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A BROADER CONCEPTION NEEDED

Did you ever notice that a man who [illegible] when someone [illegible] if it [illegible] when he has to take the same medicine himself?

Could all men see themselves as others see them would the most of them have any occasion to boast of their superiority?

If we spent as much time considering the real object of life as we do in corralling the nimble dollar, regardless of the other fellow's rights or interests, the old world would be quite different from what it is today.

No really generous man or woman was ever criticized for their generosity except by the [illegible]. Generosity and [illegible] often [illegible] and [illegible] belonging to the [illegible] and real pleasure than all the selfishness in the world ever [illegible] to anyone.

If [illegible] men and women [illegible] how to be [illegible] more charity [illegible] man [illegible] have if [illegible] due to [illegible] You [illegible] the truth [illegible] f[illegible] and truth [illegible] the [illegible] mates [illegible] creation of [illegible].

Like [illegible] for [illegible] flock together."

If there were no heat, the word "cold" would mean nothing to us; if there was no light, we would not know the meaning of darkness; if there was no evil, there would be no good, for all these terms depend upon their antithesis for their meaning. The one is [illegible] upon the other, therefore the one could not exist without the other.

Man is a triune being, made up of body, intellect and soul. If any one or two of these are developed at the expense of the other, he becomes onesided and out of proportion. He is then something that nature did not intend him to be and cannot harmonize with his surroundings that are normal.

We have a large number of good men nominated for office this year. It should be an easy matter to select those qualified to administer the affairs of the municipality.

IT SEEMS TO ME

That if our park in the Circle were given a good sprinkling once a week the grass would be greener.

That a barrel placed in the center of the rock pile in the fountain basin, filled with good rich soil and planted to ferns and vines, would greatly improve the looks of our park.

That a receptacle for scraps of paper placed in the park would help in keeping it clean.

That we don't want the name changed to "Brick City," for the name Sebring is good enough.

That whoever uses the pavilion should see that it is put in order for the next fellow.

That we should give the other fellow credit for a little intelligence and not get the idea that we know it all.

That the sun will shine just as brightly, good work will continue and all things be just as successfully carried out if any one of us should pass on to the other side.

That community interests should be considered first, last and always and in voting at the coming election we should all strive to select those who will be most impartial in discharging their official duties.

WE'RE GETTING TO IT

Florida grapefruit is known to be immensely and universally popular. But until quite recently it was not imagined that the country was so "taken" with grapefruit as to want it uninterruptedly, that is, month after month throughout the year. That there is this desire is made evident in a brief, but none the less significant paragraph that appeared recently in the editorial columns of the discriminating Boston Evening Transcript, which said:

"Florida is having a 'grapefruit week,' but if Florida wants to do a really good thing for the rest of the country she will give us in the north fifty-two grapefruit weeks in the year."

Start the new year right. Make a few good resolutions. While you may break some of them, yet he who never resolves never does.

WORKED ON NEWSPAPER

The estate of Eugene Field, the newspaper poet, has finally been settled after eleven years of litigation. It amounts to less than $10,000. Where in the name of common sense did the man get so much money, is what the poets want to know.—News-Scimitar.

That's an easy one, brother. Before Eugene Field became a poet he was a printer and worked for the old Sedalia (Mo.) Capital. He earned the $10,000 "sticking type."—Hardee County Herald.

Vote for the men you believe are the best qualified to fill the city offices and will work for the interests of Sebring as a whole.

A BASE FALSEHOOD

[Highlands County Pilot]

We are informed that a report is current on the streets of Sebring that the Highlands County Messenger will support Avon Park for the permanent county seat when the election for that purpose is called. This report was originated by enemies of the Messenger and circulated for the purpose of muddying the waters in the coming city election in Sebring, in which election we have no interests whatsoever.

The Highlands County Messenger was established in Sebring clearly as a commercial proposition, and we so stated at a meeting of the Board of Trade of Sebring when the matter of establishing another paper in that city was discussed. The Avon Park Printing Company, as owners of the Highlands County Messenger, emphatically denies the report being circulated in Sebring and asks that [illegible] falsehood [illegible] for truth and decency. The report is a [illegible] fabricated out of the whole cloth, and those who circulate the report are lending themselves to the circulation of a base falsehood, either knowingly or unwittingly.

Neither politics, the location of the permanent county seat or any other consideration, except purely business principles, induced us to establish a paper in Sebring and we had the matter under advisement long before Highlands county was created or it was known that old DeSoto would be divided.

F. H. Adams, the editor of the Messenger, dictates the policy of that paper and as he has become a permanent resident of Sebring, the people of that community can rest assured he will use its columns for the furtherance of the best interests of the majority of the people, regardless of what a few selfish individuals may [illegible].

People who are so in [illegible] view [illegible] other [illegible] will bear watching.

A Georgia banker who stole $[illegible] was sentenced to serve one year and one day in the penitentiary. We wonder if he will have to pay in one-tenth [illegible] Florida Metropolis.

OUR SCHOOLS

[Tampa Tribune]

We hear a lot of talk now-a-days about the condition of our schools.

We hear that the teachers are under paid.

Many of the greatest authorities in this and other countries tell us that our school system is all wrong.

We read and sigh, then forget.

What we need, if these things are the case, is some really serious thought, some really constructive action.

It stands to reason that when an enterprising girl can, with a course of six months, or less training, competently fill a stenographer's position at better wages than the girl who takes a four-years' course of training to secure a teacher's certificate will get, that the majority of the enterprising young women will choose the former course. Unless they are inclined towards philanthrophy it's quite natural that they should.

But even supposing that the salaries were in accord with the specialized training necessary, there are those who should be authorities who tell us that our schools are more or less mechanical in their training.

Thomas A. Edison tells us that the whole system is wrong. That there is too much time devoted to the study of things that are of no practical use or benefit to the student at the time they are learning or in later life.

The ideal, of course, will never be attained, yet there are those authorities who state that the habit of holding back some of the more apt in order that those less quick to grasp may keep pace eventually kills the interest of the pupil, and when interest is lost the underlying principle of a sound education is sacrificed.

We could not even venture at a single sitting to offer the solution to the problem, but the issue is one that is of the greatest concern to every parent in the land.

It is an issue, too, which unfortunately is given secondary place on the slightest excuse.

Yet it is one that merits the most serious thought, and futile as the hope may be, it is one that imperatively demands action of the most radical sort without any further decades of dilly-dallying or delay.

Beginning tomorrow (Sunday) write it 1922.

WHY NOT WRITE "US" UP?

Williston Progress: Said a well-known business man to us the other day: "It would not hurt you to occasionally mention our business in the paper. It would help to fill up, you know." Yes, we might do it. We haven't the least idea on earth that it would hurt us, and it would, as he suggests, help to fill up. We might do all this, but at the same time, thank God, we do not have to do it unless we feel like it. It would not hurt him, neither, to come around and say: "Give me a column or a half column of space for an advertisment, and here is the money for it."

You can remedy certain conditions with the paper, said a friend to us the other day. Perhaps so, but did you ever stop to think that it is not altogether the province of a newspaper to be remedying conditions all the time. The first duty of a newspaper is to give the news honestly and fairly. If conditions are not what they should be it is no more the duty of the editor to pry up hades and put a chunk under the corner than it is yours. The news in a newspaper reflects the community doings as a mirror reflects your face. If the mirror shows wrinkles in your face you do not blame the mirror but try to massage out the wrinkle. If you see something in the paper that is not beneficial to the town don't blame the editor for telling the news, but see to it that nothing of a detrimental nature transpires. In other words, smooth out the wrinkles in conditions.—Winter Haven Chief.

BEWARE OF THE FAKE STOCK SALESMAN

There has been so much space of the daily newspapers and weeklies devoted to the "miscarriage of justice," and a case here and there is cited as evidence. The Ponzi case is just now brought fresh to the memories of many readers by the announcement that a 10 per cent or perhaps 25 per cent dividend will be paid all those who entrusted their money to him to make them rich. This keen [illegible] has been serving time for his venture to play the market and make his clients independent. He did not guarantee them a dividend in a few months, but rather gave them the opportunity and they fell by the thousands, and he suffers the fall. We know of men who have organized oil companies, sent through the United States mails all kinds of flashy literature and even promised positively certain monthly dividends and stated [illegible] had oil [illegible] and were [illegible] large returns and men of small means invested all they had, [illegible] to get a regular dividend and what happened? Some of these promoters never even had a well, never built a refinery, never made any pretense of even investing the money obtained from every corner of the United States reached by the mails, but rather devoted a few months to gathering in all the real money they could and then suddenly changed their postoffice, leaving no address. These fellows are living in luxury in the fashionable cities of the south, while those who sent them money are unable to buy the necessities of life. We know of one elderly lady who had saved [illegible] during her life time and was induced to invest it with a Kansas-Texas company that promised a [illegible] and claimed to have several many wells and filling stations and soon the company switched stock to another company and all she has [illegible] is an order [illegible] 1921 [illegible] she made on a certificate for a certain number of shares in the new company. Another man is now living a retired [illegible] who worked [illegible] and [illegible] Yet these thieves are left to [illegible] by the government and go on with their [illegible] of defrauding through the United States mails. Texas has a black eye now and Florida is being invaded and companies being organized and no doubt in other parts of the country stock is being sold. Always ask the advice of your banker before checking your money out to any of these fake companies. Be sure you know personally the men promoting the company, even though you do know the stock salesman.

FLORIDA PROSPERS

[Lakeland Telegram]

Visitors from the north never tire of commenting on the contrast between the evidences of prosperity here and the now happily diminishing signs of dull times in the northern states.

They tell us that we have no idea of what those states, particularly the middle western manufacturing centers, went through in the early summer. They can hardly believe that during all that time Florida was pursuing the even tenor of her way and taking only a languid interest in the industrial reports in the daily papers.

There is a lesson of tremendous importance in these facts. It shows that Florida's prosperity is based upon conditions altogether different from those prevailing in other states. Florida will never rival Pennsylvania or Michigan as a manufacturing state. Possibly it will never quite rank with Kansas or Iowa as an agricultural state. And that simply means that it will always remain impervious to the hardships which beset those commonwealths. Through its resources are most marvellously diversified. Florida's climate and scenery, coupled with her geographical situation, will always make the entertainment of visitors and winter residents the leading industry.

We can not help that if we wanted to. The teeming millions of the north will always desire to go south in the winter. Florida is the logical place to go. There may be a million visitors and temporary residents this season, but the time will come when the state will have to take care of twice or thrice that number.

Hence, the one great need is more housing and still more housing. The builder may not sell in a week, especially if he asks a fancy price, but the demand for houses in Florida is absolutely limitless. That is, it is limitless as to the number it will require to satisfy; but not, of course, as to the price. Florida building must be carried on under the principle of the small profit and quick turnover.

Let us not deceive ourselves regarding the miraculous escape of our state from hard times. The successful men of the future will be those who recognize the conditions of Florida's prosperity and direct their efforts along the lines marked out by nature. The world wants to come to Florida—our success will be measured by our ability to accommodate the world when it gets here.

City election next Tuesday, Jan. 3.

The open season for deer and turkey in this county closes today (Saturday).

I'll bet "Elsie Robinson's" real name is Eli. No woman ever wrote as he writes and a great many men talk just that same line of reasoning (?) and, if you notice, the criticism is all of women. Men evidently play no part in this world's failures.—Contributed.

We are informed that the wild cat is the most deadly enemy of the fawn; that more than one-half of the fawn are destroyed each year by the cats. If this is true, and we have no reason to doubt it, for our informant is one of the best hunters in the state, each county should place a bounty on all wild cat pelts. We do know that the wild cats destroy many quail, young turkeys and other game and song birds; also small domestic animals and fowls.

TAKING WORRY OUT OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a very beautiful holiday, embodying perhaps the sweetest and lovliest sentiments of which the human race is capable. Yet some people make the Christmas period one of worry and over-strain.

There are some women who have long lists of friends, and they feel that all these people must be remembered for this holiday. Some of them will select and send off remembrances to a hundred or more people. Many of these gifts are just Christmas cards, yet they devote a good deal of thought to each card, so as to be sure that the sentiment is appropriate.

Noble as the feeling of Christmas is, any good thing can be overdone. Some people who worried and fretted about their list of presents, failed to catch the real spirit of the occasion.

Christmas is over.

Get ready for 1922. Remember, resolutions are as easily broken as made.

This week we have added five times as many subscribers to our list as we lost.

Let us endeavor to accomplish more during the coming year than we accomplished last year. If we do that it will be "some year."

The dry raids during the holiday season were too numerous to mention, but none of them of any consequence were made in Highlands county.

We extend a happy New Year's greeting to all our friends and those who are not our friends. May you live long and prosper according to your just deserts.

We take this occasion to wish our many friends a Happy and Prosperous New Year and thank them for their generous and liberal endorsement and support of the Messenger since its establishment five months ago. May the New Year bring you more prosperity, more joy and more happiness than any of the preceding years have done.

Within a short time after we had established ourselves in Sebring we were informed that we must use discretion in publishing anything which might reflect upon certain established interests; that we must not offend "the powers that be," regardless of the merits or demerits of their policies, for so to do would mean commercial suicide to the person so offending. We do not believe any such condition exists in Sebring, but if it be so, may the Lord pity those who have any spirit of independence or conception of true Americanism. We shall be governed by our sense of truth and justice and shall feel free in the future, as in the past, to criticize anything or anyone we deem unjust, unfair or un-American.

We print calling cards.—Advertisement.

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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS FROM AVON PARK

Ed Ley of Arcadia was transacting business here Wednesday.

D. A. Sapp, R. I .Harris, C. P. Turner and B. F. Martin spent Wednesday in Polk county.

Penn-Carol Hotel, American and European plan. Good table and excellent service. Rates reasonable.—Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Whidden and Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Whidden enjoyed an auto ride to Orlando Sunday, where they visited relatives. They returned Monday.

Mrs. M. C. Whittaker and daughter, Miss Gertrude Whittaker of Whitesburg, Ky., are visiting Mrs. S. W. Shockley this week and seeing the attractive properties about Avon Park and Sebring.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Dickinson and neice, Miss Lona Belle Banton of Orlando, and Mrs. W. N. Dickinson and two children of Madison spent Monday here, guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Dickinson and family.

Capt. and Mrs. C. Z. Montague of Huron, O., spent Monday and Tuesday in Avon Park. Captain Montague is an old friend of Capt. Frank C. Rae and is spending the winter in Florida, coming here to pay Captain Rae a short visit. He was more than favorably impressed with Avon Park.

The Rev. J. L. Hampton of Tampa, accompanied by the Rev. A. M. Bennett, son Marriot and daughter Elizabeth of Plant City, spent a few hours here Wednesday. Dr. Bennett is pastor of the First Baptist church in Plant City and has a number of warm friends in Avon Park. They went from here to Sebring.

J. W. Tuten came home from Tampa Friday night of last week to spend Christmas with his family, returning Monday evening.. Mr. Tuten has been in Tampa for the last two months and has profitable and permanent employment there, a fact his many friends will be glad to know, although they would much prefer seeing him secure permanent employment in Avon Park.

Nicely furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Penn-Carol Hotel.

Judge and Mrs. George W. Whitehurst of Arcadia were in Avon Park a short while Wednesday.

The Rev. S. F. Durrance of Wauchula was greeting friends and transacting business here Tuesday evening.

W. A. Snow of the Pilot force spent Christmas Day in Tampa, mingling with friends and enjoying a well-earned rest.

Prof. A. G. Freed of Henderson, Tenn., will begin a series of gospel services at the Church of Christ the fourth Lord's Day in January. Everybody invited.

W. W. Sherertz, who owns a citrus grove near Frostproof and has a homestead southeast of town, was here Wednesday making arrangements for proving up on his homestead and transacting other business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Louis of Tarpon Springs made our office a friendly call Monday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Louis are linotype operators and were spending the Christmas holidays looking over the Scenic Highlands.

J. L. Yonce of Cameron, S. C. has arrived in Avon Park to make this his permanent home. Reverend Yonce is a Lutheran minister and has had charge of the pastorate there for the last four years. He will preach here and in DeSoto City. Mrs. Yonce came here several weeks ago and is conducting the Penn-Carol rooming house in the Max Wild block.

Monday a jolly party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Godwin, Sr. and Mrs. A. D. Roberts and family and Prof. and Mrs. H. L. Parker made a trip to Arbuckle lake, where they had a most enjoyable outing. On the way several birds were shot and cooked for dinner. In the afternoon a dip in the lake was thoroughly enjoyed by one of the party, whose blood is still thick enough not to feel the coldness of the water at this time of year. The road was pretty rough, in some places enough to shake one inside out. In the evening games were enjoyed by the two latter families at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roberts.

Dink Skipper of Crewsville was in town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Krause spent Christmas in Punta Gorda.

A. W. Allan went to Tampa last Wednesday to spend a couple of days.

W. H. Prior has returned from Tampa, where he had been for the last ten .weeks.

J. V. Chapman made a trip to Bartow Thursday afternoon, returning Friday morning.

Walter Hart and daughters, Myrtle and Mattie Mae, spent Christmas with relatives and friends in Bowling Green.

G. H. Gibbons and family of Waverly spent Monday and Tuesday in Avon Park, the guests of friends and relatives.

Mrs. L. D. Roberts is enjoying a visit with relatives in Lee county while Mr. Roberts is in the Everglades hunting.

Miss Vera McGinnis is home from Rollins College, spending the Christmas holiday season with her parents, Mr. and ,Mrs. T. J. McGinnis.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Chapman and son of Jacksonville, enjoyed Christmas in Avon Park with Mrs. Chapman's sister, Mrs. F. S. Jordon.

Mrs. J. S. Craft, who has been here for some time visiting her sister, Miss Jennie Waychoff, went to Tampa Friday of last week to spend several days visiting her brother and family.

D. T. Lockett has sold his pressing club business, located in the old post-office building, to G. H. Spink, who has added a new steam pressing machine of the latest type and says he is in the business to stay. See his ad elsewhere in this issue.

Miss Grace Herst of Freeport, Kas., arrived in Avon Park last week to spend the winter with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Skipper. This is Miss Herst's first trip to Florida and Mr. Skipper informs us she is "completely carried away with this section." Miss Herst has visited California and thinks the climate there does not compare with that of the Scenic Highlands of Florida.

J. H. Brown of Zolfo was a business visitor in town Saturday.

J. Lee Johnson of Sebring was in Avon Park a short while Monday.

W. A. Lanier of Crewsville spent Christmas with his son, C. E. Lanier.

I. S. Boyd of Jacksonville was transacting business here Wednesday.

C. E. Lanier and C. A. Skipper made a business trip to Arcadia and Punta Gorda Tuesday.

Miss El'a Cameron of Orlando spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Cameron.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Falls of Bradentown are visiting Mrs. Falls' mother, Mrs. J. R. Dutton.

Mr. and Mrs. Maury Crews of Orland spent Sunday and Monday here, visiting relatives and friends.

J. W. Skipper and family of the Maud section were visiting friends and relatives in town Monday.

D. A. Hazen, one of Sebring's popular young business men, spent Tuesday evening in Avon Park.

Miss Rebecca Caldwell and brother Tom are home from Rollins College for the Christmas holiday season.

Miss Beatrice Bass is spending her holiday vacation at home. She will return to Rollins College next week.

James Howell and family and Arthur Hinton made up a camping and hunting party to Pine Level this week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Adams and children of Sebring were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Adams Christmas Day.

Miss Ethel Dickinson, who is teaching school at Pine Level, is spending the holidays with her parents and visiting friends.

The Rev. B. E. Warren of Fort Meade, who owns extensive interests in this vicinity, was a business visitor here Tuesday.

Miss Louise Cloud, who is attending Southerland College, is spending the holiday vacation with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Cloud.

Miss Mamie Lee Durrance is home from Chattanooga, Tenn., to spend the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Durrance.

Leon Starkey was home from Arcadia to spend Christmas with his parents. He returned to Arcadia Tuesday, his mother driving him over in their Ford.

A card from the Rev. David Lanier, father of the genial T. H. Lander, states that he will leave Starke, where he has been located for some time, and go to Kissimmee this week.

The members of Holyrood Commandery, U. D., Knights Templar, assembled in the asylum at noon Sunday to observe certain Christmas ceremonies prescribed by the order.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Parker spent Christmas Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Farnell, who entertained them royally with a good old-fashioned English dinner and all the rich delicacies that go to make an English Christmas dinner.

Dr. and Mrs. Caswell of Alachua and Mrs. Brinson of Hainesville, Ga., returned Friday with Dr. J. B. Stringfellow, who visited in Alachua, and remained as guests over Christmas. Mrs. V. R. Caswell, who teaches at High Springs, also came with them for the holiday vacation.

W. M. Reck returned from Washington, D. C., Saturday to spend the holidays here with Mrs. Reck and his children. Mr. Reck is looking after the interests of the Scenic Highlands Development Company in the north and is interesting many people in that splendid development Hillcrest.

F. H. Simmons and Miss Hettie Landress, both of Avon Park, were married Wednesday afternoon by G. L. Crews, notary public, in his office in the First National Bank building. Mr. Simmons is a young business man of our community, being engaged in the mercantile business near the Avon Manufacturing Company's plant.

The next meeting of the Woman's Club will be held Friday, Jan. 6, 1922, at 3 o'clock p. m. "Avon Park Day" will be observed at this meeting. Representative speakers will be present and the following subjects discussed: "Civics," "Church," "Education," "Social Aesthetics," "Recreation," "Scout" and "Playground." Music by the committee. The executive committee is requested to meet at 2:30 for a business session.

St. John's Day services were conducted at the Episcopal church Sunday evening, the Rev. J. Thomas Murrish preaching an eloquent sermon, appropriate to the occasion. Every available seat in the church was occupied, the Masons and ladies of the Order of Eastern Star attending in a body. The sermon was an impressive one and many complimentary remarks were heard concerning it as the large congregation left the church at its conclusion. Dr. Murrish is an earnest and eloquent speaker and was at his best Sunday night. He is a member of the various Masonic orders in Avon Park and is thoroughly informed as to Masonic history, traditions, etc., therefore is competent to handle subjects on such occasions as that of Sunday night in an intelligent and pleasing manner.

A most delightful community Christmas dinner was given for the Lake Brentwood Colony at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Klase Sunday. At the noon hour the host and hostess were surprised and gladdened by the arrival of their son-in-law, Herbert Hardesty of Pensacola. After a bountiful dinner the guests went to the home of Mrs. Beulah Marsh, where they were further entertained with music and readings. The music was contributed by Miss Martha Marsh, violin, piano and voice, and Victor Stansbrough, clarinet, and the readings by Mrs. Marsh and Byram Shockley. The dinner and afternoon guests were Mr. Bardill, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Putney, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Mummau, Herbert Hardesty, Mr. and Mrs. William King, Miss Bertha Chinn and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Sebring; Miss Aiten of the Penn-Carol, Mr. and Mrs. Ward, Francis and Byram Shockley, Victor Stansbrough, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Klase, Mrs. Beulah Marsh and Miss Martha Marsh.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Collier of Crewsville spent Sunday in town, the guests of their daughters, Mrs. W. A. Roberts and Mrs. N. G. Langford, and were accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs .Langford.

Saturday night a union watch-night prayer service will be held at the Baptist church. The services will begin at 10:30 p. m. and all Christian believers are cordially invited to attend. You will be welcome.

Monday of last week a hunting party composed of Fred and Lee Crews, Ernest Boston and W. A. Drawdy of Avon Park and Lester and Marion Bennett of the Bareah section, departed for Osceola county on a deer hunt. They succeeded in killing two deer, bringing them back Friday night, in time to have venison for Christmas dinner. Every member of the party had a good time, although Ernest Boston and Lee Crews succeeded in getting lost Wednesday and did not find the camp until Thursday noon. They had no "grub" or bedding with them and were about as tired and hungry a couple of nimrods as ever struck camp, after traveling miles and miles, sleeping in a deserted house and fasting thirty-six hours.

SAYS MUST NOT OVERLOAD GRAPEFRUIT WITH SUGAR

"The intense [illegible] of the grapefruit brings to us in mid-winter a large golden sphere of delicious, thirst-quenching, pure fruit juice, that owing to its delicate tart flavor is most acceptable during the cold winter months," says Mrs. M. A. Wilson, culinary expert of the Philadelphia Public Ledger, who continues:

"Many persons are under the impression that acid fruits are harmful; particularly is this true, so it seems, during the winter months, as they claim these fruits thin down the blood.

"This is entirely wrong—the tart grapefruit juice becomes neutralized into an alkaline product during the process of digestion, purifying the blood stream and cleansing the digestive tract.

"Do not make the mistake of overloading this delicious fruit with sugar. Try reaming out the juice like an orange or lemon and drinking it without sugar."

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Beginning Jan. 1, 1922, the price of milk will be advanced from 20 to 22 cents a quart and from 10 to 12 cents a pint. We have been compelled to raise the price on account of poor pasture and the advanced price of feed. Please wash bottles in cold water only, as all bottles are thoroughly sterilized before milk is bottled; also please see that bottles are out every day. We wish you a happy and prosperous New Year. Adv.

JONES BROTHERS.

Mrs. T. V. Conway, Mrs. Fred Feeney and Miss Fidler went to Istokpoga lake Thursday and spent the day with Mrs. Sidney McDonald.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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Dr. B[illegible] made a professional visit to DeSoto City Thursday.

W. W. Wright and a party of friends were in Avon Park Sunday.

Cyril Baldwin of Avon Park, tax assessor of Highlands county, was transacting business here Saturday.

Ensign W. Gearing of Birmingham, Ala., is visiting his wife, children and parents here during the holiday season.

P. L. Vinson returned Wednesday from New Bern, N. C., where he was called last week on account of the death of his brother.

A number of parties of Sebring hunters were in the woods Friday and Saturday, but as yet no reports of the game killed have been made.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Field, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Law[illegible], drove to Fort Lauderdale Sunday [illegible] relatives over Sunday.

F. H. Adams and family ate Christmas dinner with G. W. Adams and family of Avon Park. The two editors had gone hunting the day before and of course Mrs. G. W. depended upon their bringing in a turkey. However, George shot a couple of young roosters after they arrived home, which answered much better than the turkey they didn't get.

T. W. Lawton last week sold his house and four lots on Ridgeway drive to Col. William Evans, but has leased the house for a year and within that time expects to erect a bungalow on his lot on Lakeview drive. Mr. Lawton in the deal acquired a ten-acre tract of land one mile south of the Circle, which he is now clearing and will set to tangerines as soon as the land is ready.

Dr. Hamlin of the state board of health, who paid Sebring an official visit last week, reports the Sebring [illegible] plant as being the only one in the state he has inspected which is up to the state requirements with its distilling system. Dr. Hamlin went from here to Moore Haven to make inspection there. There is considerable complaint in Moore Haven as to the quality of ice being manufactured there.

Two auto loads of gypsies were camped out beyond the colored quarters of Sebring last week. Business was a little slow and some of the gypsy women attempted to stop some of the passing autos by standing in the road. After narrowly escaping being run over two or three times they concluded that was a poor way to solicit patrons desiring their fortunes told and confined their efforts to personal solicitations around the town.

Epworth League

A splendid program was enjoyed by those attending the league Sunday evening. Miss Ava Leatherman was in charge of the devotional meeting and very ably conducted it. Mr. Roberts of the Salvation Army gave the opening prayer, after which Miss Ruth Amy rendered a very beautiful solo. Mrs. B. A. Cope treated the subject for the evening, and thus demonstrated her ability as a speaker and leader. Those who heard her talk were greatly impressed and will no doubt remember for days to come some of the great truths brought out in her discourse. Mr. Rice will address the league next Sunday and we extend you a special invitation to meet with us. Start the New Year right by joining the Epworth League. The subject for Sunday is "The High Calling" (The Heavenward Challenge). Phil. 3:14.

Notice

The regular meeting of the executive board of the Woman's Club will be held next Tuesday evening, Jan. 3, at the club room. All members are urged to be present, as there is much business to attend to.

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WARNING AGAINST DEPLETION OF WOOD SUPPLIES

Forest lands not needed for agriculture must be kept at work growing timber instead of being allowed to lie idle.

This warning was sounded by Col. W. B. Greeley, chief of the forest service, at Washington, D. C.

"If we are to remain a nation of wood users we must become a nation of wood growers," declared Colonel Greeley, who pointed out that the United States produces more than half of the entire lumber cut of the world, and uses 95 per cent of the amount "right here at home."

"The exhaustion of our timber supply is coming about," said the forest service chief, "not because we have used our forests freely, but because we have failed to use our timber growing land. The problem in a nutshell is the enormous area of forest land, which has been so logged and burned that it is producing little or nothing. We have more than 80,000,000 acres, an area greater than all the forests of France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, Portugal and Spain, which have been denuded to the point of absolute idleness so far as the production of any timber or commercial value is concerned.

"We have other enormous areas of cut-over land now growing but a fraction of the amount of timber which they might produce. And we are adding to these areas of idle or largely idle land from 10,000,000 to 15,000,000 acres every year, as destructive logging and still more destructive logging progresses.

"This situation cannot continue long without grave consequences.

"Where Americans need more forests is largely on these 80,000,000 timber-denuded acres, which could be made productive again with proper attention and proper protection against fires."

Some of the reasons why these forests are needed, according to Colonel Greeley, are:

"Our manufacturing centers are drawing at an enormous rate upon our timber supply from two to four times as fast per capita as the country at large.

"Our railroads require 125,000,000 wooden crossties annually to maintain their roadbeds in fit condition and take care of new construction.

"Our average well-kept farms, using the upper Mississippi valley as an instance, require 2,000 board feet of lumber annually for repairs and improvements."

Pleasant Party

A party and dance in honor of Norman Lane was held at the home of his mother, Mrs. Cora H. Lane, on Pine street, last Tuesday evening. It was in honor of Norman's return from the Pennsylvania State College for his holiday vacation. Those present were Beatrice Bass, Melville Bass, Parke Anderson, Margaret Bell and William M. Griffin of Avon Park; Harris Muff, William Withers, Payne Sebring, Ruth Amy, Mr. and Mrs. Fairfax T. Haskins, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Taggart, Mary Patrick, Charles Cochran, Capt. and Mrs. R. C. Pringle, Henry Halliday, Miss Jennie Patterson, Paul and David Lane, all of Sebring. A pleasant evening was spent, with music, cards and dancing, after which refreshments were served. Norman returns to the college Sunday morning, after a two-weeks' vacation.

Party at the Arrowhead

Miss Ruth Amy came home from school for the Christmas holidays and also to celebrate her birthday, Thursday, Dec. 22. There were sixty young people who enjoyed the celebration as much as she did. The beach in front of the Arrowhead was arranged for the party and there they gathered and cooked their own wieners around a brilliant bonfire. They had good buns and coffee to go with them and the birthday cake completed the meal. The young people were made to feel at home inside and out of the hotel and many games and other amusements kept all well entertained. Sebring can be proud of her young people and Miss Amy is one of the finest, wonderfully talented and charming in her personality.

Christmas Carolers Enjoyed

According to their usual custom members of the Salvation Army, assister by others of the town, began at midnight Christmas eve to sing their beautiful carols and all over the town they were much enjoyed. They sang until 3 o'clock, stopping at the Arrowhead a short time about 1:30 to enjoy cake and cocoa served to them by Mrs. Amy. The choir of the Community church, sixteen in number, met at the home of their director, Mrs. E. C. Wright, at 11 o'clock the same evening, and after a lunch of sandwiches, coffee, fruit, candy and nuts began their trip of carol singing. They sang particularly at the homes of the members of their congregation, but many others enjoyed it also.

Killed Three Deer

At 5:30 last Monday morning marion Pollard and son, A. P. Butts, Allen Pollard, Bernard Butts and Fred Collier started for the Kissimmee river on a deer hunt. They got back to Sebring at 8 o'clock in the evening. The only thing they had been able to shoot was one of the finest eight-point bucks of the season and two fat yearlings. Sport, the slow-trail dog owned by Marion Pollard and said to be the best slow-trail hound in Florida, was the chief actor. Sixteen deer have been killed over Sport this year, seven of them in the last three trips. Is Sport for sale? He is not. We understand that one of the Pollards refused an offer of $500 for him the other day.

Watch Meeting

The Salvation Army will conduct a watch-night seance Saturday evening, Dec. 31, commencing at 11 o'clock. Commandant James Johnson will have charge of this special service. You are invited to attend and watch the old year out and the new year in.

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DEMAND FOR EXHIBIT SPACE AT SOUTH FLORIDA FAIR NECESSITATES NEW BUILDING

With twenty-seven counties already contracting space and a community in another also having taken space for an exhibit that bids fair to have as wide range as the usual county exhibit, the South Florida Fair, which will cover the period of Feb. 2-11, in Tampa, will outrank any previous fair held in Florida.

General Manager P. T. Strieder says it will be necessary for any other county or community that desires to make an exhibit, to reserve space at once, as there never has been such a demand for space by counties and commercial houses at the fair.

The counties which have contracted for exhibit space are:

Brevard, Columbia, Clay, Citrus, Charlotte, DeSoto, Escambia, Gadsden, Glades, Hernando, Highlands, Hardee, Hillsborough, Lee, Lake, Marion, Manatee, Polk, Pinellas, Pasco, Palm Beach, Putnam, St. Lucie, Sarasota, St. Johns, Suwannee and Taylor. Homestead, in Dade county, will make a community exhibit.

The premium list for this year's fair surpasses any previous offering, both in aggregate and size of the prizes offered. It covers a wide range, from county-wide to individual showings. There is not an item in the long list of agricultural or horticultural endeavor, live stock and poultry raising, home economics or women's work, that is not provided for.

County-wide exhibits, community showings, individual exhibits—all these are covered in a variety of ways. The judges will have a big work cut out for them at the coming fair.

So great has been the demand for space that several new buildings, with an aggregate of nearly forty thousand square feet of floor space, have been added to the already big plant. The grounds are being put in the finest possible condition, so that the surroundings will be attractive. Indeed the South Florida Fair and Gasparilla Carnival of 1922 will set a new mark in Florida fair work and amusement providing for the people.

SAYS NO CHANCE FOR BONUS OUT OF TAXES ON LEGAL SALE BEER

Legislation to finance a soldier bonus out of taxes on the legalized sale and manufacture of beer and light wines was declared by Representative Mondell of Wyoming, republican leader of the house, to be out of the question "early or late, by congress."

The statement of the republican leader, made from the house floor, was considered generally as giving a setback to the beer and light wines proposal which recently was put forward as a possible means of raising bonus funds.

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Baptist Church, Avon Park

Services are held at the Baptist church, Avon Park, every Sunday as follows: Sunday school 9:45 a. m., preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 p. m., the Sunbeams at 3:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend all services. Rev. Ed S. Barnes, pastor.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Why not take Sunday dinner at the Arrowhead Hotel on beautiful Lake Jackson. Dinner served from 12:30 to 1:30, $1 per plate. 22-tf

For Rent—Six-room furnished bungalow, on Center avenue, near Circle. Apply or write I. Dottery.

For Sale—Chiffonier and writing desk. Phone F, Sebring. 20tf

Madame Isabelle's toilet goods are fast gaining popularity among the fair ones of Sebring. On sale at the Manley Drug Store and by Miss Blanche C. Shafer. 22-tf

For Sale or Exchange—[illegible] acres of fine farm land in Sumter county, Fla.; located 5 miles west of Leesburg; S. A. L. railroad runs through farm; on good hard road; 25 acres in cultivation; 100 under good woven wire fence; 3 houses; depot on farm; store house and main dwelling within 40 yards of station; 125 acres of the above is rich trucking land; balance good pine and oak hammock land. Will sell as a whole or in small tracts, from 5 acres up, at one-fourth cash balance to suit purchaser, or will trade for property near Sebring. A. A. Henderson, Sebring, Fla. 20tf

For Sale—House and lot within 300 feet of Circle. Must be seen to be appreciated. Address Box 348, Sebring, Fla. 18-2t

For Sale—Nice bungalow on Lake drive, Red Beach lake; six rooms and bath; large lot. Address F. care Messenger, Sebring, Fla.

Extra copies of the Messenger are on sale at the Rexall Store.

Do you want to rent a furnished bungalow or apartment for the season, or do you want to buy a beautiful home in Sebring? Then get in touch with the Pickard Land Company.—Adv. tf

Visit the Woman's Exchange on South Ridgewood drive and see the beautiful handwork displayed.—Adv.

If you have anything for sale, advertise it in the Messenger and get quick results.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

J. Lee Johnson spent Christmas day with his family in Bartow.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Manley went to Lake Wales for Christmas Day.

Dr. and Mrs. Walkup were guests of Mrs. Henry Stevenson of Avon Park for supper last Wednesday evening.

Lost—Eastern Star pin; a small pearl on each side; finder return to Mitchell Electric Company and receive reward.—Adv. 22-2t

Mrs. T. V. Conway, Miss Mary Fidler and Mrs. Feeny went to Lake Istokpoga last Thursday and were guests of Mrs. Sidney MacDonald in her new home there.

Gordon Hasty, brother of Charles Hasty, arrived in Sebring about a week ago from Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Hasty is an expert mechanic and is now employed at the Eiland Garage.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Price and children, Mrs. Nellie Estes and daughter Mary, Leonard, Inez and Wilbur Estes, left by auto Monday for Bradentown and Parrish, where they will visit friends and relatives for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Cole, who have been guests at the Arrowhead for several months, left last Saturday for Manasota, where they will be for about a month, so that Mr. Cole may look after lumber interests he has there.

About twenty-five Sebring folk went to the colored quarters Monday night to attend the Christmas entertainment presented there at the Baptist church. They enjoyed it to the utmost in general and in detail. Visitors are always welcome at the colored churches and it is well worth the effort to attend.

Miss Edna Otto, who held a position as a teacher in the Sebring school two years ago and who is now teaching in Orlando, spent the Christmas holidays in Sebring as the guest of Dr. and and Mrs. E. G. Skiff. Her mother, who is also spending the winter in Orlando, accompanied her on the trip. They returned to Orlando Wednesday.

Frank Johnson, the efficient helper in the Sebring Tailoring Company's pressing establishment, received a most interesting letter recently from a brother he had not seen for many years. When his brother was 6 years old he was taken north by some white people who were interested in the little colored fellow. He was sent to school by them and finally sent to Harvard and graduated from there as a physician. He is now practicing in Baltimore and is most prosperous and is doing a great work among his people and Frank would like very much to see his brother, but does not know how the people of Sebring would get their clothes pressed if he would take the trip.

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[illegible] was in Tampa on business Tuesday of this week.

[illegible] Vann went to Palmdale for the Christmas week-end as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Cash.

[illegible] Arsland went to Boca Grande Monday for a few days' visit. Ira Rigdon drove her as far as Arcadia, where she took the train south.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Amy, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Rice and Bob Wilkes drove to Lake Istokpoga Tuesday afternoon for a fishing, hunting and sight-seeing trip.

Mrs. L. C. Buckner of Roanoke, Va., arrived in Sebring Thursday night of last week and will be here a month as the guest of her friends, Dr. and Mrs. Walkup.

Sebring is beginning to decorate herself for the winter visitors. The prettiest possible decorations are the bignonia vines now bursting into bloom all over town.

Lost—Oval Alpha Chi Rho fraternity pin; set with garnets and pearls; name E. S. Rice on back. Liberal reward if returned to owner or this office.—Adv. 22tf

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Geary and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Williams spent Monday on a delightful drive to Bartow and Winter Haven and intervening towns. They enjoyed a picnic dinner out of doors.

L. N. Dugan, son and daughter were at the Arrowhead Monday and left for St. Petersburg Tuesday. Mr. Dugan, who is a contractor and builder, is contemplating returning to Sebring and making this his permanent home.

Miss Ruth Amy will return Monday to Winter Park, where she will resume her studies at Rollins College. Miss Amy was the honoree at many of the holiday festivities during her vacation here.

Miss Kathlyn Bogie arrived home last Saturday to spend Christmas with her family here. She will return this week to William and Mary College, where she is studying and also assisting in teaching.

Miss Ruth Taylor left Sebring Monday morning for Tampa and St. Petersburg, where she had a short visit with her father. She went from there to Orlando to take an examination necessary in her work in the [illegible]

Col. F. N. K. Bailey left for Greenwood, S. C., Christmas day. Capt. R. C. Pringle drove him as far as Haines City. The colonel will return in a week or ten days. During his absence Mrs. Bailey is staying with Capt. and Mrs. Pringle.

Mrs. A. R. Nicholson and son John of Darlington, S. C., who spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Nicholson's father, J. E. Graham and family, left Tuesday night for Orangeburg, S. C., where they will stay for some time before returning to their home.

[illegible] Parry and daughter of Scranton, Pa., are guests at the [illegible] Hotel for a few weeks. Mr. Parry has property in the Sebring district and Miss Parry is enjoying a holiday from her school teaching, while accompanying her father on this trip.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Davis was entered by some miscreant Sunday afternoon and all their Christmas presents and food prepared for their evening meal and other articles taken. This is the first instance of this kind that has come to our notice since residing in Sebring.

Mrs. F. N. K. Bailey has been spending the last week in Sebring as the guest of several of her friends here. Wednesday she and Mrs. C. F. Saunders drove to the Bailey home on Lake Josephine and returned Wednesday. Mrs. Bailey will remain in Sebring until Colonel Bailey returns from the north.

C. A. Cook of Chicago arrived in Sebring last Sunday night and spent a few days looking over grove property here. Tuesday he was one of a party that went to Lake Okeechobee with H. O. Sebring to look over the holdings of the South Shore Farms Company. While in Sebring Mr. Cook was a guest of the Hotel Sebring.

W. D. Trippe, cashier of the Everglades State Bank at Moore Haven, was married to Miss Edna Parker of Atlanta last Tuesday. They arrived in Sebring Wednesday evening and was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. A. R. McGinnis assisted by Miss Vera McGinnis of Avon Park. The friends of the happy couple extend to them their congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beresford and Carl Reese returned from their hunting trip in Glades county Monday night, after having been gone nine days. They killed an abundance of game, consisting of ducks, quail and seven turkeys but did not see any deer. They also killed four large rattlers, each more than five feet long. They report a fine time, fine weather and bad roads.

B. L. Laird and Herman Dreste drove to the Kissimmee river and Lake Istokpoga last Saturday. On their return trip they got bogged and were compelled to stay in the auto all night. A man with a span of mules pulled them out Sunday morning and when they arrived within about five miles of Sebring they ran out of gas. Fortunately they met a man with a car, who gave them enough to take them into town and they got their Christmas trees here in time for the Christmas celebration.

Col. F. N. K. Bailey is now having plans drawn for a bungalow, which he will erect on Lake Josephine between now and spring. G. N. Capwell is now building a boat house and pier on Lake Josephine for Capt. R. C. Pringle, who will take one of his boats to that lake as soon as the boat house is completed. Captain Pringle's plans are already completed for the building of a lodge 28x34 feet on the banks of Lake Josephine, at the same time Colonel Bailey's bungalow is erected. Mrs. Pringle has decided to name the new structure Do Little Lodge. She was advised to name it Do Less Lodge, but stated that the captain did so little now that nobody could do less, therefore she held to her original name.

Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] spent [illegible] Winter Haven Christmas day.

J. W. Griggs of Tampa was in Sebring Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Howe spent Monday and Tuesday in [illegible]

D. C. Spratt of Tampa, with Saffold Bros., was visiting his customers in Sebring Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Cash went to Palmdale for Christmas and spent the day with Mrs. Cash's aunt and uncle there.

Ray Currington of Tampa, who visited his mother, Mrs. S. L. McClanahan, over Christmas, returned home Wednesday.

George Warriner spent the week in Sebring with his parents and will return soon to DeLand, where he is studying at the Stetson University.

Elder I. J. Rosenberger of Greenville, O., who is staying at the Myers apartments, has been quite ill for the last two weeks, but is now convalescing.

Sheriff Griffin and David [illegible] went hunting Tuesday and returned with thirteen quail and a duck. This is not as good as their usual record, but seemed to satisfy them.

The Rev. J. L. Yonce, Lutheran minister at Cameron, S. C., for four years, arrived in Sebring Tuesday morning. He will have charge of the Lutheran services at Avon Park and DeSoto City.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Rigdon, Mrs. A. G. Harris and Miss Mary Patrick took a Christmas joy ride to Haines City, visiting Florence Villa, Winter Haven, Bartow, Fort Meade and various other points on the way.

The Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Weigle drove to Haines City Monday and met there Mr. and Mrs. Barrow of Farmville, Va., who have come to spend a week in Sebring. Mrs. Barrow is Mrs. Weigle's sister.

[illegible] M. Young, secretary of the [illegible] Development Company, has been seriously ill for more than a week. However, he is now improving slowly and it is the wish of his many friends that he may fully recover his health at an early date.

The front window of [illegible] has received another visit from the Tampa expert window dresser and [illegible] credit to his profession. Nuts, confectionery, evaporated fruits and [illegible] delicacies on exhibit make a pretty display; also a most appetizing one.

[illegible] Eikenberry, [illegible] and T. F. Evans made a [illegible] to Lake Stearns last Monday. Mr. Eikenberry was looking over the school situation at that place, with a view of taking charge of the school Jan. [illegible] We understand there was some dissatisfaction with the teacher who had been in charge.

A party of young men composed of Scott Reasey, Henry Taylor and Q. C. Hillinberg were out to Istokpoga last Monday hunting. Q. C. Hillinberg, in handling Taylor's gun, which was supposed to be on safety, accidently discharged it, taking off two of Scott Reasey's toe and badly mangling a third one. Reasey was brought to Sebring, where Dr. Bogie dressed the wound, taking off the third toe.

Mrs. S. L. McClanahan and son Edwin Currington and Alfred Varena drove to Winter Haven last Saturday to bring Mr. McClanahan home for the Christmas holidays. He returned to Winter Haven Tuesday morning. Mr. McClanahan, who has been citrus inspector for this district for some time past, has been stationed at Winter Haven, where his territory extends from DeSoto to Orange county.

[illegible] spending Christmas in Winter Haven.

Will [illegible]

Mr. and [illegible] daughter [illegible] Christmas day in Arcadia, Mrs. [illegible] former home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Barrow went last Friday to Chiefland, where they spent four days with relatives of Mr. Barrow.

Mrs. P. J. Ripplinger received a much appreciated Christmas present [illegible] P. J. was "Santa Claus" and probably was thinking of those long fishing trips when he selected the gift.

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Suits to Order

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TRANSACT A LARGE AMOUNT BUSINESS

The board of county commissioners met at the board room in Sebring Monday, Dec. 12, 1921, at 9 o'clock a. m. Present, Chairman William King and Commissioners A. M. McAuley, Perry Etheredge, W. W. Williams and John E. Graham.

Thomas Whitehouse appeared before the board for an equalization of taxes and it appearing to the board that there was an error in his assessment on lots 103 and 104 in Dinner Lake subdivision, section 17, township 34, range 29, it was ordered that his assessment be corrected from $500 valuation to $250 and that the tax collector be allowed a credit for same in his settlement.

It was ordered by the board that the assessment of A. M. McAuley be corrected, as he is charged on "[illegible] block 6, less 7 and 8 in section 31, township 36, range 30," with tax amounting to $1.68 (valuation $30) for the reason that the above was set aside as a public park and not subject to taxation. The tax collector will be allowed a credit in his settlement with the same.

A. E. Lawrence, attorney for the board, announced to the board that the records of DeSoto county did not show that the road near Hicora, over the lands claimed by the Red Lands Grove Company, had not been opened prior to the time the Red Land Grove Company had bought the property and asked the board for further instructions regarding the same. It was therefore moved by Commissioner Graham that the said attorney be instructed to take proper legal proceedings to secure the opening of the road over the property claimed by the said Red Lands Grove Company, across said section 17, township 38, range 30, where the same has heretofore been ordered to be opened by the board of county commissioners of DeSoto county. The motion was seconded by W. W. Williams. Motion carried. Ayes: Graham, Williams, McAuley and Etheredge.

J. G. McClurg, representing the Kenilworth Lodge Company, came before the board and made a statement in regard to the assessment of said company. No action taken.

The board then adjourned until 1 p. m., same day.

Board met at 1 p. m. Monday, Dec. 12, 1921, pursuant to adjournment. Full board present.

A. F. Hull, live stock inspector, came before the board and presented his report and explained to the board his work and the conditions of the same.

C. A. Skipper was also before the board on the same subject.

It was moved by John E. Graham, seconded by W. W. Williams, that this board now place itself on record as in favor of the compulsory dipping law as heretofore declared by a popular vote in DeSoto county before the formation of Highlands county, which was a part of said DeSoto county at the time of the taking of said vote and that the same be enforced in Highlands county under the provisions of the law regulating the same. Motion carried. Ayes: Graham, Williams, Etheredge and McAuley.

Mrs. Alice Marie Barker, by her father, J. B. Kindell, appeared before the board and made proper affidavit, showing that she was the owner of lot 10, block 64, located in the town of Sebring, and that same was listed as improved property and valued as such, but that the lot was unimproved and it was ordered that the valuation of same be reduced from $500 to $100 and that the tax collector be allowed credit on $400 valuation in his settlement.

It was ordered and directed that all county officials shall submit all needs for their offices to the board for approval before purchasing the same.

W. M. Griffin, sheriff, presented his report for the month of November on fines and forfeitures, which was filed. Said report showed nothing collected.

It was ordered that bids for public printing for 1922 be received at the next meeting of the board, on the first Monday in January, 1922.

It was ordered that the sheriff be requested to have the Highlands county prisoners, now in jail at Arcadia, removed to this county, as this county now has jail facilities to care for them.

D. F. Canfield, tax collector, presented his report for collections for November, as follows:

County general fund	$	603.40
Fine and forfeiture		241.34
Road district No. 1		193.09
Road district No. 2		193.09
Road district No. 3		193.09
Road district No. 4		193.09
Road district No. 5		193.09
General school fund		1,206.81
Widow's pension fund		30.17
Total		$3,047.17
Sub-school district No. 1	$	63.12
Sub-school district No. 3		97.02
Sub-school district No. 12		2.91
Sub-school district No. 13		30.78
Sub-school district No. 15		8.58
Sub-school district No. 27		32.34
Sub-school district No. 37		124.21
Sub-school district No. 39		3.00
Total	$	361.93

School Bonds

Old district No. 1	$	106.79
Old district No. 3		160.2
Old district No. 37		206.87
Total	$	473.94

Road Maintenance

Old district No. 4	$	189.53
Old district No. 5		383.82
Total	$	573.35

Road Bonds

No. 4 (old number)	$	457.76
No. 5 (old number)		1,559.42
No. 6 (old number)		13.41
Total		$2,030.59

The above amounts represent the net amount of taxes collected, after discounts had been deducted.

Total county taxes collected	$6,493.01
License taxes collected, general fund	142.00
Poll taxes, school district No. 1	35.00
Grand total	$6,670.01

Total received for Everglades drainage, $24.

Nathan L. Kinsley, who was listed with government land, NE¼ of SE¼ of section 20, township 33 south, range 30 east, appeared before the board and showed by his patent that he did not have said land until July 1, 1920, therefore he should not have been listed with the same for 1920 taxes, and it was ordered that tax certificate for same be cancelled by the clerk.

It was moved and carried that J. A. Farmer, game warden, be allowed an extension of four months' time in which he is allowed the fines for violations of the game laws as found by him. (See the original order, Sept. 19, 1921).

It was moved and carried that six electric heaters be purchased for the use of the following offices: Clerk, tax collector, judge, school commissioner, circuit court and sheriff.

The board then adjourned until Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1921, at 9 o'clock a. m., on which date and at the hour appointed they met pursuant to adjournment, with President King and Commissioners Etheredge, Williams and Graham present.

It was moved and carried that the clerk be authorized to make arrangements for having copies of plats affecting land in this county, now on record in Arcadia, copied for the use of this county and that he also secure township maps required under section 719, Florida statutes.

Fred Yeager appeared before the board and made affidavit that he was the owner of lot 6, block 63, in the town of Sebring, which was listed for 1921 as improved property, but which is a vacant lot and was listed by mistake at $500, and it was ordered by the board that the valuation of the same be reduced to $100 and that the tax collector be allowed a credit on a $400 valuation in his settlement.

The following resolution was passed:

"Be it resolved, by the board of county commissioners of Highlands county, Florida, that the county attorney, A. E. Lawrence, be authorized to confer with the attorneys for DeSoto, Hardee, Glades and Charlotte counties regarding the defense of the suit of the Richmond Bonding Company vs. said counties and make such arrangements for the defense of said action in behalf of Highlands county as to him shall seem most expedient and least expensive." Resolution carried. Ayes: Graham, Etheredge, Williams.

It was moved and carried that the chairman of this board be directed to sell the Ford tractor belonging to this county to the best advantage.

The following banks having filed legal applications with the board, as required by the act of 1921, are hereby designated as depositories for the following funds: First National Bank of Avon Park for general fund, agricultural fund, road and bridge district No. 1, and special road and bridge district No. 6 and their bond fixed at $5,000.

Bank of Sebring for road and bridge district No. 3 and fine and forfeitures. Bond $2,000.

First Trust and Savings Company, old road and bridge district No. 5, maintenance. Bond $5,000.

Highlands Bank & Trust Company, road and bridge districts Nos. 2, 4 and 5. Bond $5,000.

A resolution in regard to the county poor farm located in Charlotte county was received from the board of county commissioners of DeSoto county and action relating to same was deferred until the next regular meeting.

The following claims were allowed and ordered to be paid out of the regular funds:

General Fund

Love & King	$	25.00
C. F. Saunders		242.00
T. J. Appleyard		6.90
Mitchell Telephone Co.		4.50
Sebring Hardware Co.		6.62
Mrs. Rosa Ellis		10.00
W. C. Touchton		28.00
Avon Park Printing Co.		22.50
William King		16.00
Perry Etheredge		14.40
Sebring-Hainz building		340.00
J. C. Barrow		28.30
D. F. Canfield		150.00
P. L. Vinson		91.11
Florida Office Supply Co.		1.30
A. B. Vance		5.15
Avon Park Drug Co.		12.35
H. S. Franklin		15.00
William King		.72
William King		5.00
Mitchell Electric Co.		11.00
Mitchell Electric Co.		10.22
W. W. Williams		26.00
A. M. McAuley		16.00
Sebring L. & W. Co.		9.00
W. M. Griffin		8.35
A. E. Lawrence		50.00
Frank Waldron		5.00
J. A. Farmer		50.00
H. & W. B. Drew Co.		15.25
Ella Hargreaves		15.00
Mollie Guess		15.00
J. B. Brown		48.72
George Whitehouse		44.20
Ford Sales Company		100.00
John E. Graham		12.00
W. H. Seward		5.00
A. E. Lawrence		8.26
W. C. Waldron		6.00

Fine and Forfeiture

Sebring L. & W. Co.	$	9.00
W. C. Waldron		6.90
Ridgewood Market		72.21
C. C. Posey		4.00
Dr. C. H. Kirkpatrick		2.50
J. B. Brown		27.75
Bradley B. W. Co		47.75
W. M. Griffin		8.00
Jake Wey		3.55
A. E. Lawrence		50.00
W. H. Seward		5.00

Agricultural Fund

A. F. Hull	$	25.00

Maintenance Fund

Frank Waldron	$	25.00
Sebring G. & M. Co.		60.71
Frank Waldron		30.00

Old Road and Bridge District No. 5—Maintenance

M. A. Jones	$	79.00

Road and Bridge District No. 2

W. C. Waldron	$	39.00
Frank Waldron		32.50
Love & King		57.54

Roar and Bridge District No. 4

Charles Murphy	$	14.00
Will Potts		29.40

Road and Bridge District No. 5

H. G. Cassels	$	60.00

Time Warrants on General Fund

Safe Cabinet Company	$	609.76
First National Bank, Avon Park		1,000.00
Ford Sales Company		660.00

The board then adjourned.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of January, A. D. 1922, we shall apply to the circuit court of Highlands County, Florida, for an order authorizing the adoption of Edward Hollywood, Jr., by us.

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The New Year

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ROYAL ARCH MASONS CONFERRED DEGREES LAST MONDAY NIGHT

Highlands Chapter No. 12, Royal Arch Masons, held its regular convocation last Monday night, at which time the newly elected high priest announced his appointments of appointive officers for the ensuing year as follows: D. V. [illegible], captain of the hosts; H. D. [illegible], principal sojourner; Herbert F. R. Reck, Royal Arch captain; Fred M. Smith, master of the third veil; E. O. Williams, master of the second veil, C. A. Jamour, master of the first veil; S. F. Tucker, tyler.

Past High Priest [illegible] M. Reck, who served as high priest of Highlands Chapter the first year after it was instituted, was presented with a handsome past high priest's jewel by the companions, High Priest G. W. Adams making the [illegible] presentation address, to which Mr. Reck responded feelingly and eloquently. After the business of the chapter had been concluded a lodge of Mark Masters was opened and J. D. McEwen and John W. T. [illegible] were advanced to the degree of Mark Master. A lodge of Past Masters was then opened and they were inducted into the oriental chair of King Solomon.

At the next regular convocation, Monday night, Jan. 9, the newly elected and appointed officers will be installed and there will be work in either the Mark and Past Master degrees or the Most Excellent Master. All Royal Arch Masons are urgently requested to attend this convocation. —Avon Park Pilot.

The Wisdom of Widows

"Whom love hath joined together let no marriage put asunder."

"Men are different. Husbands are alike."

"If a man idealizes a blond he marries a brunette, if he idealizes a brunette he marries a blond thus providing himself with an excuse to spend the rest of his life looking for his ideal."

"There are heart women, brain women, endless women; men love the first, listen to the second and loathe the third."

"Why agitate about marrying? No matter whom you marry you'll find you put Somebody Else."

"With hearts as with coins the smallest change owners the oftenest."

"The woman adores after she has given everything; the man adores before."

"Until a lover possesses, he is a slave; after, he is a despot."

"Reputation never comes until after it's gone."—What Every Widow Knows, by Hildric Davenport.

Will Be a Hummer

The annual Rotary Press breakfast, an event of South Florida Fair week in Tampa each year, will be a hummer the coming fair period. A special committee of the Tampa Rotary Club has the matter in hand now, and is preparing a program that is calculated to set all other events of the kind in the shade. It will be a regular Gridiron Club affair, something that the newspaper men will wholly appreciate. Every editor in Florida and every newspaper worker in the state, will be invited, and the Rotary Club says there will be room for every press man and press woman who will attend.

Strawberries at $2.05 a Quart

The record price of strawberries was reached at Plant City when fifty-eight quarts of berries sold on the platform at $2.05 a quart. The buying started briskly when a price of $2.05 a quart was paid. There was keen composition among buyers to secure berries for Christmas shipments to the north. The berries are coming on the market more slowly than is usual at this time of the year on account of the late season, caused by the unusually dry summer. As a consequence, the growers, who forced their berries by means of overhead irrigation are now reaping the reward.

Hunting Party

A hunting party composed of L. D. Roberts and W. A. Roberts of this city and M. A. Wilson and Tom Scott of Fort Meade, left Sunday for La-Belle, where they will be met by a guide and taken into the best hunting grounds of Lee county. They expect to remain there about a week, hunting deer and turkey, and from all reports coming from Lee county we feel sure they will meet with splendid success. This week the season for deer and turkey closes in Lee as well as in Highlands county.—Avon Park

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WHAT ALL BOYS AND GIRLS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THEIR TEETH

You know, of course, that we have different implements which we use at the table when taking our meals. We use the knife for cutting our meat; the fork for carrying meat or similar foods into the mouth; soup we eat with a spoon; for pudding or other similar foods, we use a teaspoon. Now, if you stand in front of a mirror and look at your teeth, you will notice a very interesting feature. You will notice that your teeth are not all shaped alike but as the implements I just spoke about, the teeth are of different shapes and forms. First look at the front teeth, four down below and four up above. You will observe that they have sharp edges like knives. We call these teeth incisors, meaning to cut, or cutters. We use these teeth to cut off or bite off pieces of food when the chunk happens to be too large for the mouth. On each side of the front cutting teeth there are three sharp pointed teeth. When we eat food like meat which is rather tough and [illegible] be cut through by the incisors, we generally pass it on to our side pointed teeth and tear it up. These sharp pointed teeth at the side are the tearing teeth and they are called cuspids (meaning a point). Back of these tearing teeth there are what we call the molars or grinders these have square shaped surfaces, and you will notice that there are grooves in the center and sharp ridges on the sides. These teeth are for the purpose of crushing and grinding the food into a fine mash.

Now another thought occurs to me while I am speaking of this similarity between the teeth and the implements we use at the meal-table. Suppose we ate dinner last evening with a set of these implements and they were then left unwashed and uncleaned? Is there any boy or girl in this room who would be willing to use these same [illegible] and forks for breakfast without first cleaning them? I am sure there is not! Yet that is exactly what takes place in our mouth if, after eating our dinner at night, we go to bed without cleaning our teeth and thus leave particles of food sticking [illegible] and between the teeth in the mouth and then in the morning we [illegible] with these same dirty teeth. This is certainly a very unclean habit. The proper thing to do is to brush your teeth the last thing before you go to bed so that you [illegible] sleep with a perfectly clean mouth; also upon arising in the morning, brush your teeth once again. Then clean your teeth after each meal in order that when you come to the table for the next meal you will not mix up the old, and probably decayed, food which has remained between your teeth with the new and fresh food you are going to eat.

I want to give you another illustration: Suppose our knife were nicked; suppose there were a hole in the spoon; or, suppose there were a prong or two missing from the fork. You will agree that it would be very hard to eat with such implements. In the same manner, if your front teeth are chipped—if there are holes in them; if pieces of your tearing side-teeth are missing; if parts of your grinding teeth in the back of your mouth have broken off through decay, you can at once understand how hard it would be to chew your food thoroughly.

Those of you who have traveled on a railroad train may have had the opportunity to observe the fireman with a pickax breaking up the chunks of coal before he threw them into the fire-box of the engine. The fireman knows that unless the coal is broken up into small pieces the fire will not burn very good and, of course, there will not be enough steam with which to run the train fast. In exactly the same manner, if your stomach cannot digest them and not enough good norishment is produced for the body to work with. Therefore instead of being strong and healthy you will be weak, pale and sickly and you will not be able to study well nor to play hard.

As I said before, from the point of mere cleanliness, the teeth should be brushed after every meal. They also ought to be brushed for the purpose of preventing decay. I have already told you that decayed teeth interfere with the chewing of your food and consequently, with your health.

You all know what vinegar is. Vinegar can be made in a [illegible] places. It can be made from bread and water. A piece of bread put in some water and placed in a warm room for a certain number of hours will sour and form vinegar just exactly like the vinegar which your mother buys in the store. Now, if you take a piece of chalk and throw it into vinegar, you will be surprised to see that after a short time nothing will remain of the chalk. It will dissolve and disappear just like a piece of sugar does in your coffee. This can be done not only with chalk, but with teeth. I have many a time taken a tooth and thrown it into vinegar and after a short time there was nothing left of it. The same process takes place in our mouths. Particles of food—bread, pie and cake—that we eat, are left between and around the teeth. They become mixed with saliva and after a few hours turn sour. In other words a small quantity of vinegar is formed and this vinegar dissolves the enamel of the teeth. The enamel, by the way, is a hard veneer or covering which protects the inside of the tooth from decay, but once the enamel is dissolved decay starts right away and a hole or cavity begins to form in the tooth.—Dr. D. K. Bremner, Chicago, in Dental Facts.

Henry Watterson, one of the nation's most celebrated and Dixieland's most beloved editor, passed away in Jacksonville Thursday of last week. He was a man for whom the nation will mourn, for although vitroilic in his editorial discussions, he was a liberal minded man and his writings created a lasting impression upon those who read them. Men like "Marse Henry," as he was lovingly and familiarly known, are nation builders, for they are molders of public opinion and all basic principles of a nation are founded upon public opinion. In the passing of Henry Watterson the nation has suffered a great loss.

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It's locked, and the Sandman keeps the key;
You may go if you're four, but not a year more,
And it's better if you can be only [illegible].

Chorus:

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And just as the twilight's falling down,
In the lullaby hum all the babies come
And climb on board for Starlight Town.
They sail up through the deep twilight blue,
On and on up through that golden gloom,
And the Sandman is there to collect your fare,
And it may seem queer, but your ticket, my dear,
You keep in your heart, for it's only a dream.

Oh, Starlight Town is a wonderful town,
And perhaps it's the nicest in all
[illegible]
For the dear little trees in the soft evening breeze,
Sing for you the sweetest lullabys.
The dirt is so clean you keep spick and span,
Never mind how you romp and roll and creep;
And it seems like daylight, but really it's night,
And you think you're awake, but you're sound asleep.

—George W. Gage.

Not Thankful

A rural school teacher was trying to impress upon her pupils the real spirit of thankfulness, and one day told them they would all have an opportunity to say just what they were most thankful to their Creator for. A very pretty little miss said she was thankful for her pretty curls, another for her blue eyes and so on. Vanity seemed to be the trend of their remarks. Finally all had spoken except a red-haired, freckle-faced lad in the back of the room. "Johnny," said the teacher, "haven't you anything to thank God for?" "Naw," said Johnny, "he nearly ruined me."

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A PLAN WHICH MIGHT BE ADOPTED IN OUR SCHOOLS

[Highlands County Pilot]

At the last meeting of the Woman's Club of Avon Park, Mrs. E. C. Lewis gave one of the most instructive talks ever heard by the members of that organization, according to the ladies who were in attendance at the meeting. She outlined the work accomplished in two years in Arlington county, Virginia, through the joint efforts of the health board of the county and the Rockefeller Foundation. Arlington county is across the Potomac river from Washington, D. C., and because of its nearness to the national capital it was selected to carry on some experimental work with the school children. The success of the work has aroused the attention of physicians and sanitation experts in every state in the union and has caused other communities to follow along similar lines of endeavor.

One of the ways of impressing upon the minds of the children the necessity of caring for the health was the system of grading adopted. Personal hygiene was given the same prominence on the monthly report card as was history or arithmetic. The outline was as follows:

1. Personal appearance, 10. Under this was included neatness of dress (buttons on, clothes brushed, shoes cleaned), hair neatly arranged, boys' hair neatly cut.

2. Personal habits (hygiene), 10. Cleanliness (face, hands, nails, teeth, head).

3. Sleeping with windows open, 10.

4. Showing a clean handkerchief at school each morning, 10.

5. Not to drink tea or coffee, 10.

6. Use of paper drinking cups at schools, 10.

7. Monthly weighing of pupils, 10.

8. School housekeeping, 10. Neatness of desks (inside and outside), neatness of floor near desk.

9. Posture, 10. Standing, sitting and marching.

10. Enthusiasm, co-operation and example to others, 10.

Every morning the pupils repeated their oath of allegiance to health as follows: "We pledge our allegiance to health and to the principles for which it stands: One clean, sound body; one clear mind; a heart all pure; a strong right hand, with liberal education and good health for all."

Enthusiastic co-operation of all the pupils was secured by a friendly rivalry between the boys and the girls for a "Health Challenge" banner, which was given weekly to the winner of the highest credits. The boys and the girls were each organized into health departments, headed by a junior health officer, who was elected each Friday and who was responsible to the teacher and the chief health officer. By this and similar activities the health of the entire community was improved and the spread of communicable diseases was checked.—Contributed.

APPROPRIATION OF $7,000 PROVIDED FOR SEMINOLES

A Washington dispatch states: "For the Seminoles of Florida $7,000 is provided in the budget just sent to congress. Many calls for help from the Seminoles have been received by Mrs. Minnie Moore Willson of Kissimmee, noted authority on the Indians, and she, with the assistance of Florida congressmen, has been making strong efforts to secure additional appropriations for their aid."

Mrs. Willson says that one hundred and twenty-five of the Cow Creek Seminoles are facing starvation, their summer crops having proved a failure. In November these people were aided by cowboys, but they are now living on range hogs. On this diet many of the old and young are suffering from malnutrition and their condition is pitiful.

Woman Candidate

The Miami Herald of Sunday carries the following: "Mrs. Edgar Lewis of Fort Pierce, past president of the Florida Federation of Woman's Clubs, who has been in Miami during the week, will be a candidate for state superintendent of public instruction at the next general election. She confirmed the rumor that has been going the rounds since the federation meeting at Gainesville, while she was in Miami this week. She is one of the two best known club women in Florida, the other being Mrs. W. S. Jennings."

Congress has recessed until Jan. 3, and immediately senators and representatives began leaving for their homes for the Christmas and New Year holiday period. All business will be suspended during the recess except for the tariff hearings by the senate finance committee.

COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION HOLD MEETING

Sebring, Fla., Dec. 12, 1921.

Board of public instruction of Highlands county met in regular session. The following members were present: Ira Rigdon, chairman; M. A. Millar, E. O. Williams and W. M. Marshall, county superintendent and secretary.

Minutes of regular meeting of Nov. 14 were read and approved. Members voting as follows: Yes: Williams and Millar; Rigdon voting no, as opposed to payment of third teacher at Venus any supplemental salary.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Atlantic Coast Line railway be furnished, as requested, with boundary lines of special school tax districts of the county and that the balance of communications be received and placed on file.

Moved, seconded and carried that superintendent contract with Agnes Hamilter, teacher at Avon Park, dating contract Oct. 1, and with Mrs. L. Crumney, teacher at Avon Park, dating contract Oct. 6, 1921, and with Miss Dora Johnson, teacher at Venus dating contract Nov. 28, and with Gladys Briggs, teacher at Cowpens school, dating contract Nov. 28, at the schedule rate set by the board. Contracts to run as long as school shall be held during this term in the district in which the school is located.

Moved, seconded and carried that the holiday vacation season be left to special tax school districts, they to arrange for either one week or two weeks, schools to close Dec. 16 or 23 and open Jan. 2 or 9.

Moved, seconded and carried that the board issue interest bearing school warrants in payment of all teachers' salaries for them that reports are on file and found correct and bills that have this day been approved and ordered paid; $[illegible] or as near as possible, be made payable March 1, and the balance to be made payable April 1, both issues to bear interest at 8 per cent per annum from date of issuance to date designated for payment; arrangements having been made with the four banks in Highlands county to accept these warrants as deposits at face value.

Moved, seconded and carried, due to omission from record we do hereby make record showing that Mrs. Bertha F. Payne was elected to teach in the Coleman district from Sept. 1[illegible] at a salary of $90 per month from the general fund and $15 per month supplementary salary from district fund.

It was moved by E. O. Williams, seconded by M. A. Millar, that resolution and motion adopted on Aug. 1, 1921, providing for a loan of $10,000 for the purpose of paying school indebtedness of Highlands county to old DeSoto, and other purposes; said loan to be made as follows: $2,500 due in three months at 8 per cent, $5,000 due in six months at 8 per cent and $2,500 due in nine months at 8 per cent; be and the same is hereby rescinded. Which motion, after discussion, was passed by the unanimous vote of the board and thereupon declared rescinded and repealed by the president.

The following motion was introduced by E. O. Williams, duly seconded by M. A. Millar:

"Whereas, after due examination of a statement rendered, setting forth and establishing proportionate part of indebtedness of what was formerly DeSoto county board of public instruction, to be assumed by board of public instruction of Highlands county, to be paid to present DeSoto county in keeping with agreement between board of public instruction of DeSoto county and board of public instruction of Highlands county, in joint conferences of the boards of public instruction of the several counties which were formerly DeSoto county, was found to be the sum of $10,000,

"Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the board of public instruction of Highlands county, that interest bearing coupon warrants in the aggregate of $10,000 be issued and sold to the Highlands Bank & Trust Company, at Sebring, Highlands County, Florida; said interest bearing coupon warrants to be in the denominations of $1,000 each and to mature as follows: $2,000 due in one year from date, $2,000 due in two years from date, $2,000 due in three years from date, $2,000 due in four years from date, $2,000 due in five years from date; which coupon warrants shall bear interest at the rate of not to exceed 8 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually; that said warrants shall be numbered consecutively from one to ten, both inclusively, as above stated and each warrant shall have attached thereto interest coupons. Each coupon bearing the number of its warrant and representing or calling for a semi-annual payment of interest on its warrant; each of said warrants shall be signed by the chairman and attested by the secretary of the board, and shall have the seal of said board affixed thereto; and the interest coupon attached thereto shall be signed by or bear the printed or lithographed fac-simile signature of said chairman and secretary; each warrant and interest coupon shall be dated and shall bear their due date, and said warrants and interest coupons shall be issued upon and payable out of the county school funds of Highlands county, the date of issuance of said warrants shall be Dec. 15, 1921.

"The president and secretary of the board shall be and are hereby authorized to execute said warrants and coupons as above provided; the coupon warrants above provided for and the interest coupons thereon shall be payable to the order of bearer at the county school fund depository of Highlands county.

"The proceeds arising from the sale of such interest bearing coupon warrants shall be applied solely to the payment of warrants, notes and other evidences of debt found to be legal and assumed by Highlands county as its proportionate part of general indebtedness of what was formerly DeSoto county.

"The board of public instruction of Highlands county shall, during each year of the time such warrants shall run, set apart out of the county school fund sufficient money to meet and pay off said warrants and the interest coupons thereon, as the same shall become due and payable."

Which motion was fully discussed by the board and upon vote, carried by the unanimous vote of the board. Thereupon the chairman declared said motion duly adopted.

On presentation of form of interest bearing coupon warrants, it was moved, seconded and carried that the form of said interest bearing coupon warrant be approved by this board and the secretary be instructed to have same prepared.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Highlands Bank & Trust Company be made depository for the general school fund, and of all special school tax districts except Sebring No. 37, and Avon Park No. 3, and also for sinking fund for interest bearing coupon warrants issued in the sum of $10,000, they to give bond in the sum of $2,000. And that the Bank of Sebring, Sebring, Fla., be designated as depository for special school tax district No. 37, Sebring, and special bonded tax school district No. 37, Sebring, having to give bond for $3,000; that the First National Bank of Avon Park be designated as depository for special bonded tax school district No. 3, Avon Park, and give bond for $3,000, and that the First Trust and Savings Company of Avon Park be designated as depository for special school tax district No. 3, Avon Park, and give bond for $2,000.

It was moved, seconded and carried by the unanimous vote of the board that the president and superintendent and ex-officio secretary of the board be, and the same are hereby authorized to make actual delivery to Highlands Bank & Trust Company of Sebring, Fla., the ten interest bearing coupon warrants heretofore authorized at this meeting. Said bonds to be delivered upon actual cash payment to the board of public instruction of Highlands county of the par value of said bonds; namely $10,000.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried, the board adjourned.

MAKING STRONG OBJECTIONS TO IMPROVEMENTS

Efforts to expend the $250,000 on extension of the state capitol buildings at Tallahassee authorized at the last session of the legislature are to meet with legal steps seeking to restrain such a procedure, according to a news dispatch from Ocala.

Prominent attorneys of that city have given the board of commissioners of state institutions, of which the governor is chairman, official notice that if the board accepts any bid or awards any contract for the extension of the present capitol building, to be paid for out of "any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated," legal steps will be taken at once to restrain the performance of any work under such contract. This action is taken, it is stated, on behalf of "certain citizens of the state of Florida."

At the last session of the legislature there was an effort made to have the question of relocating the state capitol submitted to a vote of the people. The city of Ocala was one of the several aspirants for the proposed new location. The stand-patters, however, put through legislation authorizing extensions to the buildings in Tallahassee. This appropriation of $250,000 was to come "out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated."

The legal action is based on the contention that there is no money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, and that when other appropriations previously made are satisfied, there will be no money left.

A dispatch from Tallahassee states that the legal department of Florida's state government has no fear of the threatened injunction, and that bids on the proposed extensions were to be opened Monday.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Transfers of real estate filed for record with the clerk of the circuit court of Highlands county since last publication, as reported by Highlands Security, Abstract & Ttitle Company, Sebring:

Daniel Worth and wife to T. V. Conway: Lot 1 of Sec. 29 and part of NW¼ of NE¼ of Sec. 29, Twp. 35, Range 31; $100 and other considerations.

George P. Butler and wife to Clifford B. Eiland: Lot 13, Block 45, town of Sebring; $10 and other considerations.

G. A. Stebbins and wife to T. J. McGinnis: Lot 10, Van Luven's subdivision of Block 41, Sec. 22, Twp. 33, Range 28, Avon Park; $1 and other considerations.

Virginia Hargrove Cloud and husband to Margaret Furlow Anderson: Lot 10, Van Luven's subdivision of Block 41, Sec. 22, Avon Park; $1 and other considerations.

J. F. Butler and wife to W. Keisling and Charlotte J. Keisling: 5 acres in SW¼ of SW¼ Sec. 31, Twp. 36, Range 29; $1 and other considerations.

James O. Densford and wife to A. Paul Traywick: SW¼ of NE¼ and E½ of NW¼ of NE¼ and NW¼ of NE¼ of NE¼ of Sec. 6, Twp. 33, Range 29 (70 acres); $1 and other considerations.

James Carlton and wife to trustees of Internal Improvement Fund: NE¼ of NE¼, Sec. 35, Twp. 37; $1 and other considerations.

Sebring Development Company to F. A. Sebring: Lots 15 to 22, Block 7[illegible], and Lots 1 to 8, Block 78, and Lots 5 to 8, Block [illegible]2, eighth addition to Sebring; $10.

Nathan L. Kinsley to Mrs. T. W. Brown: NE½ of NE¼, Sec. 4, Twp. 39, Range 30; $100.

Scenic Highlands Hotel Company to Avon Golf and Country Club: Lots 1 to 9, less portion of Lot 9, in Block 46, Section 22, Avon Park; $1 and other considerations.

Mary M. Marsh and husband to J. H. Hinley: Lot 19, Block H, Marsh's subdivision of Lot 3, Block F, in Price & Gorham's subdivision of Sec. 27, Avon Park; $1 and other considerations.

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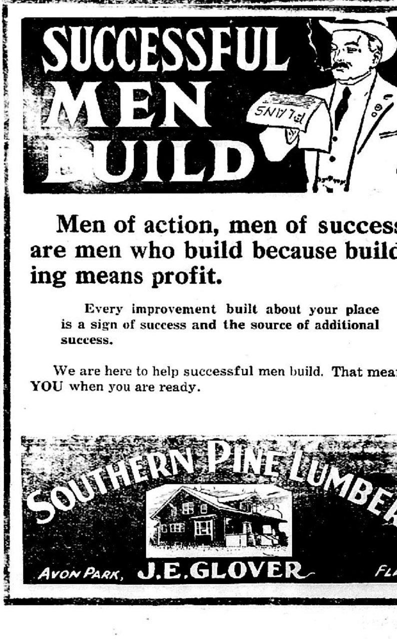

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