

FLORIDA FOR HEALTH

(Times-Union)

Thousands and tens of thousands of people from everywhere have, at times past, looked to and have come to Florida for the sole purpose of benefit to their health or to recover from sickness and disease elsewhere acquired. Other thousands, millions more likely, will continue to do so in the years to come. This without saying anything particularly with reference to the people native to the state or those who are to become citizens by adoption. However, for these there is urgent need that conditions should be such as to insure the maximum of health.

Col. R. C. Turck, state health officer, in an address to the State Press Association, assembled in Daytona recently, stated very briefly the important problems relating to the general health of the people, calling attention to the very great need for work that should be done to safeguard the health of the people, and at the same time telling of the very restricted facilities for the health of the public health organization for fighting disease and improving conditions by which health is made possible. The address was published in full in the Times-Union and should be read by, at least, every citizen of the state.

Colonel Turck called attention to the recorded fact that Florida "has one of the lowest death rates in the United States in the respiratory group of diseases, including influenza, tuberculosis and pneumonia and in general is considered to be a healthy state."

This favorable health condition, Colonel Turck said, is due to "the grace of God" and has not been brought about "by any act of the legislature," to which so many people look for all means of relief or for legislation whereby existing conditions may be improved.

Colonel Turck, while in a manner congratulating the people of Florida on the natural health conditions of the state, nevertheless asserted: "The state has now three great health problems, which corrected, will make Florida the greatest health center in the world. Uncorrected, they may lead to economic and sociologic disaster."

Here is both promise and warning—promise of Florida becoming, under certain conditions, pertaining to health, "absolutely the greatest health center in the world," and warning that unless conditions favorable to health are established and maintained, the state is headed toward "economic and sociologic disaster." In other words, should it become known abroad that Florida is unhealthy, it will cease to be a place of resort for those seeking to keep in good health or to recover that which has become impaired.

Year by year we have seen, and welcomed increasing numbers of people coming to Florida, not sick people in any considerable number, but those in good health, seeking in Florida to keep and strengthen the health with which they are blessed. Florida needs to continue to attract these people, in still larger number, who are seeking to keep well by spending some portion of every year in this favored state. To do this conditions conducive to health must be established and maintained at any cost, even if in order so to do it becomes necessary to spend every dollar that the tourists bring into the state. For what is the state worth to its resident people, in spite of its enormous and annually increasing wealth, production from its soil and climate, unless the people have health, health that stands for strength by which to achieve and to enjoy life, man's one great blessing, and without which living in misery, progress and prosperity is impossible.

Under every aspect of the case, Florida needs conditions entirely favorable to health, not alone to attract visitors, not by any means, but for the benefit of its own people, those who reside here permanently.

Colonel Turck calls attention to three very serious problems that must be met and efficiently disposed of. The Florida child and its welfare comes first. Colonel Turck asserts, presumably with all the authority of ascertained facts, that there are in the state at the present time "more than 150,000 defective children of school age."

Think of it! This enormous number of children handicapped, in the race for life and living, by curable defects. He calls attention to preventable malaria, a disease far too human energy and, eventually, of human life.

Other life destroying diseases are

discussed briefly by the state health officer who, more than the average person, has reason to know health conditions in Florida. These conditions, so easy in these days, of advanced practical knowledge, to improve and be understood and appreciated by all the people who want to live in the full enjoyment of health. They must be established and maintained. The time to do the work is now and not after epidemics and death have taken their toll of human lives.

STATE ROAD NO. 8 GETS SMALL APPROPRIATION

At a meeting of the state road department held in Tallahassee last week a recommendation was made that no further appropriations be made out of the 1922 revenue; that convict forces be used wherever possible, as a labor economy and that efforts be concentrated on major needs of the state roadway projects. Two thousand five hundred dollars was appropriated for state road No. 8, between Frostproof and the Highlands county line.

Worth Their Weight in Gold

Increase the bird population on your place by putting up some bird houses and by planting trees, shrubs and vines to attract and feed your feathered friends. Do you know that fifty-one species of birds eat hairy caterpillars and thirty-eight species feed on tree and plant life? Blue birds, wrens, swallows, cuckoos, meadow larks, quail and other insectivorous birds are worth their weight in gold to gardeners and fruit growers. Increase the number of birds and they will need to use so much money for spraying. Cats are very destructive to bird life.

A Hint to Florida

A noted California mining engineer recently said: "The country that sells only raw materials will ultimately become bankrupt. He meant that the real profit comes from converting raw materials into finished goods. Europe still continues to buy large quantities of raw materials from this country, manufactures them into articles and sells them back to us at five times the price of the raw material. This country will never be a dominating factor in export trade until we 'go and do likewise.'"

Hurrah for Senator Harris

Restrictions of immigration more drastic than ever is proposed in an amendment to the immigration bill submitted by Senator Harris of Georgia. The senator would stop all immigration of non-white races. In other words, should it become known abroad that Florida is unhealthy, it will cease to be a place of resort for those seeking to keep in good health or to recover that which has become impaired.

Remember This

Upon the sale of a farm, the general rule of law is that the vendor may not remove anything that has been attached to the land or buildings as so to become a part of the real estate. Such articles are called fixtures, and to establish that an article has become a fixture, it is usually necessary to prove that it is physically annexed to the real estate and also that it is being used in connection with the real estate.

But Not in Avon Park

"When the eyes are closed the hearing becomes more acute," says a medical authority. We have noticed people trying this experiment in church.

SHERIFF SALE

Under and by virtue of an execution issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court in and for Highlands County, Florida, Cited September 8, 1921, in a certain cause wherein W. Shayne et al vs. E. D. Boston et al, defendant, I have levied on, and will on Monday, June 4, 1922, the same being a legal sales day and during the legal hours of sale, offer for sale at the court house door in Sebring, Florida, and sell to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described real estate situate, lying and being in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:

E½ of NW¼, SW¼, Section 24, Township 33 South, Range 28 East.

The same showing on record as being the property of C. E. Lanier and T. H. Lanier, containing 20 acres more or less. Sold to satisfy said execution and costs.

R. H. HANCOCK, Sheriff, Highlands County. LEITNER & LEITNER, Attorneys for Plaintiff. Apr-22-29 May-13-20

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, For County Judge, To the Voters of Highlands County:

At the request of the members of representative citizens, I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of County Judge of Highlands County, subject to the decision of the voters at the democratic primary election of June 6, 1922. Should I be the choice of the voters at the polls, I will devote to the performance of the duties of that office the same care and energy that I should apply to the dispatch of my own business. A. E. LAWRENCE.

For Commissioner District No. 2, I hereby announce my candidacy for Commissioner of District No. 2 (Sebring), Highlands County. I am a good roads advocate and promise that should I be elected I will use every effort to obtain better roads for the entire county in general and District No. 2 in particular. G. G. ALBRITTON. [Paid Political Advertisement]

For Commissioner District No. 2, I hereby announce my candidacy for Commissioner of District No. 2 (Sebring), Highlands County, subject to the will of the voters in the primary election to be held Tuesday, June 6, 1922. J. LEE JOHNSON. [Paid Political Advertisement]

For Representative, I hereby announce my candidacy for the nomination as representative of Highlands county in the state legislature, subject to the will of the majority of the voters in the primary election to be held June 6. If elected to this position I shall advocate such measures as will prove beneficial to Highlands county as a whole. G. W. ADAMS. [Political Advertisement]

For State Senator Twenty-Seventh Senatorial District, I announce my candidacy for the office of state senator for the Twenty-seventh senatorial district, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Senator Frank Cooper. I will appreciate the support of the voters in the coming primary election in June and if elected to the position will serve the entire district to the best of my ability. E. J. ETHEREDGE. [Paid Political Advertisement]

For State Attorney, I hereby announce my candidacy for nomination for the office of State Attorney for the twelfth circuit of Florida, and I will appreciate your support. I thank my friends for past favors, assuring each of you I will do all in my power to merit your support. S. W. LAWLER, JR. [Paid Political Advertisement]

For Sheriff, To the Voters of Highlands County, I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Sheriff for Highlands county subject to the primary of June 6, 1922. If elected I promise my best efforts in the performance of the duties of the office and I assure you I will try to serve the whole people faithfully to the very best of my ability. I will appreciate the vote and support of every one. Respectfully, R. H. HANCOCK. [Paid Political Advertisement]

For Sheriff, I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of sheriff, subject to the will of the democrats of Highlands county at the coming primary, assuring them that if elected I will fulfill the duties of the office to the best of my ability. J. C. CASE. [Paid Political Advertisement]

For Sheriff, I take this method of announcing myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Highlands county, subject to the decision of the voters in the primary election to be held June 6, 1922. If elected I pledge myself to perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability and without fear or favor. Your support will be appreciated. W. B. ZACHARY. [Paid Political Advertisement]

For Circuit Judge, I hereby announce as a candidate to succeed myself to the judgeship of this circuit, and I will appreciate the consideration of all electors in this respect. Respectfully, GEO. W. WHITEHURST. [Paid Political Advertisement]

For Clerk of the Circuit Court, I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands county, and will appreciate the support of all voters, and if elected, promise to discharge the duties of the office to the best of my ability. GEO. L. CREWS. [Paid Political Advertisement]

For Clerk of the Circuit Court, I hereby announce my candidacy for nomination for the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands county, subject to the will of the democratic voters in the June primary. If elected to this position I promise to attend to the duties of the office in the efficient manner I have endeavored to conduct them as an appointive officer, making improvements wherever possible, and showing particularity toward none. C. F. SAUNDERS. [Paid Political Advertisement]

For Tax Assessor, To the Voters of Highlands County: I am a candidate for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor for Highlands county in the coming primary, and I will appreciate your support. I thank my friends for past favors, assuring each of you that I will do all in my power to merit your support. I am, Respectfully, CYRIL BALDWIN. [Paid Political Advertisement]

For Tax Collector, To the Voters of Highlands County: I hereby announce myself a candidate for election as County Tax Collector, subject to the will of the voters of the primary and election of June 6, 1922.

I would state that since this office has been created I have tried, by giving my entire time and energy to accommodate all the property owners, resident and non-resident, and assist them in every manner and assure you that with the file and index systems I have inaugurated that this office will be able to give a much more prompt and efficient service. I will appreciate your support and would ask that if I am elected to this office that I will continue to give my personal attention to this important office. D. F. CANFIELD. [Paid Political Advertisement]

For County Tax Collector, To the Voters and Citizens of Highlands County: I wish to announce that I am a candidate for Tax Collector of Highlands county in the coming primary of June 6, 1922. I was reared and educated in this county and this, together with my experience, enables me to address the people of efficient work, and if elected I shall attend to the duties of the office faithfully to the best of my ability. Will appreciate your support. W. A. ROBERTS. [Paid Political Advertisement]

For Commissioner District No. 2, I hereby announce my candidacy for Commissioner of District No. 2 (Sebring), Highlands County, subject to the will of the voters in the primary election to be held Tuesday, June 6, 1922. A. J. YOUNG. [Paid Political Advertisement]

For Membership in the House of Representatives, At the request of representative citizens from every precinct in the county, I announce my candidacy for membership in the House of Representatives, from Highlands county, in the Legislature of Florida, subject to the will of the people in the democratic primary, to be held Tuesday, June 6, 1922. I solicit the generous support of the people of Highlands county and of the state of Florida, using all diligence in the performance of the duties the trust imposes. JOHN A. TAYLOR.

For County Judge, I hereby announce my candidacy for nomination for the office of county judge of Highlands county, subject to the will of the democratic voters in the primary election to be held June 6, 1922. D. V. ROUSE. [Paid Political Advertisement]

LEGAL NOTICE, Notice of Meeting of Stockholders for Increasing Capital of First Trust and Savings Company. Public notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of the First Trust and Savings Company, a Florida corporation, will be held at the office of said company, at Avon Park, Florida, on the 29th day of April, 1922, at 11 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of considering and voting upon the proposition to increase the capital stock of the said company from Fifty Thousand Dollars to Seventy-five Thousand Dollars, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before such meeting.

Dated at the office of said corporation, Avon Park, Florida, this 31st day of March, 1922. A. V. ANDERSON, President. H. M. WIGGINS, Secretary. Apr-18-18-22-29

LEGAL NOTICE, In the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida, in and for Highlands County. Nellie M. Pearce vs. Fred W. Pearce. Fred W. Pearce, you are hereby notified that a bill of complaint has been filed against you in the above court, praying for divorce, and it being made to appear by affidavit that your residence and address was to the complainant unknown and that there was no one in the State of Florida, service of subpoena upon whom would bind you and that you are over the age of twenty-one years, it is therefore commanded you to be and appear before the Court at the court house in Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, on the 28th day of April, A. D. 1922.

A true copy. C. F. SAUNDERS, (Seal) Clerk of Circuit Court. A. E. LAWRENCE, Attorney for Plaintiff, Feb-25-Mar-4-11-18-25-Apr-1-8-12-22

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Entered as second-class matter August 8, 1921, at the postoffice at Sebring, Fla., under the act of March 3, 1879.

To insure change of advertisement in current issue copy must be in our hands by noon Wednesday.

We wonder if lovely woman is not

promoted to kiss her dearest enemy in the

hope of exposing an inferior-quality lipstick.

Schirring's military band continues

to improve with each appearance. And by the way, isn't Dan Andrews

getting to be the spiffy badmaster?

We are glad to welcome "Ma"

Ruhl, associate editor of the White

Way, back to Sebring. Having read

number of her editorials in the days

gone by, we are sure that her gen-

eral brightening-up of our contem-

porary "thought" page. Wonder if

she has forgotten that chicken pot

pie?

The assurance that the state road

department will commence at once on

road No. 8 is gratifying to the people

of Highlands county. Work will

start immediately on the stretch be-

tween Frostproof and the

remainder of the road through

this county will receive attention just

as soon as it can be routed and the

necessary surveys made.

Our idea of a dog's life is what the

bootleggers of the county are lead-

ing at present on account of Sheriff

Hancock's activities. For the short

time that he has been at the head of

the county's whisky-enforcing depart-

ment, Sheriff "Bob" has made a real-

ly wonderful record, and organized

violation of the liquor law is about to

become a thing of the past.

Rev. John A. Taylor's platform has

set at rest the fears of numbers of

his supporters, who would be "wrong"

on important issues. Tawas a

clean, clear-cut and unequivocal

statement, characteristic of the man

who made it, and you may rest as-

sured that should he go to the legis-

lature he will live up to every single

one of his promises.

Ex-Governor Gilchrist is badly il-

lusioned if he hopes to ride into the

United States without the wave of

enthusiasm that greeted the proposed

candidacy of Mr. Bryan. Most of

those who were supporting the Com-

moner did so on account of his na-

tional prominence and bigness and

not because they had anything against

Senator Trammell. As between Park

and Albert, the people have once be-

fore expressed their choice and we

predict that they will do so even

more decidedly in June. In the mean-

time, we do not believe that Mr. Tram-

mell is the least bit uneasy.

WHAT THE WOMEN WANT

The following article has been sent to the press of the state on the legislative measures for which the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs is contending:

Dear Co-workers:

As a local unit of one of the above

great organizations, you are a part

of the Florida legislative council,

which is conducting your interest

and active support in securing the

enactment of laws for the proper

development of the state and the in-

terest of the welfare of its people.

It is the purpose of these organiza-

tions to need their legislative pro-

grams which will prevent the intro-

duction of many bills on the same

subject, bringing about greater con-

tinuity of effort. With the combined

force of these organizations concentra-

ting upon any well selected mea-

sures, covered by bills properly drawn

and presented, there would be little

doubt of success.

This will be the first time that the

women of the state have had the

privilege of sharing in the choice of

county, state and congressional offi-

cials, a privilege which is equal to

an election in Florida. I urge that

your organization appoint a commit-

tee at once to consider the above

organizations where possible, to make

a whirlwind house to house canvass

secure the registration and man-

agement of the one dollar roll tax, of

all women of your county. Only a

few still remain in which this can

be done and as there seems to be a

great political anarchy everywhere,

appears necessary to make this ex-

tra effort to get the voters out. Re-

member that you and your group to

the school fund, and this is the only

contribution those who do not have

money ever pay for such purpose.

The most important part of legis-

lation is the work done before the

primary election on June 6. Remember

the vote that your representative

both in the house and senate—cast

before you and you have a right

to demand of the candidate in ad-

vance, his stand on public questions.

It is impossible at this time to give

you a complete legislative program

as it will be presented to the legis-

lature, as the organizations have not

yet made up nor presented their pro-

grams for the consideration of the

council, but there are a few mea-

sures for which many of them have

been working for years and upon

which all agree and these I am sub-

mitting for your consideration. I

shall like to make your legisla-

tive candidates to support these

measures, if possible, in writing, send-

ing them to me so that we may know

the stand of those elected when we

present bills for enactment by the

legislature. I will go farther and

ask you not to vote for, but to op-

pose candidates who will not declare

for:

1. "A state-wide compulsory cat-

tle dipping law for the eradication

of the cattle tick." This is the par-

amount issue before the next legis-

lature upon the success of which ab-

solutely depends the conservation of

our natural resources and the proper

development of our state.

2. "A local option stock law." Un-

der the present law the people in a

county can vote for a county stock

law, but by majority vote or other-

wise, force owners of live stock to

keep their stock within enclosures

unless they first secure a special act

from the legislature permitting them

to do so. The law should be amend-

ed so that the majority of voters in

any county can legally determine whether

live stock must be kept under fence

by owners.

3. "A law which would establish

a state system of forest, fire protection

and reforestation work." We are

warned that in possibly as short a

time as ten years our forests will be

entirely depleted. What will the fruit

producers and truckers do for box

material to market their produce? What

about lumber and our turpentine in-

dustries? Have we our own wood

supply to stand idly by and let the

range cattle man destroy our state's

greatest industry? This is for an

industry that is a "billion, not an asset."

4. "A law providing ample means

for the protection of our game,"

which is one of the state's greatest

assets, but fast disappearing.

5. "A law providing for the fur-

ther protection of our fish," espe-

cially in the fresh water lakes and

streams of the state.

The compulsory cattle dipping bill,

the local option stock bill, the for-

estry commission and that for fish

conservation, will be drawn and pre-

sented by men who are especially

interested along these lines. The

game bill will be presented by the

Florida Audubon Society. The coun-

cil will have these bills for consid-

eration and will work hard for them

and we will need the assistance of

every progressive citizen of Florida,

from now until these laws are written

upon the state's book and enforced.

Don't forget also to pledge your

candidates for county commissioners

to the above measures as the pro-

vision of funds for carrying these

laws into effect largely depends upon

their maintenance.

Please give us the active support

of our organization in this greatest

of all work for Florida.

With best of good wishes and as-

surances of co-operation,

Faithfully,

MAY M. JENNINGS,

(Mrs. W. S. Jennings)

President Florida Legislative Council,

Jacksonville, Fla., April 19, 1922.

Resolution on Tick Eradication

Whereas, twenty-seven counties

holding elections voted for the dip-

ping of cattle, recognizing that Flor-

ida's natural resources of climate and

soil make it pre-eminent an agri-

cultural state, and the fact that no

state can reach the highest point of

development in agriculture unless the

live stock industry is so developed

that it forms a part of a state-wide

well-balanced program.

Whereas, tick infestation is the

greatest drawback to the growth of

this important industry in our state,

and as our present state law is weak

and inadequate, thereby retarding

development of the live stock indus-

try by closing the live stock markets

of the world to Florida cattle;

Whereas, the lack of quantity and

quality of our home production forces

the buying of millions of dollars

worth of meats and dairy products

from other states, which money should

be spent at home, and

Whereas, the federal government,

through the War Finance Corpora-

tion, contemplating a three years'

program, stands ready to place sev-

eral million dollars on loans on Flor-

ida cattle, under certain regulations

and conditions through the South

Florida Cattle Loan Company, lo-

cated at Bartow, provided loans are

made before July 1, 1922.

Whereas, it would be possible with

the entire state co-operating to ab-

solutely eradicate the cattle tick from

the state in years, taking ad-

vantage of this assistance offered by

the government, therefore,

Be it resolved, that the Florida

legislative council work for a state-

wide compulsory law for systematic

dipping for the eradication of the cat-

tle tick, as that is the paramount is-

ue upon the success of which ab-

solutely depends the conservation of

our natural resources, and is more

vital than any other thing to the

proper development of our state alone

many lines. That candidates for the

legislature be obliged to support

such a law before they are elected.

Be it further resolved, that the local

unit of each of our limited counties

which have elected systematic dip-

ping for tick eradication, be urged to

assist in the carrying on of the

expressed wishes of the voters by the

county commissioners of such coun-

ties to support towards the call-

ing of such an election and carrying

out of same.

Adopted by annual session coun-

cil, Jan. 28, 1922, Jacksonville.

Officers of the Florida Federation

of Women's Clubs, Florida Swine

Growers' Association, Florida Dairy

Association, Florida Beekeepers As-

sociation, Southern Sevine Growers' As-

sociation, Florida No-Fence League,

Florida Citrus Exchange and Flor-

S-O-C-I-E-T-Y

MRS. P. J. RIPPBERGER,
Editor
Telephone 76

WOMAN'S CLUB TO ELECT OFFICIALS

On next Tuesday night, May 2, at 8 o'clock in the club room, will be held the annual election of the officers of the Woman's Club. All members are urged to be present at this important meeting. Officers elected at this time will be installed in office next November, giving them ample time for planning and preparing for their work.

W. C. T. U. Meeting
There will be a meeting of the W. C. T. U. Thursday, May 4, at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. John Taylor. All ladies interested in the cause are cordially invited. Mrs. Douglas has kindly offered to care for all children of mothers who wish to attend.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

L. P. Mercer of Tampa was in Sebring Monday.

Rev. Charles F. Weigle left Sebring last week for Virginia, where he will hold a meeting.

A large number of Sebringites motored over to Avon Park Thursday to witness the ball game.

Col. Guy A. Andrews has been spending the week at Monticello attending to legal business.

Rev. W. H. McLeod, Hiram McLeod and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bryan motored to Tampa Thursday.

Mrs. Ella Young, mother of A. I. Young, left Sebring Monday evening for her home in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Howard Thibault of Lake Wales spent most of the week here as the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Frank Manley.

Mrs. P. J. Rippberger entertained at luncheon last Saturday in honor of Mrs. Canole and daughters, Mrs. and Miss Lutz. Covers were laid for eight.

Mr. and Mrs. Lutz, Miss Viola Lutz, Mrs. Charles Canole and Mary and Sarah Jane Canole, left Monday morning for their home in Oak Park, Ill.

The fish fry at Istokpoga Thursday claimed the attention of a good number of local people and especially candidates for county office.

F. A. Sebring and Louis Catogni spent the week-end in Boca Grande, trying their luck again at catching tarpon. They had no exciting news on their return.

Mrs. H. B. Smith went to Avon Park Tuesday afternoon to attend a party given by Mrs. William King, and again Thursday she went as the guest of Mrs. Donaldson.

Mrs. Carrie Rickey drove to Orlando last Friday and returned Monday, accompanied by her mother and sister, Mrs. and Miss Shaffer, who had been in Orlando for the past ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Scott, Mrs. Ira Riden and Mrs. W. B. Mauff returned Friday night from Jacksonville, where they had spent the week attending the meeting of the Grand Chapter O. E. S.

Thomas Mitchell, Jr., celebrated his third birthday last Saturday afternoon by having a party for many of his little friends. Twenty-six children enjoyed the fun, refreshments and souvenirs of the afternoon.

Mrs. W. B. Zachary, Mrs. R. C. Moreland, Mrs. Cline, Mrs. W. F. Johnson, Mrs. P. J. Rippberger, Mrs. A. McGinty and Mrs. Van Meter were some of the women going on the excursion to Lake Stearns Monday.

Politicians did not lose the opportunity of seeing a big crowd together and took advantage of the excursion to Lake Stearns. Among them were seen W. B. Zachary, J. A. Taylor, D. F. Canfield and C. F. Saunders.

Owing to the illness of Cyril Baldwin of Avon Park his children have been spending some time in Sebring at the home of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mitchell. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell and the children drove to Arcadia Sunday to visit relatives there.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Sebring drove to Tampa Friday and Mr. Sebring returned Sunday, leaving Mrs. Sebring in a sanitarium there for a short stay. Payne Sebring accompanied his parents to Tampa and went from there to Baltimore to resume his studies.

Mrs. P. A. Ruhl and daughter, Miss Ruth Ruhl, are back in Sebring—this time for good, according to Mrs. Ruhl. They have been at Micanskey for the last several months at the bedside of Mrs. Ruhl's mother, who died recently.

Capt. R. G. Murphy of Avon Park has been in Sebring several days this week demonstrating the new Studebaker automobile. Captain Murphy is a hunter and states that he has several prospects in this section "on his string."

Ira Riden and F. T. Haskins returned Sunday from Gainesville, where they had been attending the state bankers convention. E. O. Douglas did not return with them, but went on to Jacksonville to attend to business there.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Rice left Sebring Tuesday morning in their car for Roanoke, Va., where Mrs. Rice will spend the summer with her mother at her former home there. Mr. Rice will return to Sebring after a short visit there.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Degering, Mrs. Mary Wolf, Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Skiff, Mrs. W. B. Zachary and Miss Otto spent one year in Sebring as a teacher in the school here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith drove to Tampa last Saturday, where Mrs. Smith was called in reference to her success for her trip to England. Mrs. Smith will sail from New York on the Lenape May 14, and will spend a few months at her former home in England. Mr. Smith will accompany her as far as New York.

LAKE STEARNS

[Special Correspondence]
The land sale at Lake Stearns on Monday, April 24, was a howling success. At 11:20 o'clock, according to previous announcement, the long excursion train from Tampa rolled in, carrying about four hundred passengers from that city and intermediate points.

Dinner was ready and upon the arrival of the happy commuters the fish, cheese and ham sandwiches and pork pilau with coffee, berries and milk began to disappear. There never saw a better luncheon, nor it better taken care of.

As soon as everyone had satisfied his appetite the Borney brothers of Ashtelle, N. C., mounted a wagon and began the greatest auction sale of its kind ever pulled off in South Florida. The auctioneers spoke the same words at the same time and they certainly did move things.

One of the features of the sale was the free gift of a town lot to every purchaser of a citrus tract, and the gift of a lot absolutely free—no strings to it—to the one whose name was on a card previously placed in a box and drawn out by the tenderfoot and local citizens were lucky enough to draw one of these elegant lots.

The sale was a success in every way. There was about \$50,000 worth of property sold. Much of it will immediately be developed, thereby bringing to the buyer a large per cent on his investment. For instance, the raw land brought about \$100 per acre while the land that had trees one and a half years old on it, brought upwards of \$400 per acre. So you can readily figure that it is the part of wisdom to put your money in raw land and set it to grow.

One of the noticeable features was that the majority of sales were made to practical grove men of nearby towns. This goes to prove that this property is recognized as valuable for citrus fruits by men of long and successful experience. Very few or no sales were made to the tenderfoot and we want to say right here that there is going some day to be some "sick" men for not getting in while the getting was good. We wish to congratulate A. H. DeVane and his associates for their thoughtfulness in every detail to make the day so great a success. And we would not pass without expressing thanks to the boys of the Lake Groves and Lake Childs companies for their efficient service. This was a day that will long be remembered and no doubt be the turning point in the financial career of many of the purchasers of these fine 10-acre tracts.

Another event that claims attention and is worthy of mention, is the regular monthly religious carnival that is pulled off every fourth Sunday. Last Sunday at 11 a. m., Rev. J. L. Moore very ably handled the interesting subject, "Where Art the Dead?" At 12 o'clock a delicious dinner was spread. Then came the musical treat which lasted until 3 p. m.

when again Mr. Moore entered the pulpit and for little more than an hour held his audience to the very important subject of "The First Resurrection." After this came the regular Sunday school classes. Now say, friend, if you want to be in a real five religious gathering for a day just drop off at Lake Stearns once and attend one of these all-day meetings, held every fourth Sunday. Besides this we have the regular services of the Methodist church every third Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Rev. Mr. Crawson, pastor. Then Rev. J. R. Peden of Avon Park preaches here every first Sunday and Sunday school every Sunday. So you see notwithstanding our splendid financial activities we have not forgotten the weightier matters of His kingdom.

Among many of our friends who attended the sale Monday we were glad to see Messrs. Brown, Meyer, Vison, Zachary, Taylor, Jones, Graham, Carlton, Sebring, Canfield and others of Sebring; Crews, Harris, James and Roberts of Avon Park; Carson and Maxey of Frostproof; Watson, Bean, Roberts, Rev. Mathis and Mrs. D. Alderman of Fort Meade.

A. M. McAulay attended the meeting of the state road department at Tampa Monday. We hope to have a good road soon.

J. L. Ivey is off on a visit to relatives in the northern part of the state. He is completing a new bungalow, barn and tool house on his estate on Lake Huntley. There has been spent on this property about \$15,000 within the last three years. Mr. Ivey at least has faith in the future of Lake Stearns.

Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Richards, "old timers," spent the week-end on their place on Lake Pearl and attended the big sale Monday.

The building committee is busy laying plans for the new Methodist church, which will be of brick and cost \$5,000 when finished.

AN APOLOGY

We wish to apologize to our readers for the omission of quite a bit of live local news in last week's Messenger. The omission was due to a sudden and unprecedented determination upon the part of the "force" to put our paper in the same class as "Grit" or some other equally notorious time-copy "sheet." And inasmuch as we were unable to personally be present and inspect the forms before they went to press, the "gang" succeeded in putting "one over" on completely.

Ordinarily the last item is not locked up until Friday at noon, our publication day, Saturday, compelling us to cover all the local happenings up to that time. But in this case the entire paper was "run off" Friday morning, and the result, while irritating in the extreme, was simply unavoidable.

We promise, however, that such an occurrence will not take place again soon. From now on, we intend to supervise in person the making up of the Messenger, thereby knowing exactly what goes in and what is left out. We mean to keep that promise, even if necessitate camping in the press room.

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road bond issue, calls for the distribution of the burden in road building. It calls so loudly for this just distribution that some day federal aid will have to be carried to its logical conclusion—the assumption by the government of complete responsibility for an interstate road system serving the states and the counties to take care of their own troubles in the matter. Of course the people would have to furnish the money which the government used for this purpose; but it would be a case of a general contribution to a general benefit.

Professor—It grieves me to say

that late last night as I came by the Pelican I saw a number of you, my friends, seated round the drinking table at a time when all respectable people were in bed!

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JOHNSON PROVES HE

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[Pensacola News]
Current notions of human power of locomotion are shattered by the feat of Samuel A. Johnson, who traveled on foot from New York to Boston, 256 miles, in less than two days. Johnson started at 10:55 Monday morning and reached Boston city hall at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning. That makes forty-seven hours elapsed time, which included a night's sleep in New Haven.

The automobile has become the common standard of travel in these days, and judged by this standard the man's accomplishment is no less remarkable. He made about 130 miles a day. An automobile, to be sure, can make a great deal more than that; but the average distance which automobile tourists find they can cover comfortably in continuous driving is only about 100 miles a day. An army on the march is thought to do extremely well if it

Watch the Signs

If you want to know the names of oil companies from whom you can safely buy stock, go look on the tank cars and filling stations. They never carry the name of a wild-cat oil company. On the Street, the average distance between the automobile and the oil company is only about 100 miles a day. An army on the march is the only one that is not so close to the oil company.

LESSON FOR STOCK-MEN TO CONSIDER

[Tampa Daily Times]

A short editorial in the Times of Tuesday brought to public notice a matter which should be of absorbing interest to every stockman in the state. It was headed "The Costly Cattle Tick" and concerned the insertion of a recommendation in the report of the senate committee on claims for the payment of a bill of \$245,258.12 for cattle killed in Kansas by fever tick, resulting from infection by a shipment of cattle from Texas, which were turned into a pasture with native cattle. It brings prominently before the public the danger coming from the shipment of ticky cattle, and will have the effect of making the federal quarantine more rigid than ever. We are already suffering severely from our folly in opposing tick eradication and compulsory dipping. We have been shut out of all foreign markets and confined to our home market, which is inadequate to absorb the supply. Then, too, there is a constant prejudice against eating Florida beef coming from tick infested cattle, even by our own home people, most of whom will gladly pay the difference between Florida and western beef. This may be considered a prejudice, but it has its foundation in fact. It stands to reason that an animal which has been infested from calving with a multitude of blood sucking ticks cannot produce fat, juicy, wholesome and healthful beef. Its product will necessarily be lean, tough, stringy and unpalatable, if not unwholesome.

But we must not without reason, of being the best cattle state in the entire union. We have all the desiderata in a general all-the-year climate; a great variety of forage grasses; abundance of water, and the demonstrated ability to raise all the fattening foods necessary. All that we lack is a progressive spirit on the part of our stockmen. We have shown such a spirit and have produced steers as good as any grown and fattened on the western prairies. But they have not done it by turning their stock on the open range to fight the tick and gain a scanty living, by travel over a wide range of territory. They grow tough and wily from the exercise, but they do not make good beef. We must improve our stock by improving our breeds, and we must eradicate the tick which sucks their blood and makes them lean and scrawny. Then we must feed them liberally of the fattening foods which our own soil will produce, and we shall eventually drive out the western beef, by producing its equal or superior right here at home. But that cannot be done on the open range with cattle exposed to the merciless attacks of the tick.

COME OUT IN THE OPEN

We note that Editor Van Horn of the Florida Bull, takes the position that candidates should tell where they stand on matters of interest to the people. This is the same position that the Chief has always advocated, a position that is unassailable from the standpoint of honesty. There is no more reason a man should secure an office under false pretenses than that he should be allowed to secure goods from our merchants the same way. When a man is elected to an office he is employed to transact the business of the people. He should represent them and their wives and not his own interests or the interests of any set of friends. If he is sent to make laws, those laws should be for the benefit of the many and not a select few. The reason we have so many poor laws and laws that are not respected is because of this pussy-foot policy. We honor the man who comes out openly and tells the voter just what he believes and what he will do if elected. He is honest and can be depended on to stand for the best interest of the people. He may be wrong but you can rest assured he is not for sale. Better far to vote for him, knowing he does not agree with your ideas on some one issue than to cast a ballot for some fish, worm who haggles and spews around currying favor with all sides and all people and has no ideas of his own and no reason to ask for the office except that he wishes it. When people learn to kick the covers off in politics and make the candidates come out in the open we will have clearer politics in Florida and better men in office.—Winter Haven Chief.

Health authorities say that every child is entitled to a pint and a half of milk a day if it is to be properly nourished. Fathers and mothers would have less to pay the doctor and the druggist for medical attention and medicines for their children if this nourishing food could be furnished them.—Lakeland Telegram.

BURNING OVER THE WOODS

[Florida Times-Union]
The practice of burning over the woods for the sake of securing a supply of fresh young grass for range cattle not only destroys the humus in the soil and thus in time defeats its own object by starving out the grass or destroying its succulence, but it also affects the timber and forest areas. It is making poorer, year by year, the soil on which it is practiced. Two representatives of the United States forest service after a survey of the timber resources of Duval county, find that the stands of second-growth timber are scant, some very much so. Nature attempts to repair the ravages of wayward man, but the latter can in a few hours destroy what she has been several years in constructing. The young saplings cannot survive two or three annual burnings, sometimes not one.

Florida has so many natural advantages that one is disposed to wonder at first glance that she has been so slow in developing her natural wealth until one takes into consideration the spirit that resists tick eradication and insists upon burning over the forest floor for the sake of fresh pasture for herds of half-wild, stunted, tick-bitten cattle for which there soon be absolutely no market anywhere.

Efforts to reforest the state, or even to conserve what wealth the state has left in forests, will be hampered or defeated so long as the custom of annually burning off the dead grass in

the forests and woods is sanctioned by law. Even after it is banned by the law it may be difficult to break up the practice. However, the range in Florida is doomed. It may die hard, but such things as the new regulation of the interstate commerce commission regarding shipment of cattle under quarantine will help to promote the orderly raising of live stock under fence and the eradication of the cattle fever tick.

If the people of Florida were represented properly and adequately in its legislatures, if the state had not so many "rotten boroughs," it might be expected to line up with other southern states and develop its resources. The senseless waste of its mature trees and destruction of saplings is a serious handicap to progress. When the law requires every cattle owner to keep his stock under fence and makes him liable for damages when they break out and devastate the crops of other people, immigration from other states will be encouraged and the state will soon boom with population, real estate prices will go

up and the taxable wealth of Florida will increase. In that day there will be no excuse for incendiarism in the politics of the state can proceed.

THE FORD CAR HAS MANY REFINEMENTS

The Ford Motor Company of Detroit has just made public a list of recent improvements in the mechanical features of Ford cars. Asserting that Ford cars are better today than they have ever been before, the statement adds that "a consumption is lower; the engine is even more efficient than formerly; improvements in the springs and steering apparatus insure easier riding and driving qualities; a new head lamp lens, which complies with all state laws, improves the road-light and that many other minor betterments have been made.

Ford pistons and connecting rods have been redesigned and are machined for weight before assembling into motors. This reduces vibration, and as the motor a quicker piston

The new pistons weigh three-quarters of a pound less than those formerly used. A highly polished crankshaft bearing surface also reduces wear and, added to the piston and connecting rod improvements, insures a smoother running and better balanced motor. The material used in the Ford crankshaft and the care and precision in its manufacture make it second to none.

The new Ford carburetor gives increased acceleration. Though not radically different from the carburetor previously used, the new construction improves the all around performance of the motor, giving it a quicker pick-up, and a greater flexibility of action.

The wiring system has been completely redesigned and while it costs more to install than the old system, it is most efficient, proof of which is evidenced by the fact that it affords a fire insurance rate as low as the higher priced cars on the market.

Many other changes have been made. A 16-inch steering wheel is now standard equipment. The motor

and bearings are located in the front wheels; one-piece pressed steel running board brackets insure body rigidity and eliminate vibration and body noise; a dash weather-tight prevents rain from reaching coil terminals or dash wiring; the steering mechanism has also been improved, and the tools applied to purchasers of Ford cars have been improved in quality. Another important improvement in the truck chassis is the adoption of cord tires as standard equipment on the rear wheels.

The change made sometime ago in the seating arrangement of the touring car has met with wide-spread approval. By lowering the seats and altering the seat backs, greater comfort was added.

It is pointed out that retail sales of a million cars and trucks yearly, and the consumption of raw and finished products at a cost of approximately one million dollars a day makes it possible to sell Ford cars at their present low prices, and at the same time to produce a car of exceptionally high quality.

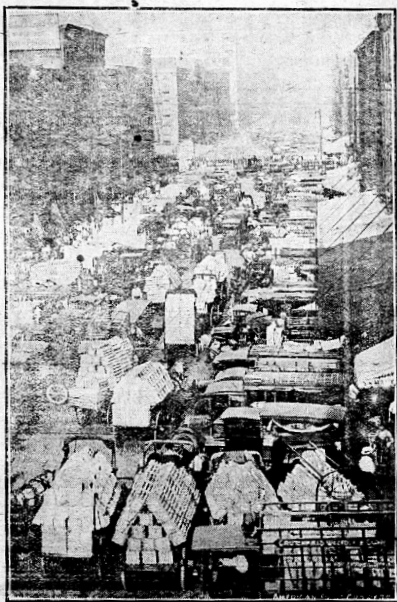
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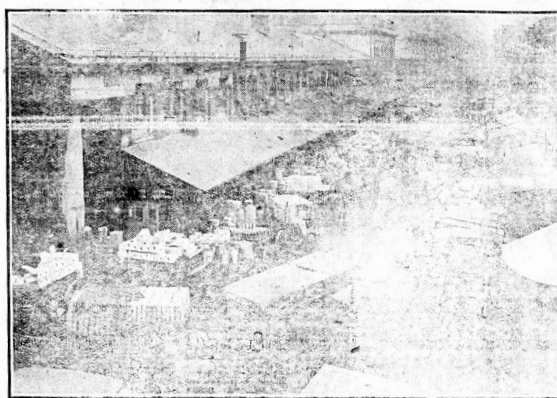
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EASTERN STAR MEETING

After the regular business meeting of the Sebring chapter last Monday night Mrs. I. Rigdon, worthy matron, gave an interesting report of the visit of the Sebring party to the Grand Chapter in Jacksonville last week. Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Scott, Mrs. I. Rigdon and Mrs. W. B. Muff made up the party from here and drove the entire distance in one day. Sunday, April 16, they stopped at the Windsor Hotel, headquarters for the Grand Chapter, and were entertained royally every minute. A most interesting sightseeing trip was made Monday afternoon in cars provided by the Shriner of the city, and Monday night a brilliant reception was held with the present and past grand officers in the receiving line. It was worthy of note that the Sebring chapter, although only two months old, has become well known among all these officers and its good work was complimented many times during the time there.

was elected to the office of grand patron of the Grand Chapter of Florida, Order of Eastern Star. This added one more honor to Sebring, and the chapter is considered most fortunate in having the advice and assistance of this officer at all times, as well as that of Mrs. Scott, who is past grand matron. Avon Park was also much honored by the appointment of their worthy matron to the station of grand Ruth, while Rev. C. E. Outledge was elected associate grand patron.

Mr. Scott was elected an honorary member of the Sebring chapter and accepted the honor with an appropriate talk. The charter which was granted to the Sebring chapter was presented by the matron and from now on this chapter will be known as Sebring Chapter, 1206, O. E. S.

W. L. Crews, Jr. Arrived

Announcement is made of the birth of W. L. Crews, Jr., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Crews on Saturday, April 22. W. L. Crews is the manager of the Sebring packing house and the high price of oranges causes no such smile as the arrival of this young man.

Evident Hot Times in Kissimmee Town

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Groups of Determined Men Gather in Kissimmee Each Night—Reported All Are Armed

"We are rapidly perfecting the organization we term the 'Home Guards' and are now reaching close to the three hundred mark," said a member of the order Monday. "Every man of us is armed—and the most of us know how to shoot. We have been forced to organize as an offset to another secret society—in order to let the outside world know that we believe the courts are to administer law and preserve order, and do away with the carrying out of what might be termed 'white-work'."

Nearly every evening there is to be seen knots of men about the city. Some of them are strangers to many. Saturday evening there were fully one hundred and fifty in the city, and where the majority usually leave for their homes about 10 o'clock most of these remained till nearly midnight. Tuesday evening there was a still larger crowd—there being one bunch of about twenty automobiles, and while every man "toted a gun" it is declared that many cars contained a gun. There was no demonstration made—but there appears to be an undercurrent of stern determination in every countenance.

Rumors have it that the Home Guards will transact no business with any merchant who is a member of the Ku Klux Klan, or who has in his employ anyone belonging to that order. Whether or not any reliance may be placed upon mere rumors it is a fact that there has been no lessening in the zeal primarily shown. One business man in the city was heard to say on the street Wednesday: "I got out of it." He failed to say out of what—but as there has been but one topic of conversation on the street for several months it was not difficult to surmise as to what was meant. In the meantime neither the Klan nor the Guards are giving out any public statements—other than the advertisement published in another column of the Gazette by the Klan—Kissimmee Valley Gazette.

In Difficulty
 A young married man went into the ladies' department of a large Boston store and was noticed to walk from counter to counter looking at goods and signs until he noticed he was under watchful eyes. Noticing a smart, smiling miss, he went up to her and said: "My wife sent me here to make a purchase, and I have been reading the signs to see if I could get the right word to describe what she wishes. It is either a casserole or a casserole. Can you help me?" The young lady replied: "If you will answer one question I can solve the problem: Is the chicken dead or alive?"—Judge.

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The Avocado

[The following from the last issue of the Country Gentleman will be of interest to a number of Sebringites in that it shows the nation-wide attention centered upon Florida's new industry by avocado culture.]

Unaccompanied by any blatant booming, without recourse to rainbow gilding, Florida in twenty years has demonstrated that a hitherto "freak" or "luxury" fruit of the tropics can be grown in that state on a commercial basis which at present sees but one restriction on its expansion; the boundary line marking that fruit's choice of climate and soil. That fruit is the avocado.

"Alligator pear" is a misnomer for the avocado. There is too much of merit and dignity lost to the fruit through such a name. When the fruit sells at five cents apiece you have a perfect right to call it "alligator pear" or anything else you choose. When it sells at \$12 a crate it is a mistake to call it anything but an avocado. Price avocados on any market and decide for yourself which name seems most fitting.

Imagine a large bell-shaped, semi-oval or nearly round fruit, varying with variety—of a color running from the deepest green to red and green stripes, the weight varying from a pound to as high as four pounds, possessing an indescribable flavor which some call "nutty" and some merely "exotic," and possessing, in addition, a protein content higher than that of milk, and almost as high as that of milk, and with a percentage of fats vastly higher than either of these, and you have produced a very crude mental sketch of the avocado.

Thanks to the patient work of the United States department of agriculture, supported by equally patient work of Florida propagators, the state now has established a range of varieties of this fruit which makes it possible to furnish the market with avocados practically all the year round. There is the variety, with its season during June and July; Pollock, July to August; Simmonds, August to September; Trapp, September to January; No. 50, November to December; Lala, November to December; Nimitz, February to April; Waldin, November to January; Salano, October to November; Verde, Blakom, and Taft, December to February. And I have made no attempt to cover the field of commercial varieties now being grown.

West Indian Type Does Best. Three great races of avocados form the foundation upon which improved varieties are being developed—the Mexican, the Guatemalan, and the West Indian. Upon the latter the commercial production of the avocado in Florida has been established, though this should not be interpreted as slighting the merits of the two other races. Though the Mexican race is hardly and finely flavored, the fruit is small and does not ship well; the Guatemalan is an excellent shipper, splendidly flavored, but has a tendency to produce fruit of too small size to meet the discriminating taste manifested in many of the great eastern markets. The production of crosses between these races is going on and there is no predicting what the future holds in store for those who are giving their energies to this less attention.

Being a tropical fruit the avocado requires a climate which automatically carries with it well-nigh total immunity to the cold wave. Therefore, by and large, avocado production in Florida at this writing is limited to the lower East Coast. There is, however, it producing bountifully on light sandy soil of the famous Redlands of Dade county. There are, however, not be at home in water-logged soil, neither will it thrive in a soil too dry. Irrigation is a necessary practice whenever this was necessary. I quote a heavy shipper of avocados and other Florida fruit: "The bulk of avocados will fit in all probability be raised below Fort Lauderdale. My informant is C. I. Brooks of Miami who knows Florida and her fruits perhaps as well as any other man."

W. J. Krome, one of the leading lights in the state's work to raise the avocado to the highest commercial plane, expressed the opinion that "fully 90 per cent of our avocado plantings are located on the lower East Coast. I would say that the total acreage of bearing trees in the state is not more than 1,000, with another 1,000 acres set out but not yet producing."

On the southeastern shore of Lake Okechobee there have been planted some 400 acres of this fruit in the muck land of that region. Speaking of the behavior of the avocado in this soil, known as "custard-apple muck," H. O. Sebring, who is interested in the commercial possibilities of the fruit in that region, said: "The custard-apple soil seems to have all the ingredients necessary for the raising of avocados and producing good crops of fruit. As soon as transportation is improved a heavy production of avocados is bound to come from the south shore of Lake Okechobee."

The avocado pioneer of Florida is undoubtedly George B. Celson of Tropical Grove, Buena Vista. Here Mr. Celson grows avocados for market and propagates nursery trees for plantings. He is the first man in this section successful in growing the avocado on a commercial scale. I visited Mr. Celson to learn that during the twenty years he has been working to perfect this fruit he has dealt entirely on a direct basis with his customers. No middlemen enter his scheme of doing business.

This is the man who thus described the value of the fruit as a food: "Milk, avocados and eggs. These are Nature's most complete foods. Either with air and water furnishes the necessary elements to sustain life, energy and intellect."

In Mr. Celson's twenty acres of bearing avocado trees were in bloom and trees were in fruit ready for shipment. His shipping season extends from June 15 to April. Hawaii is his earliest variety, Eagle Rock his latest. Though the conservative, and, by the way, conservatism is the keynote of Florida's avocado produc-

tion campaign—warn you that six years should be counted on to elapse from date of planting the trees to harvesting of the first crop, though with extra care you can bring your grove into bearing within four years, Mr. Celson tells me that by top-working his trees he can bring them into bearing in three years. And Celson, so, is a conservative.

A Man-Made Garden Spot
In this grove, David Fairchild, the super-enthusiast when it comes to subtropical Florida's horticultural possibilities, the man whose plant introduction gardens at Miami and Buena Vista have been of inestimable value to the state, stopped and called my attention to the dense growth of yam bean between Celson's trees. This yam bean, brought into Florida from Jamaica by Mr. Fairchild's division of the department of agriculture, covers the ground with a tremendous growth of vine, furnishing organic matter in greatest abundance one factor undoubtedly contributing heavily to Celson's success, for the soil in this grove is rich. Incidentally, the roots of this yam bean are edible when young.

From Miami you can cross Biscayne Bay to Miami Beach proper and there see on that island beach of silver-white sand an avocado grove covering 165 acres and containing some 7,000 bearing trees. This is a man-made garden spot; a relatively few years ago there was nothing but sand. Now there is more sand, all covered with royal palms, avocados, tropical vegetation in variety little short of miraculous. And this is the best of it, the water playground of America's millions.

The avocado grove now is under ownership of Thomas J. Pancoast and his business associates. It was started some twelve years ago by John S. Collins, of Moorestown, N. J. They began shipping fruit from the trees four years after planting and are shipping very heavily today. Trapp is the predominating variety.

"We ordered E-shipped a great deal by parcel post," Mr. Pancoast told me as we went over the property, "this involving on the part of advertising to acquaint people with the value of the avocado as a food. Now during the early season California is our best market, but, of course, New York is our greatest market. We consider the Orleans the best market for average fruit; there the avocado is eaten not as a luxury but as a food."

The idea of the avocado has been carried to the success of this special enterprise: the Australian pine and the refrigerator crate. Spray-sweet in this grove at times when the wind flings spume over the beach, unprotected avocado trees become stunted and commercially of little value. But everywhere great avenues of these pine with their glimmering foliage shelter the trees from the sea winds and enable them to become as nearly perfect as avocados are needed to be grown.

The ideal crate is shown in the illustration on another page. On either side of the central ice chamber are packed the avocados, between layers of excelsior. Being during transit from one of the southernmost points on the American mainland to Los Angeles or San Francisco, these growers to put their avocados into these markets in the pink of condition. There are two forms of this crate—the large, heavy affair that is returned empty by express, and the light gift crate, which incurs no losses from spoilage when the fruit is so shipped. The latter, by the way, was originated by Mr. Collins of Moorestown, N. J., and Thomas L. Bowers, manager of the Pancoast groves.

Down in the Redlands of Dade county, there are, to be exact, are the groves and nurseries of W. J. Krome, who demonstrates with his avocado tree must come from organic sources. Frequently he has had his trees break down under their loads of fruit and just as frequently has seen the trees actually impoverish themselves in their efforts to mature the fruit.

The Future of the Business
The result of these observations has been to convince Mr. Krome that future cultural practices with the avocado must include careful thinning of fruit whenever this tendency to overbear manifests itself. This grower has taken as many as thirty-two crates of avocados from a single tree.

Between Jan. 15 and March I didn't have a sale of avocados in New York under \$32.50 a crate. I have frequently had them bring \$40 a crate up to the time when Central American avocados began to come in and break the market down to \$15," he said.

"However, it is not on this \$32.50 and \$40 basis that the future avocado industry should be founded, but rather on the basis of such returns as \$4.50 and \$5 a crate. I believe we can always ship Florida avocados to N. Y. at \$5 a crate and make money. I find splendid markets for my fruit in the small southern towns during the winter months when there is no citrus trade. There is a commercial possibility we must not overlook, for those markets are taking the fruit as a food, whereas the exceptionally high prices we get mean that by and large it is selling as a club luxury. And the future of this business must be built on the basis of the avocado's food value."

L. H. Livingston, who grows this fruit in the vicinity of Homestead, pointed out to me an area of newly cleared and scarified land directly across the road from his grove.

"There," he said, "is land which cost \$110 an acre in the raw. To clear it of all growth and stumps and another \$125 an acre. To scarify it cost another \$50 an acre. There are forty acres that tract, all of it going into avocados. The tree holes will be dynamited. In three years, when the grove will be about to bear, the total cost to the owner will be close to \$300 an acre. Mr. Livingston's grove is taking in \$12,000 from one and a half acres of extra-fine avocados mixed in with a few fruit trees."

By and large, the avocado calls for such soils as are classed as the best citrus soils. And the trees must be fertilized; organic nitrogen, potash and phosphoric acid are essential. On the whole the trees do not require so much pruning as citrus. But they need careful spraying.

Only fruit carefully handled brings top market prices. There is no question but that the avocado has come to stay. As I said, Florida is backing it, not booming it. The industry seems to be securely in the hands of men of long-range vision, men who are conservative and substantial.

MANUSCRIPT SAID TO BE FOUND IN A BOTTLE

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The idea of the manuscript in a bottle floating at sea has had since an appeal to the romantic and inventive faculty that one cannot be sure whether it belongs more to fiction than to reality. In declining to credit the note, reported to have been found in a bottle, saying that the mysterious sinking of the Cyclops was the work of a German submarine, the navy department has good grounds. In August, 1918, five months after the ship was reported to have been sunk, a letter purporting to be from one of the ship's seamen said he was safe in a German port. These were obviously hoaxes. As the German government has record of a submarine sinking the Cyclops, the occurrence seems likely to remain one of the many mysteries of the sea. Little less strange than the ship's fate is the impulse that would lead a person to play a joke by writing a message that was untrue and could have no object save to arouse curiosity. No doubt the author enjoys that sort of anonymous notoriety.

Competing With Henry

Automobile manufacturing companies are very optimistic about the demand for cars during the spring and summer. Truck sales are reported to be on the increase, and total sales are expected to show a decided improvement over 1921. William C. Durant, president of the Durant Motors, has accepted a contract to build large quantities of the four-cylinder, five-passenger Star, selling at \$148. It is believed that this announcement means that a group of prominent parts manufacturers have banded together to enter the field with an assembled car that will compete with the Ford.

Importing Honey
The cold weather and long confinement during the winter with little suitable flight weather, is expected to result in a considerable loss in bees throughout the northern tier of states, from dysentery and starvation. In California there was considerable loss among colonies by the January freeze. During the last few months large imports of honey have been made from foreign countries.

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