

RATE INCREASE SHOULD BE CUT DE LAUREN BURR

To fully restore the nation to prosperity the business of the country should be relieved of the entire increase in transportation rates imposed in August, 1920, by the interstate commerce commission," R. Hudson Burr, chairman of the Florida railroad commission, declared before the convention of the Florida Realtors' Association held in Miami recently.

Mr. Burr said that not only would the nation be better off if the increases were removed but that the carriers themselves would be benefited. If railroad labor exerted in any degree to retain a place in public confidence the time has come for it to show that it is willing to take less for its services, he said, in commencing upon the need for reduction.

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This is a representative government, and the voters who founded it thought that 30,000 people were enough to entitle them to a member of congress. The census of 1880 showed that we had something over 3,000,000 population, and the congress raised its representatives to 103, making one member to about 30,000 of population. Today we have about 21,000,000 or thereabouts; that is a member of congress now represents between five and six times as many people as in 1880.

A FLORIDA FAIR

Moses F. Sam in Florida Mesquedo.

At one time, away back in the early days before white men cut an island in the world, Florida abounded in huge animal life, the mastodon, elephant, saber-tooth tiger and other huge and dangerous beasts, as shown by fossil remains found in many sections of the state, and their bones are now to be seen in college collections, in historical museums at St. Augustine, Gainesville and other places, and at the office of the state geologist at Tallahassee. Remains of the primitive horse have also been found; a little fellow, about the size of the sheep. The horse, as we now know him, was not found in America when the white man came, he brought that now-resentful animal from Europe, turned loose it, multiplied and the Indians saw much use of it, and was the principal source of food for the red man. Wild horses are still found in parts of the west.

The wood lot in a case like was found in our woods, but he moved west before the white man, and on the great plains, existed in vast numbers. Hunted for its hide, it is to be seen existing as a wild range animal, and now found only on the edges of or on a few large farms, where its existence is maintained for show purposes.

The wild animal life of Florida is now somewhat limited in variety, due to the hunters, who have wantonly slain species. They will undoubtedly make the bear, deer, raccoon or some for short, coyote, cane and rabbits. The first two are found in the deep woods or swampy sections, but the latter are more plentifully and often found near the towns.

There is a cheerfully persistent animal, and he is one of the most useful and from its favorite haunts. Night hunting of the snail and peculiar animals of the lizard family is the chameleon, which can change its color as game or of having any known use or value. It is mentioned in the bible, and its peculiarity is its ability to change color. It can often be bought in the curio stores with a chain attached.

None of the following animals are under the protection of the game law; deer, coon, opossum, and rabbit. The deer is the only important animal under protection. While big wild animals are scarce in Florida, we have more kinds of big fish than any other state.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS
Transfers for record with the clerk of the circuit court of Highlands county, as reported by the Highlands Security, Abstract & Title Co., since last publication.

Sebring Real Estate Company to A. L. Butler, \$100; Lot 3 and 4, block E, of the ninth addition to Sebring.

Henry G. Allsopp to public, plat; Allsopp's subdivision of lots 3 and 4 of block 58, in Sebring; platted into four.

Max Wild to George Muehr, lease; Center room of the Max Wild building in Avon Park for the term of five years.

Sebring Real Estate Company to Everett S. Rice, \$10 and other consideration; Lot 14, block 85 of sixth addition to Sebring.

First Trust Company of Milwaukee to Frederick D. Underwood, \$1; Lot 5, block 47, section 22, Avon Park.

Frederick D. Underwood and wife to heirs of Almira H. Woodruff, \$1; Lot 5, block 47, section 22, Avon Park.

James Allan Woodruff and wife to William Dart, \$1 and other consideration; Lot 5, block 47, section 22, Avon Park.

Articles of incorporation of Highlands Security, Abstract & Title Co. Capital stock, \$50,000. Incorporators, H. O. Sebring, E. L. Haine and E. T. Haskins. Officers for first year, H. O. Sebring, president; J. L. Ivey, vice-president; E. T. Haskins, secretary-treasurer.

Articles of incorporation of Groves Development Company. Incorporators, J. H. Garst, H. O. Sebring and P. M. Young. Officers for first year, J. H. Garst, president; H. O. Sebring, vice-president; E. M. Young, secretary-treasurer. Stock is represented by different classes of membership, depending on the class or nature of grove.

Sebring Real Estate Company to F. S. Bee, \$1,800; Lot 6, block 50 of second addition to Sebring.

J. H. Gunn and wife to D. R. Gaines, \$1 and other consideration; Lot 5, block 9, section 28, Avon Park.

Consolidated Land Company to Kissimmee Island Cattle Company, lease; Large track of land in township 33, range 30; township 33, range 31; township 33, range 32; township 34, range 29; township 34, range 30; township 34, range 31; township 35, range 30; township 35, range 31; township 35, range 32, for a period of five years for grazing purposes only.

James W. Snell and wife to Temple Hogan, \$4; 10 acres in NE 1/4 of NW 1/4, section 18, township 39, range 29.

Hans Anderson and wife to W. F. Hendy and wife, \$200; SW 1/4 of NW 1/4, section 13, township 39, range 29.

H. O. Sebring and wife to Charles F. Wieg, \$375; Lot 11, block II, in section 25, township 34, range 28, Lake Jackson boulevard.

C. E. Dean to L. W. Taylor and wife, \$100; Lots 7 and 8, block C, Krommiller's subdivision, Avon Park.

M. H. Sullivan to Alice J. Hirsch, \$80; NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of NW 1/4, section 16, township 34, range 29.

Alice J. Hirsch and husband to Thomas Pearl, \$10; Farm No. 13, section 16, township 34, range 29.

Clara Van Der Schouw to Thomas A. Pearl, \$500; Farm No. 14, section 16, township 34, range 29.

DeSoto City Groves Company to George D. and Eliza D. Dyer, lease; 20 acres, township 35, range 29, \$750.

L. D. Roberts and wife and O. E. Loutholtes and wife to L. A. Wolff, lot in section 23, township 33, range 28, \$2,000.

United States to Adella P. Newbern, patent, 160 acres in section 15

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L. D. Roberts and wife to H. A. Winter, 140 acres in section 27, township 33, range 28, \$1 and other consideration.

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Buy Red Cross Christmas Seals

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

W. P. Griggs of Frostproof was in Sebring Saturday.

A good time awaits you at Tamm Park next Tuesday evening.

School closed Friday, Dec. 16, for the Christmas vacation of two weeks.

George E. Sebring arrived home from Baltimore, Md., Thursday evening.

You'll miss it if you fail to be at Tamm Park next Tuesday evening.

Charles F. Weigle, evangelist, attended the conference at Orlando last week.

Everybody attend the meeting at Tamm Park Tuesday evening, Dec. 20.

Abram Burkett of Lakeview drive was in Tamm last week for two or three days.

Miss Gertrude Mims of Atlanta, Ga., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Homer Wakefield.

Catherine Jane Farmer and Miss Belle Eberhardt of DeSoto City spent Wednesday in Sebring.

W. W. Langford of DeSoto City was transacting business and greeting friends here Saturday.

Douglas E. Trumbull and William Platt of Arcadia were transacting business in Sebring Wednesday.

Orval Sebring left Wednesday on a trip to his large avocado grove down in the Lake Charles country.

H. L. Kelly of the Starline apartments and R. L. Laird, ex. Secy. at Lake Childs and Moore Haven.

Prof. Homer Wakefield, with his family, will leave Sunday for a two weeks' vacation on the East Coast.

Mrs. Kicher and daughter are recent arrivals in Sebring and are occupying one of the Bee apartments.

Dr. Hodde and family and Mr. Drake and family were at the Z Farm Sunday, visiting H. F. Casson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Kelly of the Starline apartments spent a few days last week in Tampa and St. Petersburg.

J. Ross Rythe this week sold G. A. McAlpine a complete line of home furnishings for his new house on Pine street.

Tr. Hiplon, Fairfax T. Haskins and W. A. Marshall were in Arcadia Wednesday on business pertaining to school affairs.

Orval Sebring and A. C. Heacock took Rev. J. H. Smith to Haines City Tuesday evening to get the train for Savannah, Ga.

John deGrafencier of DeSoto City was in Sebring Saturday on his way to Avon Park, where he met Mrs. deGrafencier, who had been at the hospital at Cairo, Ga., for the last two weeks. She underwent an operation while there, but is now fully recovered. Mrs. deGrafencier has suffered from ill health for some time past, but we trust from now on she may enjoy good health.

Harry McCorkle has arrived in Sebring for the winter. Mrs. McCorkle and her father, Mr. Hemming, came down early in the season.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Hamby and Mrs. Hamby's niece, Miss Hoerner of Lakeland, spent Sunday with Mrs. Edgar Pidge.

Mrs. Ralph Mason and daughter Betty of North Grand Pk. arrived in Sebring last Sunday evening and will spend the winter here.

Carl, Clarence, Leifer's new home in Sebring Heights is now completed and he moved into it last Tuesday.

George P. Butler did the bidding. Mr. McManus and Ed Barnett of Palmdale were here Monday and attended progress on the drilling of the well three miles northeast of Palmdale.

Miss Pidler moved her seventh grade pupils Thursday to the room procured for them by the department of education and child's welfare of the Woman's Club.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Johnson drove to Dade City Sunday, returning Monday. Mr. Johnson owns business in Dade City and is usually quiet for this reason of the year.

Mr. E. J. Johnson, father and Miss Taylor, entertained Professor and Mrs. Wakefield and children and Miss Vardine Mims at luncheon at the Roanoke Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Horsford have today (Saturday) for G. S. and G. L. Johnson, ex. Secys. at Lake Childs, a good deal of business.

T. J. Murray of Jacksonville, who is interested in Jacksonville, Fla., has been here a few days last week looking after his interests. He has a great deal of business in the future of this section.

W. S. Jones of Atlanta, Ga., better known as "All Star" Jones, arrived with the A. M. Robinson Company, was here Tuesday and Wednesday in connection with the company. He also made a trip to Moore Haven Thursday, returning to Sebring that evening.

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Mrs. Daniel Ransom moved into her new home on Lakeview drive this week.

Scott Morris of Palmdale was in Sebring Tuesday transacting business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Mitchell went to Tampa Friday of this week, returning Sunday.

W. D. Trice, Jr., of Moore Haven, was the guest of A. R. McGinnis and family last Sunday.

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Buy your 15-cent tickets now. D. E. Brunsell of Tampa was in Sebring Wednesday on business.

F. S. Howie returned from a week's trip to Jacksonville and Orlando Wednesday evening. Mrs. Howie had charge of the business while he was away.

Rev. S. W. Hall and A. R. McGinnis of Arcadia were in Sebring Wednesday night. They went to Moore Haven Thursday, returning to Sebring Thursday night.

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It is due to the Christ spirit of "Peace on earth, good will to men," the unselfish desire to make others happy that on this one day at least there is a tug at the heart-strings of all humanity, from the humblest to the highest. It is in this spirit of peace and good will that this bank wishes one and all a Merry, Merry Christmas.

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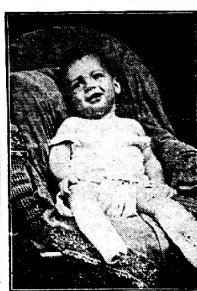
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HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF A CHRISTMAS JOY-BOX?

A Christmas joy-box can be the size of a half-gallon candy box or it may be as large as the largest wooden dry goods box you ever saw. The size depends on what you are willing to put into it. Each joy-box should have some candy, nuts, cookies, fruit and other goodies, a Christmas toy or two, a doll if it is for a girl or a jack-knife or toy or baseball if it is for a boy, a new ribbon or two, handkerchiefs, stockings or a new tie, etc., if for a boy and a little money for the boy or girl or send as you may choose. The Children's Home Society of Florida invites every man, woman and child and every school, Sunday school, club, lodge, young



people's society, women's club, Indian aid society or other organization in the state of Florida to get up a joy-box for every homeless, orphan and needy child in our state. We want enough individual joy-boxes for every one of the little ones in over three homes in Jacksonville and Pensacola and then we want to ask for some larger family joy-boxes, filled with children's clothing of every kind, shoes and slippers, hats, coats, shoes, stockings, underwear, stockings, ribbons, ties, handkerchiefs, etc., and any quantity of jelly, preserves, scrums, honey, nuts, starchy groceries, chickens, fruits, vegetables, nuts, etc. We can use anything that children from wee babies on up can eat, wear or enjoy. All joy-boxes, big or small, should be sent to our children's homes, either at 1914 Riverside avenue, Jacksonville, or to our West

Florida branch home at Seventh avenue and Jordan streets, Pensacola.

We have had over 1,000 homeless orphan and needy children come under our care and attention already this year, and about four new children on an average are referred to us each day. The joy-boxes are an endless quantity of joy-boxes, big and small.

Just think and think of how good it would make you feel to get such a joy-box for Christmas and then just imagine the delight of the poor little homeless kiddies who would feel.

In addition to joy-boxes we have two other great joys. They are equally important. One is more good family homes for our homeless children, the other is more money to keep our great work going. We plead earnestly for both.

Won't you make your own Christmas happy by sending us a check or money order right now before you forget or take one of our homeless youngsters in and give it a good home, or send us or get up a Christmas joy-box or barrel for our orphan family of little unfortunates. Please do.

The Children's Home Society of Florida, "Florida's greatest charity," state headquarters, 428 St. James building, Jacksonville, Fla. Judge A. Baker, president; R. Y. Covington, treasurer; Marcus C. Page, state superintendent.

A TEACHERS' CLUB Announcement that a teachers' club is to be formed in Tampa as part of, and to affiliate with, the federation of women's clubs of the state is interesting. There is no more important body of women in any city than those who are engaged in teaching the children. It is amazing that they have not before now been made to see the benefits to accrue from organization, and the betterments they will be able to get for the community. Let it be a club of teachers, then. State or county school officials have no place, except through courtesy of the teachers themselves, in this club. The reason so many teachers' organizations have been mere forms is that they have let in school authorities, state and county, who have dominated them while maybe not intended to, but the teacher has been naturally a timid person afraid of state school officials, the trustees, and her state organization of co-education.

But is a wonderful work ahead for the child, as women in school teaching there are homes and hearts and emotions and feelings and health, all to be bettered by the aid of the co-operative strength of federation of women's clubs behind her.

You will find copies of the Messenger for sale at both the Rexall and the Stanley & Garrett drug stores.

NOTICE OF BOND SALE

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received by the Town Council of the Town of Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, at the council chamber of said town, on the 15th day of December, A. D. 1921, up until 12 o'clock noon of said day, for the purchase of \$100,000.00 of Electric Light and Water Works Bonds of said town; the said bonds to bear interest at the rate of seven per cent per annum, payable semi-annually; the principal of said bonds to be payable as follows: \$5,000.00 of said bonds to be due and payable on June 2, 1925; and \$5,000.00 of said bonds to be due and payable on June 1, 1926; and \$10,000.00 of said bonds to be due and payable on June 1, 1927; and \$10,000.00 of said bonds to be due and payable on June 1 of each year thereafter, up to and including June 1, 1930.

And also, at the same time and place, bids will be received for the purchase of \$50,000.00 of Street Improvement Bonds of the said Town of Sebring, said bonds to be in denominations of \$1,000.00 each, and due and payable as follows: \$5,000.00 on the 1st day of June, A. D. 1930, and \$5,000.00 due and payable each year thereafter, up until and including June 1, 1932; both principal and interest of said bonds to be payable at the American Exchange National Bank in the City of New York, State of New York, or at the office of the Treasurer of the Town of Sebring, Sebring, Highlands County, Florida; interest on said bonds, at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, being due and payable on the first day of June and December of each year.

Said bonds will be sold to the highest and best bidder, for cash, and each bid must be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of \$1,000.00 for the faithful performance of the bid.

The approval as to legality of the bonds and all proceedings thereon of John C. Thompson, bond attorney, of New York City, will be furnished upon request.

Done and ordered this 14th day of

J. Lee Johnson

Real Estate

and

Insurance

FIRE

LIFE

ACCIDENT

All kinds of

CASUALTY INSURANCE

and

BONDING

Phone 87 Sebring, Fla.

November, A. D. 1921.

A. E. LAWRENCE,

Mayor, Town of Sebring, Highlands County, Florida.

W. B. ZACHARY,

(Seal) Town Clerk, November 26-December 10-17

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the first Tuesday in January of each year is fixed by the Town Charter of the Town of Sebring, Florida, for the holding of the general election of town officers for the Town of Sebring, Florida.

Now, therefore, I, A. E. Lawrence, Mayor of the Town of Sebring, Florida, do hereby proclaim that on Tuesday, January 3, A. D. 1922, the same being the first Tuesday in January, between the hours of 8 o'clock a. m. and sundown, a general election will be held in the Town of Sebring, Florida.

Attest: A. E. LAWRENCE, Mayor

(Seal) W. B. ZACHARY, Town Clerk

November 26-December 10-17

At said election all qualified electors for the Town of Sebring shall be allowed to vote.

I hereby appoint as Inspectors of said election, the following named persons, to-wit: Frank Brown, Isaac Dottery, Tobias Sipos, and as Clerk of said election, Everett S. Rice.

Done in the Town of Sebring, Florida, this 1st day of November, A. D. 1921.

A. E. LAWRENCE, Mayor

(Seal) W. B. ZACHARY, Town Clerk

November 26-December 10-17

DeSoto City Groves Company

Offers you the best of citrus land in 5, 10 or 20-acre tracts, situated on Red Beach Lake

in the heart of the famous citrus growing belt

We also have for sale a number of

BEAUTIFUL RESIDENCE LOTS IN DE SOTO CITY ON THIS BEAUTIFUL LAKE

We invite you to come and look over this property and let us show you this rapidly developing section and give you our prices and

Terms

DeSoto City Groves Company

OFFICES DE SOTO CITY AND SEBRING

401 N. P. St. Sebring, Fla.

SEBRING NOVELTY WORKS

Everything in Mill Work

WINDOW AND DOOR FRAMES SASH SHUTTERS

DOOR TRIM MOULDINGS

cabinet work of all kinds

Send us your plans and let us figure with you on your next

MILL WORK

Phone 109 Sebring, Florida

Whitehouse Hotel

Single Rooms Double Bedrooms

Also nicely furnished 3-room suite, with bath and toilet

Upstairs Pent Residence

MRS. THOMAS WHITEHOUSE

Sebring, Florida

Winter is Here--Let's Go!

Let's show you the prettiest bungalow in town. Ready to move into tomorrow. Everything here you are likely to desire.

PRICE AND TERMS ARE RIGHT IF TAKEN AT ONCE

Let's show you these Lake Fronts at \$100 and every price in between that and \$6,000.

Let's show you Town Lots from \$250 up to \$6,000.

LET'S SHOW YOU

Some Real Bargains in Citrus Lands and Groves

Let's show you some back country, where choicest muck lands can be purchased at a most attractive speculative price—from \$15 to \$30 an acre. Soon be worth \$50 to \$100.

Let's show you small poultry or dairy places. Two acres to ten. Close in and attractive.

Let's Look Around in General

And Select Some Investment in the Prettiest, Liveliest Town, With a Great Future

THAT'S SEBRING, FLORIDA

B. L. LAIRD

CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS SHOULD READ THE ADS

There is only one more week in which the Christmas shoppers can do their trading. The merchants of this town are displaying stocks of holiday goods that should appeal to the most artistic and budget-conscious. Our purchases you should consult the advertising columns of this paper and ascertain what merchants are inviting your patronage and have placed on the shelves and counters attractive lines from which to make your selections.

This is the season of year when we remember father, mother, brother, sister, wife, children, other relatives and friends by giving to them tokens of love and esteem. As we remember the individuals, we should also remember the merchants who are helping to support our churches, schools and every meritorious movement that will make this a better town in which to live, shape our lives and enjoy the blessings the all-wise Creator has bestowed upon us. We can best do this by giving our patronage to these merchants. The money spent at home helps to keep up the institutions in which we all take a justifiable pride. That spent away from home remains a penny to the welfare of our future benefits from it.

When we lay stress upon the importance of patronizing our home merchants, we do not mean that not a dollar should be spent in a neighboring town or city. We do mean that it is unprofitable for yourself, your home town, your neighbor and the public in general to send your money to mail order houses in distant cities. No mail order that does not contribute a penny to the welfare of our home institutions or our home town.

Shoppers who use advertising space as the medium for direct attention to their business in trade are out in the kind of advertising. If they were, they could not afford to draw attention to their ads. They carry standard merchandise and only ask a legitimate profit, to which they are justly entitled.

Do your Christmas shopping at home, as far as possible, and help make it a Merry Christmas for your merchants, as well as for yourself, family and friends.

First Carload Pecans

A carload of pecans, the first shipment of so many as far as is known in the state, was made from Monticello, Fla., on Dec. 8. It went to St. Louis. Monticello is also the town that ships watermelon seed by the carload and supplies most of the seed stores of the United States. The output of 1931 is estimated at a quarter of a million pounds.

Horses and Mules

Data compiled by the Horse Association of America indicates that there are more than 12,000,000 horses and mules in the United States, 17,000,000 of which are on farms and more than 2,000,000 in cities. For short delivery service it is shown that horse-drawn vehicles are much cheaper to operate than motor cars.

John D. Locks Goodbye

John D. Rockefeller took a little girl in Cleveland to a ride in his car and after she had comfortably seated herself, he asked her: "Where would you like to go?" "Oh, I don't care," the little miss replied. "Where do you want to go?" "Oh," Mr. Rockefeller replied with a twinkle in his eyes, "I want to go to heaven."

"Oh, Mr. Rockefeller," the girl exclaimed, "I guess you haven't got gasoline enough to take you there."

—Boston Globe.

Using Raw Materials

Canning carloads of sweet potatoes in the Long Branch plant of the Florida Farms and Industries Company enterprise, in Clay county, is a practical illustration of the need and adaptability of manufacturing from Florida raw materials.—Times-Union.

Wood a Valuable Crop

The United States forestry service estimates that there are 200,000,000 acres of farm wood lots owned by the individual farmers of the nation. Wood lot products now rank in value as one of the first three or four principal farm crops of the country. The yield of these farm wood lots can be immensely increased by better methods. Fires annually destroy millions of dollars' worth of wood suitable for fuel.

Oranges from Japan

A dispatch from Seattle on Nov. 29, noted the arrival there of 4,700 boxes of oranges from Japan with other and larger shipments on the way. The oranges sold at \$2.25 a box. Reports from San Francisco announced the arrival there of 6,200 boxes of butter and 1,650 cases of eggs from Australia.

WHY RENT?

BUY A LOT FOR \$350.00

Build Your Own Home

FRED A. YEAGER

REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS INSURANCE
Sebring, Florida

OUR NEW

Restaurant and Lunch Room

Is Now Open at

Moyer's Old Stand

We invite our friends and the public at large to give us a call

Good Home Cooking

MRS. BERTHA BUEHL

Moyer's Old Stand Sebring, Florida

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE GIFT INTIMATE

Here are a few suggestions from our immense stock of high-class underwear:

Silk Garments

Made of fine crepe de chine wash satin and Georgette crepe, trimmed with handsome laces and ribbons, shown in white, flesh, apricot and orchid.

Silk Underskirts \$3.50

Extraordinary values in new crepe de chine night gowns, in both plain tailored and lace trimmed styles, white, flesh and orchid.

Silk Camisoles, Special 90c

Made of fine quality wash satin, trimmed with hemstitching or laces and embroidery.

Envelope Chemise and Teddies at special prices

Wool Plaid Sport Skirts, \$8.00 to \$6.00

Boys' Suits, \$10.00 to \$8.00 Special Values

Christmas Blouse and Waist Sale A beautiful assortment

Crepe de Chine and Voile Waists From \$5.50 to \$2.50

Women's and Children's Coats Reduced 25 Per Cent

New Lot of Ladies Oxfords
Just received. Handsome styles. Priced low for the Christmas trade.

Ladies' and Misses Wool Knit Sweaters and Scarfs
At special reduced prices for the holidays.

A MESSAGE TO CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

This store is fully prepared to supply the many wants of anxious Christmas shoppers. More unique, ornamental, useful and worth-while things are obtainable here at lower costs than has been possible for many seasons. We feel that a shopping visit of inspection will disclose to the discriminating buyer many economies not always evidenced in the pricing of Christmas goods. In addition to this feature the vexing problem of what to buy may very easily be solved when you see the character and diversity of our offerings.

Suits
Coats
Dresses
Skirts
Blouses
Petticoats
Sweaters
Scarfs
Bath Robes

Lingerie
Gloves
Shoes
Hosiery
Corsets
Handkerchiefs
Slippers
Hand Bags
Umbrellas

Children's Coats
and Dresses
Dress Materials
Silks
Linen
Drapes
Blankets
Spreads
Infants' Wear

Such Presents are Easy to Buy

For these holiday stocks offer such a broad collection of practical gifts that your entire list can be checked off without any provoking anticipation as to whether each present will suit or not. They always suit. They are always welcome, for sensible women like practical gifts.

TOYS! TOYS! TOYS!

We have a large and varied selection of toys. You will be delighted with the handsome assortment we have. Bring the children in to see them. We have all the toys that suit the boy and those that please the girls. We have a great big family of dolls—and at reasonable prices.

BOXED PERFUMES

A wonderful variety of the choicest perfumes, toilet waters and toilet preparations.

HANDKERCHIEFS

A wonderful variety of new and novel gift handkerchiefs for both men and women. Make your selections now from our matchless display.

NEW EMBROIDERED MODELS

These are most appropriate for gifts and as these are only samples, there is only one of each. Included in this collection are:

Children's Dresses	Sweaters
Rompers	Bath Towels
Aprons	Night Gowns
Collar and Cuff Sets, Etc.	Chemises

SILK HOSIERY

Hosiery is usually considered a practical gift. It is, but it can be a gift of beauty too, if it is selected from our stocks of novelty hose. We have a very extensive collection of women's full fashioned novelty silk hose in lace and glove silk, ranging in price from \$4.50 to \$1.50.

CREPE DE CHINE

There is another remarkable value in crepe de chine, shown in a good range of evening shades, from \$1.75 to \$1.50.

Special Reduction on All Our MEN'S SUITS

CRIB BLANKETS From \$3.50 to \$2.00

Just Received

A NEW LOT OF MEN'S RAINCOATS
Marked down to the special price of \$9.00 each. A genuine value.

PARK MERCANTILE COMPANY

R. C. EPPERSON, Proprietor

AVON PARK, FLORIDA

Street Improvement and Water and Light Bonds Sell for 96 1-2

The town council met in regular session Monday night, Dec. 19, with Mayor Lawrence, President Graham, Commissioner Wilson and Mrs. Zachary present for the purpose of receiving bids for bond issues for the purchase and improvement of the electric light and water plant and for street improvements. Bids were received and the meeting adjourned until 1 o'clock, when the coin was met, with a full board present.

The meeting was called to order by President Graham for the purpose of opening the bids for the purchase of \$100,000 worth of 7 per cent light and water bonds and \$50,000 worth of 6 per cent street improvement bonds. The following bids were then read and sold:

W. L. Clayton & Co., \$5 cash for water and light bonds, 94 1/2 cash for street improvement bonds.

The Highlands Bank & Trust Company, \$5 cash for street improvement bonds.

Sebring Light and Water Company, \$5 cash for light and water bonds, conditional on the purchase price of \$100,000 and the water plant, no certified check accompanied the bid and it was therefore rejected.

Sebring Real Estate Company, par for the \$100,000 light and water bonds, conditional on the purchase price of \$100,000 and the water plant, no certified check accompanied the bid, which was therefore rejected.

Calwell & Co., \$14 for both the light and water and street improvement bonds, but conditional as to taxation.

The council voted to reject all bids and allow all bidders, if they so fit, to submit new bids at a later hour. A. B. Leach & Co., through their representative, asked that their bid be permitted to withdraw their bid, which permission was granted.

Council then adjourned at 9:30 p. m., at which hour it was again called to order by President Graham and the following amendments were submitted:

W. L. Clayton & Co., 95 1/2 cash for the water and light bonds.

The Highlands Bank & Trust Company, 96 1/2 cash for the street improvement bonds.

Calwell & Co., 96 1/2 for both water and light and street improvement bonds, but conditional as to taxes.

The bids of W. L. Clayton & Co. and the Highlands Bank & Trust Company, being the best submitted, the award of sale of the \$100,000 light and water bonds and the \$50,000 street improvement bonds to the Highlands Bank & Trust Company was then instructed to carry out the terms of the award.

There being no further business the council adjourned to meet at the call of the president at 9:30 p. m.

HOG HUNTERS GET TWO BUCK, NINE COON AND ONE BIG OTTER

M. E. Lanier, Wes Waldron and Harvey Waldron were out hog hunting last week. They not only found the hogs, but had some sport besides. Wes suggested to Mr. Lanier that he take his gun along, but Wes wouldn't do it. On the way to the country, Mr. Lanier saw three large bucks, about 100 yards from where they were at the time. He asked Mr. Waldron for his gun and proceeded to bring down one of the bucks, while the other two escaped. They had their dog with them, but would not let him follow. They loaded the deer upon one of the horses, but he refused to carry the burden, so they were compelled to go back and get a truck to haul it in. They also brought a shotgun, put the dog on the trail and in a short time had another buck. Wes Waldron made the second kill. They could have easily killed the third one, but concluded they had venison enough and let him get away. On the way to Harvey Waldron secured nine coon and one otter. Taking it all around, they figured they had enjoyed a very successful hog hunt.

Birthday Party

Twelve little folks met last Saturday afternoon to help Virginia Bryan celebrate her birthday and they had a most delightful time. Many children's games were played and then they went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Bailey, who live near Lake Josephine. The little cake was made up by the hostess. Strawberry ice cream and cake were served, the cake being beautifully decorated with fruit. Favors were given to each child—a spinning wheel and boxes of candy.

Camping Party

The out-door fever seems to have seized many this season and they even wish to try the big outdoors at night. On the night of Dec. 19, N. K. Bailey, who live near Lake Josephine, entertained a camping party at his home. The party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Pringle, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Sebring, Jr., and Lelia Sebring.

HUNTING PARTY SECURES TWENTY EIGHT-POUND BUCK WEIGHING 150 POUNDS

Friday morning a hunting party composed of Henry Pollard, Marion Pollard, and one of the best shot hunters in the state, left Sebring to secure some coon for Christmas. They crossed Lake Okechobee and went to the Kissimmee river, a favorite hunt for the high game. They had a very successful hunt, finding their first coon in fifteen minutes after they had put his nose to the ground. The track of the coon was followed and in a short time the dog was on the trail. The coon was a large one, weighing 150 pounds and was a fine specimen of the breed. The hunters were very pleased with their success and the coon was taken home for Christmas.

COLLEGE POST AMERICAN LEAGION Elected Officers

At a regular meeting of College Post American Legion, held at the public library building Tuesday evening, officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: R. E. Lawrence, commander; F. A. Yeager, vice-commander; S. E. Kline, adjutant; Tom Dineen, sergeant-at-arms; J. C. Capwell, chaplain; W. C. Penick, his torian; Gideon Jeager, athletic officer; J. C. Eastwood, post executive; Henry Allsup, chairman legal committee; W. W. Stephens, chairman American committee; Mark Robinson, chairman news service.

A letter from Charles E. Harris, editor of the Columbus City Post, No. 37, requesting Christmas donations for United States Public Hospital, Lake City, was read. There are 130 ex-service convalescents in this hospital. A donation of three boxes of oranges and a five-pound box of candy was made and the proper committee instructed to look after forwarding of same.

School Closing Exercises

The girls of the seventh grade, under direction of Miss Mary Fidler, presented a little Christmas play for the closing exercises at the school Monday night. The play was "The Christmas Eve" and was most entertaining and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The girls took part in the play, and the play was most successful. The play was "The Christmas Eve" and was most entertaining and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The girls took part in the play, and the play was most successful.

Surprise for College Boys

The boys of the Sebring high school class of 1921 were entertained at a surprise party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hancock. The evening was spent in talking, singing, and playing. The party was most successful and the boys enjoyed it very much. The party was "The Christmas Eve" and was most entertaining and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The girls took part in the play, and the play was most successful.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Instead of the usual children's program at the Methodist church on Christmas eve, the Sunday evening service will be a Christmas exercise. The junior choir, under the leadership of Professor Young, will furnish the program for the occasion and everyone is invited to attend. The Christmas treat for the children will be held at this time.

Large Boat

The new launch that has been in building at Lake Jackson for H. O. Sebring has been completed and was taken to Kissimmee river Monday by Eugene Sebring. C. W. Saunders, who is in charge of the launch, and C. Hasty went over and took the large boat down the river to Lake Kissimmee and delivered it to the Sebring farm. The boat attracted much attention as it was the largest ever built in the county.

Notice

All those interested in the work of the Sebring high school are invited to attend the meeting next Tuesday at the Methodist church in Sebring. Mr. Brandon Jones on Fomergate street. The subject for the meeting will be "China."

A Plain Statement of Facts

By F. H. ADAMS, Editor

Nine months ago I received a letter from my cousin, George W. Adams, editor of the Highlands County Pilot of Avon Park, stating that there was much dissatisfaction with the newspaper being published in Sebring at that time. I thought it would be a good idea for a clear, fearless, newsy, up-to-date, weekly paper. He asked me to come and investigate the field and if I were of the same opinion, we would establish a paper at that place and that I would have absolute control of the paper for at least one year. I was not much longer as I cared to continue with the work. Upon this representation I investigated the field. I had reasons to believe it was just as presented and entered into a contract to establish such a paper in Sebring within the next ninety days.

Six months ago, with my family, I located in Sebring and took up the work. On account of my relation to Mr. Adams, there was some suspicion in the minds of some of the people of Sebring as to the policy of the new paper. At the suggestion of several of the citizens, a meeting of the board of trade was called, at which myself and my cousin, George W. Adams of Avon Park, appeared and I stated in an uncertain manner the object in establishing the paper and outlined its policy. Upon these representations the board of trade unanimously endorsed the enterprise and on the 6th day of August the first issue of the Messenger appeared.

I have received the support and endorsement of a large part of the community. I have given Sebring a better paper, judged from all points, than it ever had before.

While many reflections have been cast by the editor of our contemporary, misrepresentations made and unfair methods used to handicap me in the work, I am safe in saying that at no time during the five months the Messenger has been published have I used any unfair means or methods to promote the interests of the paper or myself.

I did seek to criticize the rates and attitude of the Electric Light and Water Company and in so doing last week I received a letter from George E. Sebring, one of the chief stockholders of the company, who stated to me that the establishment of the Messenger was a move on the part of outside interests to create dissension in Sebring and prevent the development of the permanent county seat at that place and that he would use his influence to put the paper out of business.

I have never yet been able to determine his course of reaction. At a later date Adams has now been published here and after the "movement" entered into by the Sebring Development Company, party of the first part, and town of Sebring, party of the second part, in which certain Sebring citizens have been named as candidates for the various offices to be assessed at lower valuations than other lands of the same value belonging to other persons, in consideration of certain promises made by the Sebring Development Company.

This agreement has caused much dissatisfaction in the minds of the majority of the people of Sebring and as a result at the mass meeting held at the permanent county seat at Avon Park and before the permanent county seat has been located, it is the intent and purpose of the "combination" to nominate and elect A. E. Lawrence state senator from this district.

Upon being asked to account for this barefaced falsehood, the said Ruhl denied having made the statement. Whether or not Mr. Ruhl originated the report, he was a willing party to its circulation and he has this to say: He who originated this statement and who circulated it are lending themselves to the promulgation of as dirty, unfair and dishonest a campaign as has ever been conducted in this county. This week Mr. Ruhl advocated that this should be a clean, honest and honorable campaign, with no mud-slinging, back-biting, vituperation and attacks of the kind which he has now been guilty of.

Nevertheless, after expressing himself, Mr. Ruhl goes out upon the streets of Sebring and makes the statement that "A. E. Lawrence, candidate for mayor, and Walter Zachary, candidate for clerk, have entered into an agreement to support the candidacy of A. E. Lawrence for the coming election, that for and in consideration of the support of this paper in the coming election, that they pledged their support in securing the location of the permanent county seat at Avon Park and that they would use their influence to put the paper out of business."

It is not the intention of this paper to publish this statement, but it is the duty of the public to know the truth. The public is entitled to know the truth and the public is entitled to know the truth. The public is entitled to know the truth and the public is entitled to know the truth.

His plea for business has not been made upon the merits of his paper, but upon the merits of the Messenger, but rather from a sympathy for the new paper. Fair-minded men, who are not willing to waste sympathy upon an unworthy object. Neither do they throw their paper into the gutter, but they prove themselves unclean and in more than one instance our competitor has been guilty of the same. The gentleman—a fact we can substantiate by affidavits, which, if published, would bring Mr. Ruhl's leaving town between two days if he escaped the tar pot. (Southern civility is quick to render insults to southern ladies.)

If Mr. Ruhl and his co-workers are desirous that the public should be served and favors shown to none, I cannot for any reason understand why an attack has been made upon the integrity and honesty of Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Zachary in particular, for they were ever ready to support the work of the Sebring Development Company, and in so doing they have been guilty of the same. Therefore, again we say, why this attack upon the work of Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Zachary? In conclusion, I would say to each and every voter of Sebring, look well to your ballot and make no mistake vote for the man whom you have the least suspicion that he will not prove true to his trust and fight for you and your interests, regardless of the inducements which may be held out to him.

There will be several large sums of money expended within the next year or two, which will have to be paid by you in the form of taxes. Be sure and elect men of business ability, above reproach and incorruptible.

New Doctor in Sebring

Dr. R. J. Lamb, now staying at the Whitehouse hotel, will soon with his family be located on Lakewood street. The doctor will be located in the new building and practice in this community. Dr. Lamb is a graduate of the medical college of the University of South Carolina and has been in the home town for two years, after which he located in Birmingham, Ala., where he practiced for a number of years. He is a graduate of the medical college of the University of South Carolina and has been in the home town for two years, after which he located in Birmingham, Ala., where he practiced for a number of years.

High School Picnic

The pretty picnic grounds on the shore of attractive Lake Josephine was the site of the high school picnic Tuesday afternoon. Sixty young folks attended the picnic. The school pupils acting as hosts to those who were invited. The picnic was a success and from the grounds was much enjoyed and every moment there was a happy and enjoyable time. "Three deep," "grunt" and "wood tap" kept all warmed up until the supper was ready. The picnic was a success and from the grounds was much enjoyed and every moment there was a happy and enjoyable time.

Buy your Lyeum tickets now.

Meeting of Growers, Sebring District, Held Wednesday

INSTRUCTIVE AND INTERESTING MEETING HELD AT TUSCUMBIA

The special departmental meeting of the departments of education and health was held last Wednesday afternoon at Tuscumbia, Fla. The meeting was attended by a large number of growers and was well attended by representatives of the various departments. The meeting was held at the Tuscumbia Hotel and was a most successful one. The meeting was held at the Tuscumbia Hotel and was a most successful one.

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Masonic Meeting

The first meeting of the Masons after their organization here was held Wednesday night with many visitors and a large attendance. The meeting was held at the Masonic lodge room and was a most successful one. The meeting was held at the Masonic lodge room and was a most successful one.

Epworth League

Something like 100 young and old attended the Epworth League Sunday evening and enjoyed the program given by Miss Saunders of the third department. The program was a most successful one. The meeting was held at the Epworth League and was a most successful one.