LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. W. B. Zachary was called to Wellborn Monday, where her father is critically ill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Barrow and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Davis drove to Arcadia last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Brody visited in Haines City from Tuesday until Saturday of last week.

Mrs. E. L. Greene was called to Glasgow, Ky., Saturday by the serious illness of her mother.

Ira Rigdon went to Moore Haven Thursday to attend a directors' meeting of the Everglades State Bank.

George P. Caswell and son Arthur and family and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Butler spent a few days in Tampa last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Baird and children of Albany, Ala., are visiting Mr. Baird's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Borton.

M. A. Jones of Lake Stearns was here Monday attending the meeting of the county commissioners and greeting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott went to Tampa Tuesday to attend an Eastern Star meeting, at which the grand matron was present.

Charles W. Bickley, former principle of the Sebring school, took unto himself a bride a short time ago and is now living at Houston, Tex.

Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Carver of Barre, Vt., visited Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Hobart Monday and Tuesday. The Carvers are spending the winter in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Ranahan and daughter Catherine were entertained at the Kenilworth by Tuesday evening at the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell of South Orange, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Allsop are enjoying a week at Highlands Park Club. They will be accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Yawger of Crawford, N. J., who will be their guests for a few days.

C. M. Hendry, an influential citizen of Venus, was in Sebring Monday attending the meeting to perfect the democratic organization in Highlands county. Mr. Hendry is the committeeman from the Venus precinct.

Sam Dimberline, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dimberline and Miss Dorothy Shiff spent several days in Tampa last week visiting the fair. They were profuse in their praises of the displays, saying it was the best fair they had ever attended.

Miss Mansfield, teacher in the fifth grade of our public schools, had charge of the Tuesday morning exercises. George Marchand recited "The Children's Hour" and a comic dialogue entitled "Going to a Funeral," was given by several of the pupils.

Mr. and Mrs. Stansbury and daughter, L. H. Price, Mrs. Claude Price and children, Mrs. Nellie Estes and daughter Mary and Douglas Estes enjoyed a chicken dinner at the Palms Tea House Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Stansbury and daughter, who have been visiting her for the last few months, will return to their home at Devil's Lake, N. D., the first of next week.

Among the prominent visitors in Sebring Monday was G. F. Hull of Arcadia, state live stock inspector for this district. Mr. Hull has for many years been identified with the interests of old DeSoto county, both politically and financially. He is one of those dependable men, whose word is as good as a bond, and we feel that in any official position he may occupy, the duties of his office will be well and properly cared for.

Last Saturday Capt. R. C. Pringle treated a number of the little tots to a boat ride on Lake Jackson in his launch, after which they were taken for an auto ride in his C. H. Wills car. They wound up at the Manley drug store, where the children were treated to ice cream. The fortunate little ones were Austin Hecock, Jr., Eugene O. Douglas, Jr., Woodrow Willis Harshman, Billie Pollard, Jr., Glenn F. Douglas, John Lake Bogle, Homer E. Wakefield, Madeline Bogle.

The A. B. Allen & Co. little "Pantry Store" was certainly a very busy place last Saturday evening. Four clerks as busy as bees all the time, the store full of customers and many on the walk outside waiting for an opportunity to secure some of the bargains offered. Quality and prices considered, this is one of the best trading places in the county. Give us a trial.—Adv.

W. B. Zachary made a business trip to Bartow Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wormick spent the week-end in Tampa.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Mitchell and baby were in Arcadia Monday.

H. G. Eastman went to Jacksonville Monday for a week or ten days' visit.

E. S. Arnold of Chattanooga, Tenn., was a business visitor in Sebring last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lewis are moving this week to a home on Lakeview drive.

Ira Rigdon spent Friday of last week in Tampa, attending the fair and the Shriners' ceremonial.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cobin are rejoicing over the arrival of a son at their home Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Brian are now occupying a pleasant apartment in the Masonic building, having moved in Saturday.

Miss Nellie Cook of Wilmington, N. C., and Miss Lilla Smith of Arcadia were guests of Mrs. Tom Mitchell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Baldwin and children of Avon Park were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mitchell and family Sunday.

W. B. Zachary and J. G. McClurg were among the Sebring Shriners who attended the ceremonial in Tampa Friday of last week. They returned Saturday.

The Sebring tailoring business conducted by F. S. Howle has been sold, but Mr. Howle will continue as a resident of this place for a few months at least.

Going to build? Now is the time to do it. Special prices on all new brick work. Not a member of the labor trust. Chas. Wilhelm, Box 591, Sebring, Fla.—Adv.

The Rev. J. J. Haley of Haines City, brother-in-law of ex-Congressman Champ Clark, now deceased, and Mrs. Keagle, his daughter, were week-end guests of Miss Fidler at the Roanoke.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Freeman of Tampa spent Wednesday night and Thursday morning in Sebring, Mr. Freeman transacting business. Mr. Freeman is on the reportorial staff of the Tampa Tribune.

Mrs. Mary Woltz went to Tampa Thursday to spend the week-end with friends from Monticello, Ind., and also to meet Miss Effie Dobyer of Columbus, O., who will spend the remainder of the winter in Sebring.

Miss B. A. Campbell of Chicago arrived in Sebring Sunday and will spend the next three weeks here as the guest of her mother and sister, Mrs. E. C. Wright and Mrs. P. J. Rippberger. Mr. and Mrs. Rippberger and Mrs. McGrory drove to Haines City Sunday to meet her.

Capt. R. C. Pringle received a telegram Tuesday from his son, Capt. Walter Pringle of Cleveland, O., stating that the latter's wife was seriously ill. Capt. Walter Pringle has charge of his father's immense ship yards and shipping business, it became necessary for Capt. Pringle to leave for Cleveland at once. He departed Tuesday and will return to Sebring just as soon as possible. Mrs. Pringle remains in Sebring.

Thursday of last week a party of motorists, consisting of Capt. and Mrs. R. C. Pringle and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Manley of Sebring and Mrs. Brock of Wheeling, W. Va., enjoyed a drive through the Scenic Highlands, visiting the towns of Avon Park, Frostproof, Lake Wales, Haines City, Winter Haven, Bartow and Fort Meade. Every foot of this drive would be enjoyed were it not for the horrible condition of the road between the Highlands county line and Frostproof.

Judge and Mrs. D. H. Hatter of Franklin, Ky., arrived in Sebring this week and are the guests of C. F. Saunders and family. This is their first visit to Florida. They have spent about two weeks in Leesburg, two weeks in Lakeland and a week in Tampa and St. Petersburg. They are touring the state and after having finished their tour will spend some time in New Orleans visiting the judge's son, D. E. Hatter, who is a traveling salesman for one of the large wholesale firms of that city. They will return to their home in Franklin some time in May. Judge Hatter expresses himself as being more than favorably impressed with the entire Scenic Highlands and thinks Sebring one of the most beautiful and progressive cities he ever saw. Mr. Saunders is also from Franklin and has been a life-long friend of Judge Hatter.

Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Adams made a trip to Wauchula Monday.

Tom Boget of Tampa was transacting business here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Howle departed Sunday on a trip to the East Coast.

Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Bee went to Daytona Friday of last week, returning home Tuesday.

Mrs. C. D. Manley, who is here visiting her son Frank, spent a few days in Lake Wales last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Blair of Beloit, Kas., departed Saturday for their home, after a pleasant sojourn in Sebring, stopping at the Roanoke hotel.

Lost—A gold thimble between the Roanoke hotel and the seventh grade school house. Finder please return to Miss M. E. Fidler and receive reward. 28-2t

Tom Mitchell of this city and Cyril Baldwin of Avon Park were in Moore Haven Wednesday and Thursday. Mr. Mitchell is the owner of some muck land at that place.

Dr. J. M. Barker returned this week from St. Petersburg, after having spent a week in the Sunshine City. Dr. Barker says St. Petersburg is well filled with tourists this season.

Follow the crowds to the A. B. Allen & Co. little "Pantry Store" for your bargains in groceries, or call phone 128.—Adv.

M. D. Zendt of Souderton, Pa., who spent last winter in Sebring, was so favorably impressed with our little city and so thoroughly enjoyed himself that he is again with us, having arrived Saturday.

At the Buckeye Hotel

Guests registered at the Buckeye hotel this week were: J. E. Allen, Lakeland; William Dupree, Tampa; Carl J. Rose, Ocala; J. McKorner, Jacksonville; Ora Nett, Elkhart, Ind.; R. B. Murdock, Elberhen, Ga.; A. C. Bryson, Lakeland; E. S. Arnold, Norfolk, Va.; G. M. Boyd, Chattanooga, Tenn.; E. W. Ellis, Valdosta, Ga.; E. C. Langston, Palm Beach; J. N. Clark, Titusville; Blake Parkton, R. E. Baker, E. N. Cobb, Tampa; O. S. Miller, Jacksonville; H. D. Miller, Moore Haven; J. D. Brotchie, Haines City; F. C. Osborne and wife, Columbus, O.; Albert Anderson, Chicago; W. T. Foulks, Lakeland; E. H. Mathews and wife, F. E. Cooley and wife, St. Petersburg; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Young and daughter, Haines City; Elmer Mathews, St. Petersburg; G. M. Baker, D. W. Stevenson, Moore Haven; J. G. McGee, Washington, D. C.; J. K. Forney, Abilene, Kas.; W. C. Johnson, Ohio; Miss L. D. French; Miss L. A. Thornton, St. Petersburg; H. Kent, D. Boget, Tampa.

Valentine Party

The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Pickard was the scene of a Valentine party Monday evening, given in honor of their niece, Miss Evelyn Trotter of Canada. The home was beautifully decorated with hearts, which, with the Valentine programs, carried out the scheme of the occasion. The evening was spent with games and contests, after which delicious refreshments were served. Several piano selections were rendered and after singing a number of old-time southern melodies, all departed, having enjoyed the evening to the fullest extent.

At the Roanoke

R. W. Comstock (chautauqua director), Washington, D. C.; J. E. Walker, Orlando; G. P. Herber, Moore Haven; H. H. Philips, Los Angeles; M. B. Hinton, Atlanta; J. R. Kyle, St. Louis; George A. Nash, J. E. Nash, Huntington, Ind.; R. D. Dekle, Plant City; W. S. Saulpaugh and wife, Jacksonville; W. F. Dance, Richmond, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Owen, Tampa; Mrs. M. F. Nance, Utica, Miss.; L. L. Nicholson, H. P. Bamford, Tampa; W. E. Graham, Lakeland; G. Hasty, city.

Every town has its builders and its spongers. If you don't believe this start out with a subscription paper for some good cause. You will find men who give to every good cause to the limit and others more able to give who will give nothing but some flimsy excuse. One class are builders and the other class are spongers, and the world would not be worth living in if all were spongers.—Florida Advocate.

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

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

For Sale Cheap — An outboard kicker in first-class condition. Enquire at the Rexall Store. E. J. Molter. 29tf

For Sale — Indian Runner duck eggs; fawn and white; pure white egg strain exhibition stock; $3 per setting of 12 eggs. H. F. Clawson, Z Farm, Box 84, Sebring, Fla. 30tf

Seven young pure-bred Ancona hens and choice cockerel, not related, $15; also one pen of pure-bred pit games, from fine pullets, and extra fine cockerel, not related, $10. Roswell Cutler.

For Sale—Pure-bred barred rock eggs, 15 for $1. These chickens are northern bred and as fine as can be found in the state. Herman Dreste, Sebring, Fla., opposite Stokes' Grocery.—Adv. 25-6t

For Sale — Eggs from pure-bred, prize-winning stock; $1.50 per setting of 15 eggs. Brown Leghorns, White Leghorns, Rhode Island Reds, Ancona and Silver-laced Wyandottes. Roswell Cutler, Avon Park. 23tf

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

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

DYING WORDS OF NOTED MEN

J. Marvin in Tampa Tribune

"It is well."—Washington.
"I have peace."—Parkhurst.
"I must sleep now"—Byron.
"Thy will be done."—Donne.
"Is this your fidelity?"—Nero.
"Then I am safe."—Cromwell.
"Let the light enter."—Goethe.
"And this is death?"—George IV.
"Independence forever."—Adams.
"God's will be done."—Bishop Kerr.
"God will save my soul."—Burghey.
"Lord, take my spirit." — Edward VI.
"Lord, make haste."—H. Hammond.
"Lord, receive my spirit."—Cranmer.
"Don't give up the ship."—Lawrence.
"It is the last of earth." — J. Q. Adams.
"God preserve the emperor." — Hayden.
"I go to God and my Savior."—P. Heylin.
"I am about to die."—Samuel Johnson.
"Give Dayrolles a chair."—Chesterfield.
"I shall be happy." — Archbishop Sharp.
"Don't let poor Nellie starve."—Charles II.
"I have endeavored to do my duty." —Taylor.
"Refresh me with a great thought." —Herder.
"I thank God I have done my duty." —Nelson.
"I run to God to take me soon."—John Kitto.
"I feel as if I were myself again." —Walter Scott.
"An emperor should die standing." —Vespasian.
"The best of all is, God is with us."—John Wesley.
"This day let me see the Lord Jesus."—Jewell.
"Grasp my hand, my dear friend; I die."—Alfieri.
"It matts little now the head lieth." —Raleigh.
"I loved God, my Father, and liberty."—DeStael.
"A dying man can do nothing easy." —Franklin.
"My beautiful flowers, my lovely flowers."—Richter.
"James, take good care of the horse."—Winfield Scott.
"I feel the dasies growing over me." —John Keats.
"What, is there no bribing death?" —Cardinal Beaufort.
"Taking a leap in the dark, O mystery."—Earl of Derby.
"I am taking a fearful leap in the dark."—Thomas Hobbes.
"My days are past as a shadow that returns not."—R. Hooker.
"I thought that dying had been more difficult."—Louis XIV.
"O, Lord, forgive me, specially my sins of omission."—Usher.
"Farewell, Livia, and ever remember our long union." — Augustus Caesar.
"I have sent for you to see how a Christian can die."—Addison to Warwick.
"Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit." — Christopher Columbus.
"Let me die to the sounds of de licious music."—Mirabeau.
"It is small, very small," alluding to her neck.—Anne Boleyn.
"Let the earth be filled with his glory."—Bishop Broughton.
"Let me hear those notes so long my solace and delight."—Mozart.
"To die for liberty is a pleasure and not a pain."—Marco Bozzaris.
"We are as near heaven by sea as by land."—Sir Humphrey Gilbert.
"I do not sleep, I wish to meet death awake."—Maria Theresa.
"I resign my soul to God; my daughter to my country."—Jefferson.
"I would not change my joy for the empire of the world."—Philip Sidney.
"This is the last flickering of a lamp that has long been burning."—General Wool.
"I want nothing, and I am looking for nothing but heaven."—Philip Melanchion.
"I have seen all things and all things are of little value."—Alexander Severus.
"Remorse! Remorse! Write it! Write it! Larger! Larger!" — John Randolph.
"We are all going to heaven, and Van Dyke is of the company."—Gainsborough.
"Gentlemen of the jury, you will now consider your verdict." — Lord Tenterden.
"I thank God that I was brought up in the Church of England." — Bishop Gunning.
"O, Liberty, Liberty, how many crimes are committed in thy name?" —Mme. Roland.
"Let us cross the river and rest under the shade of the trees."—Stonewall Jackson.
"I am dying out of charity to the undertaker who wishes to urn a lively Hood."—Hood.
"Throw up the window that I may once more see the magnificent scene of nature."—Rousseau.
"Be of good comfort, brother, for we shall this day light such a candle in England as, by God's grace, shall never be put out."—Latimer to Ridley.
"Lockhart, I may have but a moment to speak with you. My dear, be a good man, be virtuous, be religious, be a good man; nothing else will give you any comfort when you come to lie here."—Walter Scott.

Youth's Companion Home Calendar

The publishers of The Youth's Companion are sending to every subscriber whose subscription ,$2.50) is paid for 1922 a calendar for the new year. The tablets are printed in red and dark blue, and besides giving the days of the current month in bold legible type, give the calendar of the preceding and succeeding months in smaller type in the margin. The Companion home calendar has been published in standard form for many years and is everywhere in quest because of its convenience and novelty. —Adv.

Electric sewing machines to rent by day or week by Mitchell Electric Company.—Adv.

IN THE CHURCHES

BIBLE CONFERENCE OPENS HERE SUNDAY

Everything is in readiness for the opening service of the Sebring Bible Chautauqua Sunday evening, Feb. 19. The spacious khaki tabernacle has been erected across the street from the postoffice and is seated with several hundred folding chairs. Several inches of clean shavings have been spread over the ground and the big platform is tastily decorated. The tabernacle is new and has a wall that will drop to the ground. In case of cold weather oil stoves will be kept burning to make the place warm and comfortable.

The first lecture will be delivered Sunday evening at 7:45. The topic will be: "Some Wonderful Bible Discoveries Concerning the Man of Galilee." This lecture will be delivered by Evangelist Allen Walker, the director of the Walker-Burroughs party.

There will be a lively congregational song service at 7:30, conducted by Prof. Charles T. Burroughs. Professor Burroughs would especially appreciate the assistance of the local talent in the song services.

The program for the remainder of the week will be as follows:

Monday night—"What the Bible Teaches About the Second Coming of Christ."

Tuesday night—"Bible Prophecy's Program of the Near Future. Coming Events that Cast Their Shadows Before."

Wednesday night — "The Truth About the Millennium. Satan Bound a Thousand Years. When? Where? Why? How?"

Thursday night — "The Prophetic Outlook for a Warless World."

Friday night—"The Home of the Sweet Bye and Bye. Where Will It Be? What Will It Be? Will We Know Each Other There?"

The seats are free and everybody cordially invited.

Taking No Chances

One morning a negro sauntered into the office of a white friend. "Good mawn', Mr. Withrow. Kin I use yo' phone a minute?" he asked.

"Why, certainly, Sam."

Sam called his number, and after a few minutes' wait, said: "Is this Mrs. Whiteside? Well, I seen in de papeh where you-all wanted a good enlhed man. Is you still wantin' one? Then the man youse got is perfectly satisfactory, and you don't contemplate makin' no change soon? All right, ma'am. Good-bye."

Mr. Withrow called to Sam as he left the phone: "How thanks too bad, Sam, that the place is filled."

"Oh, dat's all right, Mr. Withrow. I's de nigger what's got de job, but I's jest a wantin' to check up."—Judge.

The Use of Mortar

Two Irishmen were arguing who was the most clever.

"Well," said Pat, "I'll bet you can't tell me what keeps bricks together."

"Sure," said Mike, "its mortar."

"Wrong," said Pat, "thats what keeps them apart."—Edinburg Scotsman.

Not His Habit

Villager (to perspiring tourist)—Turn to the right at the bottom of this road and you'll see the Red Lion saloon; you pass that.

Tourist—Pass it! Not if I know it! —Tit-Bits.

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The latest census gives the number of illiterates to be found in each county as below:

(Note: "Illiterate—Ignorant of letters or books, uneducated; especially unable to read.")

Okeechobee	83
Broward	213
Brevard	236
Osceola	256
Flagler	319
St. Lucie	319
Lafayette	346
Lee	402
Franklin	477
Clay	478
Citrus	555
Palm Beach	562
Sumter	574
Baker	582
Pasco	602
Hernando	616
Liberty	628
Levy	639
Pinellas	709
Seminole	713
Wakulla	725
Orange	743
Lake	759
Columbia	777
Monroe	817
St. Johns	824
Walton	842
Manatee	902
Okaloosa	906
Bay	977
Nassau	1,012
Putnam	1,073
Bradford	1,077
Washington	1,147
Holmes	1,158
Calhoun	1,160
Volusia	1,211
Dade	1,283
Santa Rosa	1,345
DeSoto	1,579
Hamilton	1,445
Taylor	1,674
Marion	1,635
Polk	1,910
Suwannee	2,013
Madison	2,295
Leon	2,884
Escambia	3,149
Jefferson	3,404
Gadsden	3,445
Hillsborough	3,960
Jackson	4,972
Duval	5,111

The Fort Meade Leader is kicking about the immodest costumes worn by the young ladies of Fort Meade. Don't be a grouch. Why neighbor, it would not hurt our eyes were the ladies to go back to fig leaves. Evil mind, evil thoughts.—Florida Advocate.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. C. F. Weigle returned Monday from a visit of several days in Ocala.

Mrs. C. F. Weigle, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Cope, drove to Haines City Friday to meet Mrs. Emma Wallace and son and Miss Ora Cook, who will visit Mrs. Weigle.

Mr. Temple of Philadelphia arrived in Sebring Tuesday for a few days' sojourn. Miss Elizabeth Temple, who has been the guest of Mrs. Mae E. Cooper, will accompany him home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Sebring, Mrs. Mae E. Cooper and Thomas Hoone motored to Florence Villa last Saturday, where they spent the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooke Vincent of Gaithersburg, Md., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Taylor, on Lakeview drive. This is their first visit to this section of Florida and they are delighted with the Ridge and especially with our "City Beautiful."

Methodist Church

Dr. P. S. Merrill will occupy the pulpit at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Men's Bible class in the Hut at 9:30; main school in the church at 9:45; Epworth League in the Hut at 6:45 p. m. A cordial invitation and sincere welcome for all to worship in this church.

Plant a few rows of squashes in your cucumber or cantaloupe fields. Moths which lay the pickle-worm egg prefer the squash to these other plants. In this way much of the boring of holes in your fruit will be prevented. The same is true of the melon worm.

PICKED UP SMILES

One Divorce, Please

You made me what I am today,
As through the years we've rambled,
Now rectify the mess you've wrought;
I want to be unscrambled.

* * *

We go from verse to worse!

* * *

Every Goat Getter
I grant you annoys,
But there is only one "getter"
Who upsets my poise,
And he is the bird
The king of kill joys,
Who always comes back with
"Yes," but MY motor, boys!"

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A local reformer wants the girls to stop rolling their own, meaning cigarettes 'aneverything. He doesn't suggest, however, who he thinks should roll 'em.

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A bandit after buying a pair of shoe laces at a Seattle, Wash., store, says the Seattle Star, held up the proprietor and took $275. That's starting on a shoe string.

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How Much?

A Kewanee man was fined $50 for calling a woman a "chicken."

Milo L. rises to ask: "How much would it have cost him had he used the term "old hen?"

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A Detroit man has invented a tire which runs without air. He may think it's something new. But we've got four of them.

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All the world loves a lover, but laughs behind his back.

* * *

Rivers had come home and was stumbling over things in the dark hallway.

"What are you growling about, dear?" called Mrs. Rivers from the floor above.

"I am growling," he answered in his deepest bass voice, "to drown the barking of my shins."

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Youngstown, O., now has an official "cop sniffer" whose duty it is to get a noseful of all police breaths every four bells. Absence of a hoochful aroma, giving place to cloves, onions, peppermint, or other modes of breath camouflage, will not be accepted as an alibi. It's got to be just plain breath or the cop gets the gate.

Beach Party

Leila Sebring gave a party for several of her high school friends Friday evening of last week. A jolly time was had around a bonfire on the beach in the rear of H. O. Sebring's residence. Marshmallows were toasted, songs were sung, hot chocolate and wafers were served and a jolly good time was enjoyed by all. Those participating were Leila Sebring, Faith and Hattie Catogni, Mary Cornelia and Esther Maude Saunders, Espage Rogers, Ellen Heacock, Minnie Bess Saunders, William Withers, David Lang, Ernie Escott, Clifton Couch, Henry Holliday and George Boyd, Jr.

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31x4	3.45	33.50	19.50	22.90
32x4	3.70	35.10	37.85	26.90
33x4	3.85	36.30	28.50	27.90
34x4	4.00	37.50	29.75	28.90

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33x4½ (2 only) Over-size Cord $40.04
35x4½ (1 only) Over-size Cord 49.90

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33x4½ (2 only) the tube 4.00
35x4½ (1 only) the tube 4.35
35x5 (3 only) the tube 5.00

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Transfers of real estate filed for record with the clerk of the circuit court of Highlands county, as reported by Highlands Security, Abstract & Title Co.:

D. G. Skipper and wife to M. C. Whitehurst: Lot 14, block 73, Sec. 22, Avon Park.

Articles of incorporation of the Verona Investment Company. H. A. Winter, president; John D. Raab, vice-president and John A. Taylor, secretary. Capital $50,000, office at Avon Park. To deal in real estate and securities.

Joseph L. Floyd et al to Morris Floyd: Farm 20, Sec. 28, Twp. 34, R. 29, Lake View Park.

Morris Floyd and wife to Carrie B. Rickey: Farm No. 20, Sec. 29, Twp. 34, R. 29, in Lake View Park.

Highlands Orange Groves Co., to C. P. Durrance: Lots 7, 8 and 9, block 3, Sec. 22, Twp. 33, R. 28, Avon Park.

R. A. Hendry to Mary R. Schneider: N½ lot 3 (or NW¼ SW¼) Sec. 30, Twp. 36, R. 30.

Robert E. Coates to J. W. Watson and L. L. Bean: W½ of E½ of NW¼ of NW¼ Sec. 7, Twp. 37, R. 30.

E. E. Skipper and sons to Okeechobee Cattle Company: Sec. 30 and 32, Twp. 37, R. 34.

Mrs. Myrtle O. Burton to Sam F. Durrance, government: Lot 1, except 14 acres in Sec. 31, Twp. 33, R. 29.

John L. Jones and wife to M. C. and O. E. Horton, government: Lot 1, Sec. 27, Twp. 33, R. 29.

Gustav Hoffman and wife to A. B. Davis: Lot 4, block 4, Hoffman's Grove addition to Lake Stearns.

Articles of incorporation of Eagle Bay Cattle Company. C. S. Hart, president; Stephen Skipper, vice-president and S. E. Roberts, secretary and treasurer. Office at Avon Park. Capital $25,000. To deal in real estate and live stock.

Articles of incorporation of Indian Prarie Cattle Company. Howard Cole, president; C. A. Skipper, vice-president; C. E. Lanier, secretary and treasurer, who, with S. E. Roberts and Stephen Skipper are the incorporators. Office at Avon Park. Capital $50,000. To deal in real estate and live stock.

R. I. Harris and wife to J. H. Gunn: Lots 1 and 2, block 7, Denton & Harris subdivision, Avon Park.

Christian M. Wenger and wife to H. E. and Hattie May Steyart: Lot 4, block 64, Sebring.

William P. Palow and wife to W. C. Touchon: Lots 2 and 3, Burleigh's subdivision, Avon Park.

Articles of incorporation of Red Hill Farms. R. W. Swearingen, president; G. W. Adams, vice-president; John B. Hood, secretary and treasurer. Office at Avon Park. Capital $10,000. To deal in real estate and live stock.

J. P. Gaines and wife to C. P. Turner: W½ of government lot 4, Sec. 27, Twp. 33, R. 28; 20 acres.

Their Only Means of Proving It

Some people think nobody will ever find out that they are good unless they talk about their goodness continuously.—Atlanta Georgian.

Bond Clerks Are So Careless

Two of the most inexplicable things in the world are, first, how an editor's name ever gets on a bond house's mailing list and, secondly, how it ever stays there.—Ohio State Journal.

Adding a word to the well-known motto of the circus, the arms conference at Washington might be advertised as the greatest show-down on earth.—Life.

The Montana bachelor tax has been declared unconstitution. There goes the last of the so-called luxury taxes. —Norfolk (Neb.) News.

Not a Jackass, Exactly

Two colored men were engaged in a conversation when one of them became very much annoyed by the persistent attention of a large fly. "Sam, what kind of a fly am dis?" "Dat am a hoss-fly. A hoss-fly am a fly what buzzes 'roun' cows n' hosses 'n' jackasses——" "You ain't makin' out to call me no jackass?" "No, I ain't main' out to call you no jackass, but you can't fool dem hoss-flies."—Argonaut.

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YOUNG MAN CHARGED WITH THEFT EXONERATED

A few days ago a young man of our city was arrested upon a charge of theft, one of our prominent ladies having missed a gold watch and diamond ring and the young man being the only one whom she could think of as having access to the house. The young man was placed in jail, but released when his friends came to the rescue and filed a bond. The lady afterward found the missing articles in the house where she had placed them, but afterward forgotten. While the young man was completely exonerated, the incident goes to show that one should never too hastily jump at conclusions and prefer charges of a serious nature, which might effect the entire future of another's life.

Mrs. Asquith hopes to find us interesting. We hope so, too. It would be dreadful to be found blase, bizarre, bally, or any of these things.—New York Evening World.

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SEBRING LODGE NO. 249 INSTITUTED THURSDAY NIGHT

Sebring now has a splendid Masonic lodge, Sebring Lodge No. 249, F. & A. M., having been instituted Thursday night, the impressive ceremony being performed in the presence of a large and interested audience, composed of Masons and their wives, mothers, daughters and sisters.

The new lodge room in the Masonic building was beautifully decorated with ferns and cut flowers and an enjoyable program was carried out, consisting of music by the ladies' quartet, an oration by the Rev. Elijah P. Brown, and eloquent and instructive address by Dr. John Carlton Chrisman of Chicago and at the close dainty refreshments served by the ladies.

The ceremony of instituting was performed by Walter Scott, who had been appointed by the grand lodge as most worshipful grand master for the occasion, who opened grand lodge, composed of the following officers: Walter Scott, most worshipful grand master; Norton T. Smith, most worshipful deputy grand master; Mark W. Lance, grand senior warden; De-Forest Canfield, grand junior warden; Herbert Scavens, grand secretary; S. F. Tucker, grand senior deacon; H. D. Myers, grand junior deacon; the Rev. C. E. Gutteridge, grand chaplain; J. P. Harbaugh, grand senior stewart; George W. Adams, grand junior stewart; Capt. A. Binger, grand marshal, and Dr. John Carlton Chrisman, grand tyler.

After the institution of the lodge according to the ancient rites of the order, the following officers were installed: E. L. Greene, worshipful master; W. B. Zachary, senior warden; D. R. Stevenson, junior warden; E. O. Douglas, treasurer; P. J. Rippberger, secretary; C. A. Reese, senior deacon; G. V. Hudson, junior deacon; Joab Edwards, chaplain; T. W. Lawton, senior stewart; P. L. Vinson, junior stewart, and S. Dimberline, tyler.

A vote of thanks was tendered the ladies quartet, composed of the Misses Mary Patrick, Eleanor Boyd, Ernestine Young and Lolly Fuller, under the direction of Mrs. E. C. Wright, and to the ladies who prepared the splendid banquet.

The affair was a most enjoyable one and the beginning of what we trust will be the making of one of the strongest and most harmonious Masonic lodges in the state.

Eastern Star Chapter

A chapter of the Order of Eastern Star will be instituted in Sebring next Monday night.

BASKET BALL AT TUSCAWILLA; SEBRING HIGH'S SCHEDULE CONCLUDED

Wednesday night the collegiate basket ball team, under the leadership of Gid Jaeger, defeated the Red Stars basket ball team at Tuscawilla Park by the score of 13 to 8. The game was tied, 4 to 4, at the end of the first half, but during the last half the Collegiates ran up 9 points and held the Stars to 2.

The Red Star quintet had difficulty in shooting goals. Many times chances that looked easy just rolled around the rim, but wouldn't go in. They sure were not playing the game they did two weeks ago against the high school.

Next Wednesday night the same two teams will again lock horns and then watch those two teams work. Jaeger's bunch say they can "do it again," while the Red Stars say, "but you won't." Come out and see the fun.

Much interest is being shown by the local fans in these games, a good-sized crowd having enjoyed the game.

Sebring high continued walloping the up-Ridge basket ball teams by taking Lake Wales high's fast basket ball outfit down to the tune of 18 to 14 Friday of last week at Tuscawilla park. The game was real snappy from start to finish, but the visiting lads couldn't get near our fellows at all. This concludes the Sebring high's schedule this year and a real record they made, having won every game played with other high schools during the season.

Presbyterian Church

Visitors are always welcome at the Presbyterian church and we were glad to have so many at the service last Sunday morning. The evening service was called because of the temperance meeting at Tuscawilla park. All the services will be held next Sunday at the usual hours unless providentially hindered. Preaching at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 3 p. m. and preaching again at 7:30. All cordially invited.

AVON PARK

Don't forget the chautauqua Feb. 24, 25 and 27.

Mrs. Oscar Wolff spent the week-end in Tampa.

A. C. Bauknight and C. A. Jamour were Sebring visitors Sunday evening.

Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Touchton and children were Tampa visitors last Friday.

John Hood was among the Avon Park people spending Friday of last week in Tampa.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. McDonough and Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Parker were in Tampa Saturday attending to business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Adams and daughters, Mary and Wilma, accompanied by F. H. Adams of Sebring, spent last Friday in Tampa visiting the fair.

E. D. Kelley and family returned Tuesday to Monticello, Ga., after a most delightful stay here of three months. They will be with us again next winter.

Mayor D. A. Sapp has disposed of his interests in the DeSoto Holdings company, exchanging for the interests of R. I. Harris in the Park Development Company.

The chautauqua, to be held here Feb. 24, 25 and 27, is under the auspices of the American Legion. You not only get more than your money's worth when you attend, but you also help the legion.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Kingsley of Elkhart, Ind., arrived in Avon Park Friday of last week to spend the remainder of the winter season in the sunshine of Florida. They are stopping with Mr. and Mrs. James M. Laston.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lesure, Mrs. Cora Canfield and Mrs. William Dart were among the people who visited the South Florida Fair last week. Aside from having a most pleasant day at the fair, they visited Henry Coy, who is confined in the Gordon Keller hospital, where he recently underwent an operation, from which he is recovering.

D. G. Skipper has recently sold his home on Central avenue to M. C. Whitehurst and Mr. Whitehurst and family are new residents of Avon Park, having moved here Monday. Mr. Skipper and family have returned to the country and are occupying their new home, near the D. H. Skipper place.

Ben Eastman and Lowell Redline of Benton Harbor, Mich., who had been spending a couple of months here with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Woodruff, departed the latter part of last week for Kissimmee, where they will spend some time before returning home. They made the trip with D. Mandis in his auto, enjoying the beautiful scenery en route.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Farnell and son Ivor, accompanied by their guests, Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Hardman of Allerton, Ill., motored to Sebring Sunday afternoon. Dr. Hardman was loud in his praises of the wonderful development of the surrounding country and the great improvements made since his visit here two years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Merwin and son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Merwin, spent Thursday and Friday of last week in Tampa and St. Petersburg, visiting the South Florida Fair in Tampa and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dilley in St. Petersburg. Mrs. Dilley's friends here will regret to learn that she was at that time confined to her bed by illness.

The Misses Laura D. French and Lila A. Thornton, who are spending their third winter in St. Petersburg, stopped in Avon Park a short while Saturday, while en route to Sebring. These ladies had heard so many favorable reports of these Seccale Highlands that they decided to make an auto trip through them to ascertain whether or not the reports had been exaggerated. They were more than pleased with everything they saw, the only thing occurring to mar the pleasure of their trip was the navigation of that abominable stretch of road from Frostproof south to the Highlands county line.

Fred B. Fetherstonbaugh of Toronto, Canada, the only patent attorney king's counsel in Canada, was the guest of his friend and former associate, Arthur Middleton, last week. Herbert F. B. Reck assisted in his entertainment and Wednesday Mr. Fetherstonbaugh gave a parting lunch at Kenilworth Lodge, Sebring, to Mr. Reck and his hosts, the Middletons.

Mrs. Fetherstonbaugh is wintering in California, but Mr. Fetherstonbaugh, after inspecting Avon Park, wired her that they should surely spend next winter in Florida, instead of California.

L. D. Roberts and "Red" Lake spent Tuesday in Lakeland.

R. I. Harris and G. L. Cowes transacted business in Arcadia Monday.

S. L. Griffin, father of Sheriff W. M. Griffin, was a business visitor here Tuesday.

George F. Smith went to Tampa Sunday, where he had been summoned to serve on the federal jury.

Gordon W. Smith spent a couple of days in Tampa at the South Florida Fair the latter part of last week.

E. D. Kelley and family, who have been here for the last few months, returned to their home at Monticello, Ga., this week.

L. Hardenbrook, Irvin Adams and Bill Smith were among the Avon Park people attending the fair in Tampa Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Parker have moved to the Thompson residence on Winthrop avenue, where they can be found by their many friends.

Monday night Highlands chapter No. 42, Royal Arch Masons, held its regular convocation and the past master degree was conferred upon V. R. Huss by request.

The Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. William Hare Thursday, Feb. 9. Thirty-eight were present and fifteen states were represented among them. A delightful time was spent in visiting and a piano solo was rendered by Mrs. Elsee, who is stopping at Lake Byrd Lodge. Little baby Helm took a very attractive part of the afternoon. The next meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 23, in the Congregational church parlors. All are invited to be present.

Judge M. C. Cain, a prominent business man of Lake Wales, was in Avon Park Monday looking for a suitable place in which to open a restaurant. He was not successful this trip, but states he is in the market for the first vacant place, as he believes this city is the logical place on the Ridge for such an enterprise.

We have received a communication from a northern lady wit three children of school age, requesting us to help secure for her a permanent position as housekeeper for some respectable family. We are not personally acquainted with the writer, but from the contents of the letter should judge that if there is any family in Avon Park desiring such help, no mistake would be made by communicating with her. The letter states that she can furnish unquestionable refereaces and that she is in need of employment.

Mr. and Mrs. George Topham and Mr. Topham's sister, Mrs. L. C. Canfield of Washington, D. C., are again with us for a few weeks' sojourn at the Hotel Avon. Mr. Topham is interested in the Hillcrest development and has great faith in the future of Avon Park. During their visits here these people have made many friends who extend a hearty welcome when they come.

C. B. Hatch and Henry Knapp of Danbury, Conn., who are spending the winter in Mount Dora, were Avon Park visitors Saturday. Mr. Hatch was very much interested in Avon Park and promised to return in the near future with a view to investing. He thought this was the most progressive little city he had seen in the state and said he would like to own a home here.

Among the Shriners from Avon Park we noticed in Tampa last Friday were T. H. Lander, Norton T. Smith, Joe Lander, Judge D. V. Rouse, J. S. Francis, H. M. Wiggins (accompanied by Mrs. Wiggins), Capt. F. C. Rae, M. W. Lance, John W. T. Lesure (accompanied by Mrs. Lesure and Mrs. William Dart), D. F. Canfield (accompanied by Mrs. Canfield), J. Scott Buchanan and Sheriff W. M. Griffin.

While the selling campaign for Red Hill Farms has not yet been launched, many inquiries are coming in regarding the lands and already two ten-acre tracts have been sold. Charles E. Myers of Indiana having purchased two tracts through Norton T. Smith. A peculiar part of the sale was the fact that as soon as Mr. Myers stepped from the car he said: "This looks like pretty good land right here," and his remark clearly demonstrated the fact that he knew good land when he saw it. He purchased the land he was then standing on and an adjoining ten acres, without stepping off from the land purchased. Mr. Myers expects to begin improving in the near future and will probably set a considerable plot to strawberries, as he has some ideal strawberry land on his purchase.

Ben—Did you hear of the accident in church Sunday?

Benjamin—No, tell me about it.

Ben—A lady had her eye on a seat and I came in and sat down on it.—Tiger.

Charles M. Schwab says: "Just smile and times will be better." That's what we've all been doing so long that smiling hurts.—Poland Press-Herald.

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Board Public Instruction Closes Schools March 10 Because Lack of Funds

Sebring, Fla., Feb. 13, 1922.

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

Minutes of regular meeting of Jan. 9 were read and approved.

Petition received asking that school buildings at Hicoria be located one-half mile north of present location and also petition asking that the school be located across the road from the present location. Matter considered and carried that the matter be laid on the table until such time as the board and superintendent can arrange to visit Hicoria and determine in their judgment the best location.

Privilege was granted Sebring special district No. 37 to renew note for ninety days for $510.10.

It was moved, seconded and carried that three warrants on the general funds for the amount of $1,800 and payable Oct. 1, 1922, be drawn in favor of the First National Bank of Avon Park and new note be executed by the local board for $1,400 to take up notes now held by said bank, amounting to $3,500.

It was moved, seconded and carried that all bills this day approved and ordered paid be paid by time warrant, payable June 1, 1922, and also all teachers having their reports on file be paid likewise.

The following resolution was made by E. O. Wiliams:

"Whereas, the general school funds have been exhausted, including all possible sources of income for the ensuing year, and there are no further available funds in process of collection for the school year or possibility of legally borrowing any additional funds,

"Now, therefore, be it resolved, that all schools in Highlands county be allowed to run to the end of their sixth month, provided each sixth month ends on or before March 10, 1922, except such schools as can run longer by use of their special tax school district funds or by public subscription."

Which resolution was seconded by M. A. Millar and unanimously adopted by the board.

On motion duly seconded and carried, the board adjourned.

IRA RIGDON, Chairman.
W. A. MARSHALL.
County Superintendent and Secretary.

The above action, while drastic, was not entirely unexpected by those who were familiar with conditions. However, feeling that the citizens of the county should know something of the actual situation, the following explanation has been handed us:

First. in the division of old DeSoto county each of the newly created counties by the terms of the law creating them was compelled to assume its pro rata part of the general indebtedness of the mother county. The pro rata part which Highlands county had to assume was approximately $10,000.

Under the terms of an act passed by the legislature in 1921, it was possible for the counties of the state to issue interest bearing time warrants [illegible] existing indebtedness. Under this act it was possible for Highlands county to issue such warrants for the payment of its pro rata part of the indebtedness assumed as above stated.

Funds arising from the sale of such interest bearing time warrants could be used for no other purpose. They were so used and this constitutes the only payment of past indebtedness made by the county board. All other sources of revenue have been used only to keep the schools in operation to date.

The sources of revenue of the board of public instruction are fixed by constitutional provisions and by statutory law. Consequently it is limited. As a matter of fact, it is impossible to run the schools on such income and has been for several years. There is also a statute limiting the borrowing power of the board, but the statute in question has for years been honored only in the breach. Finding themselves out of funds, the county boards have borrowed regardless of their statutory power and have approved loans by local trustees of special tax school districts, until the counties throughout the state are bowed down and encumbered by a staggering load of indebtedness, and also in many instances the special tax school districts were in a like condition.

The act authorizing issuance of interest bearing time warrants allowed the county board to defer past indebtedness, but which nevertheless still has to be paid. It did not relieve the special tax school districts. Nor did it make available any additional funds for current expenses.

Inasmuch as the income of the county board had not paid the current expenses of the schools for several years, it could not reasonably be expected that such income would do it now. It might be suggested that the old method of borrowing be adopted. Fortunately, Governor Hardee saw the evil of this. Realizing that the trouble was our existing laws and that they would never be changed as long as ignored until the counties were bankrupt, the present administration promptly notified all county boards that hereafter the law would have to be observed or the county board held responsible for not so doing.

The board of Highlands county has spent every cent of its income for the fiscal year. They borrowed the 80 per cent of their budget as authorized by law. When the school tax is fully paid in and such indebtedness paid the board will be without funds. By being without funds is meant a possible balance of from $300 to $400. On the other hand, there may be a deficit of approximately a like amount. That is as near as it can be figured at this time. Such is approximately correct. The board is positive there is not enough to maintain schools an additional month throughout the county.

This situation does not apply to Highlands county alone. Other counties are having a like condition to face. It is generally understood that in Dade county the board of public instruction was only able to finance their schools until Jan. 1, and that had it not been for assistance from private parties, the school would have been closed by that date.

The local condition is not due to lack of assistance from the banks of Highlands county. As a matter of fact, they have carried the county from its organization and will continue to carry the county until all taxes for 1921 are collected and turned over to the board of public instruction. Also they stand ready and willing to continue doing so. They are ready to lend, but the board cannot legally borrow. They are bound by law and the instructions of the governor.

Another Pioneer Gone

W. M. Crews of Zolfo, familiarly known as "Uncle North," one of the pioneer citizens of South Florida, passed away last Saturday after an illness of one week. "Uncle North" lacked only a few days of being 84 years of age and has resided near Zolfo since about 1858. He rendered valuable service in the trouble with the Indians in 1858 and later saw service in the Civil War. He leaves, besides his widow, the following sons: Cornelius, E. J. Will, M. C., Oscar and C. A., who were all present at the time of his death. Interment was made at New Hope cemetery Sunday afternoon, the funeral service being conducted by Rev. S. F. Durrance and were attended by many friends.

Twin-Four Club

The Twin-Four Club met last Thursday afternoon at the apartment of Mrs. F. S. Howle and as usual had a most pleasant time. Miss Minnie Bess Saunders attended as guest. After the social afternoon at 500, a delicious lunch of chicken salad, sandwiches, wafers, pickles and sherbet was served.

How do we know Adam and Eve did not have molasses? Because they tried to raise Cain before they got Abel.

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Hallandale, Fla., Feb. 9, 1922.

Mr. F. H. Adams,
Sebring, Fla.

Dear Mr. Adams: Find enclosed one dollar to keep the Messenger coming a few more months. Although we have decided to make our home in another part of the state, we still like to get the news of Sebring and vicinity and think the Messenger the best medium through which to get that news. I especially like its "open air" policy of handling all matters of public interest and wish you the best of success in its publication.

The lower East Coast is very busy now and has a full crowd of tourists, who are certainly making use of the fine roads down here.

We are all getting along nicely in our new home and like it real well, but Mrs. Stokes often wishes that she had one more drink of that good Sebring water. Hoping this finds you and your family in the best of health, I remain, Yours respectfully,

C. R. STOKES.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of McClurg-Laird Nurseries will be held Monday, Feb. 20, 1922, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., at the office of the company, Highlands Bank & Trust Company building, Sebring, Fla. B. L. LAIRD, Secretary. 2t

SEVENTH GRADE LOSERS ENTERTAIN WINNERS ON ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

Last month the seventh grade of our public school held a contest to see which of the pupils could make the best grades for the month. Mary Wakefield and Marjory Mitchener were the captains. They chose sides as if for a spelling match. A record of each daily recitation was carefully kept by both the captains and the teacher. When the final summing up came, Mary Wakefield's side won by a goodly number. The agreement was that the winning side should be entertained by the losers. They chose Tuesday, St. Valentine's Day, to entertain. The losers did all the decorating and had no part in the games which had been planned. There were hearts of all sizes, a large red heart with numbers all around it, as many as there were guests, mounted on a white card and hung on the wall. A long arrow pivoted in the center of them, so that it would point to a number when spun around, like a wheel of fortune. Each guest spun once and received a tiny envelope bearing the number to which the arrow pointed. Inside the envelope a verse told the fortunes, some of which were very amusing. Then each guest was given a sheet of paper, on which had been pasted a cut-out, beheaded comic valentine. They were asked to draw a head and the prize, consisting of a box of candy, was given for the best head drawn. Helen Ingle was the winner, but the candy was enjoyed by all. Much fun came with the opening of the letter box, everyone receiving a valentine. The guests were then served with delicious punch and cakes. As the defeated side only looked on, and were not allowed to participate, they decided to work harder in the next contest. All enjoyed the little party and went home saying they wished St. Valentine's Day came every week.

Way Down in De Hollow

Bullfrog holler to he turkle on he log,
Loog out—heah come a razah-back hog.
Mud turkle giggle an' draw in his head,
Sayin', I'se safe—kase I gone to bed,
Razah-back hog come a rootin' around,
Into de mud his nose am bound.
Bull frog jump bout ten foot high,
Tell Mister Razah-back good-bye.
Jaybird settin' on a hickory lim',
Nuffn' a-tall ain't worryin' him.
Razah-back eats anything he kin see—
But ole Jay says he kain't climb a tree.

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