SHOULD ABOLISH THE COUNTY CONVICT LEASES

[Times-Union]

Two years ago the state of Florida abandoned the convict lease system. No bill was passed formally abolishing it but the legislature passed a bill providing for the use on the roads of the convicts of a class fitted for such work and the detention of the others at the prison farm at Raiford.

The passage of this bill was inspired in part by the need for work on the roads but it was due also to the growing feeling that no one but the state, through its properly chosen officials, should have control of the convicts. With the state in control a uniformity of regulations would be possible. With individuals in control there would be as great a difference in the treatment of the convicts as there was in the nature of the lessees. Convicts are sentenced to labor as well as confinement and, under the control of the state officials, the requirements as to work would be uniform. Some lessees would require an unreasonable amount of work of a convict while others might not require enough. Some individuals might be too rigid in their treatment of the convicts and too meager in the supply of their necessities, while others might be too liberal. The result would be, instead of a uniformity of treatment or a uniformity of punishment, if the labor requirements might be considered as a punishment that some convicts would suffer more than the law contemplated as a result of their conviction while others winning the favor of their lessees might be subjected to too little discipline. In a word the punishment that the law required would depend on the character of the lessee, some giving almost the privileges of freedom and others the treatment of the galley slave.

This uniformity of treatment was one of the reasons for abandoning the lease system and the legislature when it abandoned it for the state should have abolished it for the counties. The counties, in proportion to their area and importance, have the same need of roads that the state has and certainly a man convicted of a misdemeanor and sent to the county prison should not be treated worse than one convicted of a felony and imprisoned by the state. But with the counties continuing to lease out their convicts this is possible. They may lease them to unreasonable task-masters or to men of cruel instincts and thus the men who have committed only misdemeanors may be punished more severely than the hardened criminals who have been guilty of felonies.

The road question can never be purely local. No county's roads are built for its own people alone. The roads are used by the people of the whole state, and by visitors, and if one county provides good roads for all comers to travel over it is not treated justly by another county that leaves stretches of road impassable. We want good roads in Florida and to get them there is as much reason for the improvement of the roads of each county by its convicts as for the improvement of the roads of the state by the state convicts.

It will be nearly two years before the legislature will meet again, but the stretch of two years is not too long for the crystalization of that public sentiment that controls legislation. We think a law should be passed prohibiting the lease of the convicts by the counties and the papers that agree with us should take the matter up for discussion.

[The wisdom of the above article is so self-evident, so apparent, that there is indeed small room for discussion.]

Let Us Have Peace

The nations invited to attend the disarmament conference in Washington have agreed that Nov. 11, Armistice day, is a suitable date.

Useful Disinfectant

Air-slacked lime is a most useful disinfectant in stock pens, sheds, barns and yards. It prevents or reduces the breeding of flies.

UNCLE SAM MEANS BUSINESS

[Lakeland Telegram]

An Associated Press dispatch from Pierce, right here in our own Polk county, telling the world of the fact that the federal government will not permit Burdette Loomis to ship his prize cattle outside of Florida even for exhibition purposes, provides one of the most important items of news to Floridians sent over the wires in a long time.

It means that the bars are up and up high, against the cattle tick and that Florida is now absolutely isolated from the rest of the country as regards shipments of live stock to points outside the state.

This makes little or no difference to the consumer of meats who will not be deprived of a supply whenever desired, but it does mean that the Florida cattle raiser is facing a greatly restricted market—his own home domain. We Floridians cannot possibly eat the quantity produced right here at home even if we passed up the juicer and more tempting western steaks in favor of home industry. It therefore resolves itself into a serious situation for the cattle men who find themselves deprived of any but local markets for their product. Florida has virtually erected a fence or barrier that shuts us in from the outside world; the gates are bared and securely locked.

But there is a key to the vast outside; there is a way to unlock the gate. That way is the elimination of the cattle tick. No use to mince matters or pretend not to know what the remedy is. Tallahassee has told us and we would not heed. Now comes Washington with its mandate and there is nought to do but obey. Even the high-grade cattle from Highland Oaks Farm may not pass the confines of Florida so that stockmen in other states can see what Florida has done, is doing and can continue to do if given the opportunity, in the matter of raising pure-bred cattle. In view of these facts there should be as little delay as possible in carrying out a program that will make Florida tick free. In the meantime the cattle men are bound to be the sufferers, but it is not too late for all classes and all interests to get together in bringing about a change in practice that will mean lasting benefit to everybody. So do let us get rid of the tick!

THIS NEW-FANGLED JUDICIAL IDEA

The Clearwater Sun says, "This new-fangled judicial idea of making the punishment fit the crime, works fine in many instances." It does.

A Tampa judge sentenced some boys who stole knives to work and buy a knife for each boy in the children's home. Those boys will never forget that sentence, and it will make men of them. A Miami judge sentenced a negro who stole a lawnmower to mow the court house lawn for a year; that negro will shy off from other people's lawn mowers, and property, for a long time. Judge Lee M. Hammell of Hardee county sentenced a man convicted of having illicit liquor in his possession, "$250 and three months in jail." That "and three months in jail" is what will make a believer out of that man!—Tampa Tribune.

It was never the intent of the law to simply punish the offender and these progressive judges are administering the law in such a manner that the public is protected and at the same time the law breaker is taught to respect the rights of others and thus raised to a higher plane of fairness.

Negro Population

The percentage of negroes in Florida grows less each decade, and in all probability each year. In 1900 the percentage of negroes in Florida was 43,7 per cent; in 1910 it was down to 41.0 per cent, and in 1920 to 34 per cent, a loss in twenty years of 9.7 per cent of the total population of an average of about one-half of 1 per cent per year. The negroes of the state numbered 239,487 in 1920, compared with 638,153 whites.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the following changes in the town assessment roll for the year 1921 have been made by the assessment committee in and for the Town of Sebring, Florida, and that the Town Council will meet on the evening of September 26, 1921, at City Hall, Sebring, Florida, at 8 o'clock p. m., to hear any and all complaints on said assessment.

Lot and Block.	Property Owner.	Increase on Lot and Building.
N½ Lot 2, Block 25	Fred C. Walters	$ 1,000.00
Lots 1 to 15 inclusive, Block 27	Sebring Dev. Co., each lot	450.00
Lot 6, Block 28	Sebring Real Estate Co	650.00
Lot 1 Block 28	Sebring Light & Water Co.	300.00
Lot 2, Block 28	Sebring Light & Water Co.	300.00
Lot 3, Block 28	Sebring Light & Water Co.	30,000.00
Lot 4, Block 28	Sebring Light & Water Co.	300.00
Lot 5, Block 28	Sebring Light & Water Co.	300.00
Lot 6, Block 28	Sebring Builders Supply Co.	300.00
Lot 7, Block 28	E. W. Harshman	300.00
Lots 8 and 9, Block 28	Sebring Bu. Su. Co., each lot	300.00
Lot 10, Block 28	E. W. Harshman	300.00
Lot 11, Block 28	A. C. L. Ry. Co	300.00
Lot 12, Block 28	Oceola Fertilizer Co.	300.00
Lots 13 and 14, Block 28	Wilson-Toomer Fer. Co.	1,800.00
Lots 15 to 22 inclusive, Block 28	Sebring Dev. Co., each lot	300.00
Lot 23, Block 28	E. E. Skipper Estate	300.00
Lot 24, Block 28	E. E. Skipper Estate	25.00
Lots 1 to 8 inclusive, Block 31	Sebring Dev. Co., each lot	350.00
Lot 9. Block 31	Sebring Dev. Co.	200.00
Lot 10, Block 31	Sebring Light & Water Co.	150.00
Lots 11 to 14, Block 31	Sebring Dev. Co., each lot	200.00
Lot 15, Block 31	Sebring Dev. Co.	250.00
Lot 16 Block 31	Sebring Dev. Co.	350.00
Lots 17 to 21 inclusive, Block 31	Sebring Dev. Co., each lot	350.00
Lot 22, Block 31	Sebring Dev. Co.	150.00
Lots 1 to 12 inclusive, Block 32	Sebring Dev. Co., each lot	350.00
N½ of W½ & W 1-3 of E½, Block 34	J. G. Rench	22.00
S½ of W½ Lot 3, Block 34	G. S. Hodel	219.00
E 2-3 of E½ Lot 3, Block 34	E. P. Mitchner Estate	500.00
Lot 11, Block 35	Sam Demberline	300.00
Lots 12 to 14, Block 35	Geo. E. Sebring Co., each lot	150.00
S½ of E½ Lot 3, Block 43	Geo. Buhl	1,500.00
Lots 1 and 2, Block 44	W. C. Posl, each lot	350.00
Lots 3 and 4, Block 44	Sebring Dev. Co., each lot	350.00
E½ Lot 5, Block 44	Geo. Buhl	175.00
W½ Lot 5, Block 44	Geo. N. Capwell	175.00
Lots 8 to 12 inclusive, Block 44	Sebring Dev. Co., each lot	350.00
Lots 1 to 8 inclusive, Block 45	Sebring Dev. Co., each lot	350.00
Lot 9, Block 45	Harshman & Withers	250.00
Lot 10, Block 45	Sebring Real Estate Co.	250.00
Lot 4, Block 46	Sebring Dev. Co.	300.00
Lot 5, Block 46	Sebring Dev. Co.	200.00
Lot 9, Block 46	D. D. Lusk	500.08
Lot 8, Block 47	A. J. Pancoast	1,350.00
Lot 3, Block 48	Highlands Bank & Trust Co.	14,950.00
Lot 3, Block 48	Sebring Real Estate	8,000.00
N 30 ft. Lot 4, Block 48	Fred Yeager	500.00
S 30 ft. Lot 4, Block 48	Wm. Evans	900.00
S½ Lot 9, Block 48	Fields & Young	500.00
Lot 10, Block 48	Willis Kugler	500.00
Lot 14, Block 48	James Johnson	400.00
Lot 3, Block 49	Sebring Dev. Co.	150.00
Lot 4, Block 49	Sebring Dev. Co.	50.00
Lot 5, Block 49	Sebring Dev. Co.	50.00
Lot 2, Block 50	Sebring Dev. Co.	200.00
Lot 3, Block 50	Sebring Dev. Co.	200.00
Lots 4 and 5, Block 50	Sebring Dev. Co., each lot	50.00
Lot 11, Block 50	Henry W. Smith	2,350.00
Lot 14, Block 51	Henry Selzner	2,350.00
Lot 9, Block 56	Themda Sutton	1,850.00
Lot 1, Block 57	Harry Sutton	2,850.00
Lot 2, Block 57	E. P. Mitchner Estate	1,600.00
N 2-3 Lot 7, Block 57	C. C. Posey	140.00
S 1-3 Lot 7, Block 57	A. E. Lawrence	70.00
N 2-3 Lot 8, Block 57	C. C. Posey	140.00
S 1-3 Lot 8, Block 57	A. E. Lawrence	70.00
Lots 9 to 11 inclusive, Block 57	Sebring Dev. Co., each lot	200.00
Lot 12, Block 57	John Cannon Estate	200.00
Lot 13, Block 57	G. H. Austin	1,250.00
Lot 5, Block 58	Mrs. W. G. Cason	350.00
Lot 6, Block 58	Mrs. W. G. Cason	350.00
Lot 7, Block 58	Mary E. Newman	600.00
Lot 8, Block 58	Jessie Gearing	850.00
Lot 9, Block 58	Jessie Gearing	3,200.00
Lot 10, Block 58	Mrs. Geo. Ester	350.00
Lot 11, Block 58	L. L. Hobert	250.00
Lot 12, Block 58	J. T. Sprake	200.00
Lot 13, Block 58	Sebring Dev. Co.	200.00
Lot 14, Block 58	Sebring Dev. Co.	200.00
Lot 15, Block 58	H. E. Walkey	150.00
Lot 16, Block 58	Ida M. Barrett	150.00
Lot 17, Block 58	Mrs. A. T. Vail	150.00
Lot 18, Block 58	Thos. Whitehouse	150.00
Lot 19, Block 58	Thos. Whitehouse	850.00
Lot 20, Block 58	Sebring Pub. Co.	300.00
Lot 4, Block 59	Mrs. Mary Krider	150.00
Lot 5, Block 59	W. P. Crumpacker	150.00
Lot 6, Block 59	Fred P. Vannoy	150.00
Lot 7, Block 59	Claude Price	2,000.00
Lot 8, Block 59	Ike Dottery	2,000.00
Lot 9, Block 59	Orrin Howard	150.00
Lot 1, Block 60	John Hodge	150.00
Lot 2, Block 60	D. S. Masters	150.00
Lot 3, Block 60	D. S. Masters	150.00
Lot 4, Block 60	Fred Yeager	150.00
Lot 5, Block 60	Mrs. H. F. Loomis	150.00
Lot 6, Block 60	James Koleen	150.00
Lot 7, Block 60	A. D. Coats	150.00
Lot 8, Block 60	Herman Drestie	150.00
Lot 9, Block 60	Herman Drestie	100.00
Lot 9, Block 60	Wm. Pickard	50.00
Lot 10, Block 60	Wm. Pickard	150.00
Lot 14, Block 60	Mrs. L. Schnider	850.00
Lot 16, Block 60	Willis Kugler	500.00
Lot 5, Block 61	J. H. Lopp	150.00
Lot 6, Block 61	Lindsley & Whitney	150.00
Lot 7, Block 61	Chas. Leopold	150.00
Lot 8, Block 61	Chas. Leopold	150.00
Lot 19, Block 61	E. W. Harshman	500.00
Lot 6, Block 62	Willis Kugler	600.00
Lot 8, Block 62	Lewis Catogni	3,400.00
N 30 ft. Lot 9, Block 62	A. M. Stout	100.00
Lot 10, Block 62	A. M. Stout	500.00
Lot 18, Block 62	Orrin Howard	450.00
Lot 22, Block 62	Ed Hainz	4,167.00
Lot 24, Block 62	Polo Couch	2,000.00
Lot 25, Block 62	M. W. Baker	800.00
Lots 11 and 12, Block 63	T. D. Kinzie, each lot	150.00
Lot 13, Block 63	Mrs. Wm. Eiland	2,200.00
Lot 14, Block 63	L. Prescott	350.00
Lots 15 and 16, Block 63	Herman Drestie, each lot	350.00
Lot 17, Block 63	J. F. Eiland	350.00
Lot 18, Block 63	Dalgety & Son	350.00
Lots 1 to 3 inclusive, Block 64	J. B. Kendell, each lot	350.00
Lot 4, Block 64	P. G. Caravasis	350.00
Lots 5 and 6, Block 64	J. H. Garst, each lot	350.00
Lot 1, Block 65	Hudson & Cobb	1,350.00
Lot 2, Block 65	Hobson Parnell	1,550.00
Lot 3, Block 65	J. H. Swank	1,550.00
Lots 4 to 7 inclusive, Block 65	Sebring Dev. Co., each lot	200.00
Lot 8, Block 65	W. G. Schrock	350.00
Lot 9, Block 65	Henry Krause	350.00
Lot 10, Block 65	G. H. Waters	500.00
Lot 11, Block 65	Sebring Dev. Co.	350.00
Lot 12, Block 65	D. D. Mahan	350.00
Lot 13, Block 65	Sebring Real Estate Co.	350.00
Lot 14, Block 65	Geo. Cushion	1,250.00
Lot 11, Block 66	Levi Puterbaugh	2,350.00
Lot 10, Block 78	J. B. Kindell	1,350.00
Lot 12, Block 78	O. Hanson	550.00
Lot 13, Block 78	Florey	350.00
Lot 8, Block 79	Stutsman Apartment	1,350.00
Lot 10, Block 79	M. W. Baker	3,000.00
Lot 16, Block 79	Sebring Dev. Co.	4,000.00
Lot 17, Block 79	Sebring Dev. Co.	200.00
Lot 12, Block 80	R. D. McLain	150.00
Lot 13, Block 81	F. L. McClure	2,550.00
S½ Lot 2, Block 92	Henry Alsopp	6,000.00
Lot 3, Block 92	H. O. Sebring	10,000.00
N½ Lot 4, Block 92	F. H. Cooper, Jr.	13,000.00
S½ Lot 4, Block 92	Martha Outlaw	500.00
Lot 2, Block 93	Charles Wigle	5,350.00
Lot 1A, Block 94	Sebring Real Estate Co.	4,800.00
N½ Lot 2, Block 94	Burket	4,000.00
Lot 3, Block 94	O. D. Garrott	500.00
S 125 ft. Lot 3, Block 95	Wm. Evans	1,000.00
S½ Lot 5, Block 95	Thomas Peart	400.00
Lot 10, Block 95	L. D. Park	2,500.00
Lot 12, Block 95	Wm. Posl	2,700.00
Lot 2, Block 96	E. G. Skiff	3,500.00
Lot 6, Block 98	Mrs. Mary E. Newman	2,500.00
N½ Lot 5, Block 99	Wm. Evans	3,125.00
Lot 12, Block 103	W. W. Merrell	200.00
Lot 1, Block 104	C. G. Warrener	3,000.00
Lot 6, Block 104	J. F. Sanger	4,000.00
	Lot and Block	
N½ Lot 10, Block 104	Henry Floto	3,500.00
S½ Lot 10, Block 104	D. H. Bixler	3,500.00
	Western Union Tel. Co.	122.00
Lots 7 and 8, Block 46	I. G. Collier, each lot	150.00
Lot 9, Block 46	D D Lusk	150.00
Lot 10, Block 46	Lewis D. Rich	150.00
Lot 11, Block 46	L. L. Shoemaker	150.00
Lot 12, Block 46	Sebring Real Estate Co.	150.00
Lot 13, Block 46	C. D. Griffis	150.00
Lot 7, Block 47	Mrs. J. Harman	150.00
Lot 8, Block 47	A. J. Pancost	150.00
Lot 9, Block 47	M. D. Fuller	150.00
Lot 10, Block 47	R. G. Stokes	150.00
Lot 11, Block 47	Sebring Development Co.	150.00
Lot 12, Block 47	Mark Newman	150.00
Lot 13, Block 47	J. M. Stoughton	150.00
Lot 22, Block 48	Dr. W. P. Boner	150.00
Lot 23, Block 48	Dr. W. P. Boner	150.00
Lot 24, Block 48	John Newcom	150.00
Lot 25, Block 48	W. Z. Dalgety	150.00
Lot 26, Block 48	J. H. Bogle	150.00
Lots 1 to 3 inclusive, Block 23	Grove Dev. Co., each lot	100.00
Lots 4 to 7 inclusive, Block 23	Sebring Dev. Co., each lot	100.00
Lots 1 to 8 inclusive, Block 24	Sebring Dev. Co., (acreage) Each lot value	400.00
Lot 9, Block 24	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Value	100.00
Lot 10, Block 24	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Value	150.00
Lot 11, Block 24	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Value	200.00
Lots 12 to 14 inclusive, Block 24	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Each lot value	300.00
Lots 1 and 2, Block 35	Sebring Dev. Co., each lot	100.00
Lot 3, Block 35	Forest Crews	1,050.00
Lots 4 to 6 inclusive, Block 35	Sebring Dev. Co., each lot	100.00
Lot 7, Block 35	G. A. True	1,050.00
Lots 8 and 9, Block 35	Sebring Dev. Co., each lot	100.00
Lot 10, Block 35	Tom Demberline	250.00
Lots 15 and 16, Block 35	Sebring Dev. Co., each lot	50.00
Lot 17, Block 35	Sebring Dev. Co.	100.00
Lot 18, Block 35	Sebring Dev. Co.	150.00
Lot 19, Block 35	Sebring Dev. Co.	1,300.00
Lot 1, Block 36	Sebring Dev. Co.	1,050.00
Lot 2, Block 36	Sebring Dev. Co.	1,050.00
Lot 3, Block 36	Sebring Dev. Co.	1,050.00
Lot 4, Block 36	Sebring Dev. Co.	1,050.00
Lot 5, Block 36	Sebring Dev. Co.	1,050.00
Lot 6, Block 36	Sebring Dev. Co.	1,050.00
Lot 7, Block 36	Sebring Dev. Co.	1,050.00
Lot 8, Block 36	C. B. Jones	100.00
Lots 1 to 8 inclusive, Block 73	A. Varena (acreage), each lot value	650.00
Lots 16 to 22 inclusive, Block 73	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Each lot value	600.00
Lots 1 to 8 inclusive, Block 74	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Each lot value	600.00
Lots 9 to 16 inclusive, Block 74	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Each lot value	650.00
Lot 1, Block 76	Sebring Dev. Co.	1,000.00
Lot 2, Block 76	W. A. Taylor	1,000.00
Lot 3, Block 76	C. W. Rogers	1,000.00
Lot 4, Block 76	Geo. North	1,000.00
Lot 5, Block 76	C. B. Eiland	1,000.00
Lot 6, Block 76	Sebring Dev. Co.	1,000.00
Lot 7, Block 76	Alva Carroll	1,000.00
Lots 1 to 5, Block 77	A. C. Heacock (acreage) Each lot value	650.00
Lot 6, Block 77	A. C. Heacock (acreage) Each lot value	900.00
Lot 7, Block 77	A. C. Heacock (acreage) Value	650.00
Lot 8, Block 77	A. C. Heacock (acreage) Value	900.00
Lots 9 to 16 inclusive, Block 77	A. C. Heacock (acreage) Each lot value	600.00
Lots 1 and 2, Block 78	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Each lot value	600.00
Lots 3 to 8 inclusive, Block 78	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Each lot value	650.00
Lot 15, Block 78	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Each lot value	900.00
Lot 16, Block 78	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Each lot value	600.00
Lot 17, Block 78	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Each lot value	900.00
Lots 18 to 22, Block 78	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Each lot value	600.00
Lots 1 to 3, Block 81	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Each lot value	600.00
Lot 4, Block 81	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Value	700.00
Lots 5 to 8 inclusive, Block 81	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Each lot value	600.00
Lot 17, Block 81	Sebring Dev. Co.	100.00
Lots 18 and 19, Block 81	L. C. Webb, each lot	100.00
Lot 20, Block 81	R. R. Slappy	100.00
Lot 21, Block 81	J. B. McCorkell	100.00
Lots 22 to 24 inclusive, Block 81	Lake View Dev. Co. each lot	100.00
Lots 1 to 16, Block 82	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Each lot value	600.00
Lot 1, Block 83	W. W. Merrell	1,000.00
Lot 2, Block 83	J. O. Yance	1,000.00
Lot 3, Block 83	J. O. Yance	1,000.00
Lot 4, Block 83	James Cariton	1,000.00
Lot 5, Block 83	B. M. Waldron	1,000.00
Lots 6 to 9, Block 83	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Each lot value	650.00
Lots 37 to 40, Block 83	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Each lot value	600.00
Lot 1, Block 84	E. L. Hainz	1,000.00
Lot 2, Block 84	F. S. Bee	1,000.00
Lot 3, Block 84	N. C. Cash	1,300.00
Lot 4, Block 84	Fred Yeager	1,000.00
Lots 5 to 7, Block 84	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Each lot value	1,500.00
Lots 1 to 8, Block 85	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Each lot value	600.00
Lot 9, Block 85	Mrs. I. Barnes	100.00
Lot 10, Block 85	Ida Lewis	100.00
Lot 11. Block 85	J. H. Shafer	100.00
Lot 12, Block 85	A. C. Heacock	100.00
Lot 13, Block 85	T. V. Conway	100.00
Lot 14, Block 85	E. S. Rice	100.00
Lot 15, Block 85	Ward Lamkin	500.00
Lot 16, Block 85	A. R. Comstock	100.00
Lot 2, Block 86	Lake View Imp. Co.	200.00
Lot 3, Block 86	G. R. Smith	500.00
Lot 4, Block 86	G. R. Smith	100.00
Lots 5 and 6, Block 86	Elizabeth Nichols, each lot	100.00
Lot 7, Block 86	Bayard Taylor	500.00
Lots 8 and 9, Block 86	A. F. Norris, each lot	100.00
Lot 10, Block 86	J. M. Stouden	100.00
Lots 11 and 12, Block 86	J. B. McCorkel, each lot	100.00
Lot 13, Block 86	J. F. Moore	100.00
Lot 14, Block 86	Brock & Marlin	100.00
Lots 1 to 12 inclusice, Block 88	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Each lot value	300.00
Lots 1 to 7, inclusive, Block 88C	Kenilworth Lodge Co. (acreage) All lots value	1,200.00
Lots 1 to 24 inclusive, Block 88A	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Each lot Value	300.00
Lots 1 to 24 inclusive, Block 88B	Kenilworth Lodge Co. (acreage) Each lot value	300.00
Lot 10, Block 89	Garst-Withers, each lot	100.00
Lots 1 to 8 inclusive, Block 89A	A. G. Smith (acreage) Each lot value	300.00
Lots 9 to 12 inclusive, Block 89A	C. E. Kinzie (acreage). Each lot value	300.00
Lots 13 to 24 inclusive, Block 89A	A. G. Smith (acreage). Each lot value	300.00
Lots 1 to 24 inclusive, Block 89B	Kenilworth Lodge (acreage). Each lot value	300.00
Lots 1 to 12, inclusive, Block 89C	Kenilworth Lodge Co. (acreage). Each lot value	300.00
Lots 13 to 16 inclusive, Block 89C	Kenilworth Lodge Co. (acreage). Each lot value	100.00
Lots 17 to 21 inclusive, Block 89C	Kenilworth Lodge Co. (acreage). Each lot value	200.00
Lot 1, Block A	Tandy Bronough	1,600.00
Lot 2, Block A	Tandy Bronough	800.00
Lot 3, Block A	Hart Pryor	250.00
Lot 4, Block A	C. Debro	250.00
W½ Lot 5, Block A	C. Debro	50.00
E½ Lot 5, Block A	Hart Pryor	50.00
Lot 6, Block A	Sebring Dev. Co.	600.00
Lot 7, Block A	Sebring Builders Supply Co.	450.00
Lot 8, Block A	Dan Jones	700.00
Lot 9, Block A	Sebring Development Co.	250.00
Lot 10, Block A	Dave Watson	250.00
Lot 12, Block A	Sebring Dev. Co.	400.00
Lot 17, Block A	Sebring Dev. Co.	900.00
Lot 20, Block A	Sebring Dev. Co.	900.00
Lot 21, Block A	Sebring Dev. Co.	700.00
Lot 2, Block B	Sebring Dev. Co.	400.00
Lot 3, Block B	Sebring Dev. Co.	400.00
Lot 4, Block B	Sebring Dev. Co.	400.00
Lot 5 Block B	Sebring Dev. Co.	400.00
Lot 6, Block B	Sebring Dev. Co.	400.00
Lot 7, Block B	Sebring Dev. Co.	400.00
Lot 1, Block C	Sebring Dev. Co.	100.00
Lots 7 to 9, Block C	Sebring Dev. Co., each lot	100.00
Lot 11, Block C	Sebring Dev. Co.	100.00
Lots 12 and 13, Block C	Sam Chestnut, each lot	100.00
Lot 14, Block C	Dave Watson	100.00
Lot 9, Block D	Sebring Dev. Co.	400.00
Lot 11, Block D	Sebring Dev. Co.	900.00
Lot 1, Block F	Steve Mason	1,100.00
Lot 2, Block F	Sebring Dev. Co.	100.00
Lot 3, Block F	Sebring Dev. Co.	400.00
Lots 5 and 6, Block F	Sebring Dev. Co., each lot	100.00
Lot 7, Block F	Sebring Dev. Co.	900.00
Lot 8, Block F	Sebring Dev. Co.	900.00
Lot 9, Block F	Sebring Dev. Co.	100.00
Lot 10, Block F	Sebring Dev. Co.	1,300.00
Lot 11, Block F	Sebring Dev. Co.	100.00
Lot 1, Block G	A. C. L. Ry. Co.	500.00
Lot 2, Block G	Bill Marshal	1,500.00
Lot 3, Block G	Oscar Rose	150.00
Lot 4, Block G	Sebring Builders Supply Co.	150.00
Lot 5, Block G	Hattie Hooper	150.00
Lot 6, Block G	Wallace Bailey	100.00
Lot 7, Block G	Will Russell	150.00
Lot 8, Block G	Dan Jones	700.00
Lot 9, Block G	Essie Fason	150.00
Lot 10, Block G	Sam White	150.00
Lot 12, Block G	Sebring Dev. Co.	1,000.00

The following properties have been decreased in value:

Lot and Block	Property Owner	Decrease in Lots and Buildings
Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, Block 90	Kenilworth Lodge Co.	$ 1,325.00
Lot 4, Block 16	A. C. L. Ry Co.	360.00
Lot 4, Block 17	A. C. L. Ry Co.	360.00
Lot 9, Block 36	C. B. Jones	75.00
Lots 1 to 22, Block 72	City Park (acreage)	No tax
Lot 1, Block 86	Lake View Imp. Co.	100.00
Lot 13, Block 89	Garst-Withers, etc.	200.00
Lots 14 to 16 inclusive, Block 89	A. G. Smith, each lot	200.00
Lots 17 to 18, Block 89	D. Knickerbocker, each lot	200.00
Lots 19 and 20, Block 89	James Johnson, each lot	200.00
Lots 21 and 22, Block 89	K. Webb, each lot	200.00
Lots 23 and 24, Block 89	Wm. Trembath, each lot	200.00

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By Moses Folsom

The population of the United States in the year 2021, probably 400,000,000 will imply an immense progress in the drainage of our low lands, in the irrigation of arid lands, in the cultivation of mountain sides and dry plains, in the utilization for manure of the present waste of fertility through the sewage of the cities, in the restoration of the exhausted soils of the forests, in seed selection, hybridization and intensive plant culture so as greatly to increase the product per acre, and in the introduction from all parts of the world of new grains, fruits, vegetables and plants for food.

C. Lyman Spencer, the well-known statistician of Jacksonville, after a careful study of world conditions, makes the startling discovery that all of the land in the arable sections of the world is in the hands of owners. He presents indisputable figures to that effect. It is a struggle now to feed the world. What will it be a hundred years hence, with four hundred million people in the United States and four billion people on the earth? It is a matter worthy of serious consideration if we have any concern for our children and our children's children. Land will become a precious heritage.

Mr. Spencer's investigations show that the bulk of the land of the world, possible of being made profitable use of, lies east of the Mississippi and south of the Ohio and Potomac. All of it is in the humid belt and not only is it blessed with fertile soil, forests and ample rainfall, but it has coal, iron, stone, cement material and water power in rivers, wells and ocean tides, and other requisites necessary to meet the demands of civilization. This area in question is the largest and best favored body of land on earth possible of being profitably used for the production of food and other enlightened requirements of white men. Mr. Spencer's findings apply to the temperate zones, as the white races do not rise to eminence and long life in the tropics. Nature puts a dark skin on natives of tropical lands. In the temperate zones of the north and south will be found the real enterprise of the world, the largest cities, the greatest industries, the finest schools, the best health conditions and many other distinguished characteristics, indicating high human physical and mental development, not to be found in lands bounded by the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn. The track of empire around the world is the north temperate zone, and that includes the United States and Florida is right in the front yard.

Many marvelous things are going on in this world of ours. The air carries messages from one land to another. Men fly through the air with the speed of the wind and go down with ships into the deep sea to find out its secrets. The coming of storms is predicted and maybe in the future we can prevent them or create rainfall as desired. We now heat our own houses to be comfortable and in the future we may be able to keep them cool by mechanically creating our own temperature. Maybe, too, when we stand at the telephone of the future those who talk will be able to see each other. Man may know more about electricity a hundred years from now and use it in many more ways. The future is pregnant with wonderful things for those who patiently and intelligently master the secrets of nature.

By 2021 the phonographic principle may have become practically infallible and the best books will be reproduced in plates for use in many different styles of speaking machines. The exact tones of the elocutionist in speaking the words of the dramatist, poet, teacher, philosopher and novelist will be imitated in the library or parlor of every home. The exact tones of the sweet singer will also be faithfully reproduced on records to last long after the voice of the singer is silent in the sleep that knows no waking. Printed books will be cheap and abundant and the art of illustrating and embellishing them will reach high perfection. Moving sidewalks and elevators may be found in the densely populated cities and tubes may connect cities and men travel in them at a speed that is dazzling to the senses. Colored photography will be a fact and vast improvements made in movie pictures. The tides may be used for power as well as the rays of the sun for heat and power. Florida and other states of the southeast are well fixed in these respects. Plant life will be better understood and there is need of it if the teeming population of the earth has enough to eat in 2021. Utensils and dwellings will be manufactured largely of pulps and cements so as to utilize vegetation and stone in every stage of decay, ordinary waste or unfitness. The habits of insects will be better understood and their parasite enemies discovered and utilized so as to prevent destructive ravages upon vegetation.

Capital and labor will or ought to be at peace by the prevalence of the golden rule, which enjoins us to do to others as we would have them do to us. The working people it is hoped will all be shareholders long before 2021 in the farm or factory where they work and draw dividends from the profits. They will lose by all strikes because the strike will be against their own interest.

The reader of this paragrph and hundreds of millions of others now living will long be in their graves, besides hundreds of millions of those yet unborn, but destined to live their brief span and disappear before the year A. D. 2021.

If you have led a decent life, regarded and observed the rights of those with whom you have been associated, respected and obeyed the rules laid down for your guidance by the Great Creator who made the earth and its marvels, it will be well with you when you put aside mortality and put on immortality. Think not of earthly monuments. The pyramids in the sands of Egypt have forgotten their builders or to whom they were dedicated. Do kindly and great deeds that will last on the earth and in heaven long after stone has crumbled to dust. Now let the reader turn loose his own imagination.

DE SOTO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ORDER DIVISION OF COUNTY FUNDS

At a special meeting of the board of county commissioners of DeSoto county, held in Arcadia Aug. 15, the following resolutions were passed:

Whereas, the legislature of Florida, session of 1921, passed an act dividing DeSoto county and creating out of portions thereof the new counties of Hardee, Highlands, Glades and Charlotte; and

Whereas, said act provided for the assumption of their proportionate share of the indebtedness of DeSoto county by the said new counties, and for the allocation of certain of the assets of the said DeSoto county among all of the counties comprising the territory that was formerly DeSoto county; and

Whereas, the said new counties employed an auditor to work in conjunction with the auditor of DeSoto county to determine the proper allocation of the said indebtedness and assets on the basis of the assessed values shown on the 1920 tax roll, and said audit is now completed and shows that certain funds are due the new counties, to-wit: Hardee county, $8,598.18; Charlotte county, $7,426.24; Highlands county, $41,721.41, and Glades county, $5,530.70; and

Whereas, it is manifestly to the interest of all concerned that said payments be made by the DeSoto county board with as little disturbance of bank balances in all of its depositories, and with as little collection expense as possible; and

Whereas, the DeSoto county board has certain funds in depositories in the said new counties that are, for the convenience of the said board's accounting, credited to certain accounts;

Be It Resolved, that the funds now on deposit in the said new counties be, as near as possible, transferred to the credit of the boards of commissioners thereof, said transfers of funds to be according to the following schedule, and to be credited by the said new counties as indicated in said schedule, to-wit:

Highlands County

Receipts:

Special drainage district No. 10	$ 2,171.56
Road No. 5	57.01
Special road and bridge No. 5	18,628.93
Agricultural	2,144.00
County allocation fund	18,719.91
	$41,721.41

To be credited in said county as follows:

Road fund	$ 855.17
Fine and forfeiture	1,265.37
Agricultural	1,399.67
General revenue	1,503.36
Special road and bridge district No. 4, for the construction of bond road from Lake Annie to north line of district No. 4	36,697.84
	$41,721.41

In addition to the above there has been set aside by the DeSoto county board $1,800 for the repair of the bond road from the northwest corner of township 38, range 28, to the east line of special road and bridge district No. 4 and $500 for the repair of the road constructed with bond funds from Lake Annie south, said allocation being made from the maintenance fund of special road and bridge district No. 4, collected for the purpose of repairing the roads constructed with bond funds. Warrant for this $2,300 goes to the Highlands county board to be expended for the above purpose.

Be it Further Resolved, that the clerk of the DeSoto county board be and he is hereby instructed to draw warrants or checks in accordance with the above schedule, sending the same to the proper depositories in DeSoto county, and delivering same to, the other counties upon receiving proper receipt from said new counties for the same; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the DeSoto county board hereby invites the concurrence of the boards of the said new counties in this resolution, to the end that a permanent record thereof be shown in the minutes of each of the said boards.

Fletcher's Comprehensive Speech

A speech by Senator Fletcher on our foreign commerce transportation, ove[illegible] shipping, appeared in the Congressional Record of July 29. It was a comprehensive review of present conditions. He gave figures showing that our exports to Germany nearly equalled prewar years, while exports to other European countries had declined. If Germany, our recent enemy, can buy why not our recent allies? He also gave figures showing that the percentage of loss in rates on cargo carriage was less than to have ships idle and watched at large expense. He called attention to the fact that rates favored the North Atlantic ports as against those of the South Atlantic and gulf, a discrimination that should not continue. In all the address is most illuminating. It resulted later in a call to the White House for conference with President Harding on the subject of discrimination against southern ports.

Common Evils

These are common evils prevalent in these days that are as burdensome as paying big interest. One is carelessness. The other thoughtlessness. When a worker does not care about the serious loss he causes his employer by leasing tools and other things in the wrong place or leaving costly machinery out in the weather, or by leaving the gate open to let the stock into the field to destroy the crops, he is working a great detriment to the profits in the business. Such blunders are inexcusable. To say "I did not think," is no excuse. The damage is done. Bad habits should be overcome, and concern shown in the employer's welfare, as he is the man who bears the losses.

A Central Fish Exchange

A central exchange, having in connection with it sufficient storage room to care for an unlimited quantity of fish, is to be located in Jacksonville. It will be the purpose of this exchange to handle the entire output of fish for the producers who become a part of it. With the exception of their local trade, this exchange will regulate the sale of the entire season's catch, undertaking to find buyers. It is to accomplish for the fishing industry of the southeast what the Florida Citrus Exchange has accomplished for citrus growers—what other co-operative organizations are accomplishing for various enterprises in other sections of the country.

Honey Production

It is estimated that the total honey production of the United States in 1920 was close to 300,000,000 pounds. With a population of 105,000,000 for the United States that would allow only three pounds per capita, while the per capita consumption of sugar is around eighty pounds. In 1919 the export of honey amounted to 9,105,262 pounds, in order to Great Britain, France, Sweden, Belgium, Holland, Denmark and Canada.

Trim the Trees

Low-hanging limbs from trees along sidewalks and roads are only too common. If property owners would take an axe or saw and trim off the limbs they would render a service to pedestrians and improve the looks of things.

Decrease in Cattle

The census of 1920 shows that the number of cattle for each 100 persons in the country is one-third less than in 1900. The sheep supply is reduced nearly two-thirds and the number of hogs is over 40 per cent less. Meat exported was 20 per cent less in bulk in 1920 than during 1919. On the other hand, imports of fresh meats totaled 715,000,000 pounds, or nearly four times as much as two or three years ago. There has also been a decrease of 18 per cent in the number of cattle slaughtered in the United States. This indicates a meat shortage unless there is a revival of the live stock industry. This is something for Florida farmers to consider. However, as long as our state has tick infested cattle it will not take part in the country's business in this respect.

Shipping Board's Expenditures

The shipping board, created during the war, has expended $3,500,000,000. Ships which were built for about $200 a ton are selling today on a basis of about $36 a ton, and the market value of the fleet of 1,700 ships is estimated at less than one billion dollars. It is costing a large sum every day to maintain watchmen on hundreds of idle ships.

Small Potato Crop

Potato crop prospects have been decidedly reduced by dry weather in some of the important producing sections. Reports point to the smallest crop in thirteen years.

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SPORT

By SCRIBBLE

Frostproof wins hard-fought battle.

Dimberline strikes out thirteen batters.

Best game played on local diamond this year.

In what was called by spectators the hardest fought game on the Sebring diamond this year, Frostproof beat Sebring 5 to 3 Thursday, Aug. 25. It was Frostproof's last game of the season with the local crew and by winning it they evened up the series with the locals for the year, winning two and losing two. Dimberline, for the locals, pitched a superb brand of ball, striking out thirteen of the opposing batsmen and giving up only four hits.

Sebring started the scoring in the third when Gearing and Durrance (running for Dimberline) scored on two singles. Frostproof was blanked until the fifth, when with men on second and third, a Frostproofer hit a ball out the left field foul line, which Rippberger ruled a fair ball, but all the spectators thought it a foul. After much arguing, play was resumed. Frostproof made one more run this inning, making the score 3 to 2 in her favor. In the eighth Sebring tied the score when Durrance, again running for Dimberline, scored on an infield hit by Vogelsong. In the ninth with two men out Frostproof scored two runs on two outfield errors and a single. Ingle was put in the box at this time and he struck out the last man. In her half of the ninth Sebring started in with a vengeance when, after one man was out, Durrance and Gearing both singled. Keen, however, tightened up and struck out the next two batters, ending rather dismally (for us) the hardest fought and scrappiest game seen on the Sebring diamond this year.

It was certainly good to see the large crowd of Sebring boosters that were on hand and proved conclusively that the town as a whole is behind our ball team and intends to give it its support regardless of rumors to the contrary. Keep it up, fans.

Five Out of Six for the Juniors

It was the same old story when our Sebring lads went to Avon Park Friday, Aug. 26, for they again walloped the Parkites 16 to 9. The Avon Park boys didn't have a show at all. In fact, Sebring blanked them for five innings. The Sebring line-up and runs scored by each player were as follows: Allen Johnson, second base, 4; Tommy Whitehouse, short stop, 2; Doyle Schumaker, first base, 1; Willie Lee Johnson, pitcher, 2; Dempsey Pollard, catcher, 2; J. K. Pollard, right field, 2 Ted Carson, left field, 1; Jim Bogle, center field, 0; Bob Butts, third base, 2. A truck load of players and fans went up in Jones Bros.' Oldsmobile truck.

Scribble's Scratches

Thirteen strike-outs in one game is enough. Good work, Tom.

The only time some of those Frostproof fellows saw the pill was when Gearing threw it back to Tom.

Those outfield errors were pretty costly.

Seems like it's a conspiracy. You know what I mean.

There were a few angry fellows out there Thursday when the foul ball was called.

The Woman's Club was on the job as usual. Many thanks. More real support.

Lake Wales beat Haines City last Thursday. This Ridge League would be a real race, eliminating those professional Fort Meaders.

The Junior boys walloped Avon Park again last Friday, 16 to 9.

Jones Bros. had the diamond in fine shape Thursday.

The boys missed Haskins Thursday; he being called out of town on business.

Everybody come out to the double-header with Haines City, Thursday next.

Don't forget to boost.

SEBRING THE BEAUTIFUL

Notes of the Civic Department

Never before in the history of Sebring has there been such a willingness on the part of every one to cooperate in the cleaning up and beautifying the town, both public and private property. The civic department of the Woman's Club and the city council have been working together and both have done much. The city mowing machine worked well for a few days, but one of the wheels which was defective when it arrived, broke and the machine is now laid up until a new wheel arrives.

The park space next to the drug store, which was probably the worst on the Circle, has been thoroughly cleaned. The weeds have been mowed on the Allsopp lot and also on that of A. D. Taylor of Cleveland. The city marshal with the city machine did the work, but it was paid for by the owners. The weeds next to the Johnson real estate office were mowed and the Bank of Sebring had a real grubbing and cleaning done all along their building. Mr. Gingery, in charge of the Withers hotel, has the best kept lawn on the Circle and put it in good shape again last week. The rest of the spaces on the Circle are not in very bad condition, but all need sandspurs removed and it is hoped that the work will be completed soon.

At the station new plans were made when Mr. Norman said that he would see that any plants set there were watered when necessary. Mr. Degering, who had the work in charge, expects the plants from the nursery any day and will attend to the setting of them. Window boxes have been ordered for the station building and Mr. Price will do his best to make that part of the work attractive. The inside of the station is in good condition and everything possible will be done for the comfort of our train travelers.

Around town the work being done is no less noticeable than on the Circle. Mr. Baker has been cleaning up around the Ohio theater, where it was badly needed.

At the home of Ed Hainz the chinch bug has been busy in the lawn most of the summer, causing much work and expense. As a result, the St. Augustine grass has all been removed and the lawn will be reset with Bermuda, which gives the best lawn for the least work and money.

When the Rev. Weigle reached home last week, he evidently did not care for the rapid development the weeds had made during his absence, for they disappeared soon after he came.

The Arrowhead hotel was cleaned up especially well to greet the Amys on their return home from California.

J. H. Lopp has done his share in cleaning all weeds from the front of his store property and also his home on South Lake View drive.

The Outlaw place again come into its own by the removal of all weeds.

Would it be interesting to publish the names of the owners of places that need cleaning? Would it help to call their attention to it? There has been so much done in the last two weeks that it may not be necessary. We hope that it will not.

The Roanoke park space and that of the Highlands Bank are the latest ones on the Circle clean-up list. Mr. Conway and Mr. Rigdon are the men in charge.

At Tuscawilla Park they are plowing and laying water pipes. There will be no let-up until the grass is all in and the Fountain of Youth is running.

The Methodist church lawn was weeded and mowed last week.

The grass at the school house is growing fine, but needs to be free from trampling feet for a while.

A trip down Lake View drive shows work going on at Henning's, Whitehouse's, Community house and the Masonic Temple.

One of the new houses on Oak street has a lawn that has grown so rapidly that one would think it an old one. It belongs to W. L. Crews.

Mrs. Rippberger, as the chairman pro tem of the civic department, has been very busy and much good has been accomplished, but only through the hearty co-operation of the city officials and individuals. Does it pay to advertise? We think it does. The Messenger has also helped the city clean up.

UNITED STATE ARMY OFFICERS ORGANIZE CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT CO.

The Service Development Company is a company organized to purchase land and develop the same into fruit groves or orchards for profit in a co-operative method for its stockholders and to develop and care for small individual groves for those of the stockholders who desire them. Officers in the United States army service are the promoters of the company and it is their idea to furnish to fellow officers a means of investment that will be less hazardous than those that usually appear attractive to the army men. These men are not leaving the army or working on a side line. They are merely finding a safe, profitable investment for money they have saved or will be able to save. Capt. Paul B. Parker is the president of the company and the manager is J. E. Parker of Sebring. Mr. Parker, owner and manager of the Sebring Telephone Company, is known to all for his steady, conservative judgment and the fact that he has become interested in this company and is very enthusiastic over its first undertaking, speaks well for the company and its future.

Mr. Parker has been interested in the culture of avocados for many years and has been studying the business from all points. When his brother wrote for information on groves or land for good investment, the avocado raising business was thoroughly investigated. Captain Parker came to Sebring in July and with his brother made trips over all available and practical avocado land around Lake Okeechobee and other places in the Everglades. A location was chosen on the southeastern shore of Lake Okeechobee, on the north bank of the Hillsborough canal, in Palm Beach county, the nearest post-office named Chosen. This is about eight miles from Ritta, where many other Sebring people are interested. There are 140 acres in the tract just purchased and it is so situated that it will need no drainage, irrigation or fertilizer. The clearing of the tract will soon be commenced and as soon as the nursery stock is available in the spring the trees will be set. The figures for the profits made on avocado trees are so high that a conservative person refrains from giving them, for they seem too great to be true. The exceedingly limited area in which the avocad can be grown and the rapidly increasing demand for them insures a good market. No real product of the soil seems to offer a more attractive future from a financial standpoint than the avocado.

The Service Development Company was incorporated under the laws of Florida for $100,000. A good part of the stock has been sold, but sold without display and advertising. Many army officers have bought stock, but it is not for them exclusively and others may buy. The office of the company is in Sebring, where the manager lives and from here business is taken care of and parties taken by way of Moore Haven to the tract under development. One can not realize the great opportunities of the land to the south of Sebring until he takes a trip through the district that is being reclaimed by the canals through the Everglades. The avocado is only one thing that will be raised there, for the richness of the soil is unsurpassed in the world, and the number and kinds of crops are practically unlimited. A trip through this region is most impressive and makes an enthusiast of each visitor.

Plant a Fig Tree

The Kissimmee Gazette tells of a fig tree in the back yard of a citizen of that city that yielded over 250 quarts of fruit this year. The fig tree should have a place in the home lot of every Florida family.

BIG CELEBRATION AT CLEWISTON ON ACCOUNT COMPLETION NEW RAILWAY

We are in receipt of a letter from John J. O'Brien of Moore Haven, extending a cordial invitation to the people of Sebring and vicinity to attend an old-fashioned barbecue dinner and fish fry on the banks of Lake Okeechobee at Clewiston (formerly called Sand Point), Monday, Sept. 5 —Labor Day. The event is staged to celebrate the completion of the Moore Haven & Clewiston railway, of which Mr. O'Brien is president.

The big barbecue to be given Labor Day will afford an excellent opportunity for our people to see what has been accomplished and gather some idea of what the future has in store for South Florida. At this gathering many matters of common interest will be discussed, among which will be the bridging of the gap between Clewiston and Miami, a distance of 100 miles, thus connecting up the two coasts of Florida. Prominent people from all parts of the state will be in attendance and Mr. O'Brien hopes to see a large crowd from Avon Park and all other portions of the Scenic Highlands there. There will be sports and a baseball game for the amusement of the guests and a general good time is assured to all.

Many of our people have never visited Moore Haven and have no idea of the wonderful transformation which has taken place in that portion of the Everglades in the last four years. In fact, some of them have no conception of what the Everglades really are or what a stupendous task it has been to reclaim them. For the benefit of the latter class, we will state that the Everglades in their primitive state, reminded us when passing through them several years ago, of a vast field of ripening grain. After leaving what is known as the "rim," when viewed from the upper decks of a boat plying the canals, as far as one could see there was a vast expanse of sawgrass, without a tree or bush or shrub of any description to break the monotony of the scene. It resembled the great grain fields of the western prairies as viewed from the windows of a train passing through the same.

For countless centuries this vast field of sawgrass, growing in water varying in depth from a few inches to several feet, has been building a rich muck soil, which has been the reservoir that held the surface water of hundreds of thousands of acres of land to the north, which sought and found its level there. It was the home of the alligator, the mink, the moccasin and aquatic fowls of every description and was the hunting grounds of the Seminole Indians, the only human beings penetrating its reaches for years and years. Later came the problem of draining these rich lands, which was overcome by the digging of drainage canals in sufficient number to lower the waters in Lake Okeechobee and carry to the ocean and gulf via the canals and the Caloosahatchee river the surplus waters seeking their level.

It was an engineering feat that took years of labor and cost millions of dollars, but the rich territory reclaimed will more than justify the effort and expenditure.

And now the last lap in the track of progress is being made—the tapping of this rich territory with railroads, the first of which has been built by John J. O'Brien and his associates. And it is the first step toward connecting the East and West Coasts by rail, which when completed will mean the pouring of untold wealth into South Florida and the building of cities where towns and hamlets now stand.

The Cost of War

Because of the war, Germany lost about 21,547,520 acres of land. This was undoubtedly a serious national misfortune to Germany. The United States, during the period of 1916-1920, inclusive, burned up 56,488,307 acres of our forested area—over 2½ times as much as Germany's entire loss—an area greater than New York and Pennsylvania combined, or of Minnesota, Kansas, Idaho or Utah. While it is impossible to trace the origin of all forest fires, the records of the United States forest service show that a large number originate through the carelessness of happy-go-luck tourists. They disfigure the scenery with rubbish and filth, they disregard game laws and pollute the streams, but their worst and most frequently recurring offense, according to forest officers, is the starting of destructive fires by carelessness, either with camp fires or smoking.

Florida Has Best Climate

Florida has the best climate in America. The people here are not subjected to bills for heavy clothing and fuel for long winters. The summer's heat never causes sunstrokes for man or beast and the winters never bring snows and ice-bound waters. If one is judicious in buying land where there is possibility of greater demand for that particular piece purchased, big profits can only be the result. It cannot be too strongly urged upon persons of a speculative turn of mind to take property most anywhere in Florida as a basis for their investments and keep clear of the bucket shop, with its hope of making large winnings.

Italy Floods Market

The citrus by-products plant at Corona, Cal., manufactured 100,000 pounds of citric acid last year, but sold only 4,000 pounds, because the market, which can normally absorb about 4,500,000 pounds a year, was flooded with 7,000,000 pounds from Italy. It is believed that 10,000 car loads of lemons could be used in a year to supply the American market with the citric acid which it demands, except for the cheaper made products of Europe.

Coal Strike Affects Industries

The coal strike has now lasted so long that Great Britain is stripped practically bare of stocks of iron and steel. It is said that a new start of the metal industry cannot be made without large loss. Hundreds of thousands of men are idle and the government is much concerned.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS FROM DE SOTO CITY

The DeSoto City schools will begin Monday, Sept. 12.

Tracy Watts made a business trip to Okeechobee Tuesday.

Perry Etheredge is visiting friends and relatives in Okeechobee this week.

The Rev. Joab Edwards left Tuesday morning for a stay of several days in Okeechobee.

Mrs. L. T. Farmer and daughter Jane Catherine spent Monday in Sebring visiting and shopping.

Mrs. J. C. deGraffenreid and Mrs. Olvah Payne spent Wednesday with Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Etheredge and family in Sebring.

Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Etheredge and family, Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Payne and Isabella Woods dined with Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Watts Sunday.

Ben Jennings and son Ben, Jr., Miss Alma Camp and Miss Fleta Jennings of Okeechobee are spending this week with Perry Etheredge and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Farmer, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Farmer and daughter Jane Catherine and Willard C. Franks spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Judson Twitty.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Payne gave a picnic social Monday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Judson Twitty and son, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Watts and son, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Saunders and daughters, Minnie Bess, Mary Cornelia and Esther Maude, of Sebring; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. de Graffenreid, Bob Twitty, Cyril Jennings, Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Etheredge and daughter and son, Ben Jennings and son, Miss Alma Camp, Miss Fleta Jennings of Okeechobee, Mrs. Perry Etheredge and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Farmer and daughter. The table groaned under the heavy load of many different kinds of good sandwiches and fruit punch. Many musical numbers were rendered on the piano, interspersed with songs, while some enjoyed dancing. Ben Jennings, Sr., gave an interesting and entertaining reading, "A Hardshell Baptist Sermon in Holmes County, Georgia," a reading that never grows old to his friends. Uncle Ben never grows old to his friends either. James Tyre Etheredge gave a reading, "Dot Balky Mule," which was more than enjoyed for, soon as you could stop laughing long enough to get your breath, there would come another wave of laughter. Every one reported a good time and here's hoping Mr. and Mrs. Payne enjoyed the evening as much as their delighted guests.

PERSONAL NOTES FROM BUSY LAKE STEARNS

Miss Florence Moffet of Arcadia and John Wtherington of Fort Meade were visiting here last Sunday.

John and Tom Watson, Fort Meade business men, were in Stearns last Sunday looking over their groves.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McAuley have recently returned from Avon Park, where young Clyatt went to have his tonsils removed. Since the operation he has suffered no indisposition whatsoever.

Professor Roberts of Fort Meade came down on the noon train Sunday, returning on the afternoon train.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clemens and party from Plant City passed through Stearns this week en route to Lake Childs on business and pleasure combined.

Allen Dowd and family have returned to their home in Arcadia, after a ten days' visit with friends here and enjoying the fishing in Lake Pearl.

Mrs. G. W. Kelsey suffered a painful accident last week. The vehicle in which she was riding struck a stump, throwing her out and cutting a place on her head. At this time she is getting along as well as could be expected.

One Remedy

Cissie—Isn't there something I can put on to keep mosquitoes from biting me?

Dickie—Yes, dearie, clothes.—London Mail.

Long Voyage in Canoe

William A. Good of Harrisburg, Pa., recently finished a voyage of 8,000 miles in a 17-foot canoe. He started paddling last October at Chicago, through the canal to the Illinois river, and then down the Mississippi to New Orleans, then followed the gulf coast around Florida and up the Atlantic coast to New York. And there are folks who won't venture out in an ocean steamer.

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Citrus Inspectors Doing Valuable Work for Entire Community

There are in Sebring two men who are doing a most important work, and because their work is so well done there is never any complaint or stir about it and it is forgotten by some people and by others never known. These men are S. L. McClanahan (chief) and C. R. Stokes (assistant) inspectors of citrus fruit trees in the Sebring district and scouts for the entire county.

Long ago the people of Sebring forgot the citrus canker outbreak and the great danger the citrus business of Florida faced six years ago when the whole state was quarantined. The first canker was found in some stock of Griffin Bros.' Nurseries and then it was found in many places in the state where nursery stock had been shipped from Griffins'. Sebring had one of their branch nurseries and also was infected with the canker. Canker is a bacterial disease and is as contagious among trees as is smallpox among people and is more to be dreaded, as no cure has been found.

In 1915 the state plant board sent to Sebring six citrus inspectors and never since that time have we been without them. Not always has there been six, but as the danger lessened the number was decreased, and now there are two men here to keep up the watch and guard the health of the trees, as do the wide-awake health officers guard the health of the people. These men are paid by the state plant board from funds furnished by the state and federal governments. While individuals are greatly benefited, the prosperity of the whole state is increased by the thoroughness of their work and effectiveness of what they have done. Wilmon Newell is the state plant commissioner and to him much credit is due for the perfect organization and cooperation of his helpers all over the state. The state inspector and direct head of the men here is Frank Stirling, who shares greatly in the praise of the work accomplished. These men have their office in Gainesville and that place has been known as headquarters for the work. The inspectors are under as strict discipline as men in the army service and have truly been an army in a great fight.

The first outbreak of canker was discovered near Homestead, where Mr. McClanahan had his home. He was one of the first men in the field against it and is staying with it until the end. He saw many trees burned and many old groves lost and realizes what the condition of the whole state might have been but for the timeliness and the mighty efforts of the state plant board and its men. He thinks the danger is over, but because they do not know enough of the disease to know how long it may live without showing up, the inspection will go on for some time yet. With the two men in the Sebring district, six months is needed for a complete inspection. The districts that were infected and the zone of a mile around them are inspected more often than the rest of the territory and most carefully watched. The last canker found in Sebring was discovered in June, 1918, but never in the three years since has there been a let-down of the vigilance. The last canker to be found in the state was in August, 1920, and that was not near here. The value of this work to each grove owner and to the community is beyond comprehension, for it is impossible to conceive what might have been the condition of things without them. Word was recently received from Texas that an outbreak of canker had been discovered after six or seven years freedom from it. Based on this information, came the orders from headquarters for a thorough scouting of the whole state and the decision to keep the inspectors busy for some time yet. But there is no doubt that the whole situation is under control and the minds of all in the citrus business can be at ease.

Mr. McClanahan came to Sebring in June, 1919, and has since then had charge of the work. Mr. Stokes has been here since February, 1919. He had been in the work for four years previous to this in the northern part of the state and on the East Coast.

Our inspectors report in minute detail all the results of the inspection of each tree to the state inspector. Canker is not the only thing they look for in their work. Every disease or defect is noted and with their training and experience they are able to contribute much to the science of perfect citrus culture. When a serious defect is noted, such as scales and root diseases, a report is sent also to the grove owner, with a recommendation of the proper care. As a result each grove owner in this district may know that his grove is being carefully watched by an expert inspector without any cost to him. Both inspectors here now have lived in Sebring long enough to feel that it is their home, and to talk with either would convince one of his earnest sincerity in his work and a personal interest in the welfare of the community. To know them and to know their work is to appreciate them and the organization back of them.

All-Day Sewing Meeting Held at Tuscawilla Park Wednesday

The Woman's Organization of the Community church held its regular monthly meeting Wednesday, Sept. 7, at Tuscawilla Park, devoting the day to the making of twenty blouses for boys in the Orphans Home in Jacksonville, having made twenty-five of the same kind at the last meeting. The material was donated by friends or sold at cost by the merchants. Those so doing were Field & Young, Zachary & Gosset, Maas Bros. of Tampa and Mr. Floto. The orphans in the home get so many half-worn clothes that these new waists appealed especially to them. Anyone caring to give material for this purpose may be sure that the best use will be made of same. Contributions may be sent to Mrs. Ira Rigdon, president of the organization.

The lunch served at noon at the park was a most enjoyable affair, Mrs. McClurg being chairman of the lunch committee. The business meeting was held during the non hour. Twenty ladies attended during the day and the work that was not finished was taken home and will be forwarded soon. The ladies of the welfare committee, who plan and oversee this work, are Mrs. Laird and Mrs. Bixler.

The following letter received from the Orphans' Home shows the manager's appreciation of the work done last month:

"Jacksonville, Fla., Aug. 25, 1921.

"Mrs. B. L. Laird, Chairman Welfare Committee, Community Church, Sebring, Fla.

"My Dear Mrs. Laird:

"I think we have never had a donation which has been more just what we need than the waists for the boys. I think it is harder for us to keep waists than any other thing, as usually people make garments for the little girls more readily than for the little boys. We have more than twice as many boys as girls and we certainly appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending these waists and will gladly receive any more that you have to send.

"Thanking you in the name of the children who are benefitted by your thoughtfulness, I am,

"Very sincerely yours,

"(Miss) KATE W RODGERS,

"Assistant Superintendent."

Hugh Ware of Bartow is engaged in the raising of fine hogs. Some of his sows have had very large litters of pigs and he figured he could add to the rapid growth of the pigs by feeding them cow's milk. He bought a full-blooded Jersey, diluted her milk more than 50 per cent and gave it to the pigs, but it was too rich for them and he lost a number in consequence. Last Saturday Jones Bros. bought the cow of Mr. Ware and added her to their dairy herd. Mr. Ware says he will now buy a Holstein to furnish milk for the pigs. Spencer Jones says the milk from this cow is certainly the richest of any he ever saw, the cream on a four-quart pan, sitting over night, measuring more than an inch in thickness, and when removed the remaining portion is still rich enough for all ordinary purposes. He will send a sample of the milk to Gainesville and expects it to show a test of not less than 8 or 10.

TEMPERATURE OF WELLS IS 117 TO 118 DEGREES

The Sebring hot water wells for the last week have been showing a temperature of 117 to 118 degrees Fahrenheit. This is twelve degrees cooler than when they first began flowing. Everyone was in hopes that these wells would show a permanent flow of hot water and the temperature may possibly go up again to where it was at first. Let us hope that it does, for it would mean a great deal to the people of the whole state, outside of any financial gain that might be derived from them.

Fisherman's Luck

Last Monday the Misses Ruth Ingle, Helen Moyer, Anna Bogle, Mary Bogle, Ruth Amy and Rose Mary Graham and Messrs. Walter Moyer, Angus Graham, C. C. Cobb, Everett Rice, Jimmie Ingle and Percy Gearing started for the Kissimmee river on a fishing trip. They got lost, drove for some time and finally found themselves at Istokpoga creek, where they proceeded to have an old-fashioned good time. They caught a nice string of fish, had a big fish fry and were back in Sebring at 11 p. m. the same day. Walter Moyer proceeded to do his usual stunt of falling in the creek and getting wet. The last time the bunch were out he fell into the Kissimmee river. They are all anxious to make a trip over to Lake Okeechobee, but are debating whether or not they should allow Walter to go with them, for fear that he might fall into the lake and drown.

Woman's Club Social

The regular social meeting of the Woman's Club will be held Tuesday night, Sept. 13, with Mrs. Butts and Mrs. Smith as hostesses. Instead of holding the meeting at the library, as is usual, the hostesses have planned to have it at Tuscawilla Park. All members are urged to be present for an unusually interesting evening is being arranged.

GET PERMITS FOR USE OF "BREEZY POINT" AND TUSCAWILLA CASINO

"Breezy Point," the Woman's Club grounds, has become such a popular place that there have been several parties disappointed in finding the grounds already occupied upon their arrival there. While the grounds are for the use of all, it has been decided that it will be more satisfactory to make arrangements in advance for the use of the grounds and then there will be no conflict at any time. This is not with the idea of keeping any one away, but to assure every one that the exclusive use of the grounds may be secured for a particular time by applying for a permit and registering with Walter Zachary, the city clerk.

The Tuscawilla Casino is a public place, but arrangements must be made also for the use of this so that the park board will know who intends to use it and will see that each party leaves the building in the condition it was upon its arrival. Permits for this will be issued by Mr. Zachary, who will also hold the keys for the rooms in the front of the building. These decisions are not in any way restrictions upon the use of the picnic grounds or the park, but the best possible solution of the problems that have arisen in the care of these places. Use both places freely, but always get a permit first.

JOLLY AUTO PARTY LAST TUESDAY AFTERNOON

A merry party of young people, with Uncle Gene Woodruff as host and Mrs. Eunice Bell, E. T. Boyd, Mrs. Elizabeth Walden, Mrs. Alice Lewiston and Miss May Walden as guests, drove to Sebring Tuesday afternoon with Alton Holt. Most of the party mounted the stairway to the platform of the "big water tank" four miles from Sebring and viewed with delighted wonder the acres of groves spread out in every direction. They noted with pleasure the improvements along the way and declared that if anyone had told them ten years ago that such a thing was possible, they would not have believed them. After driving around Sebring, Uncle Gene took his boys and girls to Tuscawilla Park, where Mrs. Alice Lewiston furnished refreshments to the party. Another drive around town and the party returned, viewed the improvements at Lake Anoka, near Avon Park, and were dispersed at their homes, thanking their jolly host for one grand good time. One of the "girls," who is 88 years old (Mrs. Bell), is the oldest settler in this part of the state and to her the changes since she first came to Avon Park seem very wonderful.—Highlands County Pilot.

SEBRING TELEPHONE EXCHANGE SOLD BY J. E. PARKER

Sept. 1 the Sebring Telephone Exchange changed hands, Jerome E. Parker selling the exchange and the house in which the business is now located to William B. Mitchell of Arcadia and others. The new firm will be known as the Mitchell Telephone Company, with W. B. Mitchell as general manager. Mr. Mitchell is already in Sebring and living in his new home. Mrs. Mitchell is now visiting in Kentucky, but will soon return to Sebring.

Although Mr. Parker has sold his business, it is not his intention to leave Sebring, for he will still make his home here and continue his good work in all Sebring activities. He is the manager of the Service Development Company, which is now preparing a large tract of land on Lake Okeechobee for avocadoes, and will have Sebring as his headquarters. Mr. Parker has always given most satisfactory telephone service and has accomplished much in the four years he has been here, his work being quiet and unassuming, but always effective. He has been a faithful worker on the school board for more than two years, and he will continue in that work.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S CLUB

The executive board of the Woman's Club held its meeting Tuesday night as scheduled, in spite of the absence of lights. Much important business was attended to relating to the completion of the year's work. Reports were made by the secretary, treasurer, first vice-president, corresponding secretary, civics chairman and calendar chairman. The revised constitution was read and several new changes were made. The nominating committee to nominate the officers for the election to be held next month was selected. They are Mrs. Degering, chairman; Mrs. Rigdon, Mrs. Ausland, Mrs. McClanahan and Mrs. Vinson. The meeting adjourned at 10:30.

MASS MEETING AT TUSCAWILLA PARK

There will be a mass meeting of the citizens of Sebring at Tuscawilla Park Monday evening, Sept. 12, at 8 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of discussing questions of sanitation and finance. This is a very important meeting and every one in Sebring is urged to be present, as the vital interests of our schools will be considered.

Engagement Announcement

Judge and Mrs. George Edward Cassel of "Casselton," Radford, Va., announce the engagement of their daughter Ann Markham to Merrett Strouse Rice, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Rice of Salem, Va. The wedding will be a brilliant affair, taking place in the late fall and will be of much interest to society, as Miss Cassel and Mr. Rice are both prominently connected throughout the state.

FAREWELL PARTY GIVEN FOR THE CLASS OF 1921

Every member of the class of 1921 of the Sebring high school will soon leave to attend college and a farewell party was given for them Tuesday night at the home of W. B. Leatherman. All members of the class were there except Junior Sebring, who is in the north. Particularly novel entertainment had been arranged and the result was a memorable evening. The city lights went out about the time for the guests to assemble, but lamps were provided and candles added an attractive glow to the rooms. A mock wedding was the main event of the entertainment, the guests themselves taking part. Ava Leatherman was the fair bride and John Warren the bridegroom. The preacher was Gerald Bee and the bride was given away by the father, George Swank. The attendants were Ford Heacock as best man and Mary Cornelia Saunders as maid of honor. Evelyn Rogers was the flower girl and Esther Maude Saunders the ring bearer. Miss Beery played the wedding march and Eden Heacock sang the usual wedding songs. Every detail had been carefully worked out and a real wedding would not have been as exciting and entertaining. Mr. Saunders preached a sermon that was well worth listening to and remembering. At the close of the merrymaking the 1921 class formed an alumni association and will try to retain that feeling of school spirit which is now so evident. Punch was served during the evening and ice cream and cake were served before departure.

TOWN OF SEBRING WILL SINK ANOTHER WELL

The town council of Sebring has decided to sink a well at Central avenue, near the Whitehouse store. Mr. Brooks, one of the geologists here from Texas, made the statement that the hot water being pumped at the ice plant came from a vein four feet in width, which ran in a southeasterly direction near the Circle and that a well driven at a point he would designate would tap this hot water stream. A committee was appointed by the council to consider the matter and after investigation, the committee recommended the driving of a well at this point, in the hopse that a permanent hot water flow could be obtained near the Circle.

The outcome will be watched with unusual interest by our readers.

Doesn't Like Sebring

One man in Sebring says that he positively dislikes the place and if he gets out of the town he will never return, even if they run an excursion here and he is very fond of excursions. He also says that he cares less than nothing for one certain R. F. Hancock of Sebring, who really is a popular man among most of the citizens. This man of opinion is a man of color confined in the jail here, serving a sixty-day sentence for selling moonshine. He said that he would never sell moonshine, for he could not get it when he wanted a drink, but Deputy Sheriff Hancock caught him in the act of selling it and the result is a sorry face peering from the bars of the jail cell.

A Unique Entertainment

Last Monday a novel and interesting entertainment was staged by Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Durrance and Miss Ruth Bass, when a number of Avon Park young people were invited to attend a "branding bee" at the Pine Ranch Cattle Company's pens. The young folk naturally eagerly accepted the invitation, as most of them had never seen anything of the kind. Arriving at the pens, where the cowboys had penned a couple of hundred head of cattle, the visitors were invited to assist in the work of marking and branding, the older hands at the business showing them how. All qualified by "throwing" a cow or two, except Mark Lance, Fred Crews, John Luke and Floyd Johnson. Mark, of course, was not afraid to get into the pen with the "ugly beasts," but not desiring to discredit the efforts of the others by his superior work, positively refused to give an exhibition of his skill. Those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Durrance and family, Ruth, Roberta and Beatrice Bass, Floyd Johnson, Fred Crews, Joe Lander, Mark Lance, W. M. Griffin, Walter Harris and the Misses Mildred Hare and Josephine Clark.—Highlands County Pilot.

Successful Fishing Party

Early Monday morning a party left Sebring for Istokpoga creek on a picnic and fishing expedition. In the party were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dimberline, Miss Shipp, Sam Dimberline, Mr. and Mrs. Gamble, Mr. and Mrs. Milray, Mr. Floto of Cincinnati and D. H. Bixler. The ladies had prepared a lunch that was voted the best ever and there was so much of it that after two meals there was enough left for the crowd for another day. The men had a little difficulty in getting to the fish, for there were no convenient boats, but in spite of that they caught about forty pounds of catfish and four large bass, one five and a half pounds one one six and a half. A satisfied and enthusiastic crowd returned to Sebring that night, anxious to repeat the experience of the day.

Enforce the Game Laws

Time for the game warden, where there are such, and the sheriff and his deputies and the law-abiding citizens of Florida to get busy enforcing the game laws. Florida has adequate game laws and their enforcement would permit an early stocking of the state with wild game, feather and furred.—Milton Gazette.

First Term Circuit Court Highlands County Opened Monday

Judge George W. Whitehurst convened court Monday morning, Sept. 5, when a roll call of the venire of jurymen was made and they were dismissed until Tuesday at 9:30 a. m. The judge explained that this being a national holiday none of the business of the docket would be taken up until Tuesday, but that he was compelled to call the court as a matter of record to comply with the law.

Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock circuit court was reconvened by Judge Whitehurst, State's Attorney S. Watt Lawler being present. Mr. Lawler made a very pleasing address to the jurymen and the people present on the subject of Highlands county, its natural advantages and opportunities.

The clerk was then instructed to call the roll of jurymen, which included a special venire of Joab Edwards, T. A. Morell, A. D. Webster, J. P. Webster, W. E. Jones, H. G. Cassels, Wesley Waldron, R. W. O'Berry and W. A. Taylor, in addition to the regular venire.

Messrs. Bowers, Jackson, Lacy, Jones and McGinnis were excused for cause.

Judge Whitehurst then proceeded to swear in the jurymen and drew the following eighteen names for service as grand jurymen: B. Cutler, W. C. Posl, G. H. Spink, C. W. O'Berry, E. N. Dickinson, W. M. Muff, D. A. Luke, W. H. Prior, D. T. Lockett, Alfred Varena, George L. Cushion, A. E. Withers, Frank Brown, G. A. True, F. C. Walter, D. G. Skipper, R. D. McLarn and W. I. Moyer. They were then duly sworn to act as grand jurors, instructed to retire to the jury room, where they would proceed to elect a foreman and a secretary an dreport said action to the court W. C. Posl was elected foreman and D. T. Lockett secretary. Upon their return to the court room, the judge then charged them as to their duties under the law. They then returned to the jury room, where they proceeded with their investigations.

Judge Whitehurst then turned his attention to the civil docket, the first case being that of Shane vs. Boston, which was dismissed because of no appearance by either plaintiff or defendant, and the costs assessed to the plaintiff.

In the case of Tratter vs. Yonce, at the request of the attorney for the defense, the court granted a continuance.

Wednesday Judge Whitehurst took up the criminal docket and the following cases were disposed of:

State vs. W. H. Faison (colored), charged with manufacturing and distilling liquor. In view of the fact that the defendant is nearly blind and is suffering with a bad case of tuberculosis, the judge imposed a light sentence, giving him three months in jail, but instructed the sheriff not to place him with other prisoners.

State vs. Britt Williams, charged with grand larceny. Nol prossed.

State vs. Son Simpson (colored), charged with murder. Continued until the next term of court.

This cleared the criminal docket and civil cases were again taken up. DeSoto Holdings Company vs. [illegible]. Treadwell & Treadwell, attorneys for the plaintiff, and Leitner & Leitner, for the defense, both announcing their readiness for trial, the following jury was empaneled: Joab Edwards, A. D. Webster, T. A. Correll, J. P. Webster, W. Waldron and H. G. Cassel. On the testimony introduced, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendant.

Court adjourned until 9:30 a. m., Sept. 7.

SEBRING IN DARKNESS LAST TUESDAY NIGHT

During a wind storm Tuesday evening at 7:30 the lights all over Sebring went out and until 11:30 the only lights seen were the dim flickerings of kerosene lamps and candles in the homes. The Circle looked very unfamiliar, with one little light in the drug store, one in the Smokehouse and some a little more brilliant in Moyer's Cafe. The Woman's Club was holding a meeting in the library and one lamp shone from there. The city council was to have held a meeting, but it was postponed until Wednesday night, for they wanted light on various subjects. Mr. Bobb, manager of the light plant, was out of town, but his right-hand man, Will Vogelsong, was on the job and doing his best to light the town. Although the wind storm was of short duration and apparently not very severe, two poles near the light plant were blown over and the wires broken. By 11:30 repairs were made and the lights on again.

American Seamen

The United States shipping board reports 276,966 men and 44,269 officers engaged on the American merchant ships. Of the officers 29,511 are native-born Americans and of the men 94,111. Of the other nationalities employed 36,676 were British, 3,437 Chinese, 1,102 Japanese, 2,790 Filipino, 1,623 German, 9,566 Norwegian, 9,112 Swedish, 5,160 Danish, 8,433 Russian, 679 Australian, 1,005 French, 30,898 Spanish, 4,754 Italian, 5,521 Portuguese, 11,208 Central Americans, 31,318 of South Americans and Africans.

Report of Citrus Conditions One of Messenger's Special Features

It was announced as the policy of the Messenger, even before its first issue, that it would devote much time and space to the interests of the grove owners of the Sebring districts, for it is these groves that are the real backing of the community. Many of their owners are out of town and would like to hear of the conditions in the groves at all times. Our first grove article gave a general survey of all the groves in the community and the opinion of each caretaker as to the condition of the trees and fruit. Another article dealt with another phase of the situation, from the standpoint of the packing house and the future market. This week the work of the citrus inspectors is explained. We made an offer to report in detail to any grove owner on the condition of his grove if requested to do so, and have had two such requests, which have been answed personally. The space in the paper is too limited to give these personal reports the prominence they would assume by publishing in their entirety and we shall continue to print articles of general interest, but will give the reports of individual groves by letter. We do limit this offer, however, to subscribers to the paper and one can see the fairness of that. One grove inspection is worth a year's subscription in itself, but we gladly offer this service in addition to the year's news.

It is most encouraging to see how eager the caretakers are to show their work in the groves. Most of them are proud of each grove as if it were his own and seem to want to care for it as if it were his. A man particularly of this type is Marion Pollard, who oversees the work in the groves of B. A. Cope. Mr. Pollard has had much practical experience in citrus culture and this, with his personal application and interest, makes him a valuable man to those who intrust their groves to his care. He recognizes defects early and applies the cure. A trip with him through his territory was made several weeks ago and the enthusiasm caught from him on this trip still remains. The Hinslea grove on the DeSoto road is one that was badly hurt by the frost in 1916, but in spite of that setback has come out beautifully. It was particularly bad last year on account of the die-back, but this has been almost entirely overcome by a process that is much like vaccination. Captain Hinslea last year picked most of the fruit from the trees himself, but he will probably need help this year, for a conservative estimate shows about a thousand boxes on the trees. It is in good condition and a good size.

The Rawsthorn grove was another badly hit by the frost and some of the trees were cut off. Tangerines were budded into those roots and have made a wonderful growth. The crop on the larger trees is a fair one.

One grove that Mr. Pollard is especially proud of is the young grove of Mrs. Walton. It was a year old in April. Mr. Pollard set every tree and has watched each one most carefully. He says much depends on the way a tree is planted and cared for in its earliest days and the development this grove has made proves that it was well set and well cared for.

The Graham grove is a bearing grove and has been in Mr. Pollard's care since last June. He set out then to put a good crop of fruit on the trees and get them ready for the best market by keeping them clean and healthy. There are very few of the great loads of fruit that have any spots of rust or any other blight and a conservative estimate of the boxes of fruit on the trees would probably be unbelieved by those not seeing it.

These groves mentioned are typical of all those in the care of this company. The Frank Sebring grove is one of the finest, if not the very best in the district, and the first few years of its life it was in the care of Marion Pollard exclusively. The results are evident. Mr. Pollard was here when the first groves were set and confidence in his ability has grown with the trees.

When mention is made of the particular characteristics of one caretaker, it is not meant to infer that other caretakers do not do these things and have good results. The men have different opinions on many subjects, but on the big questions of citrus culture they agree and it would be hard to find a community where they are as willing to show all of their work and submit it to the closest scrutiny, as in Sebring. The work of other caretakers will be inspected from time to time.

Most of the grove tenders have agreed that for the summer months the grass and weeds should be allowed to grow between the trees, shading the ground and holding the moisture. This has been a great help to the fruit and a saving to the owners who have no large summer bills for working. The tree bases, however, are kept free from weeds. The rain of Tuesday was most welcome to the groves and it is hoped that more will soon come.

"Salt It Down"

THIS IS A GOOD TIME TO PUT AWAY EARNINGS THAT CAN BE SPARED FROM YOUR REGULAR INCOME. MANY A PERSON HAS FOUND TO HIS SORROW, IN THE PAST YEAR, THAT HE FAILED TO "SALT DOWN" SOME OF HIS EARNINGS, WHEN HE SQUANDERED IT INSTEAD. "NEVER TOO LATE TO DO GOOD."

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Carrier Pigeon Flight

A homing or carrier pigeon bearing a message from Mayor Thompson of Chicago to President Harding at Washington made the distance of 615 miles in sixteen hours flying time. The bird was sent to Chicago from Washington and went back home.

Florida Libraries

The State University at Gainesville has 32,000 books in its library; the John B. Stetson University at DeLand has 28,958 books; the State College for Women at Tallahassee has 10,000 books, and Rollins College at Winter Park has 5,611 books.

Road Building

The road between Fort Pierce and the Okeechobee line will be completed as soon as the other road building operations in the county will permit the county to undertake the work, and the state road department will assist in every way possible in carrying the work to a rapid conclusion. A camp of convicts will be furnished, heavy road building machinery supplied and the surveys overseen by the state engineer at an early date. The survey to eliminate some of the turns and curves on the route, so as to shorten the distance and cheapen the cost of construction. — Okeechobee News.

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7-inch Bakers, each	85c
8-inch Bakers, each	$1.20
Gravy Boats, each	$1.35
7-inch Nappies, each	85c
8-inch Nappies, each	$1.20
Covered Butters, each	$2.45
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Covered Sugar Bowls, each	$1.60
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ON ENDORSING NOTES

No successful man in any community can escape being asked to endorse a note of friend or acquaintance. It comes just as certain as death or taxes, and often it is hard to put off the person who is thus making a demand upon you that he presumes to suggest is only a "slight favor." Too often the favor is the exact amount of the note—and probably if the maker of a note was asked if he really wanted a gift and considered it appropriate for the inquirer to make such a present there would be talk of insults and the matter would be considered a reflection upon the petitioner's honesty. The average man, not in the banking business, does not understand finances well enough to allow his endorsing—for friends, relatives or acquaintances.

Thousands and thousands of men who have endorsed notes with the idea that it was merely a matter of form and would involve neither worry nor expense have found themselves in a tight place when required to pay the notes thus endorsed — thousands have protested and fought the process, to be defeated, if the endorser had anything of value that the law could reach. The friend who had been "accommodated" too often fails to make the stake towards which he was looking; something or other interferes with his plans, and the endorser is called and told that it is his debt.

The Montgomery Advertiser, referring to a suit now going on against the Roosevelt estate, suggests that if the signature was made, as claimed, by the former president, it was probably nothing more than the unbusinesslike but all too common error of obliging a friend, and warns against a practice that should be discouraged. The Advertiser, in conclusion, says:

"How often have you heard a friend say: 'We should today be comfortably off, but father (or grandfather) went on a surety debt and was wiped out? It is an old, old story. It is hard to say no sometimes when one is asked to endorse a note. It would be harder still to say that one should always say no on such occasions. This world's business could not go on very well without moral risks. The elder Morgan said he lent money more readily on character than on collateral. But this can be said about it: The average man is inexperienced in his judgment of the other fellow as a moral risk. That is a job for experts, for men who practice it regularly. If a man can not get money on the endorsement of himself and the regulars, the novice should think twice before signing with him."

There are emergencies, of course, in the lives of all, and sometimes the most careful and provident are caught without proper provision for them. The note, with endorsement, is the favorite way to get money, but it should be protected, and the friend who signs should have something to reimburse him if the drawer of the note fails to meet the obligation. Between friends this seems hard—and yet why should any man expect his friend to risk the home or the comfort of his family for possibly the speculation of another? The man who asks for an endorsement cannot reasonably be offended if his friend asks and requires protection. —Jacksonville Times-Union.

Enjoys the Messenger

"South Chicago, Ill., Aug. 31, 1921.

"Highlands County Messenger,
"Sebring, Fla.

"Gentlemen:

"Enclosed please find check for $2 for one year's subscription. I received the sample copies and enjoyed them very much. If convenient, kindly send me a detailed report on my grove.

"Yours very truly,
"CHARLES H. WYACK."

The above is but a sample of many communications we are receiving daily from people to whom we sent sample copies of the Messenger, who have interests in and around Sebring.

Congratulations from Pennsylvania

"Williamsport, Pa., Sept. 2, 1921.

"Mr. Frank H. Adams,
"Highlands County Messenger,
"Sebring, Fla.

"Dear Sir and Gentlemen:

" A sample copy of your paper of Aug. 20 has fallen into my hands and I wish to congratulate the editor and publisher of the same for the very good effort. Surely the city of Sebring will be very proud of its new paper and I sincerely hope the good work will continue.

"Very respectfully yours,
"H. L. FERGUSON."

Exporting Dairy Products

Argentina is becoming a great exporter of dairy products. In 1910 exports of butter totaled 6,342,634 pounds. In 1920 the butter exported amounted to 55,823,203 pounds and of cheese 49,893,528 pounds. And the industry is continuing to grow with a chance of very much larger expansion.

New Booze Bill

The British parliament has just passed a new "booze" bill; it restores the pre-war "kick" in ale and other malt liquors and permits saloons to remain open until 11:30 p. m.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. King of the Love & King Garage is back in Sebring, after a week's visit in Floral City.

Sam Barron of Arcadia was transacting business in Sebring last week. He is a salesman for office supplies.

Mrs. J. H. Boyd is planning to open her private school here Oct. 1, and will be in Sebring soon to complete arrangements for it.

The little shop in the Love & King Garage is fast becoming a busy store. Goods are arriving each day and Mrs. Love has been kept very busy at her hemstitching machine.

E. J. Shaw of Arcadia was in Sebring Thursday of last week. Mr. Shaw is a plumber and was looking over the territory here with a view to establishing a branch store.

R. W. O'Berry was in Sebring Monday. He said he had received several copies of the Messenger and liked it very much and wanted to be placed on the subscription list for a year.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Rigdon drove to Zolfo Springs last Sunday and met there Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Crews. From Zolfo they went to Aquavitae Springs and had dinner, a special one to celebrate the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Rigdon.

Winfield Masters arrived in Sebring Sunday morning, returning here to enter the faculty of the Sebring high school. Monday he went with his mother and father to Orlando, where he took the examinations required before entering the work in Florida.

Louis Morgan of Arcadia and George Russ of Fort Ogden were in Sebring all day Saturday on business. Both of these men are connected with the new telephone company here and will give Sebring the benefit of their wide experience in that business.

Mrs. P. A. Ruhl returned last Friday from Micanopy, where she has been for the last nine weeks visiting at the home of her mother. Her mother is very feeble, due more to her age than to any illness, and she has enjoyed having her daughter with her for the summer.

The C. Q. Club, consisting of Ruth Amy, Geralda Whitehouse, Charlotte Varena and Mary Estes, with Leona Whitehouse as their guest, had a merry time last Thursday afternoon, playing tennis, riding and closing the day with a "weiner" roast at Breezy Point.

A letter was received this week from Miss C. Josephine Albright of Mount Vernon, N. Y., sending a subscription for the Messenger and stating that she would be in Sebring in time for the next issue. Miss Albright has a very pretty home on Lake View drive and spends part of every winter there.

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. 5tf

The Highlands county flag, designed by George Jaeger, made by Mrs. Jaeger and Mrs. McClanahan and presented to the county commissioners by the Woman's Club, floated proudly at the top of the flag pole last Monday morning when the Highlands county court opened for the first time. Another just liqe it was in the front of the court room.

W. Z. Dalgety received a communication from W. G. Brorein, president of the Peninsular Telephone Company, saying that he had taken up the matter of better telephone service for Sebring and Highlands county to Tampa, with Mr. Kirk of Arcadia, manager of the Scott Telephone Company, and that some arrangement will be made for better service at once.

O. K. Cole, with the Howard-Cole Company of Madison, N. J., bought a new Ford touring care from the Sebring Garage and Machine Company last Saturday afternoon. Mr. Cole is down here to develop the holdings of the Howard-Cole Company, situated south of Lake Istokpoga. Mr. Cole would like to make Sebring his headquarters as soon as the roads are placed in condition that he can drive back and forth. The company will purchase four additional cars this week for the use of its employes.

M. G. Norman returned Monday from Jacksonville, where he had been since Friday on account of the illness of his wife, who had been in a hospital for three weeks. Her illness was at first thought to be typhoid fever, but after careful diagnosis, proved to be dengue fever, which is very painful, although seldom proving fatal. Mrs. Norman was removed to the home of her mother, Mrs. M. W. Stewart, in Jacksonville, where she will remain until fully recovered. Her many friends will be pleased to know that she is convalescin.

A lady came to us the other day and said: "I would like to take the Messenger, but have been told that you were only going to publish it for three months and would probably discontinue at the expiration of that time." We assured her that the rumor was entirely without foundation or truth. We are here to stay. The patronage and support extended us has been and is most satisfactory. We feel that the establishment of the Messenger in Sebring is of mutual benefit to the public and ourselves and shall always endeavor to merit co-operation and support.

Look Out for Fakers

The government has issued a "warning" against fake income tax and revenue "experts." Because of the large number of claims filed with the United States bureau of internal revenue, there has arisen a large class of socalled federal tax advisers, whose training and experience do not justify them for their work. It has been decided by the bureau to subject experts to an examination by the bureau and give them licenses.

Texas Pecan Crop

The pecan crop in Texas this year promises to exceed 8,000,000 pounds.

WIRELESS PHONE SUCCESS IN IDAHO FOREST SERVICE

Wireless telephone communication as an aid to its work against forest fires was successfully established by the forest service of the United States department of agriculture on July 15, between Warren, Idaho, and the Moore forest ranger station on the Nez Perce, an air line distance of thirty-five miles. The sets for this satisfactory installation were sent to Idaho about a year ago, but were damaged in transit. Finally they were repaired by the telephone engineer, who set them up last month. They were first given a try-out between Ogden and Salt Lake City, a distance of thirty-seven miles. The set proved to be in good working condition and was tested again between Salt Lake and Elko, Nev., a distance of 200 miles. The messages were heard at the air mail station at Reno, a distance of 400 miles from Salt Lake.

The instruments have already proved their value in forest service work. Shortly after their installation a report came from the lookout from Buffalo Hump of a fire over on the Idaho National Forest, on the south fork of the Salmon. This communication was given to the district ranger in Warren in just four minutes from the time it was received. Before this roundabout telegraphic communication would have taken the best part of a day or even two days to obtain the same results. It is expected that the increased protection from forest fires afforded by wireless telephone communication will more than pay for the equipment.—Fort Lauderdale Herald.

HUNTERS MUST REMEMBER THESE SALIENT POINTS

[Kissimmee Valley Gazette]

Under the law the open season for all game commences on Nov. 20 and extends to Feb. 15 of the following year—making a period of eighty-eight days.

Residents of Florida may procure a hunter's license, good only for the county in which they live, for $1.25; but the fee for each additional county will be $3.50. For all non-residents the cost of the license for each county in which they desire to hunt will be $25.

The maximum amount of game allowed each gun per day is one deer, two turkeys, twenty quail and twenty-five birds of other varieties. If there is a party of three or more the limit of game such party may take during the entire trip, aside from quail and other birds, is two deer and five turkeys, and no individual hunter shall kill during any one season more than two deer, five turkeys and five hundred of any and all sorts of birds.

No individual hunter or party of hunters shall have any game in his or their possession longer than five days after the close of the hunting season.

Regarding securing of fur-bearing animals the law stipulates that no trap shall be set on any land other than the hunter's without first obtaining written permission of each such owner of land, and for this privilege the hunter or trapper shall pay into the office of the county judge where all licenses are payable the sum of $1, if a resident of the state; if a non-resident then the sum to be paid for such license shall be $25.

THE TAMPA TIMES IS SPENDING MONEY

In newspaper circles there is much comment on the way that The Tampa Daily Times spends money for news and features. It is the only Florida daily that prints the famous David Lawrence letters. In addition to the full day and night reports of the Associated Press, The Times is building up a highly expensive special news and feature service, in its effort to publish a newspaper that will be interesting to every member of the family in homes all over Florida.

Besides The Times membership in the Newspaper Enterprise Association, which is known as one of the most complete news and feature syndicates in the country, it gives its readers the best comics obtainable—including "Mutt and Jeff," "Bringing Up Father," and "Doings of the Duffs."

Two special features of The Times are its sporting page and woman's page. These features alone cost them an enormous sum.

In all Florida homes where an interesting and complete newspaper is appreciated, The Tampa Daily Times should have a place.

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CITRUS SEMINAR AND LIVE STOCK ROUNDUP

The twelfth annual citrus seminar will be held at the College of Agriculture, University of Florida, Gainesville, Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 4 and 5. The program is now under preparation and will contain discussions of scientific and live horticultural topics. Everything is being done to fill the program with timely discussions that will be of value to citrus growers.

The annual live stock roundup will be held the 6th and 7th, also the beekeepers' convention, so that the week will be a full one. Any one interested in other subjects, as well as citrus, will have an opportunity to spend the week profitably on the university campus.

Developing Hemp Stalks

Developing hemp stalks from less than six feet to more than fourteen feet in height, and at the same time more than doubling the internode spaces—length of uninterrupted fiber between joints—was an accomplishment of the United States department of agriculture in six years breeding work at the Arlington (Washington) experimental farm. The improvement was obtained through careful selection each year. Every plant in the selection plat is measured and a record kept. Each succeeding crop is grown from seed of the best indicidual plants of the preceeding year.

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SOME GENERAL FACTS ABOUT FLORIDA

By Moses Folsom

You may remember Dr. S. A. Knapp, or have heard of him. He came south some forty years ago from the Iowa Agricultural College. His knowledge of the south was not gained by views from the car windows and fishing trips. He was a student and not a superficial observer who gave opinions off hand. He originated the club system among country boys and girls. Was it not a wise idea to interest the young folks in agriculture, the basic industry—all honor to him—to show boys and girls that living things, plants and animals, are the most essential material things in the world? The wonderful work he inaugurated is being most successfully carried on here under the direction of Prof. C. K. McQuarrie—who knows Florida like a book—with the assistance of a competent corps of county farm agents. Dr. Knapp said that "warmth was half the battle in agriculture." Florida has the warmth, but it never gets hot enough to kill men and animals as it does in Chicago and New York, nor does it go to the other extreme in cold to freeze men to death.

Water is necessary to animal and plant life; water constitutes from 60 to 90 per cent of most kinds of vegetation. Florida has more rainfall, more water in surface rivers and lakes, and underground and available, than anyother state in the Union. Accordingly the possibilities of irrigation exist as nowhere else in our great republic. Artesian water is had in many localities and piped as high as twenty feet above the surface.

So here we have warmth and water as nowhere else more equitably balanced. The minerals used to build up the plant are few in number. The practical farmer knows that they are. Our farmers only need to feed plants their little portions of potash, ammonia and phosphorus, just as breeders of live stock feed grass, oats and corn to their animals.

Down on the East Coast of Florida in sand as white as snow and so clean that you can pass your handkerchief over it without having it discolored—are found our pineapple plantations. In Florida plants only need something to stand in and be fed the few minerals necessary—termed fertilizers.

Florida has more kinds of merchantable trees than any other state. We have plants here that live on air and water. Attached to trees high up from the soil can be found the hanging moss, often growing in vast quantities, and also orchids of rare forms, color and beauty.

Florida grows cotton, one of the world's greatest crops, and our cotton in large part is the Sea Island or long staple variety, the most valuable in the market, the kind thread is made of and lace material. You can't grow cotton in the north.

Florida grows just as good corn as is in the so called northwestern corn belt. Southern corn club boys have raised more bushels of corn in their experiments than those of the northwest. Corn is of tropical origin, and why shouldn't it do better here than in the colder north, where it is an introduced plant?

The country is in need of sugar. America consumes over four million tons a year. Florida could produce all of it. Cuba produces some four million tons annually and it is from cane grown on less area than any one of Florida's many counties. Write to C. Lyman Spencer, Jacksonville, and get his book on "The Sugar Situation." Also write to Dr. R. E. Rose, state chemist, Tallahassee, for his sugar bulletins.

Rice is the staple food of more people than any other single product of the earth. Florida could produce all that is consumed in this country, just as a side issue in its totality of opportunities.

Florida is the home of the pecan, the finest nut known. The largest pecan grove in the world, 72,000 trees, is at Tallahassee. The fig tree is also right at home in Florida. Cocoanuts, bananas, mangoes, rosselle or the tree cranberry, guavas, and many other semi-tropical fruits are grown in the state.

Florida produces the crops of the temperate zone as well as of the semi-tropics. To call off a list would be to repeat nursery and seed catalogs. The housewife can have flowers growing in the open air in every month, from tiny beauties struggling for a place in the sun, to wonderful roses and lilies, and marvelous magnolia flowers towering high in the air and spreading fragrance to the winds.

The United States department of agriculture, in one of its bulletins on "Bees and Honey" says that the largest yield of honey ever made in America was by a hive in Florida. Flowers bloom in every month in our state. Several years ago a man had a floating apiary and went up and down the coast and had bees work all the year long. A. I. Root of Medina, O., the leading American bee expert, has spent his winters in this state for many years and is authority for the statement that Florida is one of the best states in the Union for the production of honey.

Florida excels in the growing of citrus fruits. Californians who live in our state say that our products are even better than those grown on the Pacific slope. Our grapefruit is notably so. We produce grapes, northern varieties as well as kinds not grown in the north. F. M. Powell, the former well known horticultural writer, spent his last years in Central Florida and had apples and other northern fruits growing on his farm.

Live stock can be raised here to better advantage than in the colder north. Here we have no long cold winters to put a strain on the vitality of the animals. Florida is going to be one of the great live stock states. Texas stockmen have come to our state in the last year or two in considerable numbers and made investments. They say Florida has native grass and water advantages beyond anything they know of west of the Mississippi. The summer heat has never prostrated man or animal, nor does the winter freeze them to death.

The only camphor plantations in the United States are in Florida. The camphor industry of the world is in the hands of the Japanese and Florida men are in the game to break the monopoly enjoyed by our little brown friends across the Pacific.

Florida has the only American commercial sponge fisheries. One town in the state, Tarpon Springs, takes in over a million dollars in that form of spoils from the sea, from which source we get oysters, shrimp, crabs, turtles and fish galore, a total value running into millions of dollars annually.

Florida is nearest to Cuba, with which it enjoys a car ferry, ninety-two miles from Key West to Havana. To the world generally Florida has access by water as no other state. Sir Walter Raleigh once said the country in command of the sea commands the world. Our facilities to reach the world by ships exceed those of any other American commonwealth. Florida ports are nearest to South America and to the Panama canal and the countries of the Pacific. It is nearest to Africa, a continent gradually passing under control of white men.

Gardens can be kept growing in Florida all the year around. We have strawberries and roses bloom at Christmas time, grown in the open, and blackberries in the early spring and we can go fishing or boating or bathing when the waters of the north are covered with thick ice and the ground carpeted with snow.

People in the north who are not well informed still believe that Florida is an insect and fever infested region. Fevers are not as serious here as in the north, while lung and throat troubles are mild in comparison. Northern people who have lived here for years say that they are annoyed less by mosquitoes than they were in the north and that their homes and chicken houses were never invaded by alligators or snakes.

Naturalists declare that Florida once had a greater variety of fine birds than any other state—that was before the plume hunters raided their haunts. The existence of wild birds is justification in saying that domestic fowls attain as great perfection as anywhere in the world, in proof of which it is only necessary to visit and see the exhibits at the state and county fairs. Florida has ten national bird reservations—more than any other state—the United States government recognizes the climate and soil by maintaining four experiment stations to test for American use many of the more than 40,000 plants already introduced and not indigenous to our continent.

For the sportsmen Florida is the ideal place. There are no less than 600 kinds of fish in the seas, lakes and rivers of Florida, and in the forests are wild turkeys and other birds and deer and bear and coons and rabbits and squirrels.

Fossil bones of elephants, saber-toothed tigers and various other huge and grotesque animals of ancient times are found in Florida. Extensive beds of sea shells are also found and the shells are used to make roads. Indian mounds also abound, indicating the existence of a large aboriginal population. Scientists have explored many of them and discovered important relics.

Florida leads the Union in the production of phosphates, fuller's earth and naval stores; lumber is shipped from Florida mills to every port of the world and kaolin, from which pottery is made, is abundant, and there is plenty of sand for glass factories. Florida-made cigars are known the world over.

Florida has railroads in every county and there are many navigable rivers; there are level roads for automobiles and the sea beaches are the finest in America; the cities, towns and country homes have access to telegraph and telephones; there are splendid daily papers, more dailies in proportion to population than any other state; and churches, all the leading fraternal orders and good schools.

You can get on a train in New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, St Louis and other northern cities and come right through without change to Florida. Come down next winter and enjoy yourself. More northern born people live here than in any other state in the south.

Skeptics and doubters and unbelievers abound today as in the past. The Massachusetts general court once sent some explorers to examine the interior and they reported that the country twenty miles from Boston was a desert and "not fit for plantations." That idea prevailed regularly as the western country was penetrated. Always present was the desert. Beyond the Mississippi was long "The Great American Desert."

Up in the Polar regions the reindeer and the dog still draw the rude sleds of the Esquimau over fields of snow and ice. In Africa the Bedouin still urges the camel over the hot sands of the deserts. In Asia the elephant and water buffalo are still the beasts of burden. In Russia the Cossack still bestrides the horse. In the United States the railway, steamboat, automobile and airplane are in use to bring people to Florida. Take your choice and come in any season of the year. See America and begin with Florida, for here it was that American history began.

The Fair

The fair is strictly a mirror of the community or county or state. What one sees there may be accepted as typical of the life of the people who make it possible. If there are high class exhibits, it indicates that there are high class producers in the tributary territory. If there are good farm crops displayed it speaks well for the quality of the soil. If there are good live stock, it is a guarantee that feed is grown in abundance. If the boys and girls have a leading part to play, it signifies a sense of the duties and possibilities of the future. If the women are present and if they have a strong department it indicates that there are real homes near. If there is a high moral tone about the fair grounds, it is but a reflection of the moral tone of the people of that neighborhood or of that state.

Japanese Vegetable Oil Mills

The Japanese department of agriculture and commerce lists 21,304 vegetable oil mills in Japan, employing 28,663 persons. These figures, however, include the vast number of small handpower mills using primitive crushing methods and scattered through the country districts. They utilize the following seeds and nuts: Rapeseed, perilla, sesame, cotton seed, camellia seed, sasanqua seed, tea seed, wood nuts, kaya nuts, mustard and sumac seeds. The oils from these materials are chiefly consumed in Japan, though a small percentage enters into the export trade. The great bulk of the cake is consumed within the country as fertilizer.

State Fair at Jax

The dates for the next state fair at Jacksonville are Nov. 12 to 19. Many new features are promised. Reduced round trip rates will be available by rail and boat during fair week. Large county and individual exhibits are being arranged for, and altogether the fair promises to be the best ever held. This is the year when farmers, breeders, business men and the public as a body should put their shoulders to the wheel and "put over" expositions of farm products second to none ever held in our state. Let there be a great display of live stock for the good of the general cause of farming.

Decrease in Cotton Crop

A decrease of three million bales in this year's cotton crop compared with the crop of 1920 was already had a favorable effect on the market. Spot prices advanced $5 a bale early in August, with occasional fluctuations, holding the advance and going somewhat higher since.

Look Out for Crooks

The fact that Florida is better off at this time than the other states will no doubt bring a host of people here next winter, and among them will be a lot of fellows with schemes to separate money from the innocent, unwary, and unsuspecting. Invest your money in well assured Florida enterprises and there's plenty of them.

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Entered as second-class matter August 6, 1921, at the postoffice at Sebring, Fla., under the act of March 3, 1879.

That 32-page edition of the Tampa Citizen, dated Sept. 2, is certainly a humdinger. Everyone should read the first article on page 1, third section.

Unless automobile stealing and highway robbery become less frequent, it would be advisable to place these under the head of capital punishment crimes.

Sebring has been getting some valuable publicity through the columns of the Messenger. We notice that many state exchanges are reproducing some of our front-page stories in full.

Tampa Tribune: "Lake Wales, not to be outdone by Sebring's bi'lin' water well, comes forward with a 'black avocado.'" Nothing coming from Lake Wales or any other part of the Scenic Highlands surprises us. We'll bet that avocado was a fine specimen.

Tampa Tribune: "Sebring seems unable to stop its flow of hot water and yet is not arranging to utilize it." Where do you get your "info," John? Sebring is merely waiting to see if the flow is permanent. If it is, you'll see that Sebring will know what to do with it.

Tampa Tribune: "We expect the Sebring Hot Springs to become as famous a winter resort in Florida as the celebrated Hot Springs of Virginia is in summer." Don't need hot springs to make Sebring famous as a winter resort. It's fame has been pretty well spread already.

Tampa Tribune: "The story of Sebring's hot water well speaks of the water coming from the 'porous' sand. Florida sand pours both water and money to those who know how to tip it." And the people of the north are rapidly learning that it is good policy to tip Florida generously.

Newark, N. J., has evidently become jealous of Sebring and has discovered a well which blows a strong blast of cold, dry air continuously. But it will soon be cold enough in Newark to do without cold air from a well, although we are sure the people there fully appreciate the draught in summer.

Times-Union: "Sebring has been putting on such a head of steam in its development work that the wells there have begun to flow hot water." Your deducations are worthy of a Sherlock Holmes. Sebring sure has been developing rapidly enough to cause something to get hot, yet, at that, there is no friction here.

The murder of Jim Clark and Rueb Jones at Weekiwatchee river, near Brooksville was, from all the evidence found, one of the most cold-blooded crimes planned and perpetrated in this state in many years. While the cause of the shooting is now a mystery, it would seem that no three men could commit a deed of this kind without leaving some trace whereby they might be apprehended.

An attempt to fasten an electric light bulb into a socket while she was dressed in a wet bathing suit caused the death of Miss Beatrice Schwartzler, 17 years old, at her home in New York. A pool of water collected at the girl's feet and when her wet hand came in contact with the electric current, she received a shock which proved fatal. A word to the wise is sufficient. Take warning from the above.

The Orlando Morning Sentinel quotes as follows from the Titusville Advocate: "A 60-foot well in Sebring is flowing hot water, forty gallons a minute, 130 degrees temperature. The hot water was struck Aug. 8, and at last accounts was still flowing. Must it be inferred that Sebring is nearer Hades than any other town in Florida?" Not by any means, but if the well ceases to emit hot water it might raise Hades with some of our plans.

A number of the papers of the state are asking "Why would it not be good business to call a special session of the legislature to remedy the present cattle conditions?" The cattlemen are now asking for just what they fought by every means possible during the last session. Are we to suppose that because they have changed their minds as to dipping for tick eradication, that they have also changed their minds as to the no-fence law? If they have, and will so express themselves, we believe the people of the state generally would be willing to stand the expense of a special session of the legislature for the enactment of these two measures.

Dade City Banner: "And now comes Sebring with a freak equal to a creek of oil or a what-you-call-it animal. Sebring's attraction is two hot water wells. The water in these wells has been flowing two weeks or so at a steady temperature of 128 to 130 degrees. What Frank Adams going to Sebring and starting the Messenger had to do with it we do not know. If he pleads not guilty, then we must conclude the crust between Sebring and the lower regions must be awfully thin. Us for the Highlands of Pasco, where we have t o bile our water in the kettle. No, we don't think our coming here had anything to do with these hot-water wells, although the majority of our citizens tell us the Messenger is a "warm member." And there's nothing "watered" about the Messenger, either.

TRYING TO DECEIVE

[Punta Gorda Herald]

The railway executives are disseminating propaganda, laying upon the government the blame for all their troubles. They charge that government operation not only wore out their tracks and rolling stock without making any repairs or replacements, but was and is the cause of the roads having to pay the highest wages ever known, all of which forces the roads to levy the present outrageous freight and passenger rates, which are causing such a clamor of complaint.

The major premise of the railway people is false. The government did not operate the roads; it employed the railroad officials and employes themselves to operate them, and at once the railroad people set about the task of discrediting the government management, fearing doubtless that if the government made a success of its undertaking, the whole country would clamor for government ownership. The railroad people succeeded in their attempt to make the people believe that the government is incapable of making a success of railroad operation. They did this through their officials who were operating the roads and advising the federal administration, by increasing by at least one-third the number of subordinate employes and paying all subordinates the highest wages ever known. Thus they caused the government to lose millions of dollars and made the people believe that the enormous losses were due to government incompetence, when they were really chargeable to their own machinations. They also induced the federal administration to buy millions of dollars of rolling stock, which included many locomotives and they are now claiming that the government did not replace any worn-out equipment. Upon these unjust claims, they are now demanding and getting millions of dollars from the government and at the same time throttling commerce and production by levying upon them the highest freight rates ever known. Nay, they go even farther than this by trying to get the government to stop Henry Ford from giving fair rates to the patrons of a bankrupt railroad, which he bought and almost immediately put upon a profit-paying basis. Was there ever before seen such unmitigated cussedness? But it is giving a boost to water transportation and furnishing the business world with a splendid slogan, "Ship by water."

SEPTEMBER IN THE NORTH

September is here. Up north this month means cooler weather, probable frosts, the harvesting of summer crops and preparation for the long, cold winter. How would we Floridians like to look forward to ice and snow within the next sixty days? The big coal bill, buying of heavy winter clothing and the storing up of quantities of fruit, vegetables and meat to last for the coming six months, as the northern people are compelled to do? To suffer with cold hands and feet, frost-bitten nose and ears and a large part of the time plod through snow from knee to waist deep? Can you wonder that it is the ambition of nearly every family in the north to save sufficient money, that they may be able to spend at least one winter in Florida, enjoying our bright sunshine, flowers, green trees, beautiful lakes and streams, fresh fruits and vegetables, and to go hunting, fishing or bathing? Think what a trip of this kind means to the members of the family who have never in their whole life missed the rigors of a northern winter. If any section in Florida could arrange to accommodate a large number of northern visitors in moderate circumstances, at a nominal expense, would it not pay in more ways than dollars and cents?

A COMPARISON OF CONDITIONS

According to the report of Col. Edward W. Ryan, American Red Cross commissioner in the Baltic states, who arrived in Paris Sept. 2, "more than 2,000,000 Russians will die as a result of the famine, despite all the help all the world can offer, and it is questionable if one of them will be a communist."

The commissioner estimated that the cost of feeding 20,000,000 starving Russians a pound of bread daily would be $1,000,000 each day (he is figuring bread at 5 cents a pound, which is much cheaper than it can be bought in the United States). He fears cholera and the plague will follow the famine and conditions will be worse in the country in February than they now are.

It is impossible for we people in Florida to realize the gravity of 20,000,000 people of any country starving to death within the next four months.

When we are inclined to complain and find fault with the conditions as they exist here, and there is some cause for complaint, let us not become pessimistic and imagine that ours is the worst in the world.

Cheer up! There's no one in Florida going to die of starvation.

EVIDENCES OF APPRECIATION

We are getting checks and congratulations for the Messenger every day from people to whom we sent the paper on approval. We wish to thank each one of you, not only for the check, but more especially for your expressions of appreciation. We have tried to give you a good, clean, newsy paper, devoted to your interests and the interests of the community and county, and shall continue so to do. We also wish to thank our advertisers for the support they have given and are giving us. The favorable comment of the Florida press is also duly appreciated and from the number of articles published that have been reproduced and commented upon by the various papers, we feel that considering the short time we have been in the field, we have rendered Sebring and Highlands county a service in acquainting our neighbors with some of the natural advantages and enterprises under way and already achieved.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Clark Brown of Arcadia was in Sebring on business Tuesday.

Chesley Skipper, Cyril Baldwin and William King of Avon Park were in Sebring several times last week.

Mrs. Henry Selzner returned to Sebring Wednesday night, after her sad trip to Tampa, occasioned by the death of her husband there and his burial in St. Petersburg.

Dr. J. B. Walkup is expected to return to Sebring this week. Mrs. Walkup will visit for a short time in Roanoke, Va., and then will return to Sebring for the winter.

G. F. Bobb, manager of the Sebring Light and Water Plant, left last Saturday for Indianapolis, where he will spend the next few weeks. Mrs. Bobb went to Indianapolis some time ago and is visiting her sister there.

Many visitors from neighboring towns were in Sebring each day last week, attending court and transacting other business. W. E. Leitner of Leitner & Leitner of Arcadia and Attorney Louis Robbins were among the number.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wakefield and children returned Wednesday from their summer's outing on the East Coast. They are at home in the cottage they occupied last year. Mr. Wakefield was much pleased with the improved appearance of the school yard and will have the children do their share in making it more beautiful. One of his first acts after returning to Sebring was to subscribe for the Messenger.

LIVE LOCAL ITEMS FROM LAKE STEARNS

Messrs. Charles Towne, L. L. Henderson and J. L. Moore motored to Sebring Monday.

J. H. Harrell, an able employe of the Lake Groves Company, is on the sick list this week.

J. F. Butler went to Sebring Monday on business, returning on the noon train Tuesday.

A. M. McAuley attended the regular meeting of the county commissioners Monday and Tuesday.

A. E. Bowers, T. V. Jackson and M. A. Jones were called to Sebring Tuesday to serve on the jury as extra veniremen.

Messrs. J. W. McCoy and Charles Towne of Bushnell are stopping this week with the latter's sister, Mrs. E. A. Bingham.

G. A. DeVane, Jr., of Lake Childs leaves this week for a ten-day vacation in Lakeland, Tampa and other West Coast points.

Joe Robinson and O. A. Jones of the Lake Childs Company came up Sunday to attend the all-day sing and "dinner on the grounds."

The Misses Gussie and Dora Williams and B. E. Alderman and Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Austin attended the barbecue at Venus last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rothgary of Cleveland, O., motored down and stopped in Lake Stearns a while Monday, en route to their winter home in Hicora.

Fort Meade was represented in Lake Stearns this week by Mr. and Mrs. A. Schneider. Mr. Schneider has extensive grove and land interests here.

Capt. G. L. Knight and son Eugene and Mr. Lamey of the Citizens National Bank(all of Tampa, spent a few days here this week, looking over their groves.

J. L. Jenkins and family are leaving this week for their old home in South Georgia, having sold their interests here. Mr. Jenkins is going to locate near Albany.

A near accident happened at Lake Childs last Sunday and but for the presence of mind and quick work of two friends would have been very sad. Three of the boys, Young Blocker, Albert Glesson and Mitchell Jameson, while out in deep water, trying to outdo one another in diving, Young Blocker went down. Mitchell Jameson, realizing he was going down, sprang from his boat and brought the boy to the boat and they then put him ashore. He is now all right, but doesn't want to take any more deep dives.

The Story Hour

The division of the story hour classes proved a great success for both teacher and listeners last Wednesday for all pronounced it the best day yet. In the morning the little ones played many little games and listened most attentively to stories such as "Jan, the Cobbler," "Hansel and Gretchel," and "The Little Red Hen." Mrs. Mitchell recited James Whitcomb Riley's "I Ain't a Goin' to Cry No More," and that pleased the children more than anything else she has done. Next Wednesday morning some of the little ones are going to tell stories and a prize will be given to the one that tells the best. In the afternoon the older children met and longer and more complicated stories were told to them, among them "The Pygmies," "The Resurrection Plant," "The Foolish Chauffeur," and "The Son of Seven Queens." They, too, will tell some of their own stories next week and the best one will receive a prize.

Look Out for Rust Mite

Mr. Citrus Grower, look over your grove carefully and, if rust mites are common, spray at once with lime-sulphur or dust with sulphur and lime. Rust mites are now abundant in some parts of the citrus belt. Prof. J. R. Watson, entomologist of the Florida experiment station, says they are usually not abundant at this time of the year, but as the month of August was so abnormally dry, the rust mites have become abundant in many parts of the state. The outbreak, coming at this time, is especially dangerous, as many growers are not in the habit of looking for rust mites at this season and are, therefore, apt to be caught napping. If you find the mites on your trees, spray with lime-sulphur or dust with sulphur and lime.

Capitol to Be Enlarged

The state capitol at Tallahassee is to be enlarged, nearly doubling its room space, under plans drawn by H. J. Klutho of Jacksonville. This is in accordance with an appropriation for that purpose made by the last legislature.

OPENING OF THE PALMS TEA HOUSE ON WEST SIDE OF LAKE JACKSON

The Palms Tea House, on the west side of Lake Jackson on the Lake Shore drive, entertained its first parties for dinner Monday evening, Labor Day. It was not generally known that the opening was to be held at that time, but there were twenty-four guests who did know and took advantage of the first opportunity to eat a real meal in a place where only campfire meals had been served up to that time. The new drive gives easy access to this pretty place, which has been reached before only by boat, horseback or on foot, and this little building, which offers refreshment and recreation to all, is the beginning of a colony which will soon be built in the neighborhood.

The Palms Tea House is built in a style that harmonizes with its surroundings, made of rough logs, yet with care and craft that make it artistic and substantial. A clay walk leads from the road to a rustic bridge over a small stream. On each side of the bridge are boxes of ferns and other tropical plants, which grow in abundance. From this bridge one steps to a veranda, which extends across the front of the Tea House. Here are comfortable seats inviting one to sit and enjoy the beautiful view of the north bay and the main lake and far across the lake, the faint outline of the familiar points of Sebring itself. Whenever one takes time to look over Lake Jackson, it seems that the spot then occupied is the most attractive viewpoint, but it will not be long until the view from the Palms Tea House will be a noted one.

From the veranda the dining room opens, and it is so generously supplied with windows that it seems almost like another outside room. It is large enough for four large tables besides the service counter. At the counter are supplies for fishermen, hunters and campers. Behind the dining room is a large kitchen and it is ready now to prepare the chicken and fish dinners that taste so good in the open air. George Butler is the proprietor of the house and Mrs. Butler will supervise all the cooking.

The opening dinner was a chicken dinner, but relicious roast pork was also served. The food was served in country style, appropriate to the surroundings. It was as plentiful as the generous farmer's wife is wont to present and no one left the table unsatisfied. The menu was as follows: Pickles, olives, chicken soup with crackers, fried chicken, roast pork with dressing, stewed onions, boiled potatoes, rice, fresh green beans, chicken gravy, rolls and butter, huckleberry and pumpkin pie, Butler Springs water, coffee, tea.

After the dinner some of the guests sat on the veranda, while others went to the little jungle adjoining, which is a beautiful natural park. Here bay trees are in bloom with all the beauty of the magnolia trees, wild ferns and mosses made a thick green carpet. It is sure to become one of the show places of Sebring. Then the guests were taken for a drive on the new boulevard and most of them saw it for the first time. It was most interesting to see the great work that has been done in the building of the road and to note the new territory opened by its accomplishment. As the bridge has not yet been built, the way was retracted over the west shore, past the Tea House, around the north bay and home to Sebring. A great feeling of satisfaction and content completed the day, for it seems worth while to live in a place of such great natural beauty and then have that beauty supplemented by all the advantages that man can contrive and accomplish.

Such a place is Sebring.

Hotel Sebring to Open Soon

Over the Bank of Sebring and the new postoffice are some of the most attractive rooms in Sebring. They are large, light and airy, part of them new and the rest entirely renovated and decorated. They have been newly furnished and will soon be open to the public as the Hotel Sebring. Mrs. C. F. Ausland has these rooms in charge and will give the best of service to all guests. Every one is predicting a busy winter for Sebring and these rooms will help take care of the visitors and residents who are looking for a convenient location in the center of town, overlooking the Circle park—one of the prettiest spots in Sebring.

Raw Silks from Japan

The shipments of raw silks from Japan to America from July 1, 1920, to April 30, 1921, total 119,304 bales, and to Europe 18,286 bales, or a total export of 137,590 bales for the ten months of the silk year ending with April.

Plant Strawberries

Prof. A. P. Spencer of the Florida Agricultural College, says strawberries can be grown in every part of the state as a garden crop. Make plans to put out some for family use this coming season.

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HAPPENINGS OF A WEEK TOLD IN A FEW WORDS

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Mrs. W. B. Mitchell and baby girl will return to Sebring next week.

J. G. McClurg was transacting business in our neighboring town of Avon Park Tuesday afternoon.

A nice three-room apartment for rent for the season. Can give immediate possession. F. S. Bee.—Advertisement.

John Garst, who was absent from Sebring about two weeks, on a visit to Salem, Va., and other points, returned Friday of last week.

Tablets, straps, pencils, boxes, crayons, paints, note books—everything needed by the school children—at the Rexall Store.—Advertisement.

S. S. Barron of the Wauchula Commercial Agency was in Sebring Saturday, greeting his many friends and looking after the business of the firm.

H. M. Poe and E. P. Clymo, both of Titusville, were in Sebring Tuesday for the first time. They were very favorably impressed with the appearance of our city.

D. R. Stevenson motored over to Tampa Monday to visit his brother, but not finding anyone at home, went on to Sulphur Springs and spent the day there bathing and having a general good time.

C. R. Brooks, who handles Willys-Knight and Marmon autos for the Tampa Overland Company, was staying with E. S. Rice during the latter part of last week and looking after the business interests of his firm.

Edgar Bridge submitted to the council at its last meeting a plat of the cemetery, which was accepted. A survey of the same will be made at once, corner posts will be set and the lots will then be ready for sale.

Rehearsals are well under way for the Indian operetta, "The Feast of the Red Corn," which will be given by the Girls' Glee Club within the next month. Watch for the date, as this is something that no one in town will want to miss.

Services at Tuscawilla Park Sunday at 11 a. m. Sermon by the pastor, the Rev. F. J. Tauchen. Special number by the choir, under the direction of Mrs. E. C. Wright, assisted by Walter Scott, violinist. Sunday morning's subject: "Evolution; Natural and Spiritual." Everybody cordially invited.

W. T. Poland and A. C. Heacock were in Avon Park Saturday evening on a business mission. They are the proprietors of the Sebring Novelty Works. They report business flourishing, with a sufficient number of orders on hand at the present time to keep their factory running continuously for the next three weeks.

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. 5tf

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hudlass of Avon Park were in Sebring on business last Tuesday. Mr. Hudlass was with the Eastman Kodak Company for many years, but has retired and now has a fine grove at Avon Park. Mr. and Mrs. Hudlass have been friends of the Dalgetys for many years and enjoyed a visit with them while in town.

Horace Carlton, cashier of the DeSoto National Bank, and the Rev. John Trice of the Baptist Orphanage, both of Arcadia, stopped in Sebring on their return from a fishing trip to Istokpoga lake Friday of last week. They reported that they caught plenty of fish, had a very pleasant time and were most favorably impressed with the conditions as they found them in Sebring.

The bumblebee polenizes flowers of the various grasses, the honey bee stores up its wares for the use of the human family and polenizes the flowers of the fruit trees. There are other bees whose uses we have not yet determined. But F. S. Bee furnishes the best of groceries, fruits and vegetables for the people of Sebring and vicinity and his motto is: "Right prices, courteous treatment and satisfaction to all."—Advertisement.

W. B. Mitchell, the general manager of the new company, comes to the work most highly recommended. For sixteen years he has been in the telephone business and combines a natural aptitude for the business with a good education and much practical experience. For some time he was the general plant superintendent of the Scott Telephone Company, which operates in Arcadia, Wauchula, Bowling Green and Avon Park. He was the local manager of a telephone company at Moultrie, Ga.

E. O. Douglas and G. V. Hudson went to Istokpoga creek late Sunday evening and spent the night in the woods, so as to be ready to fish at daybreak. The mosquitoes made them most willing to rise early and they had no need of an alarm clock. By 10 o'clock they had caught twenty-one fine fish and were ready to start home. They were home early enough to swap fish stories with the other parties of the day. If there is any epidemic in Sebring, it is the fishing epidemic, and where it has taken effect at all, it has become most serious.

E. S. Rice left Sebring April 1 for a three-weeks' vacation. He was taken sick and compelled to enter the hospital at that place, where he underwent a double major operation. After three weeks in the hospital he was able to get around but not able to travel until July. He arrived in Sebring July 24, where he is now taking care of the business of the Yeager-Rice Company. Mr. Rice is feeling very well at the present time and was able to permit his partner, Fred A. Yeager, to depart upon his annual vacation Aug. 10. Mr. Yeager is now in Kingston, Pa., a suburb of Wilkesbarre, where he will remain until the latter part of September.

School books and supplies at the Rexall Store.—Advertisement.

J. T. Love went to Lakeland on garage business last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Davis spent Sunday on a trip to and from Orlando.

Another barrel of those nice Grimes Golden Apples at Bee's.—Advertisement.

A full line of books and school supplies at the Rexall Store.—Advertisement.

Mrs. Harshman was very ill for a few days last week, but is able to be up and out again.

School begins next Monday. Get your tablets, pencils, pens, ink, etc., at the Rexall Store.—Advertisement.

Sixteen-ounce can Pond brand peanut butter 25 cents at Bee's Cash Grocery. Everybody says it's good. Advertisement.

Mrs. P. L. Vinson, who went to Del Rio, Tenn., last week to visit her mother, will return to Sebring after another week's stay.

Lost—A raincoat from an automobile, on the road between Avon Park and Frostproof last Sunday. Will finder please return to Mrs. Selzner?

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. McClanahan, Edwin Currington and Alfred Varena went to Carlstrom Field Monday, where they attended the Labor Day celebration.

Lenore Pollard, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. U. D. Kirk, in Sebring for the last three weeks, left Monday morning for Palmetto, where she will visit relatives for a week before returning to her home in Archer.

The rates for service will remain as heretofore and a drive will be put on to place a phone in every home in Sebring. Mr. Mitchell will devote his energies not only to bettering the local service, but also the long distance service. There are 6,500 feet of new cable on the grounds, which will be used in extending the lines.

Breezy Point was the scene of a Labor Day party, when four families joined there in a picnic supper. They were the Leatherman, Heacock, Rogers and Saunders families. Odors of delicious coffee filled the air around, while the table was loaded with various kinds of substantial sandwiches, lemon and butter scotch pies and limeade. The young folk and parents all had a delightful time and were glad of the holiday that suggested the outing.

Mr. and Mrs. George Eugene Sebring, Jr., are at present at Roanoke, Va., en route to Sebring, where they are expected to arrive today (Saturday) or Monday. The young people of this city promise them a gay reception.

L. L. Croft, who recently sold his meat market and grocery on Ridgeway drive to R. N. Miller, with his brother-in-law, H. L. Goff, has repurchased the same. They will put in a first-class stock within the next few days and announce their opening through the columns of this paper next week.

M. E. Lanier spent Monday with his father in Fort Meade.

Yes, we have a good, fresh line of groceries at Bee's. Advertisement.

Mr. and Mrs. Beresford spent last Sunday in Arcadia visiting Mrs. Beresford's mother and other relatives.

The law firm of Burton & Barlow, with offices in Wauchula and Avon Park, have been in attendance at court all the week, handling several important cases.

Leona Whitehouse accompanied her aunt and cousin, Mrs. and Mr. Masters, when they went to Orlando Monday. Miss Whitehouse went on to Winter Park to visit friends there.

H. O. Sebring went to Oldsmar last Sunday evening, going over with Dr. L. H. Shumate, who was in Sebring Sunday to conduct the services at the Methodist church. Mr. Sebring returned to Sebring Tuesday evening.

We have four three-room suites in a brand new building, everything up-to-date, all modern improvements; Murphy-in-a-Door beds; completely furnished. Just one block east from the Circle. Nothing better to be had in the city. For prices see F. S. Bee.—Advertisement.

State Commander Lowry and State Adjutant Cheney will attend a meeting of the American Legion at the G. & H. Realty Company's office at 3:30 p. m., Sept. 9. Both men are enthusiastic workers and fine speakers. All ex-service men are invited to attend and bring a buddy with them.

Mrs. W. A. Wooten of Valdosta, Ga., who had been spending a couple of weeks with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cline, returned to her home Tuesday. Mrs. Cline left on the same train for a visit with her mother, Mrs. W. W. Southerland of Douglas, Ga. Mrs. Wooten is much pleased with conditions in Sebring and in all probability the family will make this its future home.

One of the Labor Day parties was held in a delightful spot on North Lake Jackson boulevard. The party included Mrs. Estes, Mary Estes, Charlotte Varena, Geralda Whitehouse, Will Vogelsong, Allen Altvater and Mr. Mills. A delicious chicken pillau was the main course of the supper and Allen Altvater won a name for himself as a first-class cook when he made it. Potato salad, cake and ice cream were other good things on the menu.

A letter was [illegible] Mrs. A. T. Van Winkle of Logansport, Ind., telling of many pleasant memories of the past winter [illegible] and wishing to be remembered to her many friends here. Mr. and Mrs. Van Winkle lived in one of the community houses and entered heartily into that community spirit that pervaded the little town on the lake. They were much interested in the Community church and were regular attendants and workers there. They are not planning to return to Sebring next winter, but hope to come in the future. Mr. Van Winkle has been very ill for some time, but is now on the way to recovery.

Some Fishermen

Before daybreak Monday morning Bill Amy and Paul Rippberger were on their way to Lake Istokpoga all ready for the fish. At Mary Hill landing they began to fish and in an hour they had six cat fish that weighed forty-six pounds. They were back in Sebring soon after noon, satisfied with their morning's work. Many housewives of the town were pleased with the fish they received for their dinners that day. There are many expert fishermen in Sebring, but Amy and Rippberger are near the top of the list.

John and Gene King of Arcadia were in Sebring Friday of last week.

LEGAL NOTICE

In the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida. In Chancery.
Peter Moross, Plaintiff, vs. Ethel Moross, Defendant.

To Ethel Moross, residing at Frankfort, in the State of Kentucky.

You are hereby ordered to appear to the Bill of Complaint filed in said cause against you by Peter Moross, at the court house in Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, on or before the 26th day of October, A. D. 1921, else the said bill will be taken as confessed by you.

It is further ordered that a copy of this order be published in the Highlands County Messenger, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, published in Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, once a week for four consecutive weeks.

Witness the Honorable George W. Whitehurst, Judge of said Court, and C. F. Saunders, Clerk, and the seal of said court, this 8th day of September, A. D. 1921.

(Seal) C. F. SAUNDERS,
A. E. LAWRENCE, Clerk.
Attorney for Complainant.
Sept10-17-24-Oct1-8

LEGAL NOTICE

In the Circuit Court in and for Highlands County, Florida.
S. P. Durrance vs. T. L. O'Steen.

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an execution issued out of the above court in that certain cause wherein S. P. Durrance is plaintiff and T. [illegible] is defendant, I have levied [illegible] for sale at public auction during the legal hours of sale, the timber standing on the following described property, to-wit:

W½ of SW¼ and SW¼ of [illegible] of Section 29.

W½ of NE¼ and NW¼ of [illegible] SE¼ of Section 30.

Lots 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10 of Secti[illegible]

N½ of Section 32.

All of said land being locat[illegible] Township 33 South, Range 29 [illegible] Highlands County, Florida.

Said sale to be held in fro[illegible] the court house at Sebring, Fl[illegible] on the 3rd day of October, 192[illegible]

Dated this, the 8th day of Se[illegible]ber, 1921. W. M. GRIFF[illegible]
Sept10-17-24-Oct1 S[illegible]

R. J. McMURRAY, M. D.
Physician and Surgeon
Highlands Bank Bldg. Sebring, F[illegible]

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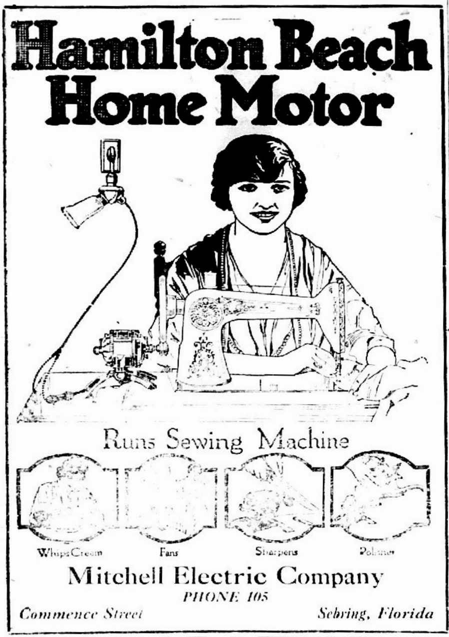

Mitchell Electric Company
PHONE 105
Commence Street
Sebring, Florida

SQUIRREL LANDS BIG TROUT AND ENJOYS FISH DINNER

[DeSoto County News]

Will Brewer of 220 North Polk avenue, spent several days in Tampa last week. According to his own statement and the testimony of several of his friends who accompanied him on the trip, Mr. Brewer was perfectly sober during the entire time he was in the South Rlorida metropolis. But even though we know Mr. Brewer is not a drinking man, he related a nincident that he said happened in Tampa during his visit there, that gave the News reporter good and sufficient reason to believe that he "fell from grace" this time.

Mr. Brewer said he was watching a squirrel play in a tree overhanging the Hillsborough river, and when the little animal undertook to leap from one limb to another it misjudged the distance and fell into the river. When the squirrel struck the water a trout caught it by the tail and dragged it underneath the muddy water and for several minutes, according to Mr. Brewer's statement, nothing could be seen but hundreds of blubbers coming to the surface of the water where the two went down. Mr. Brewer said he continued to watch the spot where the two went down and finally he saw the squirrel suddenly come from underneath the water and began swimming hurriedly to the bank of the river. When the squirrel was almost inthe safety zone the trout caught it by the tail, the former ascending the bank and climbing a tree with the trout still clinging to its tail.

It is alleged by Mr. Brewer that as soon as the squirrel reached a fork in the tree it reached around and grabbed the trout in its teeth and proceeded to have a fish dinner.

If Mr. Brewer had related this to you as being a fact—a real fact—what would you have concluded?

UNDREAMED OF RICHES FOR POLISH PEASANT WOMAN

An old peasant woman was made the richest woman in her village by a letter from the war risk insurance bureau of the American government. The incident is told by a member of the Friends' Relief Mission in Poland, who writes:

"We were just driving into the town of Hrubieszow in the war-ravaged district of Poland, when a peasant woman, clad in rags, and barefooted, came up to the wagon and presented a letter which she could not read. It proved to be from the war risk insurance bureau at Washington, stating that her son had died in the American army and that his insurance would come to her for twenty years, at the rate of $25 a monthm. Already there was $900 waiting for her, which would be sent shortly by check.

"The woman's face was shadowed as she heard of her son's death, but it brightened with amazement when she heard of the money. The son had not been heard from for three years and his death had been taken for granted. She had other children and they had all been living in a dugout, with no wood for building a house and no implements to farm with and only a diet of rye and potatoes.

"The $900 in American money makes, at the present rate of exchange, over 1,500,000 Polish marks and would make her the richest woman in the village and probably in the country.

"I consulted the postmaster for her and he said that when she made her mark upon the check the local bank would pay her the money. Only, of course, no local bank would be able to cash so large a check without first getting the money from Warsaw.

"This is a fair example of the difference in exchange between America and Poland."

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the following changes in the town assessment roll for the year 1921 have been made by the assessment committee in and for the Town of Sebring, Florida, and that the Town Council will meet on the evening of September 26, 1921, at City Hall, Sebring, Florida, at 8 o'clock p. m., to hear any and all complaints on said assessment.

Lot and Block.	Property Owner.	Increase on Lot and Building.
N½ Lot 2, Block 25	Fred C. Walters	$ 1,000.00
Lots 1 to 15 inclusive, Block 27	Sebring Dev. Co., each lot	450.00
Lot B, Block 28	Sebring Real Estate Co.	650.00
Lot 1 Block 28	Sebring Light & Water Co.	300.00
Lot 2, Block 28	Sebring Light & Water Co.	300.00
Lot 3, Block 28	Sebring Light & Water Co.	30,000.00
Lot 4, Block 28	Sebring Light & Water Co.	300.00
Lot 5, Block 28	Sebring Light & Water Co.	300.00
Lot 6, Block 28	Sebring Builders Supply Co.	300.00
Lot 7, Block 28	E. W. Harshman	300.00
Lots 8 and 9, Block 28	Sebring Bu. Su. Co., each lot	300.00
Lot 10, Block 28	E. W. Harshman	300.00
Lot 11, Block 28	A. C. L. Ry. Co.	300.00
Lot 12, Block 28	Oceola Fertilizer Co.	300.00
Lots 13 and 14, Block 28	Wilson-Toomer Fer. Co.	1,800.00
Lots 15 to 22 inclusive, Block 28	Sebring Dev. Co., each lot	300.00
Lot 23, Block 28	E. E. Skipper Estate	300.00
Lot 24, Block 28	E. E. Skipper Estate	25.00
Lots 1 to 8 inclusive, Block 31	Sebring Dev. Co., each lot	350.00
Lot 9, Block 31	Sebring Dev. Co.	200.00
Lot 10, Block 31	Sebring Light & Water Co.	150.00
Lots 11 to 14, Block 31	Sebring Dev. Co., each lot	200.00
Lot 15, Block 31	Sebring Dev. Co.	250.00
Lot 16 Block 31	Sebring Dev. Co.	350.00
Lots 17 to 21 inclusive, Block 31	Sebring Dev. Co., each lot	350.00
Lot 22, Block 31	Sebring Dev. Co.	150.00
Lots 1 to 12 inclusive, Block 32	Sebring Dev. Co., each lot	350.00
N½ of W½ & W 1-3 of E½, Block 34	J. G. Rench	22.00
S½ of W½ Lot 3, Block 34	G. S. Hodel	219.00
E 2-3 of E½ Lot 3, Block 34	E. P. Mitchner Estate	500.00
Lot 11, Block 35	Sam Demberline	300.00
Lots 12 to 14, Block 35	Geo. E. Sebring Co., each lot	150.00
S½ of E½ Lot 3, Block 43	Geo. Buhl	1,500.00
Lots 1 and 2, Block 44	W. C. Posl, each lot	350.00
Lots 3 and 4, Block 44	Sebring Dev. Co., each lot	350.00
E½ Lot 5, Block 44	Geo. Buhl	175.00
W½ Lot 5, Block 44	Geo. N. Capwell	175.00
Lots 8 to 12 inclusive, Block 44	Sebring Dev. Co., each lot	350.00
Lots 1 to 8 inclusive, Block 45	Sebring Dev. Co., each lot	350.00
Lot 9, Block 45	Harshman & Withers	250.00
Lot 10, Block 45	Sebring Real Estate Co.	250.00
Lot 4, Block 46	Sebring Dev. Co.	300.00
Lot 5, Block 46	Sebring Dev. Co.	200.00
Lot 9, Block 46	D. D. Lusk	500.00
Lot 8, Block 47	A. J. Pancoast	1,350.00
Lot 3, Block 48	Highlands Bank & Trust Co.	14,950.00
Lot 3, Block 48	Sebring Real Estate	8,000.00
N 30 ft. Lot 4, Block 48	Fred Yeager	500.00
S 30 ft. Lot 4, Block 48	Wm. Evans	900.00
S½ Lot 9, Block 48	Fields & Young	500.00
Lot 10, Block 48	Willis Kugler	500.00
Lot 14, Block 48	James Johnson	400.00
Lot 3, Block 49	Sebring Dev. Co.	150.00
Lot 4, Block 49	Sebring Dev. Co.	50.00
Lot 5, Block 49	Sebring Dev. Co.	50.00
Lot 2, Block 50	Sebring Dev. Co.	200.00
Lot 3, Block 50	Sebring Dev. Co.	200.00
Lots 4 and 5, Block 50	Sebring Dev. Co., each lot	50.00
Lot 11, Block 50	Henry W. Smith	2,350.00
Lot 14, Block 51	Henry Selzner	2,350.00
Lot 9, Block 56	Themda Sutton	1,850.00
Lot 1, Block 57	Harry Sutton	2,850.00
Lot 2, Block 57	E. P. Mitchner Estate	1,600.00
N 2-3 Lot 7, Block 57	C. C. Posey	140.00
S 1-3 Lot 7, Block 57	A. E. Lawrence	70.00
N 2-3 Lot 8, Block 57	C. C. Posey	140.00
S 1-3 Lot 8, Block 57	A. E. Lawrence	70.00
Lots 9 to 11 inclusive, Block 57	Sebring Dev. Co., each lot	200.00
Lot 12, Block 57	John Cannon Estate	200.00
Lot 13, Block 57	G. H. Austih	1,250.00
Lot 5, Block 58	Mrs. W. G. Cason	350.00
Lot 6, Block 58	Mrs. W. G. Cason	350.00
Lot 7, Block 58	Mary E. Newman	600.00
Lot 8, Block 58	Jessie Gearing	850.00
Lot 9, Block 58	Jessie Gearing	3,200.00
Lot 10, Block 58	Mrs. Geo. Ester	350.00
Lot 11, Block 58	L. L. Hobert	250.00
Lot 12, Block 58	J. T. Sprake	200.00
Lot 13, Block 58	Sebring Dev. Co.	200.00
Lot 14, Block 58	Sebring Dev. Co.	200.00
Lot 15, Block 58	H. E. Walkey	150.00
Lot 16, Block 58	Ida M. Barrett	150.00
Lot 17, Block 58	Mrs. A. T. Vail	150.00
Lot 18, Block 58	Thos. Whitehouse	150.00
Lot 19, Block 58	Thos. Whitehouse	850.00
Lot 20, Block 58	Sebring Pub. Co.	300.00
Lot 4, Block 59	Mrs. Mary Krider	150.00
Lot 5, Block 59	W. P. Crumpacker	150.00
Lot 6, Block 59	Fred P. Vannoy	150.00
Lot 7, Block 59	Claude Price	2,000.00
Lot 8, Block 59	Ike Dottery	2,000.00
Lot 9, Block 59	Orrin Howard	150.00
Lot 1, Block 60	John Hodge	150.00
Lot 2, Block 60	D. S. Masters	150.00
Lot 3, Block 60	D. S. Masters	150.00
Lot 4, Block 60	Fred Yeager	150.00
Lot 5, Block 60	Mrs. H. F. Loomis	150.00
Lot 6, Block 60	James Koleen	150.00
Lot 7, Block 60	A. D. Coats	150.00
Lot 8, Block 60	Herman Drestie	150.00
Lot 9, Block 60	Herman Drestie	100.00
Lot 9, Block 60	Wm. Pickard	50.00
Lot 10, Block 60	Wm. Pickard	150.00
Lot 14, Block 60	Mrs. L. Schnider	850.00
Lot 16, Block 60	Willis Kugler	500.00
Lot 5, Block 61	J. H. Lopp	150.00
Lot 6, Block 61	Lindsley & Whitney	150.00
Lot 7, Block 61	Chas. Leopold	150.00
Lot 8, Block 61	Chas. Leopold	150.00
Lot 19, Block 61	E. W. Harshman	500.00
Lot 6, Block 62	Willis Kugler	600.00
Lot 8, Block 62	Lewis Catogni	3,400.00
N 30 ft. Lot 9, Block 62	A. M. Stout	100.00
Lot 10, Block 62	A. M. Stout	500.00
Lot 18, Block 62	Orrin Howard	450.00
Lot 22, Block 62	Ed Hainz	4,167.00
Lot 24, Block 62	Polo Couch	2,000.00
Lot 25, Block 62	M. W. Baker	800.00
Lots 11 and 12, Block 63	T. D. Kinzie, each lot	150.00
Lot 13, Block 63	Mrs. Wm. Eiland	2,200.00
Lot 14, Block 63	L. Prescott	350.00
Lots 15 and 16, Block 63	Herman Drestie, each lot	350.00
Lot 17, Block 63	J. F. Eiland	350.00
Lot 18, Block 63	Dalgety & Son	350.00
Lots 1 to 3 inclusive, Block 64	J. B. Kendell, each lot	350.00
Lot 4, Block 64	P. G. Caravasis	350.00
Lots 5 and 6, Block 64	J. H. Garst, each lot	350.00
Lot 1, Block 65	Hudson & Cobb	1,350.00
Lot 2, Block 65	Hobson Parnell	1,550.00
Lot 3, Block 65	J. H. Swank	1,550.00
Lots 4 to 7 inclusive, Block 65	Sebring Dev. Co., each lot	200.00
Lot 8, Block 65	W. G. Schrock	350.00
Lot 9, Block 65	Henry Krause	350.00
Lot 10, Block 65	G. H. Waters	500.00
Lot 11, Block 65	Sebring Dev. Co.	350.00
Lot 12, Block 65	D. D. Mahan	350.00
Lot 13, Block 65	Sebring Real Estate Co.	350.00
Lot 14, Block 65	Geo. Cushion	1,250.00
Lot 11, Block 66	Levi Puterbaugh	2,350.00
Lot 10, Block 78	J. B. Kindell	1,350.00
Lot 12, Block 78	O. Hanson	550.00
Lot 13, Block 78	Florey	350.00
Lot 8, Block 79	Stutsman Apartment	1,350.00
Lot 10, Block 79	M. W. Baker	3,000.00
Lot 16, Block 79	Sebring Dev. Co.	4,000.00
Lot 17, Block 79	Sebring Dev. Co.	200.00
Lot 12, Block 80	R. D. McLain	150.00
Lot 13, Block 81	F. L. McClure	2,550.00
S½ Lot 2, Block 92	Henry Alsopp	6,000.00
Lot 3, Block 92	H. O. Sebring	10,000.00
N½ Lot 4, Block 92	F. H. Cooper, Jr.	13,000.00
S½ Lot 4, Block 92	Martha Outlaw	500.00
Lot 2, Block 93	Charles Wigle	5,350.00
Lot 1A, Block 94	Sebring Real Estate Co.	4,800.00
N½ Lot 2, Block 94	Burket	4,000.00
Lot 3, Block 94	O. D. Garrott	500.00
S 125 ft. Lot 3, Block 95	Wm. Evans	1,000.00
S½ Lot 5, Block 95	Thomas Peart	400.00
Lot 10, Block 95	L. D. Park	2,500.00
Lot 12, Block 95	Wm. Posl	2,700.00
Lot 2, Block 96	E. G. Skiff	3,500.00
Lot 6, Block 98	Mrs. Mary E. Newman	2,500.00
N½ Lot 5, Block 99	Wm. Evans	3,125.00
Lot 12, Block 103	W. W. Merrell	200.00
Lot 1, Block 104	C. G. Warrener	3,000.00
Lot 6, Block 104	J. F. Sanger	4,000.00
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N½ Lot 10, Block 104	Henry Floto	3,500.00
S½ Lot 10, Block 104	D. H. Bixler	3,500.00
	Western Union Tel. Co.	122.00
Lots 7 and 8, Block 46	I. G. Collier, each lot	150.00
Lot 9, Block 46	D D Lusk	150.00
Lot 10, Block 46	Lewis D. Rich	150.00
Lot 11, Block 46	L. L. Shoemaker	150.00
Lot 12, Block 46	Sebring Real Estate Co.	150.00
Lot 13, Block 46	C. D. Griffis	150.00
Lot 7, Block 47	Mrs. J. Harman	150.00
Lot 8, Block 47	A. J. Pancost	150.00
Lot 9, Block 47	M. D. Fuller	150.00
Lot 10, Block 47	R. G. Stokes	150.00
Lot 11, Block 47	Sebring Development Co.	150.00
Lot 12, Block 47	Mark Newman	150.00
Lot 13, Block 47	J. M. Stoughton	150.00
Lot 22, Block 48	Dr. W. P. Boner	150.00
Lot 23, Block 48	Dr. W. P. Boner	150.00
Lot 24, Block 48	John Newcom	150.00
Lot 25, Block 48	W. Z. Dalgety	150.00
Lot 26, Block 48	J. H. Bogle	150.00
Lots 1 to 3 inclusive, Block 23	Grove Dev. Co., each lot	100.00
Lots 4 to 7 inclusive, Block 23	Sebring Dev. Co., each lot	100.00
Lots 1 to 8 inclusive, Block 24	Sebring Dev. Co., (acreage) Each lot value	400.00
Lot 9, Block 24	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Value	100.00
Lot 10, Block 24	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Value	150.00
Lot 11, Block 24	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Value	200.00
Lots 12 to 14 inclusive, Block 24	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Each lot value	300.00
Lots 1 and 2, Block 35	Sebring Dev. Co., each lot	100.00
Lot 3, Block 35	Forest Crews	1,050.00
Lots 4 to 6 inclusive, Block 35	Sebring Dev. Co., each lot	100.00
Lot 7, Block 35	G. A. True	1,050.00
Lots 8 and 9, Block 35	Sebring Dev. Co., each lot	100.00
Lot 10, Block 35	Tom Demberline	250.00
Lots 15 and 16, Block 35	Sebring Dev. Co., each lot	50.00
Lot 17, Block 35	Sebring Dev. Co.	100.00
Lot 18, Block 35	Sebring Dev. Co.	150.00
Lot 19, Block 35	Sebring Dev. Co.	1,300.00
Lot 1, Block 36	Sebring Dev. Co.	1,050.00
Lot 2, Block 36	Sebring Dev. Co.	1,050.00
Lot 3, Block 36	Sebring Dev. Co.	1,050.00
Lot 4, Block 36	Sebring Dev. Co.	1,050.00
Lot 5, Block 36	Sebring Dev. Co.	1,050.00
Lot 6, Block 36	Sebring Dev. Co.	1,050.00
Lot 7, Block 36	Sebring Dev. Co.	1,050.00
Lot 8, Block 36	C. B. Jones	100.00
Lots 1 to 8 inclusive, Block 73	A. Varena (acreage), each lot value	650.00
Lots 16 to 22 inclusive, Block 73	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Each lot value	600.00
Lots 1 to 8 inclusive, Block 74	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Each lot value	600.00
Lots 9 to 16 inclusive, Block 74	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Each lot value	650.00
Lot 1, Block 76	Sebring Dev. Co.	1,000.00
Lot 2, Block 76	W. A. Taylor	1,000.00
Lot 3, Block 76	C. W. Rogers	1,000.00
Lot 4, Block 76	Geo. North	1,000.00
Lot 5, Block 76	C. B. Eiland	1,000.00
Lot 6, Block 76	Sebring Dev. Co.	1,000.00
Lot 7, Block 76	Alva Carroll	1,000.00
Lots 1 to 5, Block 77	A. C. Heacock (acreage) Each lot value	650.00
Lot 6, Block 77	A. C. Heacock (acreage) Each lot value	900.00
Lot 7, Block 77	A. C. Heacock (acreage) Value	650.00
Lot 8, Block 77	A. C. Heacock (acreage) Value	900.00
Lots 9 to 16 inclusive, Block 77	A. C. Heacock (acreage) Each lot value	600.00
Lots 1 and 2, Block 78	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Each lot value	600.00
Lots 3 to 8 inclusive, Block 78	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Each lot value	650.00
Lot 15, Block 78	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Each lot value	900.00
Lot 16, Block 78	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Each lot value	600.00
Lot 17, Block 78	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Each lot value	900.00
Lots 18 to 22, Block 78	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Each lot value	600.00
Lots 1 to 3, Block 81	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Each lot value	600.00
Lot 4, Block 81	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Value	700.00
Lots 5 to 8 inclusive, Block 81	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Each lot value	600.00
Lot 17, Block 81	Sebring Dev. Co.	100.00
Lots 18 and 19, Block 81	L. C. Webb, each lot	100.00
Lot 20, Block 81	R. R. Slappy	100.00
Lot 21, Block 81	J. B. McCorkell	100.00
Lots 22 to 24 inclusive, Block 81	Lake View Dev. Co. each lot	100.00
Lots 1 to 16, Block 82	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Each lot value	600.00
Lot 1, Block 83	W. W. Merrell	1,000.00
Lot 2, Block 83	J. O. Yance	1,000.00
Lot 3, Block 83	J. O. Yance	1,000.00
Lot 4, Block 83	James Carlton	1,000.00
Lot 5, Block 83	B. M. Waldron	1,000.00
Lots 6 to 9, Block 83	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Each lot value	650.00
Lots 37 to 40, Block 83	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Each lot value	600.00
Lot 1, Block 84	E. L. Hainz	1,000.00
Lot 2, Block 84	F. S. Bee	1,000.00
Lot 3, Block 84	N. C. Cash	1,300.00
Lot 4, Block 84	Fred Yeager	1,000.00
Lots 5 to 7, Block 84	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Each lot value	1,500.00
Lots 1 to 8, Block 85	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Each lot value	600.00
Lot 9, Block 85	Mrs. I. Barnes	100.00
Lot 10, Block 85	Ida Lewis	100.00
Lot 11, Block 85	J. H. Shafer	100.00
Lot 12, Block 85	A. C. Heacock	100.00
Lot 13, Block 85	T. V. Conway	100.00
Lot 14, Block 85	E. S. Rice	100.00
Lot 15, Block 85	Ward Lamkin	500.00
Lot 16, Block 85	A. R. Comstock	100.00
Lot 2, Block 86	Lake View Imp. Co.	200.00
Lot 3, Block 86	G. R. Smith	500.00
Lot 4, Block 86	G. R. Smith	100.00
Lots 5 and 6, Block 86	Elizabeth Nichols, each lot	100.00
Lot 7, Block 86	Bayard Taylor	500.00
Lots 8 and 9, Block 86	A. F. Norris, each lot	100.00
Lot 10, Block 86	J. M. Stouden	100.00
Lots 11 and 12, Block 86	J. B. McCorkel, each lot	100.00
Lot 13, Block 86	J. F. Moore	100.00
Lot 14, Block 86	Brock & Marlin	100.00
Lots 1 to 12 inclusice, Block 88	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Each lot value	300.00
Lots 1 to 7, inclusive, Block 88C	Kenilworth Lodge Co. (acreage) All lots value	1,200.00
Lots 1 to 24 inclusive, Block 88A	Sebring Dev. Co. (acreage) Each lot Value	300.00
Lots 1 to 24 inclusive, Block 88B	Kenilworth Lodge Co. (acreage) Each lot value	300.00
Lot 10, Block 89	Garst-Withers, each lot	100.00
Lots 1 to 8 inclusive, Block 89A	A. G. Smith (acreage) Each lot value	300.00
Lots 9 to 12 inclusive, Block 89A	C. E. Kinzie (acreage). Each lot value	300.00
Lots 13 to 24 inclusive, Block 89A	A. G. Smith (acreage). Each lot value	300.00
Lots 1 to 24 inclusive, Block 89B	Kenilworth Lodge (acreage). Each lot value	300.00
Lots 1 to 12, inclusive, Block 89C	Kenilworth Lodge Co. (acreage). Each lot value	300.00
Lots 13 to 16 inclusive, Block 89C	Kenilworth Lodge Co. (acreage). Each lot value	100.00
Lots 17 to 21 inclusive, Block 89C	Kenilworth Lodge Co. (acreage). Each lot value	200.00
Lot 1, Block A	Tandy Bronough	1,600.00
Lot 2, Block A	Tandy Bronough	800.00
Lot 3, Block A	Hart Pryor	250.00
Lot 4, Block A	C. Debro	250.00
W½ Lot 5, Block A	C. Debro	50.00
E½ Lot 5, Block A	Hart Pryor	50.00
Lot 6, Block A	Sebring Dev. Co.	600.00
Lot 7, Block A	Sebring Builders Supply Co.	450.00
Lot 8, Block A	Dan Jones	700.00
Lot 9, Block A	Sebring Development Co.	250.00
Lot 10, Block A	Dave Watson	250.00
Lot 12, Block A	Sebring Dev. Co.	400.00
Lot 17, Block A	Sebring Dev. Co.	900.00
Lot 20, Block A	Sebring Dev. Co.	900.00
Lot 21, Block A	Sebring Dev. Co.	700.00
Lot 2, Block B	Sebring Dev. Co.	400.00
Lot 3, Block B	Sebring Dev. Co.	400.00
Lot 4, Block B	Sebring Dev. Co.	400.00
Lot 5 Block B	Sebring Dev. Co.	400.00
Lot 6, Block B	Sebring Dev. Co.	400.00
Lot 7, Block B	Sebring Dev. Co.	400.00
Lot 1, Block C	Sebring Dev. Co.	100.00
Lots 7 to 9, Block C	Sebring Dev. Co., each lot	100.00
Lot 11, Block C	Sebring Dev. Co.	100.00
Lots 12 and 13, Block C	Sam Chestnut, each lot	100.00
Lot 14, Block C	Dave Watson	100.00
Lot 9, Block D	Sebring Dev. Co.	400.00
Lot 11, Block D	Sebring Dev. Co.	900.00
Lot 1, Block F	Steve Mason	1,100.00
Lot 2, Block F	Sebring Dev. Co.	100.00
Lot 3, Block F	Sebring Dev. Co.	400.00
Lots 5 and 6, Block F	Sebring Dev. Co., each lot	100.00
Lot 7, Block F	Sebring Dev. Co.	900.00
Lot 8, Block F	Sebring Dev. Co.	900.00
Lot 9, Block F	Sebring Dev. Co.	100.00
Lot 10, Block F	Sebring Dev. Co.	1,300.00
Lot 11, Block F	Sebring Dev. Co.	100.00
Lot 1, Block G	A. C. L. Ry. Co.	500.00
Lot 2, Block G	Bill Marshal	1,500.00
Lot 3, Block G	Oscar Rose	150.00
Lot 4, Block G	Sebring Builders Supply Co.	150.00
Lot 5, Block G	Hattie Hooper	150.00
Lot 6, Block G	Wallace Bailey	100.00
Lot 7, Block G	Will Russell	150.00
Lot 8, Block G	Dan Jones	700.00
Lot 9, Block G	Essie Fason	150.00
Lot 10, Block G	Sam White	150.00
Lot 12, Block G	Sebring Dev. Co.	1,000.00

The following properties have been decreased in value:

Lot and Block	Property Owner	Decrease in Lots and Buildings
Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, Block 90	Kenilworth Lodge Co.	$ 1,325.00
Lot 4, Block 16	A. C. L. Ry Co.	360.00
Lot 4, Block 17	A. C. L. Ry Co.	360.00
Lot 9, Block 36	C. B. Jones	75.00
Lots 1 to 22, Block 72	City Park (acreage)	No tax
Lot 1, Block 86	Lake View Imp. Co.	100.00
Lot 13, Block 89	Garst-Withers, etc.	200.00
Lots 14 to 16 inclusive, Block 89	A. G. Smith, each lot	200.00
Lots 17 to 18, Block 89	D. Knickerbocker, each lot	200.00
Lots 19 and 20, Block 89	James Johnson, each lot	200.00
Lots 21 and 22, Block 89	K. Webb, each lot	200.00
Lots 23 and 24, Block 89	Wm. Trembath, each lot	200.00

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TWO CALLED MEETINGS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

Sebring, Fla., Aug. 16, 1921.

At the call of Chairman Rigdon the county board of public instruction met in the office of the county superintendent at 1:30 p. m. The following members were present: Ira Rigdon, chairman; W. A. Marshall and I. C. M. Ellenberger, county superintendent and secretary of the board.

A communication was submitted by the trustees of Arcadia special tax school district No. 1, in which it was stated that Arcadia special tax school district needs $1,500 for paying its part of the debt of old DeSoto county.

It was on motion resolved that the county board of public instruction will approve Miss Virginia Millar of Venus as teacher for the school at Hicoria, in special tax school district No. 1, on the recommendation of the trustees of Arcadia special tax school district No. 1 to the county board of public instruction.

The following communication was read and the recommendations made therein were on motion approved:

"Venus, Fla., Aug. 13, 1921.

"Board of Public Instruction,
"Sebring, Highlands County, Fla.

"Gentlemen:

"In session at the public school building at Venus, Fla., the trustees of the Arcadia special tax school district No. 1 in and for Highlands county, decided:

"To recommend for principal E. R. Poppell, Lake Wales, with salary of $1,400 for eight months' school work, this district to furnish the remainder of salary less $125 per month for seven months and living quarters outside the school building.

"To pay $15 per month for seven months and salary of eighth month for an assistant for Venus school.

"Also same for school at Hicoria.

"We recommend for assistant at Venus school Mrs. Delphine Dort, Plant City.

"Respectfully,
"S. L. STRIBBLING,
"B. L. CLINE,
"W. E. JONES,
"Trustees."

On motion made, seconded and carried, it was resolved that the board of county commissioners be requested to make a levy of three mills on each and every special tax school district in Highlands county, said special tax school districts to be specified in the budget.

No further business appearing, the board adjourned.

Sebring, Fla., Aug. 22, 1921.

At the call of Chairman Rigdon the county board of public instruction met in special session. All the members of the board were present and the county superintendent and secretary.

The chairman stated that the object of the meeting was for the purpose of electing an attendance officer and for any other business brought before it.

On motion the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, Prof. I. C. M. Ellenberger has tendered his resignation to the office of superintendent of public instruction of Highlands county, Florida; said resignation to take effect on the 3rd day of September, 1921, and

Whereas it has been made to appear to this board that our esteemed friend and fellow member, W. A. Marshall, has received the unanimous endorsement of the town of Avon Park, as the proposed successor to Professor Ellenberger as superintendent of Highlands county;

Now, therefore, we, the board of public instruction of Highlands county, hereby go on record as endorsing W. A. Marshall for this position, being fully satisfied that he is fully competent and capable of reflecting credit upon himself, the county and the office.

Which motion was duly seconded by Mr. Millar and vote being put by the secretary at the request of the president, was duly declared by the vote of Mr. Rigdon and Mr. Millar. Mr. Marshall not voting.

It was, on motion duly made and seconded and passed, that William Griffin, sheriff of Highlands county, be and is hereby elected public school attendance officer in and for the county of Highlands during the school year 1921-22, under the authority of the board of public instruction of said county. The remuneration of the attendance officer shall be the necessary expenses incurred in the investigation and disposal of any case or cases at issue.

On motion of W. A. Marshall, seconded by M. A. Millar, it was resolved that the salary of the principal of the Avon Park schools and the salary of the principal of the Sebring schools shall be $225 each per month, for the term of nine months and that the salary of the first assistant to the principal of the Avon Park schools and of the first assistant to the principal of the Sebring schools shall be $125 per month.

On motion made, seconded and carried, it was resolved that the term of the colored schools shall be five months.

On motion the superintendent was directed to fill vacancies in district schools as follows: Fort Bassenger, Spring Valley, Lake Stearns 13-B and 13V, Cow Pen and the colored school at Avon Park.

The superintendent was directed to notify by letter the local boards of trustees and supervisors of special tax school districts of the appointment of Sheriff William Griffin as attendance officer for the county of Highlands and also that all schools shall open Sept. 5, for the term, except by special arrangement with the county board of public instruction.

The superintendent notified the board that he sent his resignation as superintendent of public instruction for Highlands county to the governor, said resignation to take effect Sept. 3.

On motion the board adjourned.

IRA. RIGDON, President.
I. C. M. ELLENBERGER,
County Suptrintendent and Secretary.

Smaller Cabbage Crop

The August estimate of the condition of the cabbage crop of this country is placed at 63 per cent, compared with 89 per cent a year ago.

PUBLISHES BOOK ON WILD GAME OF THIS STATE

[DeSoto County News]

Dr. I. A. Wilcox, game warden for DeSoto county from 1909 to 1912, is having the DeSoto County News to publish a booklet for him on "The Wild Game of Florida." He will distribute it free to his friends. It contains interesting information relative to the habits of birds and wild game and the information was gathered while in the woods making a special study of wild game. The book also contains information gained from personal experiment about how to get rid of roaches, rats and other such pests.

Dr. Silcox killed his first deer fifty years ago, he being 72 years of age now. Since the time he killed his first deer he has given much time to the study of the habits of the game birds and animals of Florida. Thinking that some of the information gained from his experience may be of value to the public, he put the information in book form for publication and free distribution.

There was a time when there was no law against killing cranes. But recently some one heard Dr. Silcox relate the habits of cranes in killing small rattlesnakes, and that party is reported to have taken sufficient action to influence the passage of a law by the legislature against killing cranes out of season.

In speaking of the crane Dr. Silcox said:

"Scoggins and cranes are always on the lookout for snake nests. When they find a number of little snakes in a pond or slough they never leave the place until they have swallowed every one they can find.

"During the months of June and July rattlesnakes have a way of carrying their young in their throat. Whooping cranes go in pairs and hunt around the rough margins of ponds, shrubs and when they find a rattlesnake with her young, they turn loose that thrilling alarm that is so well known to woodsmen, and go for the old snake with their strong wings, as they know how to use them in such emergencies, whereupon the old snake spits out her eighteen or twenty little ones and fights for her life. As the fight continues, if such an uneven combat can be termed a fight, the cranes take their turns at devouring the little snakes. Finally they walk away stretching their necks and when the old snake regains her composure sufficient to take in the situation, she finds that the pair of cranes have got the last little devil in her family."

Dr. Silcox seems well versed on the habits of wild game and his conclusions are logical. He said the quail roost upon the ground and at early dawn the chief of the covey gives a loud, three-noted whistle, and gets an answer from every covey within a half mile. Then his covey swings out abreast like so many soldiers, and all day long they wage a ceaseless war upon grasshoppers, crickets, bugs and worms. One quail never feeds directly behind another, for they are so thorough there would be nothing left for it to catch.

In his book he relates many interesting things, such as the value of deer for killing rattlesnakes, and gives an exceedingly interesting account of how the tragedy is performed. When the books are off the press Dr. Silcox will distribute them among his friends. These books should be especially interesting to tourists who know little about the habits of wild game in Florida.

In so far as we know Dr. Silcox is the first man to write about wild game in Florida from the standpoint of encouraging the preservation of the game. His study of these things from close view has led him to believe that every bird performs certain things that benefits mankind and that they should be preserved.

SCHOOL CHILDREN SHOULD HAVE HEALTH CERTIFICATE

With the close of vacation time and the opening of the school year we are reminded that the schools are places of close contact and possible clearing houses for the spread of diseases.

Certain disease germs, notably of diphtheria and typhoid fever, may be present in a person's system and that person not be sick with the disease. Such a person is called a "carrier" and is a possible source of infection for o[illegible] of parents and teachers is called to Rule No. 13 of the state board of health rules and regulations:

"All children on entering school in Florida must present a certificate from a reputable physician, stating that they are free from all communicable diseases and are not carriers of any."

The strict observance of this rule will prevent the occurrence of an epidemic and serve to protect the health of all the children.

Copies of the state board of health "sanitary code," which contains all rules and regulations for the protection of health in the state may be had by any teacher or parent by making request to the state board of health.

Shortage of Meat Animals

According to the estimates of the United States department of agriculture there is going to be a shortage of meat animals and those who have feed and no meat animals should secure them, as, besides being scarce, comparatively, they will cost more to buy later. Prepare first for living at home and if you have a surplus you can find a buyer at a price, even if not at a profit, which is not always the case with feed. Buy only what you can't raise for home use and raise only enough of those products for sale that there is demand for at a price that will yield a profit.

Pecan Crop Below Normal

Sam T. Fleming, United States crop reporter for Florida, says that a special inquiry under date of July 1 shows the condition of the pecan crop of the state to be 62 per cent of normal. About a year ago, on Aug. 1, condition was 40 per cent of normal, and two years ago, 70 per cent. Indications are that the present year's pecan crop will exceed last year's very short crop by a considerable amount, but will not be up to 1919 production.

American Tea Imports

The total amount of tea exported to America last year from Japan was 22,791,000 pounds, which is a decrease of 4,900,000 pounds, as compared with 1919, and is one-half the average amount of several years past. The total amount of Japanese tea in America is estimated at 3,000,000 pounds. It is estimated that the exportation of tea to America in 1921 will be 15,000,000 pounds, which is less than one-half the normal annual export to the United States from Japan.

Southern Bank Secures Million

Advance of $1,000,000 to a southern bank for the purpose of assisting in the exportation of cotton and grain was announced in Washington by the war finance corporation. The name of the bank was withheld.

Fined $50 and Costs

Curtis Mathews, marshal of Avon Park, was tried in County Judge Rouse's court Saturday upon a charge of assault and battery and upon a plea of guilty was fined $50 and costs.

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2 Large Bars Octagon Soap	15c
Golden Age Macaroni, 3 8-oz. packages	25c
Crackers, all 10c packages, 3 for	20c
Heinz's Vinegar, quart	39c
Pineapple, sliced, No. 2½ can	35c
Army Bacon, 12-lb. tin	$2.40
Asparagus Tips	49c
Wesson Oil, pints	33c
Table Salt, 2 boxes for	15c
Toilet Paper, 3 10c rolls	25c
Lux, 2 pkgs for	25c
Household Ammonia	15c
Granulated Tapioca, 2 1-lb. pkgs	25c
Campbell's Pork and Beans, 2 cans	25c
Campbell's Soups, 2 cans	25c
Roast Beef, 1-lb. tins	15c
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By SCRIBBLE

Sebring breaks her losing streak. Divide double-bill with Fort Meade. War clubs of locals busy.

It was a happy crowd of Sebring rooters that returned home to announce the fact that Sebring had beat Fort Meade and in so doing broke the club's winning streak of twelve games. In the two games over in the Phosphate City, where the fans gathered, saw fourteen innings of real old-fashioned nip and tuck baseball. The first game went 9 to 5 in favor of Fort Meade, while Sebring copped the second, 12 to 11. Both were regular slugging bees, with the outcome always in doubt. Sebring showed those fellows over there that she was there to fight, by making four runs right off the bat. She also started to put 'em down in one- two, three order, but old J. Pluvis batted in at this time and with two down in the first, Ingle, on the mound for Sebring, had an awful time controling the ball, which by this time was a very wet article. This wildness, coupled with a couple of errors on the part of our fellows, let the Meaders score three runs. Time was called for about ten minutes to allow the rain to quit. In the third, Fort Meade again went on a rampage and scored 4 more. Dimberline took up the mound duties at this point and checked the Meaders for the rest of the go, allowing only 2 more runs. Sebring got another tally before the game was over, but had to take the bad end of a 9-5 score. After about ten minutes' intermission the second game was started, with Jaeger doing the twirling for the locals. This game was even more of a slugfest than the other and at the beginning of the seventh and last inning Sebring was two runs behind, but victory looked sweet to our fellows, so they got to hitting the apple with a vengeance that was unstoppable and when the tallies were all added Sebring had gathered in five. Fort Meade in her half made a mighty effort to overcome that three-run lead, but to their sorrow two was the best she could do. The final score was 12 to 11, with Sebring copping the bacon.

A fine crowd of Sebring fans went up with the team and were well pleased with the showing made by the locals.

Scribble's Scratches

That last ball Gid threw broke about six feet. If you don't believe it, ask the guy that struck out on it.

Ain't it a grand an' glorious feeling to win a ball game?

Sebring broke her losing streak by breaking Fort Meade's winning one.

That ump at Fort Meade was great.

Now we've chased that jinx, let's keep him on the run.

Whitehouse pulled a sensational catch in the first game up at Meade; also pulled another (?) in the second game.

Jaeger, Dimberline and Durrance were the batting stars Thursday.

A fine crowd of rooters were on hand to see us wallop Fort Meade.

Oh! that glorious seventh.

Dimberline made the ump and pitcher duck "for their lives" when he hit that game-winning double in the seventh.

Lake Wales next. Everybody come.

Missed Vogelsong last week; a couple of his doubles would have helped the good work along.

Haskins got in the game for the first time in three weeks.

Manager Ruhl was sure some happy when he heard the news.

Sebring Duskies Beat Mulberry

The local colored boys furnished the amusement for the folk that stayed home Labor Day. Playing a game with Mulberry, they showed some classy baseball. A large crowd of Sebring folk went out to the Dinner lake grounds and saw them win a well-played and interesting game by the score of 7 to 5.

Bound Over

George North, arrested on a charge of uttering a forged check, Thursday of last week was bound over to the circuit court by Judge Rouse in the sum of $250 bond.

DEATH OF HENRY SELZNER AT TAMPA SUNDAY NIGHT

Henry Selzner, one of the proprietors of the Sebring Sanitary Market, died at the Bayside hospital in Tampa last Sunday night at 10 o'clock, after an illness of ten days. Mrs. Selzner was with him, having gone over to visit him and expecting to see him well on the way to recovery after an operation he had undergone the Wednesday previous. His body was taken to St. Petersburg for burial, where the services were held Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Kraus, partner of Mr. Selzner, and Mr. Varena, a very close friend, went to Tampa late Sunday night and stayed until the body was taken by relatives and friends by boat to St. Petersburg.

A week ago last Friday Mr. Selzner became suddenly ill and it was realized that an operation was necessary. He was taken to Tampa and there placed under the care of Dr. Helm, who is known as one of the best surgeons in the state. He pronounced the case a serious one, for a bad infection was rapidly spreading. As soon as it was thought best, an operation was performed and the patient rallied even better than had been expected and continued to improve until Saturday night, when a rapid decline began. Sunday noon, when Mrs. Selzner and Mr. Kraus came to visit him, he was conscious, but sinking. A brother and sister from St. Petersburg were also with him and stayed until the end, which came at 10 o'clock. The word came as a great shock to his many friends in Sebring, who thought he was recovering. As St. Petersburg was his old home and also the burial place of an infant daughter, the father was buried in the Greenwood cemetery beside her.

Mr. Selzner was born in Eisenach, Germany, in 1884, and came to the United States when he was 18 years old, making his home in Newark, N. J. He entered the butcher business there and wherever he has since been has engaged in that business. For many years he had spent his winters in St. Petersburg and finally made that his permanent home. More than a year ago he and Mrs. Selzner visited Mr. and Mrs. Varena in Sebring and were so pleased with the town that they decided to move here. He entered into partnership with Henry Kraus in the Sanitary Market and it was there that many came to know him and appreciate his sterling worth. He was a good citizen and a public-spirited man. He was married in Newark ten years ago and was known as a man of great devotion to his wife and little daughter Margaret, who survive him. He was fond of his home, which he built here and has spared no time or energy in making it comfortable and attractive. His death came as almost an unbearable shock to his wife and to her the sympathy of all has been extended. It is not yet known whether Mrs. Selzner will remain in her home in Sebring or not.

LEGAL NOTICE

To All to Whom It May Concern:

You are hereby notified that the undersigned Master in Chancery heretofore appointed by decree of foreclosure, in that certain cause wherein M. Jessamine Lewis and J. C. Lewis are complainants and Fred Collier and Fannie H. Collier and W. A. Hatchell and Gussie Hatchell are defendants, will, in compliance with said decree offer for sale at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, between the legal hours of sale at the court house door at Sebring, Florida, on the 3rd day of October, A. D. 1921, the following described lands, to-wit:

Farm lot 38, section 28, township 34, range 29 east, Lakeview Park, lying and being in Highlands County, Florida.

You are further notified that the said land will be sold for the purpose of satisfying said decree of foreclosure as aforesaid, which is in the sum of $2,983.50.

Witness my hand on this the 24th day of August, A. D. 1921.

A. E. LAWRENCE,
Special Master.

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