100,000, and the American Farm Bureau Federation, with a membership of more than 1,000,000 and increasing at the rate of 50,000 each month. And Florida now enters the ranks with other progressive states through the endeavors of M. L. Rhodes, head of our state marketing bureau, and others. And right here we wish to say to our readers and to the people of the state of Florida who have never met Mr. Rhodes, "get acquainted." He is one of the big men of the state—broad, liberal minded, of sterling worth and the peer of any man in his line of endeavor—a man who is sacrificing self and personal profit for the advancement of the interests of Florida farmers and the general prosperity of the state and nation.

While Florida ranks high today as an agricultural state, she has only just started to show what can be done and under intelligent, organized co-operation, she is destined to become one of the leading states, if not the leading state of the nation in agricultural production.

It was our intention to show some of the inequalities that exist today in the various fields of enterprise, but space in this issue will not permit an adequate covering of the field, therefore we will give you but one or two comparisons.

A farmer butchers several beef cattle and takes them to market. The hides weigh 164 pounds, or an average of 41 pounds each. For the lot he receives $4.92. He steps into a shoe store, prices shoes and finds that $5 will buy only an ordinary pair and if he wants the quality he sees nearly all people wearing, he must pay from $9 to $10. He wonders why. He gets a hair cut and shave at the barber shop and pays from 55 to 75 cents. He says the barber planted, raised and marketed a half bushel of sweet potatoes in thirty minutes. That is some better than he can do. He and his wife take dinner at the restaurant. Their bill is $1.80 (and they didn't get much of a dinner at that price). He says: "Wife, we ate a bushel of Irish potatoes for dinner; they go farther at home." He brought a bale of cotton to town, for which he received $40. He purchased a suit of clothes for himself and a dress for his wife and it took the whole bale. We might enumerate other things he bought, but they were all in keeping with the foregoing.

Do you wonder he is thinking and planning to devise some method or means whereby he can make his dollar have somewhere near the same purchasing power as the other fellow's?

And what does it mean to the merchant when the average price of farm products is one-half the average price of other commodities? Only this: That he has lost at least one-half of one-third of all his trade. Or, in other words, the bulk of his whole trade has been cut off one-sixth.

Consult the advertising columns of your local newspaper before making your week-end purchases. It will pay you.

FOOLISHNESS FOUND IN HIGH PLACES

We do not comprehend how a man in the position of Governor Strong of the New York Federal Reserve Bank, having the knowledge of business he must possess, could promulgate or sponsor in any way the idea that it would be to the advantage of the American people to cancel the interest charges on the allied government debt to the United States, thus giving these countries greater purchasing power for American products.

These interest charges due the United States amount to something more than a half billion dollars each year, which go toward the defraying of our governmental expenses, in addition to which the people of the United States must pay about an equal amount in taxes to meet the total required by our government. We all feel the burden as it now is to be as great as we can well bear. We are curtailing our own consumption in every way possible, in order to meet the demands placed upon us.

The absurdity of Governor Strong's proposition is so apparent that it seems impossible that anyone with any business judgment whatsoever would entertain such a thought and much less attempt to convince anyone with ordinary sense or intelligence that it could be to our advantage in any way, shape or manner. It would not possess even an excuse of fairness to ourselves.

A proposition of this kind emanating where it has makes us think that foolishness is the natural heritage of man and is not confined to those who tread the so-called lowly paths of life. Real wisdom is truly a jewel without price and oft we find it not where we had most reason to believe it dwelt.

"Dogs never go mad," says a scientist, "if they get plenty to eat." Lot of men wouldn't get mad under the same circumstances.—New York Morning Telegraph.

A GOOD OFFICER AND A MAN

Even a federal prohibition agent, callous as he may be adjudged by the general public, may have a heart that can be touched by the appeals of a child. This fact was demonstrated recently by Deputy Marshal J. E. Cox of Tampa, who had raided a still at Six-Mile creek. As the deputy marshal was about to take his prisoner away, the little 8-year-old daughter of the offender tugged at his trousers and hysterically begged that "daddy be not taken away."

"I didn't have any heart left for that job," the deputy said. "None of the boys did. There was that little girl talking broken English mixed with French, and asking for her daddy. I don't suppose they had enough to eat in the house. And if we took the man away and left the mother and kids—there were five in all—alone in that part of the woods, you couldn't tell what might happen."

He was asked what did happen.

"Well, I don't know whether the boys want it known, but we sort of agreed between us to make up the old man's bond ourselves and let him stay out there."

Deputy Cox is not only a good officer, but bigger and better than that—he is a good man. All law should be tempered with mercy and the judge is not the only officer who should have the privilege of exercising it.

The newspaper is one of the greatest educational institutions in the world and as such its pages should be free from ungrammatical expressions, typographical errors and false statements. Laws should be passed denying the privileges of the mails to newspapers not up to a certain educational standard.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS GATHERED BY OUR DE SOTO CITY CORRESPONDENT

Miss Allie Belle Etheredge of Sebring has been spending a few days with Jane Catherine Farmer.

Several of the lots on Lake drive are being cleared, with a view of building here during this fall.

Mrs. L. T. Farmer and daughter Jane Catherine spent Monday in Sebring visiting Mrs. E. J. Etheredge.

Mesdames Perry Etheredge, J. C. deGruiferre, M. Alvah Payne and Judson Twitty spent Tuesday with Mrs. Joab Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Watts and their son Teddy, Mr. and Mrs. Judson Twitty and Master Judson, Jr., Miss Allie May Etheredge, Mr. and Mrs. Joel A. Farmer, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Farmer and Jane Catherine showered Mr. and Mrs. M. Alvah Payne with edibles, such as jellies, guavas, huckleberries and cake, one night last week and all reported a pleasant, sociable time.

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Everybody that failed to be at Sunday school at DeSoto City last Sunday failed to hear one of the best lessons that has ever been taught. Just before the classes were called L. T. Farmer sang "Ninety and Nine," which fitted in nicely with the lesson. The Rev. Edwards, in his pleasing and interesting manner, explained the lesson in such a manner that you forgot that you were any place save with Paul and Barnabas on their journeys. You miss something when you remain away from Sunday school.

ENGINEER ORDERED TO SURVEY AND ESTABLISH ROAD NO. 8

A telegram from Mark Lance, who was in attendance upon the meeting of the state highway commission in Jacksonville Monday, reads: "State engineer ordered to survey and establish No. 8, Haines City to Lake Annie. Make inspection trip Saturday."

This means that state road No. 8 will be established immediately and that the people along the route will know how to govern themselves in the way of improvements, etc. It also means that the state highway commission intends to push the work of building this highway as rapidly as possible.

We understand work of adding the shoulders to the road in Polk county was begun early this week.

Mizpah Bible Class Meeting

The Mizpah Bible class of the Methodist church had the usual large and enthusiastic attendance at the regular business and social meeting last Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. W. B. Leatherman. After a short business meeting Mrs. Heacock and Mrs. Baker took charge of the entertainment. The interesting contests provided were amusing and instructive and showed the results of a wide-awake committee planning for the occasion. The musical program was also very pleasing—a duet by Mrs. Heacock and Mrs. Hainz and a solo by Mrs. Michener. At the conclusion of the program ice cream and cake were served. The September meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. W. F. Johnson.

Buds of Promise Party

The young girls of the Buds of Promise class of the M. E. church arranged a party at the Arrowhead Hotel last Friday night and invited the young boys of the Sunday school as their guests. They had plenty of room there to enjoy themselves and from the sounds that were heard, one can be sure that they did so. Many exciting games had been played, delicious refreshments were served and all voted the party a "howling" success.

Bearing Apple Tree

Crystal Springs boasts of an 8-year-old seedling apple tree, which has been bearing fruit for four years. The variety is unknown, but the apples are said to be good cooking and pie apples.

SEBRING'S GROVES SHOWING TREES AND FRUIT IN GOOD CONDITION

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bearing trees and 150 of young trees. **Grove Development Around Sebring**

A. G. Smith of Wauchula has a large grove at the north end of Lake Jackson. He is in Sebring now and after a careful inspection of the grove finds it in good condition, with a great quantity of fruit. In this grove there are forty acres of bearing trees and forty of young trees. A caretaker lives on the place and the premises always show good care.

Near the Smith grove is a 40-acre bearing grove owned by Henry Allsoop and is in the class of the Smith grove. Mr. Allsoop has beautified the boulevard through his property by planting palms along the drive and bignonia vines along the fence. The view of the lake from this location is most attractive and the lake front lots most valuable.

Another 40-acre grove is next to this one and is in the same state of growth and maturity. This belongs to a company including Andrews, Fischer and Floto. The Lake View drive has opened up this section of Sebring and we find that it is one of the most attractive and is being made more so by the progressive men in charge.

The Kenilworth Company has in connection with the hotel and golf course 140 acres of grove, combination grapefruit, oranges, tangerines and kumquats. The tangerines show a need of rain, but none of the trees have been damaged by the dry weather.

Mrs. C. B. Rickey has in her charge 40 acres of bearing grove and oversees the work that is done in them. These are in good shape, too, and well worth inspecting.

J. W. Ingle has owned grove property in Sebring for some time, but just recently moved here from Athens, Ga., and has taken charge of all work in his groves. He has eighty-two acres of bearing trees near the tank in the Basket lake district and the trees are now bearing their first crop and it looks like a good one. Mr. Ingle is having 100 acres more cleared to be planted later.

Just beyond the tank is the 100-acre grove recently sold by the Skipper estate. These are pretty three-year-old trees, that have grown much in the past year.

Besides these groves just enumerated, there are many town lots with bearing trees and possibly other groves that were not taken in this list. But from this resume we find in the close-in Sebring district there are 1,500 acres of bearing trees and 1,479 of young trees. There is much clearing going on and next planting season will be a busy one. There are a few spots in some of the groves that show a little dieback and some of the trees show by their leaves that they need water. But by far the greater per cent of the trees are in good condition. If any one cares for a report of the condition of any particular grove, it will be sent by the Messenger on request.

Called Meeting

A special meeting of the executive board of the Woman's Club was called last Tuesday evening and important business transacted. Amendments to the by-laws were made and plans for next year's work were discussed. It was decided to enclose the rear porch of the library building and equip as kitchenette. At the regular meeting Sept. 6, the nominating committee will be elected.

CHURCH NOTICES

Community Church

Services at Tuscawilla Park Sunday at 11 a. m. Sermon by the pastor, the Rev. F. J. Tauchen. Special number by the choir, under direction of Mrs. E. C. Wright, assisted by Walter Scott, violinist. Miss Mary Bogle will sing "One Sweetly Solemn Thought," by Ambrose.

To The People of Sebring:

Take a trip up to Avon Park, and let us try over for you any roll, record or sheet music that you may fancy, in our new store, the only one of its kind in a radius of many miles. Perhaps we may figure with you on a Piano Player or a choice of several makes of Graphaphones. Come and see for yourself.

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30x3½	4.25	2.95	19.75	16.90
32x3½	4.50	3.20	20.75	20.90
31x4		3.60		23.90
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VanCamp's Soups, 3 cans for	25c	Cheese, per pound	25c
Indiana Bacon, per pound	30c	Burt Olney Peas, per can	25c
6-oz. bar Laundry Soap, 4c; 7 for	25c	Burt Olney Corn, per can	20c

5-Pound Bucket Honey, 89c

Empire and Corn Belt Bacon, lb. 30c — Kingnut Oleo, per lb. 29c

Remember, we buy Eggs, and pay 40ca dozen in trade or 36c a dozen in cash

Coffee

White House	39c
Maxwell House	
Lipton's	
Arbuckle's	29c
Ground (best grade)	20c
Green (best grade)	20c

Lard

5 lbs. Pure Leaf Lard	$1.25
Compound Lard, per lb.	13c
3-lb. Can Crisco	60c
6-lb. Can Crisco	$1.10
9-lb. Can Crisco	$1.65
4-lb. Bucket Snowdrift	65c
8-lb. Bucket Snowdrift	$1.20

Sugar, per pound, 8c. Special Price in 100 lb. Lots

Miscellaneous

2 Bars Octagon Soap	15c	Table Salt, 2 boxes for	15c
Golden Age Macaroni, 3 8-oz. packages	25c	Toilet Paper, 3 10c rolls	25c
Crackers, all 10c packages, 3 for	20c	Lux, 2 pkgs for	25c
Palm Olive Soap, cake	10c	Household Ammonia	15c
Pink Salmon, 2 tall cans for	28c	Granulated Tapioca, 2 1-lb. pkgs	25c
Heinz's Vinegar, quart	39c	Campbell's Pork and Beans, 2 cans	25c
Pineapple, sliced, No. 2 can	25c	Campbell's Soups, 2 cans	25c
Pineapple, sliced, No. 2½ can	35c	Roast Beef, 1-lb. tins	15c
Army Bacon, 12-lb. tin	$2.40	Corn Beef, 1-lb. tins	15c
Asparagus Tips	49c	Eddy's Extracts, 2 for	25c
Blue Ribbon Peaches, pkg.	15c	Cheese, per lb.	25c
Wesson Oil, pints	33c	Wesson Oil, quarts	59c
Wesson Oil, 2 quarts	$1.10		

Creamery Butter, all kinds, per pound, 51c

Flour

White Ring, self-rising, 12-lb. sack	75c
White Ring, self-rising, 24-lb. sack	$1.45
Good Grade self-rising Flour, 12 lbs.	70c
Good Grade self-rising Flour, 24 lbs.	$1.35
Pillsbury's Best Flour, 24 lbs.	$1.60
Omega Flour, 24 lbs.	$1.60
Timothy Hay, choice	$2.25

Feed

Oats, per sack	$2.35
Yellow Corn, per sack	$2.20
Dairy Feed, 26 per cent, per sack	$2.45
Shorts in cloth bags	$2.10
Ballard Shorts in cloth bags	$2.10
Cottonseed Meal, 7 per cent	$2.45
Purina Chicken Chowder, 8 1-3-lb. sack	48c

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HAPPENINGS OF A WEEK TOLD IN A FEW WORDS

H. H. Temple left Tuesday for a short business trip to Jacksonville.

J. B. Scott was transacting business in Avon Park Tuesday afternoon.

Hematitching and picot work. The Elite Shop, Roberta Bass, proprietor, Avon Park.—Advertisement.

Another informal dance was held at Tuscawilla Park last Monday night and was as much enjoyed as the last one.

E. J. Ivey, representing the Roesch Paper Company of Tampa, was here Tuesday taking care of the paper trade.

The latest creations in millinery just received at the Elite Shop. Roberta Bass, proprietor, Avon Park.—Advertisement.

F. H. Adams and family of this city and George Adams and family of Avon Park went to DeSoto City last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Susan Akin left Thursday morning of last week for her old home in Ohio, where she will spend the rest of the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Varena will leave Sunday for a trip to the East Coast. During the absence of Mr. Varena, Mr. Cline will have charge of the barber shop.

W. B. Zachary, W. Z. Dalgety and Paul Vinson attended the regular conclave of Knights Templar at Avon Park Monday night. Work in the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and Knights of Malta degrees was conferred.

J. H. Kansinger came from Immokalee to Sebring Sunday and spent the day here with Mrs. Kansinger. He left Monday morning for Lakeland and as soon as his business was attended to there, returned to Immokalee by way of Sebring.

A picture postcard, showing the leaning tower of Pisa, was received from Frank Sebring last week. He writes that all are enjoying the trip very much. Their itinerary includes France, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Germany and England.

Charles Townes and party were in Sebring last Saturday shopping. Mr. Townes was originally from Bushnell, but spends much of his time on his homestead at Lake Stearns. His grove there is one of the oldest in the neighborhood and a fine one.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Graham and little son left Wednesday morning for a short trip to Kentucky and Ohio to visit friends and relatives. After their vacation they will return to Sebring to stay until the Atlantic Coast Line extension to Immokalee is completed.

A herd of cattle arrived in Sebring last Sunday night without being led in. The fine lawns of the Methodist church and houses about it seemed to be the attraction. Sebring has been freer from marauding animals than many places in Florida and all efforts must be made to keep them from again getting a hold here.

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A real Sunday school picnic was held at Breezy Point last Wednesday for the members of the Salvation Army Sunday school and their friends. They went at 10 a. m., taking with them well-filled lunch baskets. Cold drinks and ice cream were provided for all. Out-door games, races and swimming were the amusements of the day. Mr. Halliday was in charge of the crowd and knows well how to entertain little ones.

Mr. Hudson of the firm of Hudson & Cobb returned Monday night from his vacation spent in North Florida. Being the progressive business man that he is, he observed everywhere the general healthy conditions and was pleased to find on his return that Sebring was really in a "boom" state, compared with towns of its size he had visited. The slight depression that has been felt here, he thinks, will be overcome with the opening of the fall season, and a real winter's business can be expected. Mr. Hudson is among that large number of people who have so sincerely adopted Sebring as home that no other place feels like home, and a vacation elsewhere is willingly brought to a close.

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C. H. Napier of Zephyrhills called on Ed Hainz Monday.

W. Z. Dalgety says business is picking up. See his ad on page 8.

C. A. Skipper of Avon Park was in Sebring Tuesday, looking after his interests here.

Mrs. Vinson, Mrs. Spooner and Mrs. Love motored to Avon Park Tuesday morning.

The Sebring postoffice has been doing a rushing business lately. Twenty-three sacks of parcel post arrived Monday.

W. B. Zachary went fishing in Carter Creek the first of the week and had very good luck. A real fisherman usually has.

The city's new mowing machine has arrived and has begun work. Let everyone plant grass and keep the machine busy.

James Etheredge returned Sunday from Gainesville, where he has been taking a summer course at the University of Florida.

Angus Graham returned last week from the University of Florida at Gainesville, where he has been attending the summer course.

Mr. and Mrs. Bishop of Bartow, parents of Mrs. A. Butts of Sebring, have been visiting their daughter and family here for the last week.

Mrs. G. F. Bobb left Thursday morning of last week for Indianapolis, where she will be the guest of her sister for the next two months.

Mrs. Henry Stevenson, president of the Avon Park Woman's Club, was in Sebring last Saturday to talk over club work with some of the officers here.

R. F. Berry of Tampa was in Sebring Tuesday looking over the business situation with a view to locating here. While in town he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vinson.

Have just returned from Atlanta, where a splendid line of the latest creations in new fall millinery was purchased and is now on display at the Elite Shop, Avon Park. Roberta Bass.—Advertisement.

Dr. L. H. Shumate will conduct the services at the Methodist church next Sunday. Dr. Shumate was formerly pastor of the Sebring church and accomplished much in his work here, among other things building the beautiful church. He is now superintendent of the Tampa district of the M. E. church.

In the Sunday Tampa Tribune is chronicled the death of Mrs. Sarah M. Gordy, aged 66, who died at her home in that city Saturday night. Mrs. Gordy was the mother of Mrs. M. A. Jones of Lake Stearns, to whom the sympathy of a large circle of friends in that town and Sebring is extended.

The county school board at its meeting Tuesday appointed E. R. Poppell of Lake Wales as principal of the Venus schools. A high school will be established there, the ninth and possibly tenth grades being taught. Prof. Poppell is recommended highly as an educator and we believe the board has made a most excellent appointment.

C. F. Saunders, county clerk, and J. E. Graham, county commissioner, spent Monday in Tampa looking over furniture for the new county offices and court room. They purchased some office chairs and some seats for the court room. M. W. Baker accompanied them to Tampa and bought some new chairs for the Ohio theatre. This will be good news to the picture show attendants.

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H. L. Osborn, representing the "Ask Mr. Foster Service," was in Sebring a day or so ago and said that there had been more inquiries of late regarding the Scenic Highlands of Florida than ever before and that the inquiries are coming from all parts of the United States. The Sebring Garage and Machine Company was selected as the official representative of the above service, which has offices in practically every state in the union.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Haskins held their first "at home" last Sunday. Their guests were members of their families, who were glad to visit the young couple in Sebring at their new home. They were M. M. Lee, editor of the Winter Haven Chief, father of Mrs. Haskins; Cy Lee, Vesta and Kathryn Lee, Miss Leona Hartwell, R. G. Haskins, father of F. T. Haskins and Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Haskins, all from Winter Haven, and H. F. R. Reck and family from Avon Park.

Capt. P. B. Parker, Mrs. Parker and Paul, Jr., left Sebring Thursday morning after a month's visit here. They drove to Orlando, where they will visit relatives and friends for a few days. From there they will go to Jacksonville to spend some time at the beach. Captain Parker has leave until Oct. 1, when he will return to Camp Benning, Ga., where he is an instructor in the army school. Captain and Mrs. Parker have both enjoyed their stay in Sebring and hope to be able to return again next year.

Word has been received from Mr. and Mrs. Rohde and Mrs. Ludwig that they are all well and enjoying their stay in Germany very much. They left Sebring June 16 and went to Berlin to visit Mr. Rohde's mother, who was very ill. After her recovery, they went to Bremen, where they have been for some time. They will sail for home Oct. 1, and after a short stay in the north will come to Sebring. They have rented the Weigle cottage, which they had last year, but will begin building on their own lot as soon as they arrive. Their lot is on Lake View drive, between the Weigle and Norris homes and a beautiful home will be built there.

Tom Dekle of Tampa spent some time in Sebring this week on business.

Frank Manley and A. Garrett transacted important business in Sebring Tuesday.

Elbert Collier, who moved from Sebring to Fort Myers some time ago, is convalescing from a severe illness.

Mrs. J. W. Ingle and son Jack left Sebring Thursday morning for Virginia, where they will visit relatives and friends.

The many friends of Mrs. J. H. Boyd will be pleased to hear that she intends to return to Sebring in September and occupy her home on Pine street.

Mr. Norman, the Atlantic Coast Line agent, returned to his work here Monday. He spent ten days visiting his mother and sister in North Carolina and Virginia. Mrs. Norman is ill and is now under the care of Dr. Bogle.

Mrs. Ruth Whitley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Conway, has decided to remain in Miami for the coming year. She has accepted a position there as head of a day nursery, where she and her little daughter will make their home.

The regular story hour was held at the library last Wednesday morning, Miss Stella Mitchell in charge. Stories and games filled the time, which always passes quickly. Mrs. Z. Davis, one of the visiting mothers, read a particularly interesting story.

The hemstitching machine purchased by Mrs. Love has been set up and is now ready for work. A shop is being put in readiness at the Love & King Garage for art goods, ladies' ready-to-wear clothing and other interesting lines and as soon as this is ready Mrs. Love will have a formal opening display her goods and samples of her work. In the meantime she will accept goods for hemstitching at any time.

Meeting of the Park Board

The first meeting of the park board was held at the library last Tuesday night, with all members present—A. E. Lawrence, mayor; Paul Vinson, representative of the city council; T. V. Conway, representative of the board of trade; Mrs. E. C. Wright, president of the Woman's Club; Mrs. P. J. Ripperger, chairman of the civics department. It was decided to take immediate action for the construction of the roque and tennis courts; lay pipe to the fountain and get it in running condition; lay pipe to the roque court; lay pipe to the triangular plot in the front of the park and prepare it for grass. The city clerk is to be authorized to issue permits for the use of the park and hold keys for the doors of the casino. The marshal is to make at least one daily inspection of the park. The meeting adjourned until a time when committees are ready to report on work accomplished.

In County Judge's Court

County Judge Rouse held court Monday, the case being that of the state vs. Avant Brown, charged with the larceny of a guitar. The state failed to make a case and Judge Rouse instructed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty, upon motion of the defendant's attorney, Guy M. Andrews.

Saturday night Deputy Sheriff Hancock arrested four Avon Park negroes, charged with gambling. They were haled before Judge Rouse, where they entered a plea of guilty and were fined $10 and costs or imprisonment for sixty days. Being unable to pay the fine, they are confined in jail. It wouldn't it be a good plan for the commissioners to make arrangements to work such prisoners on the roads that need repairing so badly?

Sebring Summer School

Zemri Davis has been conducting a summer school here for the past two months and will continue until the end of the month. Eleven pupils are enrolled and the work is done in the school building. Some of the work given is to enable students to make up studies to bring them up to their grade and other work is to advance pupils so that the time spent in the school will be shortened. A great spirit of interest has been shown in the work and much has been accomplished. The studies taught are: English, American literature, English and Ancient history, algebra, bookkeeping and some grammar school studies.

The Threat Indirect

"Aw," said Willie, "you're afraid to fight; that's all it is."

"No, I'm not," protested Jack, "but if I fight my ma'll find it out and lick me."

"How'll she find it out?"

"She'll see the doctor goin' to your house."—O. E. R. Bulletin.

HIGHLANDS GOOD ROADS LEAGUE HELD IMPORTANT MEETING FRIDAY

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earliest settlers in that section and that he had traveled so-called roads when it was all the team could do to pull the conveyance, let alone the driver. He said he had been on the ridge many years and that he and all the rest of the people of that section were anxious to get out of the sand. He said settlers will gladly vote for a bond issue if they knew the money would be used to build roads and that both ends of the sack would not be left open. He favored Dr. Etheredge's plan of bonding and thought that the proposed roads should be located and surveyed.

T. V. Conway expressed himself as being pleased with the frank discussion that had taken place and offered an amendment to the original motion that the chairman appoint the vice-presidents of the organization as a committee to work in conjunction with the county commissioners to lay out a system of lateral roads and investigate other matters in connection with road building, the committee to report at the next meeting. The motion as amended was then put to a vote and adopted. George F. Kellogg was selected as chairman of the committee.

A motion prevailed that the Highlands Good Roads League become a member of the Gulf-Atlantic Scenic Highway League, which will function much in the same manner as the Associated Boards of Trade, each county organization belonging to the amalgamated league.

A motion carried that E. E. McLin and M. W. Lance represent the Highlands Good Roads League at the meeting of the state highway commissioners, to be held in Jacksonville the following Monday.

C. L. Knight of Tampa, who has extensive interests in Highlands county, was asked to take the floor and express his opinion of bonding for good roads. Mr. Knight is an old-timer in Florida and stated that history would prove that the only good roads ever built in the state were built with bond money. He said he did not believe there was a mile of roads in the state which had been built by other means that was fit to travel over and laid stress upon the fact that all roads built by districts were no good. He predicted that Highlands county would never build good roads until bonds were voted. He thought it advisable to vote the bonds and sell them later and that each district secure its share of the bond money in proportion to its assessed valuation.

T. V. Conway again took the floor and stated that from available statistics the cost of maintaining a Ford car for a period of two years was 7½ cents a mile when driven over all sorts of roads and that over good roads the cost would not be 1½ cents a mile. He also stated that in conversation with members of the state highway commission a year or more ago it was estimated that the cost of building hard-surfaced roads through these hills would be $32,000 a mile, while now the same roads could be built for from $8,000 to $10,000 a mile.

During the discussion, Ira Rigdon stated that he did not feel that a bond issue would place an added burden on the taxpayers. He pointed out that a $200,000 bond issue could be sold, the bonds to draw 5 per cent interest and that no part of the principal need be paid for ten years. He referred to the $18,000 tax money that would be received, saying that $10,000 of this money could be used annually to pay the interest for ten years and the bonds then be retired at the rate of $10,000 a year.

Mr. Knight overruled the objection of some to bonding because of the unfavorable condition of the money market, by stating that the bonds need not be sold now—that they could be voted and then sold two, five or ten years hence, just as the conditions warranted, or when the bond market was in such condition that a fair price could be realized.

The meeting was a most interesting one and the hour for adjournment arrived all too soon to suit many interested in road building in Highlands county.

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OHIO MAN TAKES A SHOT AT OUR SUMMER CLIMATE

The Columbus (O.) Dispatch of Aug. 1 contains the following criticism of our summer climate:

"Randolph McAdams of Urbana declares that no power on earth could cajole, bulldoze or coerce him into giving a certificate of recommendation of the summer climate of Florida. McAdams, who was one of the first Ohioans to be assigned to the staff of Attorney General Daugherty, has returned from Florida, where he was sent on official business. When his chief sent McAdams to Florida, he did not tell the Urbana man to go to the hot place, but it was equivalent to the same instruction. McAdams, while in Florida, says he wrote to his wife that whoever said the earth is 96,000,000 miles from the sun is away off his base. In Florida, he says, it is not even 96 miles, judging by the heat.

"'Why, one evening while I was sitting on a river bank trying to keep cool,' he said, 'a fellow jumped in and was drowned. Officers wanted to know why I didn't stop him.

"'Stop him,' I replied. 'Why, if I had to live down here I would jump in the river myself.'"

We have never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. McAdams of Urbana and don't know as we care to. Judging from his comment on climatic conditions as they exist in Florida, he is either a man of —— bad judgment, an ignoramus or squirrel food.

It is true we have had some hot weather in Florida this summer. We saw a thermometer July 7 which registered 96 degrees—the hottest day here to date. On the same date in many northern localities — Illinois, Ohio and Indiana, and in some of the eastern states, weather observers recorded a temperature of 106 degrees.

A bulletin issued daily by the Valparaiso Development Company at Valparaiso, on the Gulf Coast in the far western section of Florida, is typical of all Florida, speaking generally. This bulletin gives the temperature, morning, noon and night—80, 88, 76 degrees on July 27, the date of the bulletin before us, and on which same date heat prostrations in northern states were numerous.

The bulletin has, however, other significant testimony to favorable conditions that are to be found in Florida. On the day designated there were reported at Valparaiso, none under the doctors' care, none seeking employment and none seeking alms. These are conditions most gratifying to the people of Valparaiso and they are practically the same over the state.

Referring to the bulletin in question, we find the word "fine" after each of these items: Fishing, bathing, motoring, boating. So much for sources of pleasure, similar to a thousand other places in Florida. Likewise, at Valparaiso, adjacent to which are great farms and herds of live stock, the bulletin reports the general condition of stock and crops as also "fine," and concludes with reporting, under the items of heat prostrations, number of heat sufferers and number unable to work account of heat—"none." If this does not indicate favorable conditions then nothing does.

BOUNDARIES OF COMMISSIONERS' DISTRICTS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY

At the August meeting of the county commissioners of Highlands county, the county was redistricted, but in publishing proceedings of that meeting we omitted the description of the various districts, because most of our readers are unfamiliar with the section and range lines. We are now publishing the boundaries of each district, which we believe will show our readers in an intelligent manner the territory embraced by each district.

District No. 1—Avon Park

Beginning at the northwest corner of Highlands county, running south along the Hardee county line 12 miles, thence east 3 miles, north 5 miles, thence east to the Kissimmee river, thence north along the Kissimmee river to the Polk county line, thence west to place of beginning.

District No. 2—Sebring

Beginning at the southwest corner of district No. 1, thence south 6 miles, east 6 miles, north 5 miles, east 2 miles, north 1 mile, east 4 miles, south 1 mile, east to Kissimmee river, north along river to district No. 1, west 22 miles, south 5 miles, thence west 3 miles to place of beginning.

District No. 3—DeSoto City

Beginning at the southwest corner of district No. 2, thence south 6 miles, east 6 miles, north 2 miles, east 10 miles, south 2 miles, east to Kissimmee river, northwesterly along the Kissimmee river to the line of district No. 2, thence west 13 miles, north 1 mile, west 4 miles, south 1 mile, west 2 miles, south 5 miles, thence west 6 miles to place of beginning.

District No. 4—Lake Stearns

Beginning at the southwest corner of district No. 3, thence south 7 miles, east 24 miles, north 1 mile, east to Kissimmee river, thence northwesterly along Kissimmee river to line of district No. 3, thence west 18 miles, north 2 miles, west 10 miles, south 2 miles, thence west 6 miles to place of beginning.

District No. 5—Venus

Beginning at the southwest corner of district No. 4, thence south 11 miles, east 18 miles, north 8 miles, east 6 miles, north 5 miles, thence west 24 miles to place of beginning.

Voting Places

Precinct No. 1—Avon Park.
Precinct No. 2—Sebring.
Precinct No. 3—DeSoto City.
Precinct No. 4—Bassinger.
Precinct No. 5—Lake Stearns.
Precinct No. 6—Hicoria.
Precinct No. 7—Venus.

New Deputy U. S. Marshal

I. O. Price has been appointed as United States deputy marshal at Tampa, to succeed J. E. Cox, resigned. Price was the republican candidate for sheriff of Hillsborough county at the last election. Cox will probably receive a position on the Tampa police force.

AS OTHERS SEE US

We are in receipt of the initial number of the Highlands County Messenger, printed at Avon Park and edited by Frank C. Adams, assisted by Mrs. P. J. Rippberger. We have no criticism to offer.—Sebring White Way.

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The first number of the Highlands County Messenger, published in Sebring by F. H. Adams, recently of Zephyrhills, made its appearance last Saturday. It is a good looker, well written and well patronized by Sebring and Avon Park merchants. May the Messenger continue long to message.—Dade City Banner.

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Volume 1, No. 1, of the Highlands County Messenger, published at Sebring by the Avon Park Printing Company, comes to our table. We understand our friend George Adams is back of the venture and we rise to remark that George knows how to make a paper interesting. We are pleased to X.—Winter Haven Chief.

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The Highlands County Messenger is a new venture in "Ma" Kuhl's territory of Sebring. It is a well-printed, well-edited sheet, fairly well sprinkled with advertisements for an initial number. It proposes to work for the upbuilding of Sebring and Highlands county. It has a grand field of work and we wish it complete success.—Tampa Times.

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The Highlands County Messenger, published at Sebring, is the newest paper to reach this desk. Our old friend, George W. Adams, is connected with the project in some manner, which insures that it will be a live publication. The Messenger will be devoted to the upbuilding of Sebring in particular and the "Citrus Ridge" in general.—Fort Lauderdale Herald.

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The Highlands County Messenger is a new paper published at Sebring, the first copy having reached the Herald this week. F. H. Adams is the editor and judging by the first issue of the Messenger is going to qualify for a place near the top of the list of South Florida newspapers. The paper is well printed, well edited and carries a liberal amount of local advertising. We welcome the Messenger and hope that its career will be no less prosperous than the first issue promises.—Punta Gorda Herald.

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We welcome to our exchange table Volume 1, No. 1, of the Highlands County Messenger, Sebring's new weekly paper, published by the Avon Park Printing Company, F. H. Adams, brother of the editor of the Avon Park Pilot, editor, and from the first issue we would infer that he is a newspaper man of experience. The first issue shows a splendid advertising patronage and is brim full of live news items.—Hardee County Herald. [The editor of the Messenger is a cousin, instead of a brother of the Pilot editor.]

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The first issue of the Highlands County Messenger, published at Sebring, county seat of the new county of Highlands, by the Avon Park Publishing Company, F. H. Adams, editor, has reached our exchange table. It is an eight-page issue, filled from cover to cover with interesting reading matter and a generous amount of advertising. The front page contains a five-column cut of Sebring's beautiful circle, around which splendid business structures have been erected, and from which the city's streets radiate. Good luck to the Messenger. It will always find a welcome on our exchange table.—Times-Union.

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Bond Trustees Appointed

The governor has made the following appointments of bond trustees to handle the bond moneys belonging in Highlands county of special road and bridge districts Nos. 4 and 5 of old DeSoto county: No. 4—P. L. Moore, M. A. Jones and W. Keisling of Lake Stearns. This district is known as the McAuley district. No. 5—C. E. Lanier of Avon Park, E. O. Douglas of Sebring and L. T. Farmer of DeSoto City. These trustees are serving without compensation, as they feel that the districts need every cent of the money and while the law would have permitted a fee of 1½ per cent on the first $10,000 and one-half of 1 per cent on all subsequent moneys received and expended, they were too public-spirited to accept compensation.

Some Good Advice

Screen your house. Mosquitoes and flies are germ carriers. Can all you can. Canned fruits and vegetables are winter delights. Provide shade for your live stock. It's poor economy to have your stock exposed to the hot sun. House machinery that is not in use. Do not leave it exposed to rain and rain. Grease polished surfaces. Kill weeds. Other times to do this are August, September, October, November, December, January, February, March, April, May, June and July.

Growing Cotton in British Empire

The activities of the British cotton growing associations are outlined in the last annual report. It is noted that the report was for the year ending Dec. 31, 1920, and that steady progress is being made in furthering the growing of cotton in the British empire. As regards the production of cotton, the results for the year 1920 are very satisfactory, the estimated amount of cotton grown in new fields during the past year was 105,800 bales.

Never Lost His Religion

An old darkey got up one night at a revival meeting and said: "Brudders and sisters, you knows an' I knows dat I ain't been what I oughter been; I'se robbed hen roosts and stole hawgs an' tole lies an' got drunk an' slashed folks wit' mah razor, an' shot craps an' cussed an' swore; but I thank de Lord deres one thing I ain't nebber done—I ain't nebber lost mah religion."—Exchange.

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[Orlando Sentinel]

The Orlando Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution yesterday directed against fake stock companies or those promotions which were questionable. The Tampa Tribune sounds a warning in this manner:

"Go to your banker, you men who are approached by sellers of this, that and the other kinds of stock, or securities. The Tampa bankers are getting reports on all the propositions being submitted to you daily. They have the facts, the proof financially, legally and morally, concerning most of them, and they are getting the data needed to show the good from the bad.

"It is due a man's own common sense and his pride in his business judgment to investigate before he buys. Some of them are good, others, and the most of them, are bad, so bad that you will kiss your money goodbye if you put it in, say the bankers.

"Florida has much money for investment. Florida has many opportunities for the investment of that money. Florida needs that money invested in it. But Florida does not pretend to be so selfish as to require all the money in it to be spent for Florida development. Any man has the right to invest as he pleases, every man should scatter his investments; but no man can afford to shut his eyes to probable facts and open his ears to the sweet somnolent song of a stock salesman, and sink his salary or his savings in stuff that savors of nothing so much as it does of swindles.

"The Tribune urges again: go to your bankers and ask to see the confidential reports they have on these stock projects. You may not like what you learn, especially if you have been foolish enough to invest without investigating; but at least you will not put any more good money into bad schemes after your eyes are opened.

"Then, too, you owe it to the meritorious offerings to know them from the bad ones. The banks have the names of the good ones, as well as of the bad ones. Don't damn the whole because one or two are inferior, or rotten at the heart. Find out which are good and assist them with the capital they need to make them a big success they can be. The test of a stock is not, "Will I get my money back at once?" But "Is it sound? Is it meritorious? Is it well organized? Is there a demand for its products? Can it manufacture, produce and distribute in sufficiently large quantities and at sufficiently profitable a figure to pay a fair dividend on the capital invested? If it can meet these tests, it is usually a good thing. But find out these things."

The above is good advice to all those contemplating investments. The bankers are in closer touch with all classes of investments than it is possible for the individual to be. It is their business. Your banker cannot afford to give you bad advice.

Ship Building Led All Else in Florida

Manufacturing statistics based on the census of 1919 in Florida and announced by the United States census bureau, show that ship building led all other industries in that state for increased value and activities. The value of products of this industry in 1919 were $32,662,000, against $804,000 in 1914. Value of all products manufactured, except those made by hand, was $213,675,000 in 1919, against $81,112,000 in 1914; capital invested totalled $206,294,000, against $88,318,000; salaries $10,836,000, against $5,290,000; wages $67,581,000, against $24,822,000, while the number of establishments increased from 2,518 to 2,581 in 1919.

Objects of Club Work

The objects of club work among boys and girls include the following: (1) To teach the boys and girls the fundamentals of business; (2) Standardize the breeds of the community; (3) Tend to keep the boys and girls on the farm; (4) Arouse the interest and intelligence of the younger generation in better bred animals; (5) Develop community co-operation, which is the foundation of modern agriculture. That is the work of county agents. The county without a farm agent is now being avoided by farmers who are seeking new locations.

Sweet Potato Production

The production of sweet potatoes is estimated for the United States at 112,000,000 bushels in 1921, as compared with 112,386,000 bushels as the final estimate last year and 105,405,000 bushels in 1919. The acreage planted to this crop has shown an increase over last year with plantings estimated at 1,186,000 acres as compared with 1,085,000 last year and 1,042,000 acres in 1919. Florida's yield in 1920 was 4,275,000. Alabama leads the twenty-seven states reported as growing them commercially.

TAX BILL WILL RAISE AROUND $3,000,000,000

The revision of the 1918 tax law was completed last week by the republican members of the house ways and means committee with the adoption of these additional changes:

Repeal of the express and oil pipe line transpiration taxes, effective Jan. 1, 1922.

Imposition of a license tax of $10 on vendors of soft drinks, effective upon enactment of the bill.

Substitution of a manufacturers' tax of 12 cents a gallon on cereal beverage (near beer) for the present levy of 15 per cent, effective upon enactment of the bill.

Imposition of a 5 per cent tax on the full manufacturers' selling price of the following articles if sold by the manufacturers at levels in excess of those specified:

Carpets and rugs, $4.50 per square yard; trunks, $3 each; valises, traveling bags, suit cases, hat boxes used by travelers and fitted toilet cases, $3 each; pocketbooks, shopping and handbags, $4 each; portable lighting fixtures, including lamps of all kinds and shades, $10 each; fans, $1 each, and house or smoking coats or jackets and bath or lounging robes, $3 each.

These taxes also will become effective upon enactment of the bill.

Expect $3,000,000,000 in Revenue

Announcing completion of their work, members of the committee said they believed the bill as agreed upon would produce the $3,000,000,000 total which Secretary of the Treasury Mellon estimated at the White House tax conference last Tuesday it would be necessary to raise from internal revenue next year. Not all of this sum would be collected on this year's business, as the total includes $300,000,000 which treasury officials estimates can be collected on back taxes.

The bill as finally drafted by the committee will be presented to the house Monday, under present plans of republican leaders, and will be passed next Saturday after two days' consideration of amendments under the five-minute rule. From the house it will go to the senate where the finance committee will consider it during the proposed congressional recess with a view to reporting it to the senate when congress reconvenes, probably late in September.

Eliminates All Transportation Taxes

With the removal of the express and oil pipe line taxes, the committee eliminated all of the transportation taxes. No change was made, however, in the levies on telegraph, telephone, cabe and radio messages, this section of the old law remaining in force.

The manufacturers' tax of 5 per cent on carpets, trunks and other articles is designed to replace the so-called luxury levies now in force, including those on wearing apparel, but the plan now is to continue these taxes, collected and paid to the government by the retailers, until Jan. 1, despite the fact that the manufacturers' tax would become effective upon enactment of the bill.

The license tax on vendors of soft drinks is a new levy, exclusive of the manufacturers' tax on syrups used at fountains and on unfermented beverages, carbonated waters or beverages or other soft drinks sold in containers.

FLORIDA NOT THEATENED WITH FAMINE OR PLAGUE

[By W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture for Florida]

I enter the plea of "not guilty" for Florida in the charge that the south is threatened with famine and plague.

Florida has never known a "breadline" or "starving period." She knows none now.

If there really is an unusual number of cases of pellagra in some of the southern states, it is to be deplored, but states that do not have it should not be loosely classed with those that have it. If the theory of the cause of pellagra is correct—that it is induced by the persistent use of an unbalanced diet—then there is least excuse for it existing in Florida of any state in the union. There is no county of Florida that cannot produce green vegetables during each of the four seasons of the year, and fresh fruits can be secured, to say nothing of chickens, eggs, the finest fish known to man, besides beef and pork.

As it is claimed that pellagra is prevalent mainly in the rural districts in the states where it exists it would seem that the department of agriculture would be appraised of it if it existed in this state to any appreciable extent. Up to the present date not a case has been heard of at this office through any of the various avenues through which we keep in touch with the farmers of the state.

President Harding is to be applauded for his efforts to prevent the spread of disease or any other calamity that may overtake any section of the country. We hope that we may also applaud his interest in the economic production and fair play for agriculture by his vetoing such items as the proposed tariff on potash, which the farmer must use in his fertilizer to increase his yields. There is much greater need for potash in this country than there is need for an American trust on potash.

The Corn Worm

The corn ear worm is reported as doing large damage to cultivated crops. Its ravages are told in Farmers' Bulletin No. 1206, sent free by the United States department of agriculture, Washington, D. C. Various birds prey upon this worm and toads consume large numbers. Toads are the friends of farmers and gardeners and should be given a chance. They do no injury to growing crops, but are enemies to insects and worms that do the mischief.

Milk Trade at Low Level

The condensed and evaporated milk trade has gone to the lowest level since before the war. Exports have dropped off seriously compared with last year. During the year ending May, 1920, exports of condensed milk amounted to 151,053,263 pounds compared with 41,816,601 for the year ending with May, 1921.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HOLD MEETING

Sebring, Highlands County, Florida. A meeting of the county commissioners for Highlands county was held at the board room in Sebring on Monday, Aug. 8, at 9 a. m., pursuant to adjournment from regular meeting. Present: William King, chairman; John E. Graham, Perry Etheredge, W. W. Williams, commissioners.

It was moved and carried that the clerk be authorized to purchase the necessary blanks for the use of the justices of the peace.

It was moved and carried that the board of county commissioners of Highlands county appropriate out of the agricultural fund the sum of $550 as its part of the salary of A. F. Hull as live stock inspector, contingent upon the acceptance and appropriation by the counties of Hardee, DeSoto, Charlotte and Glades of like amounts for the salary of Mr. Hull for the current fiscal year.

It was moved and carried that the board of county commissioners meet in special session in their board room on Monday, Aug. 29, to receive the tax books from the tax assessor, equalize the same and hear objections, also to fix the tax levy for the year 1921, and that this order be advertised according to law.

It was moved and carried that, as on Monday, Aug. 1, at the regular session, an order was passed by this board directing that warrant No. E-905 be deposited with the Highlands Bank & Trust Co., to the credit of old road and bridge district No. 5, but afterwards it was discovered that the general road fund be equally divided among the five road districts and thereafter an order was passed carrying out the said division among the said road districts. Now, therefore, it is ordered that the first order placing the whole of said warrant with the Highlands Bank & Trust Co. to the credit of old road and bridge district No. 5, be annulled so as not to conflict with the terms of said resolution.

Dr. E. J. Etheredge then came before the board and addressed the board upon the subject of appointing road trustees for the various districts for receiving the money due from old bonded road district No. 5 and for special road and bridge district No. 4 of old DeSoto county, for that section now located in Highlands county.

It was moved and carried that E. O. Douglas of Sebring, L. T. Farmer of DeSoto City and C. E. Lanier of Avon Park be and they are hereby recommended to the governor for appointment as bond trusteen for special road and bridge district No. 5, formerly of DeSoto county, for that portion of said district now located in Highlands county, to serve without compensation and to execute bond to the governor of Florida for the faithful performance of their dution, which bonds are to be paid for by this board, and that M. A. Jones of Stearns, J. L. Moore of Stearns and W. Keisling of Stearns be recommended to the governor for appointment as bond trustees for special road and bridge district No. 4, formerly of DeSoto county, for that portion now in Highlands county, to serve without compensation and to execute bonds payable to the governor of Florida for the faithful performance of their duties, which bonds are to be paid for by this board.

Motion unanimously carried.

It was moved and carried that this board now enter into a tentative contract with F. T. Haskins for the transcribing of the records from DeSoto county to Highlands county, subject to revision after Mr. Haskins shall have submitted his proposition to the boards of county commissioners of Charlotte and Glades counties and referred the same back to this board for correction or amendment. Motion unanimously carried.

The following claims were allowed and ordered paid out of the funds of road district No. 5:

W. E. Jones, $4.50; H. G. Cassel, $23.40; L. V. Morgan, $14; B. S. Johnson, $15; John Shepard, $14; James Cassel, $6; W. M. Matchett, $14; H. G. Cassel, $4.50; W. W. Williams, $24; Garrett Miller, $25.

It was moved and carried that John E. Granam, commissioner and C. F. Saunders, clerk, be appointed a committee to have the court room and county [illegible].

It was moved and carried that all claims against the county must be presented to the clerk before noon of any regular meeting, so as to be audited, before payment at that meeting.

The Sebring White Way having heretofore been designated as official printer for Highlands county and having called the attention of this board to the printing of the acts of the legislature, as required by law, and having been instructed to print the same, but no official order having been made specifically setting forth said work, it is now so ordered to cure this defect and said Sebring White Way is hereby directed to print said acts of the legislature. Motion carried.

The board then adjourned to meet in special session on Aug. 29, as herein specifically ordered.

C. F. SAUNDERS, Clerk.

Shortage of Homes

In 1910 Americans averaged about 110 families for each 100 homes, and in 1920 about 117 families. This indicates a shortage of nearly 1,500,000 homes even on the 1910 standard. An equally disturbing fact is that the figures from the census indicate that the total number of homes owned by the occupiers has steadily decreased, and a total of nearly 60 per cent of our population are living as tenants, a larger ratio than many other countries. If we are to build up the stability and the happiness of our people this is just the reverse of what should happen. Nothing is worse than an increased tenantry and landlordism in our country.

Some Watermelons

Watermelon shipments in America by the carload up to July 15, 1921, amounted to 17,549 cars, compared with 11,013 cars in 1920, in which total Florida shipments amounted to 6,042 cars or more than half.

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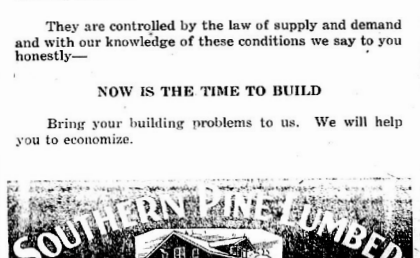

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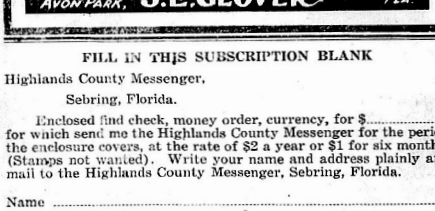

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LIVE LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS ITEMS FROM AVON PARK

Mrs. M. C. Whitehurst of Wauchula spent Saturday in Avon Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hartt were Thursday of last week in Tampa.

County Judge D. V. Reese went to St. Petersburg Friday to spend the weekend.

J. B. Scott of Sebring was transacting business in Avon Park Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. my Stevenson left Saturday for Daytona Beach for a few days' outing.

Mrs. L. H. Altman and daughter Paula of Arcadia are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Turner.

Mrs. C. E. Baldwin of Gardner is here spending the week with the family of her son, Cyril Baldwin.

W. B. Zachary, W. Z. Dalgety and A. Vinzant of Sebring attended the Knights Templar conclave here Monday night.

Stephen Skipper was among the prominent farmers and cattlemen from Sebring business in the Park Saturday afternoon.

J. W. White departed Sunday for St. Louis, where he will purchase his new fall and winter stock of dry goods and shoes.

W. F. Garner, one of old DeSoto's prominent citizens, was over from Arcadia Saturday, transacting business and greeting friends.

W. A. Lanier, one of Crewsville's prosperous farmers, spent Saturday and Sunday in Avon Park, the guest of his son, C. E. Lanier.

Judge and Mrs. George W. Whitehurst and son, George, Jr., spent Saturday afternoon in Avon Park, mingling with friends and attending to business matters.

Our new fall millinery has arrived. All the latest creations in sport and dress styles. Call and inspect this new line. The Elite Shop, Robert Bass, proprietor, Avon Park.—Advertisement.

Attorney and Mrs. Don Williams and children of Wauchula were in Avon Park a short while Sunday. They were en route to Lake Josephine, one of the attractive lakes to the south of us.

Capt. J. B. McDonald of Moore Haven was a week-end visitor in Avon Park, returning to the Glades county capital Monday morning. While here Captain McDonald was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Harris.

M. W. Lance left Sunday for Jacksonville, where he went as a representative of the Highlands Good Ronds League to appear before the state highway commission in the interests of state highway No. 8.

R. L. Franklin of Adairsville, Ga., arrived in Avon Park Sunday for a few days' stay. He was accompanied by Mr. Gunn, who will have charge of the construction of the new warehouse to be erected on Butler avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. John Swinney of Punta Gorda drove to Avon Park Monday, bringing with them Mrs. Swinney's brother, W. D. Tripp, Jr., who went to Moore Haven, where he has a position with the Everglades State Bank.

Clarence Hare, son of William Hare, arrived in Avon Park from Pittsburgh the fore part of last week and will make this his future home. Mr. Hare graduated in June from Pitts College, having taken a complete course in chemistry.

Edward G. Todd left Tuesday afternoon on a business trip to Baltimore. This is Mr. Todd's first visit to his old home since coming to Florida "to see how he would like it" and liked it so well he became a permanent citizen of Avon Park.

Miss Roberta Bass returned Sunday from Atlanta, where she had been for a couple of weeks purchasing her new fall millinery and "brushing up" in the latest trimmings, etc. Miss Bass says the weather is much hotter in Atlanta than in Avon Park.

Carlos Skipper was up from Moore Haven to spend the week-end. He returned Monday, Mrs. Skipper accompanying him. Carlos has been assisting in the Everglades State Bank since its opening, but will soon finish his work there and return to Avon Park.

Joseph C. Watkins of Lake Wales, representing the Empire Land Company of Philadelphia, spent last Friday in Avon Park. The company he represents owns two townships of land in Highlands county and about 200,000 acres in Lee county. Mr. Watkins has charge of their interests in Florida.

Ira Riedon of Sebring was among the prominent business visitors in Avon Park Monday afternoon.

J. H. Gurst, prominent real estate dealer of Sebring, was transacting business here Monday afternoon.

Lake Skipper of Zolfo spent Monday in Avon Park, transacting business and greeting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Touchton drove to Lake City Sunday, where they spent the day with the doctor's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Johnson of Fort [illegible] brother-in-law and sister of C. E. Skipper, spent Monday here guests of Mr. and Mrs. Skipper.

Dave Swann was in town Thursday afternoon of last week and took part in the trap shooting at the Avon Golf and Country Club grounds.

T. M. Mitchell of Sebring spent Monday in Avon Park. Mr. Mitchell has a contract for wiring a new building in course of construction here.

J. A. Caldwell returned Tuesday of last week from Jacksonville, where he had been in attendance upon a meeting of the crate manufacturers of the state.

Mrs. T. H. Lander and children returned Sunday from a six-weeks' visit in Thomaston, Ga. Mrs. Landers enjoyed her visit hugely, but was as glad to get home as was our genial "pill shiver" to have her.

Mrs. J. Thomas Murrish has returned from an extended visit to points in Georgia and Birmingham, Ala. Mrs. Murrish says that no one can now make her believe that the weather is hot in Florida.

County Commissioner and Mrs. A. M. McAuley and two interesting children of Lake Stearns spent the day here Sunday, their small son having its tonsils and adenoids removed by Dr. W. C. Touchton. Mr. and Mrs. McAuley have many friends in Avon Park, who always extend to them a hearty welcome.

Quite a large delegation from Avon Park spent Friday morning in Sebring attending the meeting of the Highlands Good Ronds League. It was composed of William King, George F. Kellogg, M. W. Lance, G. W. Adams, R. I. Harris, C. H. Harris, D. A. Sapp, D. F. Canfield, H. F. R. Reck, H. J. Mommau, S. F. Tucker, J. R. Bennett, W. A. Mar-

Community Church Services

The community services at Tuscawilla Park last Sunday were well attended, the Rev. Tauchen reading for the morning lesson the seventh chapter of Romans. His text was from Tim. 2:1-10, from which he delivered an interesting sermon. A vocal solo by Mrs. Whitehouse was greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Whitehouse has a splendid voice.

TWO SEBRING WELLS PRODUCING LARGE VOLUME OF BOILING HOT WATER

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about seventeen feet below the surface a six or seven-foot strata of clay and hardpan.

Several oil well experts have examined the wells and surroundings but have expressed no opinion. Many people are of the opinion that all of this hot water comes from the waste pipe, but it is safe to assume that their guess is no more accurate than that of any others.

R. W. Irvin, engineer at the ice plant, who drove these wells, stated to the writer that the water, even when pumping off the mud in the beginning, was of the same temperature as it is today; that he had made a practice of drinking a number of glasses of this hot water each day and that while he was not in a position to say that the water possessed any peculiar medicinal properties, he could notice a marked difference in his feelings after drinking a glass of the water and that he much preferred it to ice water, even when working in the heat where he perspires profusely.

The outcome will be watched with interest and if these wells prove to be permanent hot water wells, the water will undoubtedly be utilized in such a manner as will result in untold benefits to Sebring.

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Hot Water Continues to Pour from Those Phenomenal Wells

The two hot water wells developed Aug. 8 and of which mention was made in last week's Messenger, continue to flow with undiminished volume and with a variation in temperature only between the extremes. The temperature is taken several times daily and the range is from 128 to 130 degrees Fahrenheit.

It looks as though a permanent hot water reservoir had been tapped, for more than a million gallons have been pumped since the flow was first struck and the hot water from the waste pipe was diverted to other channels more than a week ago, thus contradicting the idea that perhaps the peculiar phenomena was caused by this waste water.

A great number of people from different sections of the state have been here to inspect these wells and it is the concensus of opinion that it would be utterly impossible for the water fifty feet below the earth's surface and fifteen feet below the water table to become heated by the seepage from the waste pipe and remain hot any length of time. While it is possible that this hot water reservoir may not be capable of maintaining its flow any great length of time from the present depth, those who have carefully studied the matter are of the opinion that a hot water reservoir has been tapped that will justify the organization of a company for the purpose of utilizing same. In case such a company is organized and the flow or temperature is appreciably diminished, the well will be sunk deeper, as from the past and present performances of these two wells it is a natural conclusion that there is a reservoir of sufficient volume and high temperature that will warrant the erection of adequate buildings for the accommodations of the thousands of people who will flock to Sebring to receive benefits from the medicinal qualities of the water and the hot water baths.

It is impossible to estimate at the present time what this wonderful flow of hot water means to the people of Sebring and Highlands county in general, but it is an assured fact that our city will grow with a rapidity of which even the most sanguine never dreamed and that property values will double, treble and quadruple as the crowds from various parts of the United States come here and see the possibilities of this wonderful section.

There are no hot springs in Florida and such an attraction in Sebring will naturally bring to our city thousands of the winter visitors who come to Florida, as well as of those who go to Hot Springs in other states to receive benefits from the baths.

This is not a promotion scheme of any description, but an actual statement of facts, and the Messenger will keep its readers thoroughly informed of any new developments which may take place.

ARRESTED FOR HAVING MOONSHINE IN POSSESSION

A few days ago John Hendry was arrested at his home for having two quarts of moonshine liquor in his possession. Deputy Sheriff Hancock had a search warrant authorizing him to serch the premises.

A great many people are of the belief that anyone has a right to have any amount of any kind of liquor in their possession, so long as they do not offer it for sale. This is a wrong idea, as it only applies to liquor bought by the possessor before the dry law became effective and bearing the regular government revenue stamps.

Grand and Petit Jurors

Following is the list of grand and petit jurors drawn to serve at the September term of court: George L. Cushion, W. C. Posl, G. A. True, F. C. Water, G. H. Spink, J. A. Walch, Alfred Varena, W. O. McGeer, D. T. Lockett, A. J. Herman, B. H. Hinckley, Fred J. Yeager, W. H. Prior, Clayton Smith, William Muff, Andrew S. Graves, D. A. Luke, C. O'Berry, W. T. Hall, Phil Lacey, T. J. McGinnis, E. N. Dickinson, D. C. Skipper, J. McClelland, J. A. Tomlin, Willie Williams, M. E. Holt, B. A. Cope, A. E. Withers, Tobias Strige, B. Cutler, W. I. Moyer, Frank Brown, G. N. Capwell, R. O. McLain, T. R. Johnson.

Fruit carried in refrigerated steamships from the Pacific coast to England loses none of the freshness.

THE SEBRING SCHOOL WILL OPEN SEPT. 12

The county school board decided that it would be best to open all schools in the county on Sept. 5. The Sebring school board had planned the opening for Sept. 19 and had so announced it. A nine-months' course has been planned for the high school and an earlier date was deemed advisable for the opening. Most of the teachers, however, were in the north and a message from Mr. Wakefield, principal of the Sebring school, stated that it would be impossible to open on the 5th, but he would make all efforts to be ready for the 12th. All pupils in the north are urged to enter school as soon as possible, as the confusion caused by the irregular entrance of pupils causes a great deal of extra work for both teachers and pupils.

The compulsory school law will be strictly enforced in Highlands county this year and a most efficient attendance officer has been placed in charge. Bob Hancock, deputy sheriff, will attend to all cases reported to him and will make a special effort to find any intentional breakers of this law. It is for the good of the community and the individual that each child should be in school and everyone is urged to co-operate with the new attendance officer to enforce the law.

Autos Stolen in Zolfo

We are informed that Saturday night the Ford Sales Company's garage at Zolfo was broken open and two Ford cars stolen. One belonged to Roberts Bros. and the other to Gabe Skipper. Gabe Skipper's car was driven out on the Avon Park road several miles and abandoned, but no trace has been discovered of the Roberts Bros. car.

NEGROES RUN AMUCK AT HAGAN'S STILL

Last Saturday Deputy Sheriff Hancock received a telephone message, asking him to come to Hagan's still, where two negroes were running amuck. He was accompanied by County Judge Rouse and when they arrived on the scene found two negroes with shotguns, endeavoring to "pot" each other. Some considerable amount of ammunition was used, but to particular damage was done, other than a peacemaker, who was endeavoring to quiet the men, received a charge of shot in the face.

The principals were arrested, brought to Sebring and lodged in jail. They were tried by Judge Rouse Tuesday and upon a plea of guilty were fined $10 and costs each, which they paid.

Sebring Boy Wins Honor

A recent issue of the Tampa Tribune contained a half-tone cut of H. O. Sebring, Jr., and the following news item: "A Parris Island boy awarded high honors in the Culver Naval School in the form of a cadet's commission as ensign of his company. He has been in the service, and was a sebring real estate dealer. Young Sebring has won the gold Taxis, a medal awarded for unusual excellence in seamanship and discipline and he is a member of the Varsity lightweight cutter crew and a member of his company swimming team. This is his second summer at Culver."

Rifle Club

A Rifle Club is being organized and anyone interested in it may register with Gamble & Hazen. Negotiations are in progress with the ordnance department at Washington to have a cannon placed in Sebring.

Deputy Hancock Arrests Booze Runners with Auto Load Liquor

More than a hundred quarts of imported liquor, a Buick Six, two revolvers and two ex-officials of old DeSoto county in jail was the result of the alertness of Deputy Sheriff Hancock Sunday morning. The men arrested were well-known citizens of old Soto, one being a former deputy sheriff and the other a traffic officer. The arrest was the result of rumors from Arcadia that liquor was being taken from the East Coast to Tampa via this route and that if the deputy stood on the job he would probably be able to make an arrest Saturday night or Sunday morning.

Deputy Sheriff Hancock, assisted by Love Cash, kept close watch on the road leading into Sebring from Okeechobee City and Fort Pierce and upon the appearance of a car they were satisfied carried the booze runners and the cargo, immediately proceeded by a short route to drive to a convenient spot on the Avon Park-Sebring highway, where there would be an opportunity for the suspects to get away, parking their car across the road, just around the sharp curve north of the railroad tank. The suspected car arrived and upon observing the obstacle in the road, halted their car. Hancock and Cash were in the road on either side of their car. One of the occupants of the booze car drew a revolver, covered Deputy Cash and ordered him to remove the car from the road or he "would blow his head off." Deputy Hancock stepped up unobserved, shoved the muzzle of his gun against the man's ribs and said: "Shoot if you want to, but I'll blow you in two," whereupon the occupants of the car surrendered and were disarmed. They proved to be Milton Dishong, formerly deputy sheriff of old DeSoto county and said to be a special agent for the Atlantic Coast Line, and Carl Bates, formerly traffic officer for DeSoto county, and who is now said to be connected with the Tampa police force.

The car, a Buick Six, was loaded with 108 pints of imported liquor. One of the deputies took a prisoner in the car with him and the other drove the seized car and its contents, together with the other prisoner, to Avon Park, where the car was placed in the Highlands Motor Company's garage and the deputies proceeded to Arcadia with their prisoners, where they were lodged in jail.

En route to Arcadia Dishong put up a strong plea to Deputy Sheriff Hancock to release him, urging their former friendly relations while both were acting as deputies in old DeSoto county and the fact that if arrested and tried on this charge it would mean everlasting disgrace, if he would return to them all the car and contents they would return to the East Coast with the same, get their money back and agree to never again engage in the business or enter the boundaries of Highlands county. While Mr. Hancock could not help sympathizing with them, he informed them that as an officer of the law he was sworn to perform his duty and that it would be impossible for him to comply with their request. This was one of the most trying times a high moral courage on the part of an officer was required and Deputy Hancock was equal to the occasion.

Dishong and Bates were taken to Arcadia and placed in jail. The cargo of liquor was locked up in a secure place and the revolvers and car placed in the custody of the sheriff.

Dishong and Bates plead guilty in County Judge Rouse's court Thursday morning and were fined $500 and costs each.

Immediately after Dishong and Bates had filed their appeal bonds, they were arrested by federal officers, who were in attendance at court, and taken to Tampa.

ARRESTED FOR KILLING DEER OUT OF SEASON

The first of last week Deputy Sheriff Hancock made a trip to Parker Island, where he met Brid Williams out on a little hunting trip. Britt invited the deputy to eat dinner with him and they had some juicy venison. Williams also showed the deputy the head and horns of the buck. We presume he had forgotten that Mr. Hancock was a deputy sheriff, or perhaps he thought, as Rip Van Winkle was supposed to have said when he took a drink, "dis one don't count." Be that as it may, when the deputy was ready to go, Britt found himself under arrest for killing a deer out of season. He was placed under bond for appearance and his trial will take place before Circuit Judge Whitehurst at the coming September term.

Let us give all violators of the law just a word of warning: Don't think that Deputy Hancock will show any favoritism when he finds a person violating the laws. He is no respecter of person, entirely incorruptible and will arrest either friend or foe when found breaking the established rule as designated by the law. It takes no little moral stamina for an officer to enforce the laws impartially, but Mr. Hancock has it.

Civic Department of Woman's Club Accomplishing Results

All of the work that seemed practical and possible at the school yard was completed last week. The whole yard was cleared of trash, all weeds in the front removed and the weeds in the rear were mowed. Many low places were filled and planted with grass and it was much regretted that a scientific grading could not have been done. The entire park space was planted with grass and the front yard pasted wherever necessary. The dilapidated looking fence was removed from the front. The weather man then added his good work by producing rain right at the necessary time and the grass has a good chance to grow and spread. D. H. Bixler gave his services to this good cause and for two weeks was at the school continuously working and managing. With a few more men as able and willing to help this town in such public works, the problems of the civic department would be greatly lessened. Tom Dimberline also gave his time and labor in mowing the weeds, hauling away trash and moving sand. The boys on the job were Culp Dottery and Frank Warren and they were faithful to their task. The money for the labor and materials for the work was paid by the civic department from the fund earned at the cafeteria supper given at Breezy Point last winter. The amount paid out for this work was $35.

At the Station

The rainy season has been very slow in coming and it was thought advisable to postpone the setting of trees and shrubs in the station park until the rains came to help. The grass has been cared for and presents a most pleasing appearance and the work there will be continued immediately, for it is hoped that the rains have now come to stay.

The Parkings

Many of the property owners of Sebring keep their premises in perfect condition in the winter, but in the summer time premises reach a sad stage of neglect. It is then that the weeds attain their greatest growth and maturity and the whole town becomes infested from the weed. If every one left Sebring in the summer, the town would not be the prosperous place it is and the property would not be so valuable. Is it fair to the people who stay here all summer and keep the town moving in many ways, that their stay here should be made unpleasant by the unkept homes of many of the winter residents? Not all are in this class, for many are well cared for. But there are enough spots on each street to produce the effect of mud on a clean dress and it is always the dirty spots that are most in evidence. The natal hay has grown so tall that it hangs over the walks and when it is wet with dew or rain, it is impossible to pass through without soiling clothes and shoes. The sandspurs are in the height of their glory and are the ruination of silk stockings and dispositions, not to mention the landscape. The vacant property in Sebring has been much enhanced in value by the general attractiveness of the town. The owners should show their appreciation of this by their willingness to keep their property in harmony with the best. If you want your property cared for, the civic department will undertake the work and account to you for it. Any donation to the civic fund will be more than welcome.

Civic Notes

The Woman's Club cleaned up its own back yard last week.

Abram Burkett has purchased the Andrews bungalow near the Arrowhead Hotel and is doing his share toward beautifying the community. He has cleaned and graded the yard and the park space and has it ready for grass. His family will soon move into the home there.

W. B. Leatherman is the man that knows what a park space should look like and keeps it that way. Everyone should look at his and go and do likewise.

It is good to see the Collins bungalow on the corner of Lake View and Ridgewood assume its look of former years, instead of the disreputable state of last year. Thanks to Mr. Andrews.

The lawn at the Brethren church is a thing of beauty and they say that Mr. Sanger is trying to make it match his own beautiful yard.

The home of Charles Rogers has not suffered from neglect during his absence.

The Hastys have leased the Stout home for three years and have been doing much to beautify it inside and out.

The Rigdon yard did not show any lack of care, but it looks especially fine after the dressing up it received last week.

There is only one bad spot between the hardware store and the picture show. Ridgewood from a vacant lot, the value of which has been much increased by the attractiveness of the places about. Why not fix it up?

All the business men having corners on the Circle promised to clean their spaces. Some have already done so and next week we hope to report that all is in good order.

Commerce street shows an improvement since the clean-up fever has taken effect. Casdns and Mitchell have been at work.

Shumacher's place, although a very large one, is kept free from sandspurs and natal hay and has a trim appearance.

Better Than Normal Market Is Promised for Coming Citrus Crop

Upon his return from a trip through the fruit markets in the north, W. L. Crews, manager of the Sebring packing house, informs us he feels most optimistic about the citrus business for the coming season. Through the north central states, though times are still somewhat hard, small plants are beginning to open, money is available for legitimate purposes, and the great middle class is again coming to its own. It is to this class that the exchange looks for its real market, as the fancy market is always to be found, but its limited sphere is small in comparison to the output that Florida is ready to handle. The great mass of the people now consider the grapefruit and orange necessities instead of luxuries and would no more do without them than without the apple. They are willing to pay a fair price for the fruit and are anxious to get it.

Mr. Crews made his trip especially to get directly in touch with markets for Sebring Sweets, so that there would be the fewest possible middlemen to handle the fruit. Through the north central states he found fruit dealers anxious to get Florida grapefruit and ready to contract for it. The oranges they still buy from California, as the fruit trade has not yet been educated to the fact that the Florida orange is as much superior to the California orange as is the grapefruit. However, it was the grapefruit market that needed the expansion and the real purpose of the trip was accomplished. The Florida Citrus Exchange is fully recognized in the north as the real medium of Florida fruit shipping and 95 per cent of the fruit bought in these states comes from exchange houses. The small grower gets the benefit of the extensive advertising done by the exchange and this is really the purpose of this co-operative organization.

Although a branch of the Florida Citrus Exchange, Sebring has its own individuality and stands on its merit, not waiting for the exchange agents to furnish all the markets. One Minneapolis fruit firm, which has fifteen branch stores, has contracted to use in all of its stores only Sebring Sweets grapefruit and see that it is advertised as such. The same contract was made with a St. Paul firm which has three branch stores. In Sioux City, Ia., there are fifteen stores that will do the same. Mr. Crews had intended to go on to Omaha and other western markets, but found that perhaps the Sebring crop would not be able to care for more this year and decided to limit the territory. In another year, when more trees are bearing and when the present bearing trees are older and bearing larger crops, the territory will be canvassed and Sebring Sweets made known to more grapefruit lovers. The danger of over-production of grapefruit ceases to be considered a danger when the vast territory and the ever-increasing demand for the fruit are recognized. The orange market will be especially good this year, due to the failure of the apple crop in many places.

Upon his return from the trip Mr. Crews investigated the condition of the fruit on the trees here and found it fully a month ahead of that of last year and the quality much improved, for the trees are older and the season has been good. The packing house will open about Oct. 10 and a great part of the grapefruit will be moved before Christmas. The packing house equipment has been enlarged and has been made ready to handle the extra quantity of fruit this year and the interests of the growers have been considered from every angle.

Highlands County Needs Better Facilities for Housing Prisoners

Our jail at the present time consists of two cells—one 6x8 and the other 8x10 feet in dimensions—located in the rear of a one-story frame building. The ventilation is poor and there is little protection from the scorching rays of the sun, making it in the summer months a place of torture, rather than a place of confinement.

Prisoners deserve humane consideration. It is not the purpose of the law to punish, but rather to correct. Idle confinement never corrected or improved any human being and never will. What we need and need immediately, is a sanitary, comfortable, adequate jail, to accommodate all those unfortunate ones to whom we find it necessary to restrain, both for their own good and the good of others. The county has no funds available at present to construct such a building, but the room in the new building now under construction, which is intended for a city hall, is 30x40 feet in dimensions, plenty large enough to accommodate the installation of eight steel cells, 10x12 feet each, which would meet our necessity for some time to come. The council will only use this room occasionally and mostly at night. That body could easily transact all its business in the new court room when court was in session. Thus would we be able, at a small additional expense, to provide an institution, the necessity for which no one in the county will question.

Messrs. County Commissioners, will you please give this matter your consideration. From a humane, economic and efficient standpoint, we must have relief from present conditions. House and feed the prisoners well, put them on the public highways and let them earn their keep. Afford them something to do, so they will not brood over their condition and when they are released, both they and we are better off. We trust this suggestion will meet with the approbation of the citizens of the county and we know that the council would be willing to make this arrangement for the good of everyone concerned.

Since writing the above we understand that the commissioners have taken action on the matter. As to just what the plans are we have not been informed, but any arrangements that they may make will certainly be a great improvement over present jail conditions.

Sebring Novelty Works Enjoying Rapid Increase in Business

No effort has ever been made to make Sebring a manufacturing town, but the rapid growth of the town and the need for building materials without long delays have created a demand that the Sebring Novelty Works will now supply. This shop was opened last winter by W. T. Poland and this summer A. C. Hencock formed a partnership with him and the business was enlarged. New electrical equipment was installed, enabling them to do a greater amount and a greater variety of work. The shop which they might be able to increase the out-put. There is no shop of its kind near Sebring and the Sebring Novelty Works could be made to supply the entire county with its interior building material.

The orders now on hand at the works include the materials for the Hainz and Sebring buildings on Ridgewood, the duplex houses being constructed for J. W. Masters on Lake View drive, the Butler home on South Lake View drive, the Avon Park postoffice and the home of William Hare of Avon Park. Mr. Poland is making estimates on other work. His figures are always found reasonable and his work satisfactory. The cost of the electric power is very high in Sebring, due to the fact that not enough is consumed in the day time to warrant a reduced rate. In spite of this Mr. Poland underbids out-of-town firms and by running his shop secures the operation of the light plant all day and furnishes the people of Sebring with all-day current. With the assurance of this continuous current, many electrical appliances will be installed throughout the town.

Mr. Poland came to this country from Canada and located first in Detroit. From there he came to Wauchula, but finding nothing to his liking in his line, came to Sebring last winter and immediately began work here. He with his wife and two children live in the "Golden Glow" bungalow on Lake View drive.

Mr. Heacock is well known in Sebring, being connected with many activities here. He is overseeing the building of Lake Jackson boulevard, the clearing of lake-front lots and taking care of the books for the Sebring Real Estate Company. Mr. and Mrs. Heacock and four children have been living in the "Bougainvilla" all summer, but will soon move to their new home on Poinsettia street.

A. F. SPOONER GIVES SEBRING A GREAT BOOST

A. F. Spooner, who recently sold his grocery business in Sebring, has for the last two or three weeks been visiting neighboring towns and cities with a view to re-engaging in some line of business. Mr. Spooner informed us he had been in Tampa, St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Manatee, Bradentown, Sarasota, Plant City, Lakeland, Bartow, Winter Haven, Lake Wales, Haines City, Fort Meade and Avon Park. That he found conditions in all these places good, many improvements being made and a live, wide-awake people, but he had decided that none of them have any advantage over Sebring as a growing, thriving community. Considering this in connection with the natural beauty and health conditions found here, he is much inclined to remain in Sebring. We are all greatly pleased to learn that Mr. Spooner feels this way, for he is certainly a fine fellow, an asset to any community and a man who is inclined to give credit to his neighbors wherever and whenever credit is due.

Big Celebration

The Sebring Board of Trade at a special meeting Wednesday evening voted to hold a grand celebration upon the completion of Lake Jackson boulevard, which will be one of the most beautiful drives anywhere in Florida and the means of drawing large crowds of motorists to Sebring. This celebration will include a motorcade, chicken and fish dinner and many other attractions not yet decided upon. Due notice will be given through the columns of the Messenger.

American Apple Crop

The July estimate of the American apple crop for 1921 is 17,606,000 barrels, compared with 36,272,000 last year; peaches 30,760,000 bushels compared with 43,700,000 bushels last year.