

Sebring Prepared to Care for Many Guests During Season

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY GOOD ROADS LEAGUE

Regular monthly meeting of Highlands County Good Roads League was held in Sebring, Friday, Oct. 14, at 9 a. m., with Vice-President P. A. Ruhl presiding. On roll call of officers the following answered present: Vice-presidents, P. A. Ruhl and E. J. Etheredge; directors, Mark W. Lance, F. Saunders and M. A. Jones.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Appointment of P. A. Ruhl by president Sebring to fill vacancy caused by removal of P. G. Miller as first vice-president of league from Sebring district, was made a matter of record. Communication from George F. Kellogg concerning report of committee on lateral roads was read and placed on file.

Membership dues to amount of \$1 received from David Barrow. Communication from R. L. Anderson, Jr., mayor of Ocala, referring to meeting on state road No. 8, read and placed on file.

The report of the committee to whom was referred the matter of securing data concerning lateral road building, was made by E. J. Etheredge, this committee having been appointed at a regular meeting held Aug. 12, 1921, with George F. Kellogg of Avon Park being named as chairman of the committee and on motion the report was received and placed on file.

M. W. Lance, as a committeeman to attend a meeting of the state road department in Jacksonville, Aug. 15, reported that at this meeting the state road department established and definitely fixed the location of the right of way of that part of state road No. 8 from Lake Annie north to Josephine creek, and he also reported that the engineer for the department was instructed to survey and lay out the remainder of the right of way from Josephine creek north to the Polk county line at the earliest possible moment.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the committee appointed Aug. 12

to secure data on lateral road building be discharged with the thanks of the league.

Motion made by E. J. Etheredge and duly carried that the chairman appoint at once on mail from each commissioner's district of the county with instructions that each one appointed hold a meeting of the citizens of his district for the purpose of ascertaining the desires of the people in his district on lateral road building and to report the outcome of the meeting so held back to the league at the next regular meeting.

Motion made and carried that William King be appointed as a delegate to attend the next regular meeting of the state road department at Tallahassee and that the expenses of his trip be borne by the league.

There being no further business the league adjourned to meet Friday, Nov. 11, at 9 o'clock a. m. IRA RIGDON, Secretary.

We are all agreed that the natural resources of any state should be conserved. But what are we doing to conserve one of our greatest assets—the fish and game of Florida?

LESSONS IN PIANO HARMONY AND MUSIC FOUNDATION

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ASSOCIATED BOARDS OF TRADE MEETING AT SEBRING LAST TUESDAY

The Associated Boards of Trade of the Sebring Highlands held its regular quarterly meeting in Sebring Monday. Several of the boards of trade were represented at the meeting, the absentees being Davenport, Lake Hamilton, Dundee, Lake Wales, Frostproof and Lake Wales. Haines City was represented by Isaac Van Horn, H. O. Philpott, Crooked Lake by H. W. Schimpf, Avon Park, G. F. Kellogg, D. F. Campbell and J. P. Webster. After a delicious dinner, prepared and served by the ladies of the Sebring Women's Club, had been partaken of at Tusculum Park, the meeting was called to order by President George F. Kellogg, minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved and the secretary's report read and accepted.

Isaac Van Horn of Haines City, chairman of the railroad committee, read a letter from J. C. White, general passenger agent of the Atlantic coast line, stating that a sleeper service would be established as far as Sebring this winter, to take care of the tourist traveling westward. He did not think it would pay to extend this service further south. Mr. Van Horn stated that the officials of the Atlantic Coast Line were more friendly toward the Sebring Highlands than any other part of the state because they felt that the people of this section were friendly toward them, and that they were willing to give them anything in their power in the way of improved service, to which they were justly entitled.

T. V. Conway and H. O. Sebring suggested that the Associated Boards of Trade should ask for better service as far south as Moore Haven, but the general consensus of opinion that Moore Haven should ask for this improved service, with the endorsement of the Associated Boards of Trade. At the request of H. O. Sebring, chairman of the highway committee, Dr. E. J. Etheredge made the report for that committee. Dr. Etheredge stated that the state highway commission had agreed to improve the road from Frostproof south to the Highlands county line at the earliest possible date; that there was about \$36,000 in the Lake Annie district road fund, which would in all probability be expended in the building of a clay rut road from the end of the present hard road below DeSoto City to Lake Annie. This road will be built to one side of the main highway, in order not to interfere with the building of state road No. 8 and to furnish a good road over which to haul materials and supplies, as well as to take care of all traffic until said road can be completed. After the state road is completed the supplementary road can be used to good advantage by vehicles hauling loads and not interfere with automobile traffic.

Dr. Etheredge also stated that the chief engineer of the state road department had agreed to furnish plans and profiles for the bridge across the Kissimmee river, so that the state might build that bridge at an early date, opening the road for general travel. He also said that \$220,000 of local money was being expended in excess of the county under direction of the state, with a positive promise on the part of the state highway commission that like sum of the first available funds at its disposal would be used in further construction of state road No. 8 at points most needed. If this plan is actually carried out, state road No. 8, instead of being the last will be the first to be completed, and the urgent necessity for the same would warrant its construction.

A unanimous vote of thanks was extended the ladies of the Woman's Club and the local board of trade for the elaborate dinner served at Tusculum Park pavilion and the excellent service rendered by the ladies. The meeting then stood adjourned without designating where the next meeting would be held.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OFF IN SEPTEMBER

Values of imports and exports of merchandise each fell off materially during September, according to figures made public by the department of commerce at Washington. Imports for September were \$180,000,000, the lowest for any month this year. Exports last month totalled \$227,000,000, only \$5,000,000 more than the lowest month this year, July, and \$46,000,000 below the August record. Both imports and exports were approximately 50 per cent below the totals for September, 1920. September imports of gold totalled \$66,515,000 or approximately \$20,000,000 below the imports of August, but \$15,000,000 above the gold imports of September, 1920. Silver imports dropped from \$7,852,000 in August to \$4,565,000 for September. Silver imports for September last year were \$6,501,000.

Exports of gold took a decided jump from August to September, the comparative figures being \$671,000 for August and \$2,448,000 for September. Silver exports also showed an increase to the month, \$4,946,000 being exported as compared with \$3,743,000 for August. The September silver exports, however, were nearly \$2,000,000 below the exports for the same month last year.

Germany in Good Condition It may be a surprise to most readers to learn that the Germany was the third best customer of the United States in 1920, being the best on the continent of Europe, in spite of the fact that a peace treaty had been signed. Germany needs our products but her money is at low ebb. One thousand German marks, which normally cost \$240, are now down to about \$10. Germany must either stop printing paper money or the zero point will be reached and that means repudiation. This would seriously affect the world.

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

SPORTS

By Scribble

Avon Park Giants 2, Sebring Juniors 1

Saturday afternoon, Oct. 8, the fans of Avon Park were treated to a class game of baseball between the Avon Park Giants and the Sebring Juniors. These teams, composed of youngsters less than 12 or 13 years of age, battled eleven innings, until the Avon Park fellows finally overthrew the Sebring side and capped the game by the close score of 2 to 1. It was a pitchers' battle from start to finish and one of the prettiest games of ball seen on the Avon Park diamond this year.

Last week seemed to be Avon Park's week in the baseball world, inasmuch as the school team defeated Sebring high for the second time this year. A hard rainstorm caused the game to be postponed an hour beyond the scheduled starting time, but it was agreed between the captains of both teams that a seven-inning game be played anyhow. At the start, with plenty of wind blowing by both teams, Avon Park started scoring quickly and easily. In the first half, in the second frame Avon Park rallied strongly and succeeded in shoving four runs across the plate, while the best Sebring could do was to score one run. In the third frame, Avon Park scored five runs, while Sebring scored one. In the fourth frame, Sebring continued to gain in her half, Leopold bringing in two runs with his single to right. In the fifth frame, Sebring got another, while Avon Park was blanked. In the fifth frame, Clark took up the mound duties for Avon Park and the Sebring clan did not register a single hit or run during the rest of the game. In the sixth frame, the score stood 6 to 5 in favor of Avon Park. The pitchers were the heroes of the battle, North of Sebring fanning out eight men and Nord and Clark each striking out one.

FLORIDA TIMES-UNION CONTINUED GROWTH

In keeping with its policy of constant improvement the Florida Times-Union has added to its columns several new features, which are sure to meet the approval of its readers. Among these is the publication of a complete novel a week, written by known authors as Booth Tarkington, Robert W. Chambers, Frank Blythe, Bertha Sherer, John D. Smith and Frank H. Spearman, and the serial includes a number of novelettes by Bret Harte, which have never been released for newspaper publication. For \$1.00 each, so the reader can readily appreciate the additional value received.

Good Night Stories by Blanch Silver, is another of the popular new features. With its illustrations so charming for children, parents also enjoy these charming stories and so great is their educational value that they are read in the primary grades of school.

Many other features appear daily or Sunday. More telegraph and more state news is being printed than ever before. The quotations on its market page are accurate and up-to-the-minute. Sports are given special attention. Its woman's page is of daily service to the housewife. Many illustrations are published during a week's time visualizing news events of local interest. From an editorial standpoint the Times-Union ranks with the foremost papers of the country. Its editorials being widely quoted.

For the convenience of its readers the Times-Union has secured a most up-to-date six-page wall chart (36x28 inches) the first page bearing a map of Florida, showing Dixie, Union, Sarasota, Glades, Highlands, Charlotte and Hardee, the new counties created by the last legislature. This is the most complete map of Florida available. Census statistics for 1920 add to its attractiveness and value. The remaining pages contain a map of the United States, showing official automobile roads; a map of New Europe, giving present boundary lines, and a colored map of the world on Van der Grinten's special projection. It is profusely illustrated and bears a mass of data and statistics for general reference.

The Times-Union should be in every home in Florida. Its subscription price is only 85c per month or \$9.00 per year. Every reader, new or old, sending \$9.00 to the Florida Times-Union, Jacksonville, Fla., for one year's subscription, will be mailed, absolutely free of charge, one of these splendid charts.—Advertisement.

Florida Schools Filling Up Florida institutions of higher learning are going to be very busy this fall and winter and spring. The enrollments are heavier than ever before, and with some that increased capacity they will still be a bit over full. It is said that the accommodations at the Woman's College at Tallahassee are filled to overflowing, and that the addition of another dormitory would be a good thing. It may be done before another term. The university is opening under the most favorable and interesting circumstances and the many and various other places where the young idea is trained and guided in Florida are actively at work or getting ready for a start.—Florida Grower.

Short Peanut Crop It is estimated that the production of peanuts in the Virginia-North Carolina section will be approximately one-half normal this year. In favorable sections the crop continued drought has not seriously affected the yield; in other towns growers believe the crop will not yield enough to pay expenses of harvesting, and state that they will live the peanuts in the ground. Prices range from \$50 to \$80 a ton.

AVERAGE LIVING COST CUT BUT IS PER CENT IN LAST 18 MONTHS

An Associated Press Dispatch from Washington says: "Large cities in the United States, studied by the government's statistical cracks, showed that the average cost of running the American household has decreased less than 20 per cent since the unprecedented price inflation of eight months ago. That calculation considered only essentials for the average family, such as food, clothing, housing, fuel and light and furnishings, and miscellaneous incidentals."

Will Revolutionize Fruit Shipments E. C. Bryan, who is one of the leading real estate brokers of Haines City, has designed and patented a parcel post package for shipping anything from citrus fruits to glassware. He is now considering the various materials possible to use in making the package. It is claimed by those who have seen his packages that he will revolutionize the shipment of citrus fruits. Mr. Bryan has one of the state road maps on display in the window of the Haines City Pharmacy. We trust and hope that

Mr. Bryan's new invention will prove that it is claimed for it. Nothing would please a northerner who likes good food for breakfast more than to have three fine ones delivered to his home every morning by the postman, fresh from the tree, for less than he would pay at the retail stores. The package has been thoroughly tested by actual shipping all over the country and can be used over and over again when made of certain materials.

Church of the Brethren The regular services at the Church of the Brethren are as follows: Sunday school, 10 a. m.; preaching service, 11 a. m.; evening service at 7:30 o'clock and some service Thursday evening at 7:30.

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Death of Miss Madeline Davis
We have received a copy of the New York Times, mailed us by Elijah P. Brown of Ocean Grove, N. J., in which appears an account of the death of Miss Madeline Davis of Fort Pierce,

which occurred at Ocean Grove Oct. 19, when she fell from a moving automobile while endeavoring to catch a rope ladder suspended from an airplane flying over her car. Miss Davis had many friends in this vicinity.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Attorney Guy A. Andrews made a business trip to Arcadia and Tampa last week.

Sweet potatoes, \$3 per 100 pounds at R. N. Miller's billiard parlor, Commerce street.—Advertisement. 12-21

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Young and children and Mrs. Ella Young drove to Tampa Saturday, returning to Sebring Sunday.

W. C. Peacock, David C. Barrow and Dr. E. J. Etheredge were in Tampa Wednesday on business, returning Thursday.

Col. and Mrs. William Evans arrived in Sebring last week and will spend the winter in the Bougainville, their home here.

Deputy Sheriff Cash took a couple of beauties out of Lake Jackson Thursday forenoon. We have reference to large mouth bass. The fishing in the lake is good.

M. G. Myers' new apartment house is rapidly nearing completion and will be a model place for two-people families. Each apartment will be fully equipped for light housekeeping.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. McGinnis and two children drove to Sebring last week from North Georgia and are now located in a home on Lemon avenue. Mr. McGinnis is opening a dry goods store in the new Hainz building and expects to make Sebring his permanent home.

F. A. Sebring spent the past week in Sebring, attending to business here. He returned to Sebring, O., where he will remain until after the holidays when he and Mrs. Sebring will return for the rest of the season. Mr. Sebring and family had a most enjoyable European trip last summer.

Mrs. J. M. Jones and daughter, Mrs. Eloise Crews, came over from Zolfo last Sunday to visit Spencer and Brandon Jones and families. Mrs. Crews, sister of the Jones brothers, returned Monday to her home near Zolfo, but their mother, Mrs. Jones, will visit them here for some time.

We received a very pleasant letter from J. G. Nickerson of Detroit, Mich., with enclosure for subscription. Mr. Nickerson owns several groves near Sebring and is interested in all things pertaining to the success of the industry. He asks for some information which we will endeavor to give in our next issue.

THE GOLDEN RULE IN ALL GREAT RELIGIONS

The Golden Rule, that highly ethical plan, according to which each person agrees that all others should arrange their conduct, did not originate in the Christian era. It is the product of far older civilization.

Some 3,400 years ago, when the Hindu kingdoms along the Ganges river were listed among the great powers, there was set up as this precept among them: "The true rule of business is to guard and do by the things of others as they do by their own."

Then some 2,800 years later, but still 600 years before Christ and 350 before Plato, that super-wise Chinese Lao Tzu wrote from the walls of isolation of his great and learned fatherland, "Refrain injury with kindness. To the not good I would be good in order to make them good."

The Greeks in 1070 B. C. came yet nearer the familiar wording with these words: "Do not that to thy neighbor which thou wouldst not have him do to thee." The books and scrolls of the Hebrew law taught this truth. In a time-worn parchment believed to have been first inscribed 2,500 years ago, is to be read: "Whatsoever you do not wish your neighbor to do to you, do not that to him," and added to it for emphasis: "This is the whole law. The rest is mere exposition of it."

Confucius may not have known he was not original when he wrote: "What you would not wish done to yourself, do not unto others."

At the first Buddhist council, held at Rajahmundry in 477 B. C., the scribes advised: "One should seek for others the happiness one desires for oneself."

A century and a half before Christ, the law of Rome once more repeated the theme: "The law imposed on the hearts of all men is to love the members of society as themselves."

In the law of Mohammed it runs: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." And Christ later declared this "the law and the prophets."

When Alexander of Macedon marched into Persia in 334 B. C., he found there before him the best example of all these closely paralleled formulae in the Zoroastrian precepts, "Do as you would be done by." Mohammed put it in his Koran as "Let none of you treat his brother in a way he himself would dislike to be treated." Baha O'Ulah, the renowned Persian teacher of this generation, observe mercy thou dost not regard thine own interest, but the interest of mankind. Wert thou to observe justice thou for others what thou choicest for myself."

Go Down in Your Pokes

G. W. Adams of Avon Park and F. H. Adams of this place drove to Tampa and back Wednesday on business. About a half mile of the Frost-proof road is certainly in bad condition. It is no credit to the enterprise of Polk county. No, it is a disgrace, for which no excuse is adequate. Brother "Polkites," why not go down in your "pokes" and dig up a little cash, poke a few teams over there, and poke a little clay into those holes, for the reputation of good roads which you enjoy and the benefit of yourselves and your neighbors? If not for your sake, for the sake of the children in the street, there must be something radically wrong if you do not feel grateful that you are a citizen of this, our Florida.

Anything Wrong With You? When you get up in the morning, with the golden sunlight flooding your room, sit down to your grapefruit, toast, bacon and eggs and coffee, and listen to the song of the mockingbird perched on the tree outside your window, and the shouts and laughter of the children in the street, there must be something radically wrong if you do not feel grateful that you are a citizen of this, our Florida.

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[Jacksonville Metropolis, Oct. 14]

With women occupying all executive offices, the South Florida Press Association begins its semi-annual meeting in Lakeland today.

The Metropolis extends greetings to the assembled members of this organization and heartily commends the purpose of the organization, its past labors in behalf of the section it represents, and all Florida, and predicts still greater accomplishments for the future.

The press of South Florida has been the chief contributing factor in the development of that section, the pioneer advocates, as it were, and its journalistic dreams of yesterday are rapidly becoming the realities of today. "Without vision we fail." Vision characterizes the South Florida press, perhaps in a greater degree than it characterizes the press of the northern section of the state, although the newspapers of North Florida have played and are playing constructive parts in advancing the interests of their own section and the interests of the whole state. South Florida is still, in many respects, in the pioneer stage and not so old as its sister section. Considered broadly, however, Florida is a pioneer state. But the middle-aged citizen can remember when South Florida was a tropical wilderness, a country of flowers and swamps and life acres, through which the red men roamed and hunted, and where white faces were scarce.

The newspaper men and women who journeyed into this unknown country and set up their print shops were as much pioneers as the men who cleared the wilderness and cultivated the first crops. More, the pioneer spirit was stronger in the newspaper folks, because they were staking everything on the future, while the others were looking only from season to season. The possibilities of the section were announced to the world, and are still being announced to the world.

The pioneer spirit won. The South Florida of today is spoken of as the garden spot of the earth and certainly there is more than words to the description for it is a country of milk and honey, of beauty and wealth and the start has only been made. The papers of the section retain their vision—and South Florida owes a debt of gratitude to its newspaper men and women who today are assembled at Lakeland to discuss co-operative ways and means to be inaugurated in leading South Florida to still greater things!

GOOD WORK ON DIXIE HIGHWAY IN ST. LUCIE

The Dixie Highway north of Fort Pierce is the proud possessor of several miles of new paving, a part of the general plan to rebuild the Dixie Highway through the whole length of Florida country.

This section of some four or five miles is complete, the road having been recently rolled, covered with rock, rolled and asphalted. Several of the corners have been cut off the curves and the highway presents a perfect roadbed.

The county commissioners and Engineers Collins have done good work and all passers-by, home folks and tourists, will declare that the work has been well done.

To the Growers

Watch the gold creep into the oranges and grapefruit. May it be an emblem of the returns received by the growers for their labor in producing. Here's hoping the railroads don't get it all, as they sometimes do.

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HAPPENINGS OF A WEEK TOLD IN A FEW WORDS

A complete line of fresh groceries at Stokes' place.—Advertisement.
Glen Skipper of the Kissimmee Island Cattle Company was a Sebring visitor Tuesday.

Get ready to enjoy the Halloween Carnival. You will have lots more fun in a masque. Try it.
J. C. Butler and the Rev. Telford of the Presbyterian church spent most of the week in Tampa.

Wanted to Rent—A good piano. Address P. O. Box 493, Sebring, Fla.—Advertisement.

Mr. and Mrs. James Masters drove to Tampa Monday and spent a few days there on business and sightseeing.

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

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Bixler returned Wednesday from a week's trip to the West Coast, visiting especially Tampa and Clearwater.

For Sale—1919 Ford car, in first-class condition; all new tires; price \$200. Charles Beresford, the Smoke House, Sebring.—Advertisement.

Mr. and Mrs. James Halliday and little daughter went to Tampa Monday and returned Wednesday. Mr. Halliday purchased supplies for the Progressive Shoe Shop.

Sebring visitors to Tampa yesterday included W. C. Peacock, who contemplates spending several days here investigating business conditions and mingling with friends.—Thursday's Tampa Tribune.

Capt. C. C. Lever of the Salvation Army and family arrived in Sebring last week and are pleasantly located for the winter on the homestead of George P. Butler, on the north side of Lake Jackson. Captain Lever and family drove to Sebring from New Haven, Conn., covering 1,800 miles on the trip.

New benches have been installed in the Smoke House for the accommodation of its customers, new counter and display cases added, a genuine Coney Island sausage steamer installed and a new electric light sign will soon adorn the business front. Beresford & Reese are certainly up-to-date, all-right and know how to please the public.

Stokes' Grocery is a good place to trade.—Advertisement.

R. F. Harris of Avon Park was transacting business here Monday.

J. B. Brown went to Jacksonville Monday and spent a few days there on business.

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

Watch for announcement of date of the 1-cent sale at the Rexall store.—Advertisement.

Tom Dekle of the firm of Davis-Dekle Cigar Company of Tampa was in Sebring Monday looking after the business of the firm.

Mrs. Beulah Woodford and children, Frank, Hibbit and Arah, are now located in one of the Hasty apartments on South Ridgewood drive.

There will be a shortage of houses in Sebring this winter. If you want a new one see Ed Hainz soon. He has three left at present.—Advertisement.

The improvements on Major Jesse Gearing's residence are rapidly nearing completion. The major is a hustler and has one of the fine residence properties of the city, of which he is well deserving.

Ed W. Harshman, who has had a severe case of the grippe, is beginning to recover from the illness of the last two weeks. A trained nurse has been in charge of the case for the last week and every possible care is being given him.

Mrs. Tom Mitchell and little son Thomas, Jr., went to Arcadia Monday, where Mrs. Mitchell attended to some business matters and visited friends and relatives. They returned Tuesday afternoon with Louis Morgan and George Russell, members of the Mitchell Telephone Company of Sebring. Mr. Morgan and Mr. Russell returned to Arcadia Tuesday night.

Mrs. George E. Sebring and daughter Dorothy arrived in Sebring Wednesday noon. They came from Baltimore, where they have been visiting the Rev. and Mrs. S. E. Rose for the past few weeks. Mr. Sebring met them in Jacksonville, accompanied them to Wauchula and then drove from there home. Mrs. Sebring is recovering from the operation she had this summer and is in good health, though not very strong yet.

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Fine western meats to be had at all times at Stokes' Market.

Mrs. B. W. Field was transacting business in Avon Park Tuesday.

Fresh fruits and vegetables at Stokes' Grocery.—Advertisement.

W. R. England and C. A. Clark of Avon Park were in Sebring Tuesday on business.

Furnished housekeeping rooms in bungalow. Apply Love & King Garage.—Advertisement.

Wait for the big 1-cent sale to be held at the Rexall store. It will pay you.—Advertisement.

Sweet potatoes, \$1 per 100 pounds at R. N. Miller's billiard parlor, Commerce street.—Advertisement. 12-21

W. Z. Dalgety and Capt. A. Binger were in Avon Park Monday night, attending the Knights Templar convalesce there.

M. J. Dooner has an attractive new sign in front of the Buckeye Confectionery, designed and executed by York & Clawson.

L. R. Morgan of Arcadia and George Russell of Fort Ogden, both of the Mitchell Electric Company, were in Sebring Tuesday.

Miss S. E. Drought and mother of Chicago, arrived in Sebring last Friday night to stay for the winter and at present are located at the Magnolia apartments.

Several cartoons exhibited in the window of Moyer's Cafe, drawn by Clawson, are attracting a great deal of attention. Mr. Clawson is a clever artist along these lines.

Among the out-of-town visitors attending the Associated Boards of Trade meeting here Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Schinof of Crooked Lake and J. A. Perry of Perry, Ga.

Ed Hainz sold four of his new houses last week. He has three more for sale, one on Lemon street and two on Oak street. If you want one of them don't delay, for they will all be sold within thirty days.—Advertisement.

Halloween is coming with its carnival of good times, masquerade, noise and good eats. See the shows, try your luck at the fish pond, get your fortune told, get your supper, ice cream and cake and a hundred noise makers.

J. F. Eiland and J. Storch drove to San Antonio, Pasco county, last Saturday and returned Monday evening. They report a nice trip and a pleasant visit with the home folk over there. Mr. Storch is very busy buying, packing, packing and shipping fruit in and around Sebring.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Arthur Crews of Arcadia drove to Sebring Sunday and stayed until Monday afternoon as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Rigdon. Mrs. Crews was formerly Miss Florence Meliza and made her home with the Rigdons in Sebring. Mr. Crews is the tax assessor for DeSoto county.

Chris Markley of Roanoke, Va., arrived in Sebring last Saturday night and will spend the next two weeks looking after his property. Mr. Markley has some of the finest groves in the district and probably the largest acreage of any one owner. He will return later in the winter for a longer stay.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Graham and little son spent the week-end in Sebring attending to moving some of their belongings to Lakeland, where they will live permanently. Mr. Graham has accepted the position of station master in Lakeland for the Atlantic Coast Line. Mrs. Graham is recovering from her recent illness.

The DeSoto City Groves Company has a few ideal groves which it is at liberty to sell. These groves are in fine condition, well located, on high elevation and some have commenced bearing. Prices attractive. See or communicate with us. DeSoto City Groves Company, Sebring, Fla.—Advertisement.

The ladies of the Woman's Club, who served the dinner to the men of the Associated Boards of Trade last Tuesday, wish to thank all those who helped and contributed to make it the fine dinner it was pronounced by all that participated. Labor, time and food were given by many and it was most appreciated by the committee in charge.

Cash & Degering are the contractors who are widening Ridgewood drive from the Circle to Pine street. When completed this part of the drive will be forty-nine feet from curb to curb, where formerly it was but twenty-nine. It is the calculation to improve Lemon street next, as soon as the bonds are sold and the necessary finances secured.

G. V. Hudson and E. L. Greene spent last Friday at Istokpoga creek and returned with thirty-three fine bass. Mr. Hudson claiming one that weighed ten pounds. Mr. Hudson says this was only ordinary luck, as he knows where and how to catch them any time. Captain Hinsdale and Paul Shipberger went to the Kissimmee river the same day, but admitted no good luck and only enough fish for one good meal. The weather was (and the lack of bait) were to blame.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Dickey of North Manchester, Ind., arrived in Sebring last Saturday and are now at home to their friends at their home on South Ridgewood drive. They made the trip by auto, coming by the Florida "short route," and found the roads in poor condition and tiresome.

Mr. Dickey thinks they will make the return trip by way of Baltimore and the National Highway, which is always in fine condition.

The Rev. and Mrs. E. P. Brown arrived in Sebring at noon Wednesday, after a summer's outing at Ocean Grove, N. J. They came from New York to Jacksonville by boat and were met here by Mr. and Mrs. George E. Sebring and Mr. and Mrs. Brown stayed the trip very well and is feeling in good health. Mrs. Brown did not enjoy the rough boat trip very much, but that was not enough to mar the pleasure and the good of the summer's vacation.

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COUNTRY'S ENTIRE BUSINESS STRUCTURE SHOWS REVIVAL

In a recent issue of the Washington (D. C.) Post, Richard Spillane reviews the business situation of the United States in an optimistic manner and a communication received a few days ago from Washington informs us that the general feeling prevailing in the nation's capital is in line with Mr. Spillane's review, which is as follows:

"One-half of the journey planned in a survey of business conditions in the United States and Canada having been covered, it may be said unmitigatedly and possibly imprudently to review some of the most important facts brought out and some of the changes that have taken place in conditions generally. Unquestionably there has been a decided improvement in the business structure of business. Unquestionably more men will be at work this winter than recently two months ago. Unquestionably there has been a revival of confidence to a fair degree."

"If the same measure of betterment is discovered on the second half of the trip 1921 will not be so bleak a year commercially, financially and industrially as was threatened."

"The first major industry to collapse in the great depression was that of textiles. By the same token it has been the first to revive. Today there are more spindles and looms in operation than ever before in the nation's history."

Industry Census, 800,000
"There are approximately 800,000 reasons employed in textile manufacturing. Wholesale and retail merchants say they have no surplus stock. Warehousemen are bare of goods. The volume of purchasing is declared to be above that of 1920, but merchants have to work prices down considerably. Throughout the retail dry goods trade it is accepted that business must be conducted on a smaller margin of profit than heretofore. Also it is declared that the American public has been educated to an appreciation of the worth of good materials."

An event of high importance received less attention than its effect at this time warranted. The government report as to the shortage of cotton has sent the price of cotton from 12 cents a pound to above 18. This advance affects not only the crop of this year, but the huge surplus of 1920. All told, the value of the raw cotton in America has been increased perhaps \$400,000,000. Many of the thousands of banks in the south loaded up with cotton loans were barely functioning. The change in the cotton situation has cleared them of their burden and given a purchasing power to the south that no one expected a few months ago."

Bright for Steel Industry
"Wall Street is supposed to be the barometer of business. The tape, it is said, never lies. If that is true, the steel industry is on the way up. Within the last few months United States Steel, common, sold below 71. It is now in the neighborhood of 80."
"Various railroad chiefs informed the writer as to the very scant sup-

plies of steel they had in stock and when they would be forced to buy. From one of the great steel concerns the information came that they expected to resume on railroad orders in November. Necessarily the railroads will buy sparingly, but in many lines of steel their needs are urgent as never before. It is reasonable to expect the steel industry as a whole will be on a basis of from 50 to 65-2-3 per cent of capacity this winter."

"There has been a change for the better with the railroads. July and August earnings were good. Many roads are far behind in the paying of their bills, but the change in their earnings warrants the making of purchases which six months ago would not be considered."

"Incidentally a person interested in such things might observe that the advances in the stock market value of railroad shares and bonds in the last few months measures. A computation shows an increase of a billion dollars in the market value of these securities."

"Except as to cotton no major production of the country has shown such a radical change suddenly as lumber. A few months back it was badly down to demand. Today there is a comparatively strong market. Whether it is a flash in the pan, the which remains to be seen. On the Pacific Coast inquiries and orders are coming in yumb. Carcasses are going to the Orient, to the Antipodes, to Africa and to Latin-America. Japan is a particularly heavy buyer."

The National Railways of Mexico is in the market for a lot of steel. The British government has bought largely for some project in Egypt, the order coming through the admiralty. Inquiries from the railroads are reported. One of the largest exporters in America told the writer he did more business in September than in any month in six years and never knew orders to come from so many parts of the world at one time."

Farmers Are Better Off
"The crops are good, particularly in the northwest. The farmers are better off financially than they expected from the conditions earlier in the year."

"Fruit growers west of the Mississippi have fared particularly well. Those of the east have had a disastrous year."

"Shipping shows better than expected. This applies to the Pacific. Asia is a persistent buyer of American flour and American lumber. It would appear that there either is a shortage of rice in the Orient or that Asia is turning more and more from rice to flour."

"There is no sign of improvement in the copper industry. Those best informed say it will take a year for the present gigantic surplus to be reduced sufficiently to warrant production on an ordinary scale. Today copper production is on about a 15 per cent basis."

Road Building on Large Scale
"Road building is on a larger scale west of the Mississippi than ever be-

fore. The main highways in many of the western states are much better than those of the middle states. The westerners, particularly those of the mountain country, find good roads bringing profit in tourist traffic and in reducing transportation costs on many articles necessary to their well-being. High railroad rates hurt in the west, and if there is not a revision soon the protest that will go up will be heard throughout the land."

"The apparent change for the better in base industries of America—textiles, agriculture, transportation and steel—would seem to warrant a fair degree of optimism, but the greatest change of all has been in the mental attitude of the average man of business."

High School Picnic
One of the first school social events of the season was a picnic given last Friday evening on the south shore of Lake Jackson. Fifty high school pupils and four teachers attended and all enjoyed it as only young school folk know how to enjoy such things. A fine supper of sandwiches, coffee, pickles, olives, cake and hot toasted bacon on bun satisfied the appetites of all and no more could be said if these were satisfied. The school spirit in Sebring is good and it is such wholesome, supervised social events as these are necessary to provide the young folk the recreation they require and deserve. Our teachers live with the young folk, in school and out and the result is admirable."

Church of the Brethren
The Rev. and Mrs. Thomas of Avon spent last Sunday in Sebring. Rev. Thomas took charge of the morning service at the Church of the Brethren and an exceptionally good sermon was given. Regular services at the Church of the Brethren: Sunday school, 10 a. m.; preaching, 11 a. m.; Christian Workers, 7:30 p. m.; mid-week song service, Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

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OLD FRIEND ATTRACTED BY SEBRING CLIMATE MANY YEARS AGO

[Highlands County Messenger]
Last week we received a letter from an old friend, who for years was an attorney and school teacher and at one time lived in Sebring. He is now in Sebring, teaching school at Crewsville. The letter, we believe, will interest all our readers and we are giving the opinion the writer had of this section of Florida, many years before anyone ever thought of coming to Sebring and long before there were any signs of human habitation in this particular section. The letter:

"Nottingham, Pa., Oct. 12, 1921."

"Mr. J. H. Adams,

"Dear Frank:

"You may ignore this communication and the communicator, yet I am going to type you a few lines, notwithstanding."

"The dignified Pilot has been coming to me for the past six months or more and from its columns I have acquired your address, learned that you have been in the realm of the unshakable and come to the editorial abode of the Highlands County Messenger."

"Accept from me, your humble friend, my hearty felicitations on the superb environments with which you are now surrounded and my warmest congratulations on the honorable position with which you are identified."

"Success and happiness attend the new field of endeavor. May your efforts be rewarded with honors adequate to your arduous task. Your ambition accompanied with a material recompense amply commensurate and absolutely sound."

"In the event I recounted to you the following facts before you will please pardon my repetition. During the month of January, 1888, a party of six, including myself, camped for a week in the dense woods of Sebring. I assume you were the very ground where Sebring is now situated. At that time there was not a human habitation, so far as I knew, within fifteen or twenty miles of our camp. We went there to explore the country around the several lakes in your vicinity and for the purpose of locating homesites for different members of our party. Our impression and information prior to going there was that the land in that locality still belonged to the government and was subject to entry under the existing acts of Congress."

"With a complete surveyor's equipment secured in obtaining a full and accurate description of the lands on the north and east side of Lake Jackson and other lands contiguous and in near proximity. The homestead I had run out for myself took Lake Jackson on the territory fronting a part of the north and east side. If I remember correctly I had half a mile of water frontage bending around the northeast corner of the lake. About half of my water front was on the north side and the other half on the east side of the lake. Imagine my disappointment and chagrin when I was advised by the district land office at Gainesville that the real estate I was filing on had but recently been withdrawn from the public domain and conveyed under a general act to the Florida Land & Drainage Co.—a corporation which afterwards learned was comprised of Philadelphia capitalists, organized in the main, to exploit the public domain."

"You now know how near I have been where you now are. Possibly you may be living right over the land I had once staked off and the lines blazed for my own. About a mile, or a little more to the north and east of Lake Jackson I assisted in staying the momentum and bringing to earth a large flock deer, upon which we feasted in regal style during our surveying operations. We also bagged a few turkeys and other small game not far remote from where you are now domiciled."

"At the time indicated above, I was engaged in teaching at Crewsville, the location of which, no doubt, is familiar to you. George L. Crews, town clerk of Avon Park, and his brother, Dr. D. D. Crews, were pupils of mine."

"Whenever I ruminate upon the pleasant and agreeable winter I spent in what is now known as Highlands county (assuming that Crewsville is embraced within its limits) a pang of regret steals over me, because of my foolishness in relinquishing the delights of your balmy winter climate and substituting therefor the rigors and colds of the north. Of course, youth and young manhood are hot and impetuous and climatic changes affect them little, but when the years have multiplied and the vital powers begin to decline each recurring winter, in this latitude, bears heavier and with added intensity. You are living in a locality favored by the gods for those who have reached the summit of physical life and are now ambling down the western slopes."

"For several years and prior to the subdivision of DeSoto county, George Crews had in mind engaging in the abstract business whenever the division was to be made and he had written several times to that end, intimating that he wanted my services and experience in getting out a set of abstract books for Highlands county. A recent letter from him, however, states that he has passed the matter up and will devote his attention to other lines; hence, the cherished hopes I had entertained of spending the coming winter in your section of the country have gone glimmering. By the way, and inasmuch as you are now in the publishing business, possibly you may be looking for a paragraph or column writer to do the ethical, religious, philosophical and psychological departments, and if so, you are at liberty to command my services, providing they are in any degree adequate to your requirements."

"Parenthetically, I will add that office, honor distinctions and emoluments have lost their lure for me. I have lofty aspirations, but worldly ambitions I have consigned to the region of the past and the limbo of forgetfulness. All I want out of this physical life is to be as simple as necessities and the opportunity to render such services I am best qualified

and fitted to give."

"If I am not asking too great a favor will you send me some descriptive literature of the town of Sebring, to George and the little girl. With the very kindest and best wishes to you and all the members of your household, I beg to remain, 'Yours most fraternally,'

"H. W. KANTZ."

Joys of the Country Editor

There is no greater nuisance than the individual who hangs around a printing office and talks, talks, and keeps on talking; gets hold of the inside of the paper before the outside is run off and "spills the beans" around town. Such an individual should be kicked by a jackass and the Messenger man would like to have the job.—Valparaiso Messenger.

Courage

Sometimes I wonder what human quality has contributed most to the progress of man, and I believe that courage is that touchstone. Cleverness palls, kindness dulls itself, tolerance begets indifference, and all these elements—good in moderation and bad in excess—are picked up on the splendid shoulders of courage and carried on to true success. No man who ever courageously bore torture for the sake of a principle really suffered; no man who courageously gave up his life for a cause has died.—Benjamin Warner.

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FLORIDA IS A GROWING STATE

By Moses Folsom

Florida is a front yard state of the Union is vitally interested in world problems. No other state of the American republic has a more commanding location with reference to the world. To the east, across the Atlantic, are the continents of Europe and Africa, to the south is Cuba with which we have a car ferry, and just beyond is the continent of South America, while the Panama canal gives us nearest access to the island continent of Australia and New Zealand to the southwest, and to the northwest is Asia. As was said by Walter Raleigh who said: "The country in command of the sea has command of the world." Florida has no forcible command of the sea, but no country has easier access to great waters and continents than Florida.

A study of the map of the world shows a number of the things worth considering in connection with Florida. The song has it "the world is made up of a number of things, and we all should be happy as kinds." Territorially Florida does not make a large display on the map, a mere finger of land running down the warm seas, but like the sack of Benjamin, or a Santa Claus stocking, it is full of good things. It is the only state in the Union that is growing in area, due to the work of the coral insect in building up reefs at sea. These reefs extend for about 200 miles along our coast and nothing similar can be found elsewhere in the American continental limits. It is on one of these coral reefs that the most southerly city in the United States—Key West—is located. Along these reefs a railroad has been built—a great engineering achievement—on which passengers enjoy a train trip at sea. The exact number of these keys or islands is not known. The channels between them and the mainland are being gradually filled in by a multitude of agencies constantly at work. In ages to come what is now navigable water courses will become dry land and be put in use by the teeming population certain to inhabit our wonderful peninsular state.

Florida is second in size to the largest of the twenty-eight states east of the Mississippi, Georgia having 600 more square miles of area than our state. No doubt an accurate survey would put us in the lead, if we had the real figures as to the size of all of our islands and shoal lands.

Florida is located between the parallels of 24 degrees and 30 minutes and 31 degrees north latitude, and between the meridians of 80 degrees and 87 degrees and 38 minutes longitude west of Greenwich—having a boot-like shape, unlike any other state in the Union.

Between these parallels of latitude running eastward across the Atlantic will be found Morocco, Algeria, Tunis, Tripoli and northern Egypt in Africa, taking in the Suez canal and then across southern Palestine—having a boot-like shape, unlike any other state in the Union. Between these parallels of latitude running eastward across the Atlantic will be found Morocco, Algeria, Tunis, Tripoli and northern Egypt in Africa, taking in the Suez canal and then across southern Palestine—having a boot-like shape, unlike any other state in the Union.

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square miles in area. The principal products of the islands are sugar, cotton and fruits, and 90 per cent of the trade is with the United States. The purchase was for the purpose of a naval base.

Our country already enjoys a large trade with Cuba, Porto Rico and other islands of this rich line of prosperous communities. This business should naturally grow and the United States should become the wharf or pier for a large part of the United States. It is a nature-made pier reaching out into the mid seas. From our ports shipments can easily reach the market centers of our vast and populous interior. Why should ships struggle through the fogs and cold stormy seas of the North Atlantic coast for half the year, when the whole year is free from the distress and inconvenience of cold weather at our Florida ports. And our harbors are not unconvenient with high tides. Cargo ships and steamers flying the flags of all maritime nations come regularly in the ports of Florida, and important steamship companies regularly operate vessels from our lines, and now or hereafter with water deep enough to float a craft without boat form of transportation.

I might continue indefinitely to write of Florida's inland waters possible of being connected by canals and make the state a veritable Venice; of the cheapness of water transportation; of its ample rainfall well distributed through the year; of the possibilities of the abundance and variety of shell and scale fish; of its fine sea beaches; of its beautiful and fertile five bills for fuel and heavy clothing; of its flowers and ornamental shrubbery; of its grand and majestic heart; of its expanding school system, flourishing churches, banking facilities, and well conducted newspapers; and of many delightful things not down in the books.

Florida has no outside public debt, does not owe a dollar on overdue warrants, and the state treasury had on Jan. 1, 1921, the handsome balance of \$2,701,231. The state school fund has on hand \$1,877,879, and this is being constantly enhanced by the sale of school lands, the increase in 1921 being \$279,200. No state is financially in better shape.

All we ask of the northern visitor is to investigate our wonderful geographical location in the world; of the opportunities to make a living in the most benign climate in the United States where you can live to the limit of your expectation; where you can fill your lungs and waft in blood with pure air regularly wafted in from ocean to gulf.

Florida, the south, the whole country is looking to the collective wisdom of the American congress, backed by the people, to plan constructively and preservative measures, investing with the spirit of Whittier's stanza:

"Make my mortal dreams come true,
With the work I fain would do;
Clothe with life the weak intent;
Let me be the thing I meant."

And let it injunction to the country be that of saintly Philip Brooks:

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Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers;
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Co-operative marketing is the thing that will cure all the ills of the farmer and grower. It does not eliminate competition among the farmers and growers themselves, however. On the contrary, the efficient man will profit as much as he always has, and the inefficient man will lose, as per custom. Love of the land does not always mean progress, either, although it is a big incentive to do well, and is one of the best of all incentives. Competition will always have, and this is one of the things that keeps us doing our best. It is well to have competition—the biggest, the best, the fastest, the best cow, the prize-winning corn—there is the encouragement to be devoutly hoped for.—Florida Grower.

Inoculating Dogs
In Japan the dogs are inoculated with virus to prevent rabies. Instead of killing mad dogs the Japanese medical experts advocate the vaccination of dogs.

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PALMDALE

Palmdale is still dry. Other localities have been favored with good showers lately. At this writing a light shower is falling, but does not promise much. Scarcely any fall planting has been done, though much is planned.

So far, everything is moving along in the usual even tenor of its way. All are well. J. C. Dancy got a hard pit while on his way to Arcadia lately. The auto, in which he was riding, suddenly dropped into a hole in the road, with a great sent through the top. His head struck the back and he was killed. The car, which has caused him considerable grief. The school, day and Saturday, are well attended.

The Highlands County Board of Trade will meet in Palmdale Saturday, Nov. 13, at 10 a. m. in Room 10, Park Hotel. Those desiring are expected to bring well filled baskets. We hope to see some strong people as well as others from up the line. Just what the program for the afternoon will be has not yet been decided. The afternoon session will be a business meeting. Come along, one and all, the committee will be glad to meet the ladies here, as usual, so there will be no lack of contention to meet the day.

The meeting place of interest is the old tin shanty, No. 1, to be destroyed. A permanent location for the county. The rival towns are Moore Haven and Palmdale. The building program is to be a central location and the use of axes at all times. The event will be a competition for men and women, registered for this battle royal. Red hot meetings are being held at all points. The day after, the two towns will run a neck and neck race. Both sides are hopeful and confident. The ladies should also be attended, will be destroyed.

VENUS

The Venus is starting quite a line of fresh crops.

Cleveland Pool has been based one of the Ernest Moore.

Dr. Joseph P. Smith is recovering from an attack of rheumatism.

Joe Ryan is putting down a well for John Shepherd on his new farm.

Mrs. H. Johnson is at the week. We hope to see her out again soon.

Zola Johnson is home on a vacation. He is assisting Mr. Lee in the grocery office.

A Fred Engelman has a fine bean crop and the showers are making it a crop.

The sawmill, which was owned by Spencer & Mock, has been remodelled and is running again.

James Cassels gathered a crowd of Venus Jewels Sunday and "diverged" to Tazewell to turn it.

G. Jones of Jacksonville is in Venus Sunday and Monday, looking after his interest here.

M. H. Cowart, the efficient partner of Venus, is preparing to put in about four acres of peppers the coming spring.

Plenty of fine fat cattle in this section, which is the life of our Florida soil. Eradicate the ticks and let the cattle range.

John Shepherd and Giddie Gross are preparing a fine piece of ham, mock, land to plant to cobs and beans in the spring.

Colbert Langford has come to Lakeport to visit his parents. He is missed, as he is a plucky young fellow, full of wit and humor.

L. L. Ryan spent the week end with his family, returning to Sebring Monday, where he has a position with the Sebring Novelty Works.

Walter Williams, who has been an able salesman in the commissary of Jones Bros., is preparing to return to his home town, southwest of town.

The Rev. Moore delivered his farewell address to Venus last Sunday. Guess he has a greater love of labor. Look out for us, editor; we need a minister.

Our deputy sheriff has resigned his commission. Guess he thinks his time is more valuable on the farm than running after "blind tigers" in the "moonshine."

There have been several 6 o'clock showers, served on the picnic table on Friendship lake during the past six weeks. Plenty of fish and some three barbecued pigs.

The Venus section has had several fine showers during the last two or three weeks. People are getting busy with fall gardens. We have the land who not make this a farming section that Highlands county will be proud to own. Let's get busy and be one of 'em.

Our school is in a most thriving condition, under the careful instruction of Professor Puppel, assisted by the primary teacher, Miss Williams. We feel that Venus is moving from behind a dark cloud, and that before this term of school is finished, we will be able to say "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Success has crowned your efforts." Let's stand by our school. It is the hope of the county.

LAKE STEARNS

Charles Lanier and William King motored down from Avon Park last Wednesday.

Dr. R. L. Kline, Lakeland, was here last week, looking over his grove on the north side.

W. G. McClellan, A. Poppell, L. P. Austin and B. E. Alderman made a flying business trip to Gainesville last week.

W. H. Mock, Artis Trust, O. A. Jones and Dewey Sirman formed an interesting party motoring to Arcadia and Vaucluse last Sunday.

Mrs. H. L. Waters has returned from a two months' visit with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Verry Waters, who reside in Havana, Cuba.

The community regrets to lose W. J. Harrell and family and W. G. Stirling and family, who have ac-

cepted good positions at Brownsville and have moved their families there.

A. M. McLaughlin attended the meeting of the board of county commissioners in Sebring Monday.

Miss Gussie Williams came in from her school west of Lake Stearns and spent Sunday with home folk.

Isaacson Alderman and Luther Austin have gone to Limestone for a time.

Wesley Williams is in Hicora assisting in the management of the large grove of Dr. R. L. Kline at that place.

Albert Gibson, an employee of the Lake Childs Company, spent the weekend in Lakeland, visiting relatives.

Wesley Williams of the Lake Childs Company has gone to Tampa to visit a few days with his mother and other relatives.

W. W. Williams, of Venus came up Sunday, spending the night here, and left early Monday morning for Sebring to meet with the county commissioners.

H. L. Waters' new home is nearing completion and will soon be ready for his family to move into.

On East Lake Monday to the west side of the highway and near the railroad.

G. A. Lockyer, Jr., T. T. Jackson and M. A. Lockyer, of Venus, attended the Citrus Seminar at Gainesville, say these meetings are growing in interest and usefulness.

The ladies taking an active part in the work of promotion and organization of the Venus section are: Mrs. Norton T. Smith, Mrs. J. H. Lander, Mrs. G. W. Adams, Mrs. E. L. Lander, Mrs. George Smith, Mrs. H. Stevenson, Mrs. H. E. R. Rich, Mrs. T. T. Canfield, Mrs. H. H. Stoddard, Mrs. Ada Canfield, Mrs. E. D. Williams and Mrs. Fred M. Smith.

The spread was followed by cigars and a few remarks by the eminent commander, N. T. Smith, who then appointed Dr. T. H. Lander as toastmaster.

Mr. Lander called upon George E. Smith, the Rev. J. Thomas Marshall, R. L. Williams for remarks, these knights responding in a pleasing and appropriate manner.

On account of the rain, still to be done, speech making was cut short, but the program carried out to the end, keeping up the spirit of the occasion.

Memorial Service

Eminent Norton T. Smith spoke briefly of two departed citizens who were splendid patrons of Masonry and excellent specimens of manhood. Philip J. Leigh, in whose honor Leigh Chapter No. 85, Order of the Eastern Star, was named, and J. P. Canfield, who was a prominent

Shaker and a highly respected citizen, in whose honor Holyrood commandery would have been named had not the regulations of the grand commanderies after departed knights.

Mr. Smith suggested that in memory of the departed, two flowers, the crown and cross floral piece be placed upon their graves and Tuesday morning Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Lander, Mr. and Mrs. Norton T. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Smith, Mrs. Ada Canfield, Mrs. J. P. Canfield, Mrs. Charlotte Leigh and the Rev. J. Thomas Marshall visited the cemetery, where short memorial services were held and the cross placed on the grave of J. P. Canfield and the cross upon that of Philip J. Leigh.

Commander's Membership

Holyrood Commandery U. D. Knights Templar, now has a membership of forty, with a number of Royal Arch Masons ready to be admitted. The obtaining of a dispensation for the Knights Templar, twenty knights Templar signed the petition for a dispensation and two were later admitted to the order.

With the eighteen members knighted Monday night the membership is increased to forty and in a few months commanderies in the state, which will mean a great deal for Avon Park and the entire scenic Highlands.

SCHOOL NOTES

The Tuesday morning exercises at the school were conducted by the pupils of the fourth grade, under the direction of their teacher, Miss Jessie Williams. The dramatization of "Jack and the Beanstalk" was presented and the novelty of the entertainment was the evident interest of all the audience were most noticeable.

The cast of characters was as follows: Jack, Alfred Newborn; Giant, Harold Hedell; Jack's mother, Pauline Polard; Giant's wife, Virginia Weeks; Fairy, Eva Butler; and the good fairy, Mrs. J. P. Canfield.

Another number of the morning was a piano solo by Grace Nance. On Thursday morning, the third grade pupils, under direction of Mrs. Folsom, presented two interesting numbers, a recitation, "The Runaways," by Wilber Eddies, and a vocal duet, "Gypsy Peddler," by Gertrude Johns and John Boyer.

All patrons of the school are cordially invited to any or all of these exercises with special programs by the children every Tuesday and Thursday morning.

Friday afternoon (today) a meeting was called for all the boys of the proper ages with a view to the organization of the Boy Scouts of Sebring. This very much as there is nothing provided for the amusement, recreation and instruction of the boys along the lines advanced in this work and every encouragement should be given to make the organization permanent and successful.

FLORIDA IS DIFFERENT

By Moses Folsom

How different Florida is from the plains and prairies of the northwest. The states of the northwest are all right if you like long stretches of wind-swept, dry, dusty and treeless land. It is O. K. in the summer, but the winter is long when the ground is white with snow and the wind never grows weary. In Florida there is variety where the tide comes and goes over wonderful beaches, and one can indulge in bathing or boating, bathing at all times; by inland lakes and rivers of fresh water, where fish can be caught; on the highlands and the flatland among the trees; on open prairies to make you think of the northwest or on mark lands as rich as cream, and all under skies as bright as over Chadsen plains that give birth to astronomy. Florida farmers during the winter when the ground is frozen in the north, are making gardens and harvesting golden oranges and grapefruit, when the housewife gathers bouquets of flowers grown in the open air and children going to school do not have to wear overcoats and wear through snowdrifts.

Four-footed game, bear, deer, coons, foxes, rabbits and squirrels, with quail, partridges and the lovely wild turkey, the last have passed the lakes, marshes and salt water bays are frequently in season by many kinds of game and native birds.

The streams and lakes and seas abound in a great variety of the finny tribes. The anglers give additional variety. Florida is in every way the place for.

A good hunting young man, a good fishing young man, a good for his rule that nothing can be done.

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The hunting season opens on Nov. 20 and lasts to Feb. 15, a period of eighty-eight days.

Many new fruits and vegetables are being experimented with in Florida. The United States has two experimental stations in Florida where plants from foreign lands are being tested. One at Brooksville, in Hernando county, and the other one is at Buena Vista, Duval county. Among the fruits about which there is no doubt is the rose, which is a substitute for the cranberry, or really not a substitute, but one capable of making a jelly that equals or surpasses any made from cranberries.

It is also can be made in a dry form can be saved for a long time. It is extensively used in Australia and the west Indies. It was introduced here from Bermuda. It grows in tree form. It is popular at the Shaker community, at Ashton in Georgia county. Elder Ezra Stewart will answer inquiries concerning it. The nursery and state experiment station can also give information about it. There are other vegetables that have passed the verdict of popular approval, but a wide spread taste has not been established because the products have not been supplied in ample quantities to the markets to give the consuming public a proper chance of which the dashen is an example. This latter is a substitute for the potato and a better keeper. It also yields large crops.

The strawberry is the most cosmopolitan of all small fruits. It is a prime favorite among fruit-loving people. It does well in Florida. In a wild form the strawberry and blackberry were used by the Indians when the white man came. They were a boon to early settlers and the same wild forms are still gathered and eaten in many sections. The colored children in Florida make a good thing of it every season by gathering and peddling in the towns wild blackberries which grow so freely everywhere in the country. The blackberry is not given much cultivated attention, but strawberries are grown and shipped north by the carload, being the first in the market. They grow here and ripen in the open air when the ground in the north is frozen and covered with snow. Even where markets are not available berries should be grown. Every farm home should have a berry patch. They can be had at a comparatively small expenditure of time and effort, the most abundant results from their berries consider them well worth the care. Besides adding their bit to the delights of the table, they have value from a health standpoint. Florida will no doubt have more visitors next winter and spring than ever before. The higher rail rates to California will send more people here and they should be given a chance to enjoy berries.

Scattered along the sea beaches of Florida and down in their big ocean home are myriads of crabs and beautiful shells, inhabited by living creatures. They cling to seaweeds, hide under bunches of kelp, burrow in the sand, or swim in the water, all making up a great busy city of sea folk. The Smithsonian Institution at Washington has over 2,000 kinds of shells picked up along the Florida shore lines. Between the Florida rivers are mussels from which pearl buttons are made, some very beautiful, and mussels can be seen in the office of the state shell fish commissioner at Tallahassee. Turning out the round disks, drilling the holes, and finishing the buttons ready for use is an industry made possible only because the little sea-people have learned to live contentedly in their natural haunts. The mussels themselves are put in cans and sold for powder.

By winning the eighth game of the championship series, Thursday of last week, the New York National League club became the first to be champion for the past baseball season. The New York American League team gave them a tough fight, but lacked the essential pitchers.

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