

Bootlegging Dividends Said To Be Nix Up Avon Park Way

SHERIFF BOB HANCOCK SPRINGS LITTLE SURPRISE PARTY AND
NABS SIX ALLEGED MEMBERS OF THE ANTI-
VOLSTEAD FRATERNITY

Bootlegging dividends in Avon Park this week are nix, so it is understood, as a result of activities upon the part of Sheriff R. H. Hancock and Deputy L. W. Cofer during the past week, which landed six alleged members of the fraternity in the county jail. Of the six, two, Walker Kemp and Bob Palmer, both white, were able to raise the required bonds, while the other four were in the Hotel Hancock at the time of this writing, awaiting

trial, which was set for yesterday morning. Palmer's bond was set at \$1,000, the charge against him being of transporting liquor, while Kern's was half that sum, it being alleged that he was selling the contraband stuff. The remaining quartet enjoying the hospitality of the county were: J. Steppney, Will Sanders, Levi Harris, colored, and Marion Langford, white.

Conditions at Ayon Park, from a bootlegger standpoint, have been almost ideal, so it is understood here. After several trips to that section of the county were made in vain, Sheriff Hancock became convinced of the fact that the ring was too well organized

was considered a sure "tin" journeyed to Aven Park, only to find that the arrangement had not worked both ways. As a final recourse, the Sheriff was sent to Gardner for L. W. Coker, whom he had known all his life and who had worked with him in rounding up badlanders in the Shoshone country. Owing to the fact that Mr. Coker was unknown to all but a few of the Avonites, the plan is said to have worked to perfection. Coker was deputized, immediately set to work gathering evidence against the bootlegging ring in Aven Park, and it is understood that he has been on the case a long way toward permanently breaking it up.

For reasons perfectly obvious none of the arrests were made until Deputy Coker had gotten the best line possible upon the whole situation. As

At the time of this writing it was possible that Sheriff Hancock might be made during the week. Sheriff Hancock has agents, other than Deputy

negative evidence that will warrant additional arrests, and he is expecting that before the present campaign is over whiskey and 'shine will be the scarce articles in the county as a whole and Avon Park in particular.

**SEBRING EVANGELIST
CLOSES SUCCESSFUL
SERVICES AT BARTOW**

The following from the Polk County Record tells of the evangelistic efforts

of Rev. C. E. Weigle of Sebring at Hartwood during the past three weeks; meetings at the Methodist church continuing to draw large crowds. Increasing interest and on Easter Sunday the evangelists had a very full house. A beautiful service of prayer meeting that was well attended. At 10 a. m. a large audience of men was present at the Orpheum theatre to hear a string quartet by Rev. Weigle on "When a Man's a Man."

"At 11 a. m., in the church, which was appropriately and beautifully decorated for the occasion, Rev. Weigle, before a large congregation, held up Christ as the Rock of Ages, who, though he died upon the cross, rose again and still lives in the hearts of the right hand of God, the Father."

"In the afternoon there was a good

"Sunday night was the closing service and the best of them all. Although Mr. Weigle and Mr. Curry had conducted the service the day before, they were not found wanting, in a fine song service, and a strong sermon. The pastor, Mr. Curry, had a very good sermon. Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." All were much pleased to see a large number of the Knights Templar and their wives on Sunday and a hearty welcome was given them.

The evangelists left Monday for Virginia. The next week the number of meetings in that state. The interest Sunday night was so great that the meetings were continued with Rev. Robert White appointed to preach Monday night. No meetings in the afternoons.—Reporter.

Miss Viola Lutz, Miss Lillian Berry, G. C. Lutz, and Fred Yeager drove to Lake Josephine. The party had supper on the shore of the lake last

Tuesday evening.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

A. P. Butts took advantage of the holiday on Good Friday and made a trip to Tampa and return.

If your sewing machine gets out of order call Mitchell Electric Company. Mitchell can fix any of them.—Adv.

Payne Sebring has been spending the last week with his parents here, but will return to his school in Baltimore.

Miss Ruth Amy returned to her work at Rollins College Tuesday, after spending a few days here with her parents and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Henning, Mr. and Mrs. J. McCorkle and Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCorkle left Sebring Thursday evening for Pittsburgh, Pa. Mrs. Lillian Boyd entertained at dinner last Monday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCorkle, who left this week for their home in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. H. T. Bradner and three children left Sebring Tuesday evening for their home on Cleveland, after spending the winter here in their home on South Ridgewood drive.

F. T. Haskins returned Monday from Winter Haven, where he had spent Easter Sunday at the Haskins family reunion. Mrs. Haskins remained in Winter Haven for a two-week stay.

Mrs. L. Brock of Wheeling, W. Va., left Sebring Monday for her home in the north. She has spent the winter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Jones on Center street. Mrs. Manley took Mrs. Brock to Haines City in her car and saw her well on the way.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith went to Bartow last Saturday and spent Easter Sunday there, enjoying the services at the Episcopal church. On their return, they were accompanied by Mrs. A. P. Butts and little daughter, who had been spending the week-end with her parents there.

Mrs. H. O. Sebring went to Haines City Wednesday afternoon to attend a meeting of the civic committee of the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs, of which she is a member. Mr. and Mrs. George Boyd and George Boyd, Jr., accompanied her and David Lane was at the wheel. All enjoyed the trip very much.

Mrs. Charles H. Canode and daughters, Margery and Sarah Jane, will leave Sebring Monday for their home in Oak Park, Ill. They have been guests at the Arrowhead for the last five weeks and although they have spent other winters in Sebring, this has been an especially pleasant one. Mrs. Canode's father, mother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Viola Lutz, will also leave at the same time, after several months' stay here at their home on Pine street.

Miss Mary Morgan and Miss Mary Potter, high school teachers of Pittsburgh, spent their spring vacation in Florida, looking over their grove near Kissimmee and visiting other parts of the state. They came to Sebring last Thursday to visit a former school-mate, Mrs. Lillian Boyd, and spent a most delightful afternoon here. They were much impressed with the beauties of Sebring and expected to keep Sebring in mind as an ideal place for a permanent home in the future.

Miss Lora Treadway came to Sebring from Lake Josephine last Thursday afternoon and was the guest at the home of Mrs. P. J. Ribberger until Saturday, when she went to Winter Haven with Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Haskins. From there Miss Treadway went to Tavares to visit her brother, Chester Treadway, a former resident of Sebring.

W. B. Leatherman and his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Leatherman, returned to Sebring last Saturday from their farm at Chosen, R. R. 1, Sebring. Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Leatherman left Sebring Tuesday for Romney, W. Va., where they will spend the summer. Mr. Leatherman is much pleased with his holdings south of Lake Okechobee and will move there with his family this summer.

G. E. Linsley departed this week for his summer home in Mexico, N. Y., after having spent the winter here at his home. Mr. Linsley's summer home is located just five miles from Lake Ontario and with his winter home so near Lake Jackson he is particularly fortunate in the location of his home, although we think if he had a summer in Sebring he would find our lake breezes as delightful as those of Lake Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Kelley of Butler, Pa., left Sebring Saturday for their home in the north, going to Baltimore by boat. Mr. and Mrs. Kelley have spent five months in Sebring and both have enjoyed the winter very much. Mr. Kelley has been a most active member of the Sebring horse-shoe pitching circle and will be much missed here. He also has been a member of the Community church choir, where he has given able assistance. He entered into all affairs of the town as though a part of the town. "Womanless Wedding" and all as he has enjoyed Sebring, so has he been enjoyed. Mr. and Mrs. Kelley will receive a hearty welcome on their return next fall.

WANTS HER ADDRESS

The Tampa Times is offering \$500 for a photograph of the prettiest girl in Florida. Really we do not care to part with the photo, although we will be prevailed upon to give her address.—Highlands County Messenger.

Never mind the contest, brother. Tear up the photo and mail us the address.—Tarpon Springs Leader.

O. E. S. MEETING

The regular meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star will be held in the chapter room Monday night, April 24.

Plants and Animals

Plants and animals are different in this, that the plant is rooted to a particular spot and is dependent for its food upon the elements in the soil within the range of its roots. Animals are food gatherers as well as food assimilators. The range of the tree is confined to a few square rods at most while the animals range for miles in search of the foods adapted to their natures and the human family is now interchanging foodstuffs with all countries, climates and zones. Trees must have help in humus or a deep porous soil in which their roots can extend, if they are to grow to full size.

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The following announcement and letters received by the Messenger will be of interest to Union soldiers residing in Sebring and their friends: "Dear Comrades of the Department of Florida:

"Another year is rapidly drawing to a close and we want to finish our year's work in a commendable way. All reports that have to do with the closing of the year, including a list of delegates to the encampment, should be sent to J. I. Cummings, assistant adjutant and quartermaster general, to enable him to finish his report to the department encampment, to be held at Miami, Fla., April 24 to 27.

"The last two months we have been trying to get in touch with the railroad companies for the purpose of getting reduced fare to Miami, but the best we could was to get half fare for return home, and that must be done very soon after the closing of the session. We hope that our failure to get the usual low rates will not prevent us from having a large attendance. We hope that our failure to get the usual low rates will not prevent us from having a large attendance.

"We ought to let the people of Florida and other states know that we are here in Florida, and that we appreciate our homes in the Sunshine State.

"Arrangements have been made by the friends in Miami to give us rousing reception, and the hotels have agreed to give us rooms at \$1 a day, not including meals.

"G. W. BROWN, "Department Commander, "J. I. CUMMINGS, "Assistant Adjutant-General," Convention Program

The program for the convention will be as follows: Monday, April 24, 8 p. m., Reception, Urney hotel.

Tuesday, April 25, 8 a. m. and 2 p. m., G. A. R., auditorium. Woman's Relief Corps, White temple.

8 p. m., camp fire, auditorium. Prayer, chaplain.

Salute to flag. Song, "America." Address of welcome, Hon. Charles D. Leffler, mayor of Miami.

Response, Department Commander G. W. Brown.

Music, selected. Remarks, Hon. E. G. Sewell, president, chamber of commerce.

Response, national officer. Music, selected. "History of Day Post of the United States," Commander C. J. Rose.

Talk, guest. Song, "Star-Spangled Banner," audience.

Wednesday, April 26, 8 a. m. and 2 p. m., G. A. R., auditorium. Woman's Relief Corps, White temple.

8 p. m., entertainment, White temple. Prayer, chaplain.

Salute to the flag. Song, "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground."

Speech, guest. Remarks, comrade. Music, selected.

Plans for coming year, new department officers. Reports for past year, retiring officers.

Music, selected. "Publicity Work," Dr. E. W. Backman.

Camp fire speeches. Song, "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Thursday, April 27: 10 a. m., parade, court house to Royal Palm Park.

2 p. m., drive around city. 8 p. m., anniversary of Gen. U. S. Grant, at Royal Palm Park.

Music, band. Speeches, guests. Address, "Life of Gen. U. S. Grant," Dr. E. N. Merrill.

Community singing. Music, band.

ALWAYS STEPPING FORWARD [Lakeland Telegram]

In common with their sister communities in Polk county, those towns over on the "Ridge" are always forging ahead. Before long it will be necessary to secure a guide to get through Haines City; as one travels southward along that marvelous highway there are evidences of growth and development everywhere. Taking a long skip and a jump to Avon Park in Highlands county, the first thing you will be told is that "we have just bonded for \$75,000, of which amount \$50,000 is to be spent in extending the asphalt and sand clay paving throughout the municipality.

\$5,000 is to be used for the creation of an attractive public park. That is an evidence of the spirit that prompts all these communities to eternally forge ahead to bigger and better things. In this connection it is worth mentioning that the "Ridge" highway from Frostproof south to the Polk county line has been restored to public grace through the operations of a road gang that has used twenty carloads of clay and the necessary road machinery in resurfacing what had come to be known as one of the most wretched mile stretches of highway in South Florida. Reports from the "Ridge" say that there is now good going all the way to Avon Park and Sebring.

Well-Bred Cattle One dozen well-bred steers will make as much money, taking everything into consideration, as two dozen scrub; in fact, the former are always saleable and the latter seldom. There is an old saying, "Never look a gift horse in the mouth," in other words, if you can get something for nothing, you usually find it's worth just about as much as you gave for it, but does not appear to be generally known that a bull bred any old way is dear at any

price. While the individual farmer cannot afford in all cases to purchase pure-bred stock there are ways of overcoming this difficulty and the community breeding association is one of them—that is, when it is possible to locate a dozen or more adjacent farmers who are unanimous in their faith in a certain breed of cattle or stock of any kind.

Fruit and Vegetable Shipments Shipments of Florida's products up to the last week of March were reported as follows: Oranges, 16,044 cars; grapefruit, 11,243 cars; mixed vegetables, 1,137 cars; cabbage, 2,260 cars; and potatoes 57 cars. Grapefruit had an excess of about 2,000 cars over the same period last year. Cabbage about 1,000 cars and tomatoes about 500 cars. The potato shipments will soon be at the peak and before the season closes will run into thousands of cars. The shipments noted above do not include lots sent by express and by steamer.

A Bad Habit "Cure Alls" and "Great Discoveries" in medicine are constantly coming into market. Many of these so-called remedies have no value to the consumer. The best advice is not to take medicine unless you are sick—know that you are sick, know what you take and get it from a doctor. The medicine habit is a bad habit, to say the least.

Destroy the "Mummies" "Mummies" are hard, dark brown, shriveled, rotten fruits that are so often seen hanging in the tops of certain kinds of fruit trees long after the regular crop has been gathered. These "mummies" contain immense numbers of rot germs and are liable to spread disease. They should be taken off and destroyed.

Imports of Leather Gloves The imports of leather gloves into the United States from July to December, 1921, totaled 507,659 dozen pairs, as compared with 405,197 dozen pairs during the period of January to June. Of the total imports of gloves into the United States in 1921, 90.4 per cent were received from France and 2.5 from Germany.

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LAKE STEARNS IS

LAST WEEK'S FLORIDA GROWER

Last week's Florida Grower contained two pages of descriptive matter pertaining to Lake Stearns, one of the coming towns of the Seville Highlands. The article was written by Frank Whitman and beautifully illustrated, and we wish we had the space to reproduce the article as it appeared in the Grower. As it is, we can only reproduce the article in graphic form, but we add our endorsement to the article in part.

"Lake Stearns, the town, is not a new one, although folks have not lived here a great while that—but the county is new, having been sliced off of old DeSoto but recently. In this county, Lake Stearns is a great deal of its citrus lands—most of the hills, at any rate. It hasn't been long, either, since the city of Lake Stearns was considered to be very much 'in the wilds.' The hum of the trolley line is not heard there as yet, but there is every promise of a thriving town on these beautiful hills. Oh, I have tramped them and rode over them on mules and horses and in the holy flivver! There is no guesswork in this article, for it is written from first-hand knowledge, gained from sleeping out nights in a tent when the very first development was started, through fishing the lakes and mingling with some regular buddies I have there."

"From the primitive forests that covered the hills to the present stage of magnificent citrus development I have known Lake Stearns. I have watched the houses go up in the town site almost one by one; have noted the razing of the woods to make way for the groves that stretch away now seemingly to the furthest sky line; seen little sticks that represented so many orange trees replaced by tiny trees that in turn have begun to grow up strong, rugged and covered with bloom and glossy leaves. And this is not a citrus story, except in the sense that citrus has built and will continue to build a foundation under the town of Lake Stearns as solid as any in history."

"Quite a few folks are of the opinion that a town or city is one of those places that should rightfully have a skyline cut by skyscrapers and foul-smelling stacks, roaring trucks and scurrying people. Not for me, and not for the vast majority, I assure you. Give us beauty; give us those places where the deer lurk, the wild turkey feed and the hawk 'dops. The woodland woodland trail where the wild things are seen occasionally, and where the flowering vine sends its sweet incense abroad on the vagrant breeze has an appeal that goes right down to the soul of you. Such a place is the district of Lake Stearns."

"There can be no question of doubt that land values are present at Lake Stearns and in the immediate section surrounding it and where there are a town of sizeable proportions is as bound to come, even as night follows the day—especially in Florida, where thousands of inquiries are coming daily and where development is making such rapid strides. Citrus, also, contributes 80 per cent to soil values and you have it here to a superlative degree."

"Lake Stearns sits squarely on the railroad, with a frequent train service. It is on the proposed state road that will come through here, connecting with the asphalt that starts at Haines City and the main 'dop' just below Frostproof. This road will strike the East Coast at Fort Pierce. The surveys were at work on this road at the time I gathered the data for this story, so the road will soon be an actuality. Then we may logically look out for a jump in land values, and that isn't hinting at things then. I am not familiar with the method of doing just this. There are some good-looking homes already on the site, two stores, postoffice, and some of the best fellows of my recollection. This last may not mean so much to you as it does to me, to whom it infers much. Anyhow, I am quite certain anyone would rather live in a community with such people than in one that has—well, the other kind."

"A city plan has been evolved which is interesting, to say the least. It embraces some features not always encountered. Owing to the extreme advantages of building homes on the shores of the lakes these sites are now being cleared to a great extent. Lake Serena lies so advantageously that it is a part of the plan to run a boulevard all around it. A city park-site has also been reserved. In this respect the good works of the city of Lakeland are being copied to some extent, except that Lakeland's park is square-shaped, while that of Lake Stearns is round. I am informed that other features of Lakeland will have replicas in this new town of Lake Stearns. Quite a few Lakeland people are already interested here, and I suppose this has much to do with the different phases of the present plans for Lake Stearns. I place my unqualified endorsement on the idea, if it is worth anything to the prospective newcomer."

"I have stated that the county is a new one, which is so. This being the case, there is quite a spirited, though friendly rivalry for the county seat. Without taking sides at all, I believe Lake Stearns to be a splendid site for just this. It is just about a mile and a half off the geographical center of Highlands county and fine building sites are to be had. With the completion of the state road it will be accessible to people from all parts of the county and make the mileage for at least quite a lot less than it would of necessity be were the county seat placed at some other and away-from-the-center point. As it is, Avon Park wants it, Sebring wants it—and now Lake Stearns has entered the list with some very fair points in its favor. I heard some pretty strong talk that favored Lake Stearns."

"Naturally the question will arise: 'How can I see Lake Stearns and the nice places surrounding it?' Like everything connected with the proposition, a way has been provided that will carry a large number of people in a body to this place. On April 24 ten cars will be provided (if mean passenger coaches) at Tampa. The train carrying them will leave Tampa

at 6:30 a. m., arriving at Lake Stearns about 11:30, in time for dinner, which will be provided free of charge. This looks to me like a real opportunity to see this place and check up on the things I have written about it. You certainly will have the best of good times. That I know. I might be in on this thing myself, for I feel like I cannot get too much of Lake Stearns."

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OPEN RANGE AND THE TOURIST

[Tampa Tribune, April 8]

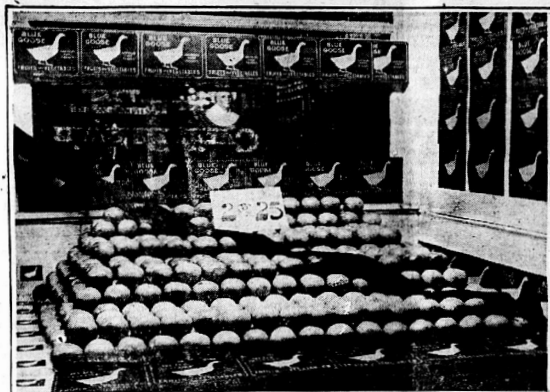
If any one had made the statement a few years ago that the open range situation in Florida was hurting the tourist business of the state he would probably have been given a hearty laugh. But in the Highlands County Pilot we find a candidate for the legislature setting forth just that doc-

trine in his enunciation of principles. Candidate G. W. Adams, who by the way is editor and owner of the Highlands County Pilot, says: "Our annual tourist crop is said by many to be the greatest revenue producer we possess. But the open range even militates against this crop, for there are hundreds of delightful spots in the state that would appeal to

northern capitalist as sites for winter homes, that are today unsightly and unimproved, because of the fact that no protection is afforded against depredations of roaming stock. "Many of those who have already invested here, on account of the destruction of their property because of inadequate protection against stock, are not satisfied to remain, when otherwise they would have no thought of or desire to make a change."

It is indeed an encouraging sign when men offering for the legislature—a place where to this time the open range has been the most sacred thing in existence, save only the cattle tick—begin to realize that the entire interests of the state are affected seriously by a continuance of this iniquity. We shall watch his race with much interest and expectancy.

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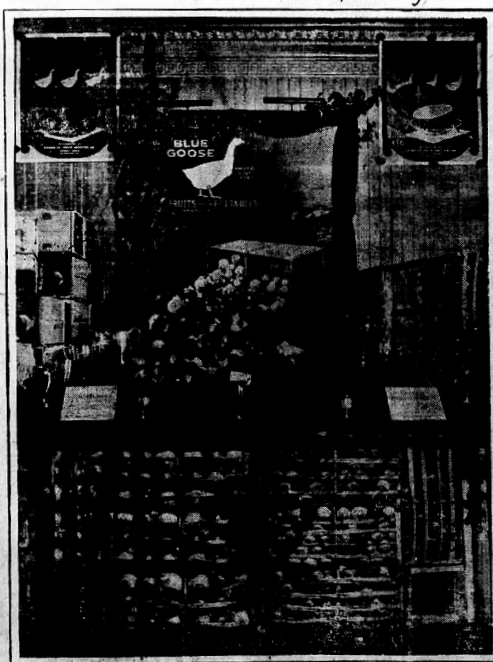
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Splendid Meeting of the Associated Boards of Trade

(Highlands County Pilot)

The most interesting and best-attended meeting held by the Associated Boards of Trade of the Scenic Highlands was that of Tuesday at Frost-proof, when every board of trade from Haines City to Sebring, with the exception of Dunedin, was represented. At the noon hour a sumptuous dinner was served by the ladies, competent musicians furnishing delightful music during the meal hour. The dinner was the most elaborate ever served at an occasion of this kind and the tempting viands, supplied in such generous quantities, would have done credit to a professional French chef. The guests were favored with a button-hole bouquet, which was pinned to the lapels of their coats by charming ladies, and after dinner had been served the routine business of the organization was disposed of.

A committee composed of business men from each town in Polk county was selected to represent the board of county commissioners of that county and co-operate with that body in presenting a demand to the state road department, at its meeting to be held in Tampa next week, that the roads in this section receive the consideration that is their just due and a strong committee from Highlands county was also named, urging the commissioners of Highlands county to place the road in good condition from the Polk county line to Sebring. It was stated that Polk county had been subjected to much unfavorable criticism because of the condition of the road south to the Highlands county line and pointing out that Highlands county would rightly receive the same criticism if it did not place its portion of the road in good condition as Polk county had done.

Addresses were delivered by Dr. E. J. Etheredge, candidate for the state senatorship from the twenty-seventh senatorial district, who confined his remarks to "Good Roads," stating that he believed the state road department would not hesitate in appropriating money for state roads. Isaac Van Horn of Haines City, who has received so much favorable comment for his unselfish activities in giving favorable publicity to all portions of the Scenic Highlands, made some pertinent remarks pertaining to railroad rates, service and received the endorsement of the organization in his effort to secure a better depot at Haines City.

G. W. Adams, candidate for representative from Highlands county and chairman of the committee on legislation, made a few remarks concerning needed legislation, favoring the no-fence law, tick eradication, revision of the constitution, a compulsory spraying act, better educational laws, conservation of our fish and other constructive legislation.

Mr. Adams was followed by Col. A. B. Lawrence of Sebring, who heartily endorsed the former's utterances, elaborating upon the necessity of revising the constitution and also stating that the laws pertaining to the rights of women should be amended. H. L. Lawrence is an eloquent speaker and his address received hearty applause.

Other speakers made brief remarks on timely subjects and altogether it was one of the most successful meetings ever held by the Associated Boards of Trade.

Before adjournment, Colonel Lawrence, on behalf of the Sebring Board of Trade, extended an invitation to hold the next meeting at Sebring, which invitation was accepted.

CONSOLIDATION OF TWO BANKS AT AVON PARK

(Highlands County Pilot)

One of the most important business changes taking place in Avon Park recently was that of the consolidation of the B. E. West Banking Company with the First Trust and Savings Company. This step was decided upon at a recent meeting of the stockholders of these two financial institutions and the patrons of each can readily see the advantages to be derived. The capital stock will be \$75,000, there will be the special advantage of the trust feature of the banking business and the operating expenses will be reduced one-half. For the protection of the trust department \$37,500 in approved securities are constantly carried with the state treasurer.

The consolidation was completed Wednesday and Thursday morning the First Trust and Savings Company opened its doors for business under the new arrangement. This company has enjoyed a splendid business since its organization about two years ago, which business has been constantly increasing. In addition to doing a general banking and trust business, the insurance business of the Corporation Securities Company having been taken over some months ago.

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ADDITIONAL

The attention of the Messenger readers is called to the advertisements carried in this issue. They represent the "vied and wars" of Sebring's most progressive and enterprising business men.

In planning the Saturday shopping tour, it is well for you to glance over the "ads" in this week's Messenger.

The First National Bank of Sebring in a large display advertisement, warns its customers of the danger in listening too eagerly to the tale of the stock salesman. The National Bank, through its president, E. O. Douglas, is always ready to advise any of the patrons as to the soundness of the various stock schemes.

AVON PARK

G. A. Stebbins spent the week-end here with his family.

R. I. Harris transacted business in Fort Meade Tuesday.

Mrs. C. A. Clarke visited in Tampa and Orlando last week.

Carlos Skipper made a business trip to Tampa Monday.

The City Market is now sporting a new McCaskey register.

W. T. Connell was in Fort Meade Sunday visiting friends.

Paul Vinson, of Sebring, was in town Monday on business.

J. G. McCullough of Sebring was a visitor in Avon Park Tuesday.

P. M. Childers of Fort Meade was greeting friends here Monday.

Mrs. Sam Williams of Sebring was an Avon Park visitor Wednesday.

A fine son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Luther Helms last Saturday.

Irene Christopher and daughter Nora visited W. R. Whidden Tuesday.

F. M. Hough of Altman was a business visitor in Avon Park Saturday.

J. L. Godwyn of Frostproof was here Saturday consulting Dr. H. D. Smith.

Dr. Roux and family of Fort Meade spent Sunday here pleasantly as guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hatched, on Lake Lotella.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wiggins spent Sunday in Fort Meade, guests of the latter's parents.

Mrs. William L. Smith and Miss Helen Palmer made a trip to Haines City Saturday.

W. W. Whitehurst of Wauchula was transacting local business here Tuesday evening.

Fred M. Pedy and family of Lakeland were guests of Dr. and Mrs. T. H. D. Smith Sunday.

Sam Dimberline and Thomas Lawton of Sebring drove to Avon Park Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Whidden are spending the week with their son, W. R. Whidden, near Sebring.

Norton T. Smith, F. Elmore Wray and C. A. Janour made a business trip to Lake Wales last Friday.

Miss Pearl Sankel, who had been a teacher in off schools, departed Wednesday for Charlotte, N. C.

F. P. King of Atlanta, representative of V. V. Camp, engineer, was in Avon Park Tuesday on business.

If you want to know all about the weather consult the mule barometer of the City Market. It is infallible.

Col. and Mrs. M. A. Wilson of Fort Meade spent Sunday in Avon Park, guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Roberts.

Owing to the concert Tuesday night, Evangelist Walker will hold no meeting in the khaki tent on that night.

Byron Powell, the Ford service man at Lakeland, whose former home was Hartford, Ark., was entertained by Dr. H. D. Smith Sunday.

A letter from John D. Raab states that they arrived at their northern home in good health and are longing to get back to Avon Park.

Glen Masters has resigned his position with the Haines Grocery and accepted a position as traveling salesman for a Tampa concern.

The open-air band concert Tuesday night was largely attended and the audience greatly enjoyed the splendid program so efficiently rendered by our band.

J. W. Hay of Fort Meade came over Friday night to visit his son George, who employed him in the pilot office. Mr. Hay contemplates moving to Avon Park.

Miss Helen Smith and Miss Alice Morris of Sebring College returned to Avon Park Thursday afternoon for a week-end visit with their parents and friends.

Do you know that the Avon Park Drug Company is a partner in the largest drugstore organization in the world? That is why you are always sure of quality merchandise at right prices.

W. H. Tompkins of Lakeland, proprietor of the W. H. Tompkins Lumber Company, was in the city this week. He is driving a fine new Buick, of which he is justly proud.

Miss Charlotte Gero of Cleveland, Ohio, who has before visited Avon Park and has a number of friends here, will arrive in our city next week for a short visit.

Monday of last week H. B. Smith bought of Emil A. Polkin his residence property. Mr. Smith will immediately remodel the house and add some verandas.

Henry Carney of Fort Meade has purchased the Paul Watkins grove, better known as the Thompson grove, east of town, and will make Avon Park his future home.

T. W. Lawton, manager of the Peoples Ice and Manufacturing Company, and Sam Dimberline, efficient grove manager of Sebring, spent short while here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Mosher and daughter Ethel left Tuesday evening for Pittsburgh. Mr. Mosher bought a sixteen-year-old grove of H. B. Smith while here and will soon return and erect a residence on the property.

Mrs. T. H. Lander, worthy matron of Leight Chapter No. 85, Order Eastern Star, and the Rev. C. E. Gutteridge, grand-senior of the order, went to Jacksonville Monday morning to attend the meeting of the grand chapter Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Crews of Arcadia spent a short while in Avon Park last Friday morning. At its tax assessor of Highlands county. He has many friends here, who gave him splendid support during his candidacy for the office.

A number of members of the Woman's Club of Avon Park were entertained at the Arrowhead hotel, Sebring, last (Thursday) night by the Woman's Club of Sebring. An invitation had been extended to all the members of our club, but some could not attend.

Dr. T. H. Lander, John Hood and William H. Dart leave tomorrow (Saturday) for New Orleans to attend the triennial convulse of the Grand Commandery of the United States, Knights Templar. The two former will play in the Florida band.

Norton T. Smith left last night for Palatka to attend the annual convulse of the Grand Commandery of the United States, Knights Templar. From there he goes to New Orleans to attend the triennial convulse of the Grand Commandery of the United States.

A. D. Foreman, who has been with the Deering estate at Miami for some time and who was formerly with the Sebring Highlands Development Company of this place, was here this week for a short visit. Mr. Foreman is anxious to return to Avon Park and take up his residence, as it suits him better here than any other place he has been.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Garden of Des Moines, Ia., arrived in Avon Park last week and Mr. Garden is now employed at the Standard Garage. They are making their home at present with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. M. Garden is a corner player of ability and will prove a valuable addition to our band.

The total quota of forty members of the Avon Park ball team have signed up. Practically all of the business places of the city have signed an agreement to close Thursday afternoon of each week during the four months' season. Manager Lander has given the team several try-outs and all the members are doing well.

M. E. (Mose) Lanier of Istokpoga lake spent a short while in Avon Park Friday. Mr. Lanier states that his wife is just recovering from a severe illness. He also says that it has been very dry in his locality several weeks and that large acreages of beans, tomatoes and other vegetables have suffered severely.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Roberts and Miss Ruth Pate of Tampa spent Sunday in Avon Park, guests at the Hotel Avon. This was their first trip to Avon Park and all were delighted with the city and surrounding country, the only criticism they having to offer being the condition of the roads—a condition we trust will soon be remedied.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tunniffie of St. Cloud arrived Wednesday for a visit several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Triplett. During their stay here they will make side trips to many places in South Florida, going as far as Fort Myers on the west and Moore Haven on the south. Mr. Tunniffie, who with Mrs. Tunniffie moved to St. Cloud a few years ago from New York City, is vice-president and managing director of the Bank of St. Cloud.

F. Elmore Wray motored to Haines City Wednesday to meet his father, George E. Wray of Rochester, N. Y., who is here making his son a short visit. A party of Rochester capitalists was to have come to Florida with Mr. Wray with a view to making an important investment in Avon Park. At the last moment, however, unexpected business matters prevented the other members of the party from coming and Mr. Wray will no doubt on his return report his associates will be guided by his report.

M. Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Wernicke of Brookville returned home Monday, after a pleasant visit of several days with Mr. and Mrs. George W. Smith, who accompanied them home and will remain some time while Mr. Smith is painting Mr. Wernicke's house. Mr. and Mrs. Wernicke are former residents of Avon Park, but had not visited our growing city in some time. While here they were shown around the surrounding country by H. E. Hay and they marveled at the development which has taken place since they were last here, both in the city and the country surrounding it.

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION WILL MEET IN TALLAHASSEE APRIL 21-22

County Commissioner William King is in receipt of the following letter from H. B. Phillips, chairman of the state highway commission: "Hon. William King, Avon Park, Fla. 'Dear Sir: As per your request of a few days ago, beg to advise that the next meeting of the department will be held in Tallahassee on the 21st and 22nd inst."

"It is probable that an adjourned meeting will be held in Tampa immediately following the meeting in Tallahassee."

"H. B. PHILLIPS, Chairman."

In all probability a representation from Highlands county will be present at the Tallahassee meeting, as well as the adjourned meeting to be held in Tampa. It is to be hoped that at one of these meetings the members of the state road department will decide to immediately begin work of constructing state road No. 8.

Some time ago the state road department voted a considerable sum of money to help build the road south of Desoto City to Lake Annie. At that time it was supposed that particular stretch of road would be made passable in six months. Nearly forty thousand dollars had been expended in engineering and clearing a right-of-way, but due to some unknown reason another survey has been instated upon. It occurs to us that inasmuch as the large majority of the people of the Lake Sterns district are satisfied with the present survey and are anxious that the road should be built as originally planned, it is the height of folly to spend money for an additional survey and another right-of-way. The wishes of the people through which public highways pass should be considered and laid out and built where the greatest number will be benefited.

Even the Highway Monopolized

The public highway of the largest national parks are given over to monopolized transportation, according to reports. In Yellowstone National Park, it is said, the traveler in an automobile pays \$7.50 toll and still does not have the road rights while on the road. The traveler must not pass a monopoly car and must give it the right of way at all times. It is believed that this practice discourages travel to a great extent.

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HIGHLANDS COUNTY WILL BE ONLY A YEAR OLD TOMORROW

One year ago tomorrow Highlands county was created by legislative enactment from a part of old DeSoto county. History concerning the creation of the county with mention of those most active in bringing it is too fresh in the readers' minds to bear repetition. However, brief mention of the progress made by the county since its creation may not be altogether uninteresting.

Highlands county has grown wonderfully during the past year, in view of the general financial depression throughout the country and the lightness of the tourist crop during the past season. Sebring, as the county seat, probably enjoyed a greater patronage from the tourists than any other town or locality in the entire county. That it should be perfectly obvious in view of the accommodations offered winter visitors in the way of hotels, etc. Sebring, in common with Avon Park, its sister town, has benefited immensely from considerable building activity that adds wonderfully to their appearance and substantiality. Lake Stearns, on the other hand, is giving promise just now of developments that may well cause both Sebring and Avon Park to look to their laurels as is DeSoto City. Both Lake Stearns and DeSoto City are contestants for the permanent county site along with the larger and more developed contenders, Avon Park and Sebring. In connection with the county site, it may be mentioned that the date set for the election to decide this matter has been set for February of next year. Each of the four contestants believes its chances of getting the court house most excellent, and while Avon Park and Sebring consider themselves the most likely contenders, it is obvious that both DeSoto City and Stearns

have the advantage in centralness of location, and once a system of good roads is completed, of accessibility from all points of the county. Avon Park and Sebring, however, have the advantage that will count for the most in that they are larger centers of population. And if the other two contestants can be eliminated from the race, it is highly probable that Avon Park will lose out, due to the fact that it is located in one end of the county and obviously more inaccessible than Sebring.

As compared with the other counties created at the same time as Highlands, it is generally conceded that this county has more than held its own. In progress and development it probably leads, although actual figures bearing out such a contention are unavailable.

From a standpoint of financial stability Highlands banks show a total capital of \$275,000, with a surplus of \$45,000. At the present time there are five banking institutions, although within a short time that number will be reduced to four by reason of the consolidation of two banks into one. Avon Park has three of the present five and Sebring two. The banks will be evenly divided between the two towns with the consolidation of two of the banking concerns of Avon Park.

There is one basis of comparison, however, in which actual figures are available. That is in the number of instruments filed in the different counties. DeSoto leads with 1,491, Highlands second with 1,294 and Hardee third with 1,263. Glades and Volusia follow with 1,241 and 1,234 respectively. Due to the fact that DeSoto continued to file instruments affecting the various new counties for some time after they were ready for business, it is not unreasonable to presume that Highlands should take first place for the past year.

with Hardee second and DeSoto third. That is in harmony with the most generally accepted views of the relative activities of the three counties in this respect. As the demand for property in the Ridge section increases, together with the various transactions bound to result from the different development schemes in Sebring, Avon Park, Stearns and DeSoto, it is highly probable that Highlands will be greatly increased next year. And the building of a system of good roads will only add force to the movement.

As to the all-around excellence of Highlands over the other counties formed from old DeSoto, it is largely a matter of opinion unless figures are given. However, with the growing popularity of the Ridge section and the different developments taking place that mark both progress and financial stability, it is not unlikely that Highlands will do as many as freely predicted—outdistance not only its sister counties, but all the counties in South Florida within the next few years.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETING

The Christian Missionary Society met last Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. L. Hainz, with twenty-four ladies present. Mrs. C. W. Rogers, the president, conducted the meeting and Mrs. A. C. Haeckel led the devotional service. The subject for the day was "Christianity Triumphant," and all talks made were appropriate and interesting. Miss Mary Fidler talked on Dr. Shelton's work in Tibet, and Miss Ruth Taylor and Mrs. Stevenson followed with other talks as interesting. "Our Flag," a dialogue, was recited by Austin Haeckel and Homer Wakefield, and Edna Hansen read "It Pays to Be a Christian." Miss Lillian Heery had charge of the Bible study. At the close of the meeting the hostess served brick ice cream and coffee and white cake. The next meeting of this society will be held the third Thursday in May at Buscaville Park, with Mrs. M. J. E. Parke as hostess.

TWIN-FOUR CLUB

Instead of the regular meeting of the Twin-Four Club on Wednesday afternoon, the members were entertained by Mrs. William Peel at a most pleasant five hundred party. Beautiful prizes were given to the winners and a delicious lunch was served. The menu consisted of fruit salad, sandwiches, iced tea, custard with strawberry preserves and cake. Those present were Mrs. H. Hinsley, Mrs. William Amy and Mrs. S. Degering, as guests, and Mrs. H. B. Smith, Mrs. A. P. Butts, Miss Viola Lutz, Mrs. Bryan and Mrs. E. Rice, members of the club.

ART EXHIBIT AT SCHOOL

Mrs. S. Degering, chairman of the art department of the Woman's Club, received from the art department of the general federation an exhibit of prints of the great art masterpieces for display to the club. She felt that the school children should be given an opportunity to see the pictures and on Wednesday morning showed them at the school house and gave an instructive talk to the children.

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