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Large Sums Money Available For Financing Cattle Industry

[Highlands County Pilot]

Of late C. E. Lanier has been making a number of trips to Atlanta, Ga. Sunday night he returned from another trip to that city and Monday in an interview with the writer he explained that in his conference with members of the war finance board he learned that the members of that board were very enthusiastic over the cattle industry of Florida and that they would make special efforts in financing that industry in this state.

Under a recent act of congress several millions of dollars have been appropriated for the purpose of financing agricultural pursuits. Much of this money will be distributed throughout Georgia and Florida to finance the cattle industry, which government officials have investigated and which they believe there is opportunity in Florida to make it of national importance. In fact, they are so favorably impressed with conditions existing in our state that they are very enthusiastic over the outlook. A large majority of the money set aside for the purpose of financing the cattle industry will be handled through the South Florida Cattle Loan Company, of which T. L. Wilson of Bartow is president and C. E. Lanier of our city one of the directors. These gentlemen can see no reason why the cattle industry, through government co-operation, should not be greatly advanced and become one of the most important industries of the nation. Money in large sums is available and when certain conditions laid down by the government are complied with the cattlemen of South Florida can put themselves in shape to carry on the industry successfully and profitably. Two of the conditions are as follows:

1. All cattle on which loans are predicated shall be confined in ample pasture or ranges owned, leased or otherwise controlled by the borrower, in such a manner that the herd or herds may be conveniently inspected at any time. Such enclosed pastures or ranges to have adequate water supply for the cattle and sufficient dipping vats for tick eradication purposes.

2. That loans be made only on cattle in tick-free areas, or in counties which have voted in favor of tick eradication; this provision being necessary in order that cattle on which loans are made may have access to the market before maturity of the loans.

At a recent meeting of the board of county commissioners of Highlands county it was decided to enforce the compulsory dipping law enacted four years ago, as applied to old DeSoto county. This will necessitate, if Highlands county cattle are to have access to the markets, the fencing out of those counties which do not enforce the law or to which the law does not apply. The Penn-Florida and Bridges Cattle Companies have vast pasturages on the west side of Highlands county, the majority of which is well fenced. These companies purpose to build six more miles of fence within the next ninety days and when this is completed they will have fenced considerable more than one-half the west side of the county.

It naturally follows that if the people of Highlands county are to receive the benefit of the moneys available from government sources, the remaining unfenced portion of the county must be fenced and that at an early date. The eastern boundary of the county is amply provided for and we understand that Glades county is operating under the same law as Highlands, which would obviate the necessity of fencing the southern portion.

It has been suggested that instead of fencing the public highways, or placing across them cattle guards, over which automobiles might pass and a gate for vehicles, these highways be left open, but are of the opinion this plan would not work, for cattle in the other counties would soon find these openings and then all the dipping we might do would not eradicate the ticks, for they would be brought in from other counties. We believe cattle guards should be placed across the public highways and gates provided. If there is no law providing a penalty for leaving such gates open, then such a law should be passed by the next legislature and the penalty fixed for its violation be so heavy that those using the gates would not fail to close them.

Highlands county has hundreds of thousands of acres of good pasture landse that are unfit for other purposes. With the money behind them to finance their business on a large scale, the cattlemen of this county could make this the most important industry in the county, without the other industries deteriorating a penny. The cattle industry, operated on a large scale in this county, with markets opened as they would be as soon as this is declared a tick-free county, would bring hundreds of thousands of dollars into the county, which could and would be used in developing our other resources, therefore it behooves every citizen to use his or her influence in bringing about conditions that will favor the cattle industry.

R. A. Elliott of Cow House was in Sebring Friday. Mr. Elliott says conditions in his neighborhood are improving materially and expects they will have a new church established there in the near future.

DR. ETHEREDGE WORKING FOR IMPROVED SCHEDULE SOUTH OF SEBRING

C. J. Murchison, general superintendent of the Atlantic Coast Line, spent Thursday night in Sebring. Mr. Murchison was here investigating conditions and while here held a conference with Dr. E. J. Etheredge relative to the matter of giving the people south of Sebring better railroad service. Dr. Etheredge stated that Mr. Murchison promised to take the matter up at once and is confident that he will be able to rearrange the schedule, whereby the people south of Sebring will be enabled to get to Sebring, transact their business and return home the same day.

The matter of a depot and extra siding at DeSoto City was also discussed and will have the immediate attention of the railroad executives.

Mr. Murchison expressed himself as very much pleased with both Sebring and the entire "Ridge." He said that in his estimation it was "the garden spot of the state."

We feel sure the people of the southern part of the county as well as in Glades county, will appreciate the changes in the railroad schedule, when made; also Dr. Etheredge's activities in their behalf. If each individual of the county would spend the same time and effort in behalf of the welfare of our county and the entire district as Dr. Etheredge is continually doing, it would indeed be but a short time until the many changes necessary for permanent needed improvements would be secured. Dr. Etheredge is a liberal, generous, public-spirited man, who believes that all improvements and benefits conferred upon his neighbors and co-workers redound to his benefit as well as theirs.

DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH OF BRETHREN

The Church of the Brethren, corner of Pine and Oak streets, has added to the building an auditorium. This improvement was begun about a year ago and has just been completed. The building committee was W. A. Young, J. H. Garst, J. F. Sanger and J. B. Gingery. Formal dedication will take place next Sunday (tomorrow) morning at 11 o'clock, following Sunday school, which is at the usual hour. The dedication will be in charge of Elder D. H. Zeigler and Elder J. H. Moore. While services have already been held in the building, it was not fully completed until this week. The rooms in the building can be thrown together and will accommodate a large congregation of people. Every effort will be used to make the services interesting and visiting ministers will be here to assist. Evening service at 7:30 o'clock will be in charge of the visiting ministers.

The Story Hour

The story hour at the library, with Mrs. Sophie Mae Mitchell as entertainer, is one of the interesting events the children like to attend. Let all the little ones remember to be present next Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Mitchell will have some good stories for them.

CANADIANS THINK FLORIDA ORANGES ARE THE SWEETEST

Last week we received a letter from F. W. VanLuven of Hamilton, Ont., in which he says: "Enclosed find my check for $2.25, for which please extend my subscription to your excellent paper. One of our grocers, with a chain of thirty-five stores, thus advertises the receipt of a car of Florida oranges. He says: 'They are absolutely, positively, certainly and surely the sweetest oranges obtainable and they are full of "juice."' Nothing uncertain about that and it goes without saying that Florida grapefruit is always the best."

INSTALLATION OF ROYAL ARCH OFFICER

Highlands Chapter No. 42, Royal Arch Masons, will install the newly-elected and appointed officers for the ensuing year at the regular convocation in Avon Park next Monday night. There are a number of Sebring Masons who belong to Highlands Chapter and they are especially invited to be present at this convocation. Work in the most excellent master degree.

G. W. ADAMS, High Priest.

Entertained Her Class

Mrs. U. D. Kirk gave a party for her Sunday school class Monday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock. Refreshments of hot hamburger, sandwiches, cake, candy and nuts were served. Many games were played and everyone voted it a grand, good time. Mrs. Kirk's class sent $15 to the Jacksonville Orphan's Home last month, which speaks well for all those contributing.

Salvation Army

There will be a very interesting meeting held next Sunday night at 8 o'clock at the Salvation hall. Col. William Evans will have charge of the service, assisted by his son Willard and his bride, Capt. Raymond Gearing and his bride, Capt. and Mrs. Earl Crawford and several others. Special music and singing. Everybody is cordially invited to attend this service. Last Sunday night we had a wonderful time—hall crowded to capacity. You missed it if you were not there.

SECURED ANOTHER DEER LAST HUNT OF SEASON

Last Saturday morning John Graham, Neil Cash, Allen Pollard and R. H. Hancock started out for their last deer hunt in Highlands county for this season. They met with no success until afternoon, when they jumped a 3-year-old buck about four miles from Sebring and this side of Carter creek. After quite a lively chase, both Neil Cash and Allen Pollard succeeded in getting shots at the deer, but failed to bring him down. Bob Hancock, with his usual luck or good woodscraft, which ever it may be, killed the deer. One of the party wondered why, when they were out on a hunt, the deer always tried to run over Bob, but Mr. Graham said they did not have the situation properly sized up: that the deer never tried to run over Bob, but Bob always ran under the deer.

Mr. Hancock has been out hunting four times only this season and has bagged two fine deer and a turkey, which speaks well both for his marksmanship and the amount of game in our immediate vicinity.

Weiner Roast

One day last week a party of young folk composed of the Saunders girls and about twenty other young people, chaperoned by Capt. and Mrs. R. C. Pringle, crossed the lake in Captain Pringle's launch Safety First, landing near the bridge, where they indulged in games of all kinds until about dusk, when a weiner roast was enjoyed. Mrs. Pringle treated a portion of the party to an auto ride around the lake. About 9 o'clock the party returned to Capt. and Mrs. Pringle's residence, where the remainder of the evening was spent with music and dancing. All of the young people voted Capt. and Mrs. Pringle as a splendid host and hostess.

Home Missionary Society

The Home Missionary Society of the Methodist church held a meeting at the home of Mrs. W. M. Pickard on Lakeview drive, Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The president, Mrs. F. S. Bee, being absent, Mrs. E. P. Brown took charge and the subject discussed was the immigration question, after which Mrs. B. A. Cope gave two beautiful musical selections. Appetizing refreshments were then served and were much enjoyed by all. A social hour followed. There were about twenty-eight members present.

OPENING DINNER DANCE AT KENILWORTH LODGE

Wednesday night, Jan. 4, was the formal opening night for Sebring's beautiful tourist hotel, Kenilworth Lodge. Many of the townspeople were invited to the dinner dance of the evening and many accepted the invitation. The dinner served was excellent and the dancing was especially enjoyable with the good music that is always an attraction at Kenilworth. H. J. Flynn, manager of the hotel, wishes the townspeople to know that they are welcome to any or all the events at Kenilworth Lodge.

WOMAN'S CLUB ENTERTAINS CHILDREN OF THE MEMBERS

Last Friday, Dec. 30, the children of the members of the Woman's Club were entertained at the library at a holiday party with Miss Mary Ladier in charge and all the unmarried members of the club as her committee. About thirty children attended and all enjoyed the games and the merry excitement of being together. Many of the mothers enjoyed the afternoon, too. Ice cream cones and cup cakes were served to all.

TWO CARLSTROM FLYERS DIE WHEN PLANE FALLS

Falling in a burning airplane about noon Wednesday of last week, Lieut. S. H. Davis and Lieut. William Christopher Sinclair were killed and their bodies were burned almost beyond recognition. The accident occurred about five miles southeast of Carlstrom field and was witnessed by civilians, who notified officers of the field.

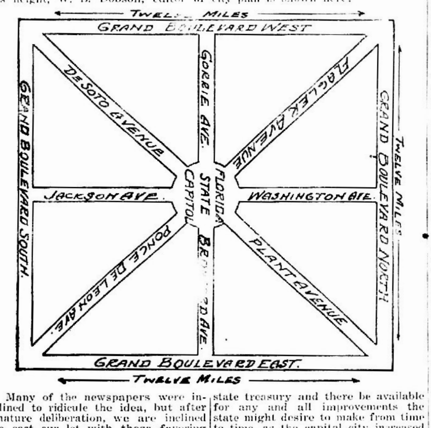
Planes were sent out in search of the wreckage and the burned machine and bodies were found and returned to the post. The time of the accident was fixed by the wrist watches of the two victims, which had stopped at 11:42 o'clock. The cause of the accident was not determined.

Catholic Services

For the first time Sebring is to have regular weekly services for the Catholics of the town. Mass will be said every Sunday morning at 6:30 and at 10 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Daniel Ranahan on Lakeview drive, just south of Kenilworth Lodge. The Rev. Latiolais will have charge of the services.

The Dobson Plan of Building A New Florida State Captial

During the last session of the legislature a great hullabaloo was raised regarding the removal of the state capital. This same question has been aired through the state press every year the legislature met for a number of years, but never before with such insistency as during the last session. While the argument was at its height, W. B. Dobson, editor of the Titusville Star-Advocate, suggested a plan for building a new state capital city, along lines successfully adopted in Australia. Editor Dobson evidently has not given up his plan, for he is sending to the various papers of the state favoring capital removal a cut of a map illustrating the plan. The cut outlining the capital city plan is shown here.



Many of the newspapers were inclined to ridicule the idea, but after mature deliberation, we are inclined to cast our lot with those favoring the plan.

There is no question but that Tallahassee is too far from the center of the state to serve the best interests of the state as a whole, consequently if it is to remain as our state capital there will be an ever-increasing demand for state division. If capital removal is decided upon, then there will be a scrap between the various cities as to which one shall be chosen.

Under Editor Dobson's plan a suitable tract of land could be purchased at a reasonable price, a city laid out along practical lines, and a sufficient sum of money realized from the sale of business, residence and factory sites to construct an ideal capitol building and all other necessary public buildings, as well as beautify the grounds surrounding them. In fact, the possibilities under this plan are so great that it would be impossible to enumerate them all without much careful thought and consideration.

Another argument in favor of this plan is that the enhanced valuation of all lands surrounding the capitol building would not go into the pockets of private individuals, but into the state treasury and there be available for any and all improvements the state might desire to make from time to time, as the capital city increased in growth.

There is no question but what the plan, if properly handled, could be put into execution, giving Florida the most beautiful capitol building and surroundings of any state in the union, and at practically no cost to the various residents and taxpayers of the state. It would prevent all jealousies between cities now existing that under any other plan would feel they had a right to preference, were the capital to be relocated upon any other plan than this

So far as we can see at the present time, we believe that every state representative and senator elected from the south or central portion of the state should be pledged to sponsor this or some similar plan, to be put into execution at the very earliest date possible.

It is certainly unfair that approximately 90 per cent of the taxes should be collected in South and Central Florida and approximately 75 per cent spent in North and West Florida, yet we cannot see how the matter can be remedied so long as the capital remains where it now is.

Result of the Town Election Held Tuesday, January 3

Election day was a beautiful day in Sebring and every qualified voter who could get to the voting booth cast his or her ballot. Much greater interest was evinced in the election than in any ever held heretofore. Last year the total number of ballots cast was 84, while this year the total number cast for the head of the ticket was 235. Friends of the various candidates were actively engaged all day in soliciting votes for the candidates of their choice and when the ballots were counted the result was found to be as follows:

For Mayor	
E. W. Hutchinson	161
A. E. Lawrence	[illegible]4
For Councilman for Two Years	
D. H. Bixler	105
J. Ross Blythe	1[illegible]3
J. Gearing	[illegible]1
W. F. Johnson	169
P. L. Vinson	46
For Councilman for One Year	
W. Amy	173
M. W. Baker	110
Frank Brown	78
G. N. Capwell	112
J. Lee Johnson	118
E. S. Rice	48
Dan Stevenson	36
For Treasurer	
Joseph Rawsthorne	150
W. W. Right	20
C. W. Rogers	64
For Clerk and Assessor	
C. C. Cobb	147
W. B. Zachary	86
For Tax Collector	
A. Binger	10[illegible]
Fred Yeager	12[illegible]

Of the councilmen nominated for the two-year term, D. H. Bixler and W. F. Johnson, receiving the highest number of votes, were elected. For councilmen to serve one year W. Amy, D. N. Capwell and J. Lee Johnson were the choice of the voters.

The newly elected mayor had previously served two terms as mayor and his opponent had served during the last year.

The new council is composed of business men of well known ability and integrity and everyone feels that their administration will be in the best interests of Sebring, regardless of individual interests.

Both Mr. Rawsthorne and Mr. Yeager have already shown their ability to discharge the duties of their offices in a satisfactory manner, therefore no comment is necessary.

W. B. Zachary, the defeated candidate for town clerk, has served faithfully and well, but the successful candidate is a young business man of ability and as soon as he becomes familiar with the duties of his office will undoubtedly discharge them in a satisfactory manner.

Now that the election is a thing of the past and the will of the majority of the voters has been expressed, let everybody get together and assist in making the administration a successful one and do all in their power to make a bigger, better, more prosperous and harmonious Sebring.

BUSINESS MEETING OF WOMAN'S CLUB

Tuesday night, Jan. 3, the regular meeting of the executive board of the Woman's Club was held in the court room, as the club room was being used for the election. Fifty women attended and it adds much to the spirit of the work to see so many ladies taking part in the serious side of the club work. Much important business was transacted, especially the definite action taken on the plans for the bazaar to be held Feb. 24 and 25 at Tuscawilla Park. This will be the greatest event of the club year and the support of every member and every citizen of the town is needed. Aside from the usual bazaar features novel entertainment will be provided for all afternoon and supper will be served both days. It was decided to accept the invitation of the Avon Park Woman's Club to join them in a meeting there on Feb. 17. A committee was appointed for the provision of some entertainment for the women tourists with the general idea of making them more contented with their Sebring homes. Several new members were added to the roll and a few names were voted into membership.

At the close of the business meeting an address was made by Mrs. C. E. Lewis of Washington, D. C., on "Health Conditions and Reform in Arlington County, Virginia." Mrs. Lewis has had much experience in health work and her talk was most interesting and helpful.

Community Church

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Lesson: I Kings 17:1-16, Elijah the Tishbite. Time: Following the ascension of Ahab to the throne, B. C. 875. Place: Samaria or Jezreel, Brook Cherith, Zarephath. Persons: Elijah, Ahab, a widow and her child. Golden text: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." Leading thought: "The first thing is to be true to God." Object of the lesson: A study of part of the life work of the great prophet Elijah, showing how God raised up a special agent and used special means to win back Israel from idolatry to the true religion, and to show how wonderfully God provided for the one who was doing His will in the midst of great difficulties. Church service at 11, communion, with appropriate sermon by the pastor, the Rev. F. M. Tauchen. Vesper service at 7:30 p. m. Special music and a cordial invitation is extended to all to join with us in these services.

Presbyterian Church

The week of prayer has been observed at the Presbyterian church this week, interesting and helpful services being held each evening. Rev. George Mason of Lakeland conducted three of these meetings. Brother Mason will be with us again next week for our special preaching services each afternoon at 3 o'clock and each evening at 7:30. Arrangements are being made for special music at several of these services and all the people of the community are cordially invited to attend. The Sunday services will be at the usual hours. Preaching at 11 o'clock and at 7:30. Sunday school at 3 p. m.

INDIANA BUSINESS MAN COMPLIMENTS MESSENGER

C. F. York has received a letter from his father, C. B. York of Paxton, Ind., a shipper of live poultry and eggs in that place, to whom his son has been sending the Highlands County Messenger, in which he says:

"Received the paper from Sebring and must say it is gotten up in fine shape and if the town of Sebring is as good as the Highlands County Messenger it is a good place. The advertising in the paper speaks well for the business of the town and the reading matter shows good sentiment and has tone."

Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Woman's Organization of the Community church was held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Tuscawilla Park. It was decided to soon give an entertainment and social for the benefit of the organization at the park, to aid in carrying on the work already planned. The exact date will be announced later.

Arrivals at Kenilworth

Arrivals at the Kenilworth Lodge Wednesday were as follows: L. J. Petit, Courtland Babcock, Milwaukee; Mr. and Mrs. Parsons and daughters, East Hampton, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Burdsal, Evanston, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Philip H. Campbell and Mrs. H. S. Chapman, Newark, N. J.

MUSICAL PROGRAM AT METHODIST CHURCH

The following musical program will be rendered at the Methodist church tomorrow (Sunday):

Morning Service

Organ Prelude—"Communion" in E Minor—Batiste.

Anthem—"Seek Ye the Lord"—Jones.

Offertory (Organ)—"Elevation in A Flat—Guilmont.

Postlude—Moderato in C—Ryder.

Evening Service

Organ Prelude—"Murst Mysteriuse"—Conconi.

Offertory—Melody in F—Rubenstein.

Postlude—March—Leybach.

Hot Water Wells

Apropos to the subject of the Sebring hot water wells, concerning which there has been so much published in the state papers recently, it might be interesting to note that F. A. Angerstein, a former resident of Boca Grande, is authority for the statement that a hot water well was struck at that place some ten or twelve years ago, at a depth of 1,600 feet. The water in this instance was salty, however, and being of no apparent value, was capped and abandoned. Another well drilled about the same time proved a dry hole, and from that day to this Boca Grande has been unable to strike a satisfactory flow of good artesian water.—The American Eagle.

Picnic and Boat Ride

Thursday afternoon of last week a party composed of Ethel Harris, Vera McGinnis, Beasley Palmer, Beatrice Bass and Myrtle Durrance of Avon Park, Rinaldo Austin of Nashville, Tenn., R. C. Garner, Tom Caldwell, King Vail, Mark Lance, Mrs. Manley and Capt. and Mrs. R. C. Pringle crossed Lake Jackson in Captain Pringle's boat Safety First and landed at the picnic grounds at Caravasios Point, where an appetizing picnic lunch was served. The party returned at an early hour, in order to attend the Legion dance held at Avon Park that evening, at which nearly all were present. All enjoyed themselves at both of the functions.

NORTH AND SOUTH

Up North

While some are freezin',
Most all are sneezin',
The rest are wheezin',
It must be teasin'
To folks up north.

Down South

They need no coalin',
In grass they're rollin'
Or fish a-trollin'
'Tis so consolin'
To folks down south.

—Edward M. Young.

Fishing Party

A fishing party went to Lake Istokpoga Thursday of last week and reported an enjoyable time. Those composing the party were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hainz, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vinson, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sebring, Mr. and Mrs. Howell, Mrs. Couch, Mrs. Love, Miss Lillian Beery, Miss Minnie Bess Saunders, Mr. Hudson and Norman Lane.

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Truth is a monster of so frightful mien,
That to be hated needs but to be seen;
But [illegible] face,
W[illegible]

A FABLE

A boy [illegible] community where some of the boys who had been living for several years and thought the town belonged to them did not welcome his advent as a resident of their town. They said that he was [illegible] and that he was [illegible] their [illegible] who [illegible] in the new [illegible] And when the new boy [illegible] a second [illegible] the foolish boys [illegible] great shout and [illegible] of the town [illegible] And [illegible] vicious [illegible] of the [illegible] had [illegible] would [illegible]

CENSORING THE NEWSPAPERS

When a few [illegible] posed [illegible] papers of [illegible] went [illegible] half a dozen of [illegible] tions were slapped on the wrist and told to be good there was a howl in many quarters. The freedom of the press must be retained, was declared from the housetops, and proponents of censorship and surveillance were frowned upon almost everywhere. But with peace the reformers of the world took a new swing into position and after having been forced into the background by the exigencies of war for a time they appear to have swelled up with their own importance during the quiet period, and they marched forward to forcibly graft wings upon the people whether the operation was enjoyed or not.

Since the public mind was recalled from the war drives and the like the reformers have studied the [illegible] for suggestions and quickly began to declare against smoking and dancing and card playing and smiling and walking, talking, eating, drinking, thinking in any way except the reformers' ways and now they are proposing that the newspapers be forbidden to print anything that might lead to betting.

The joy killers, some well paid and sleek and others who follow the profession of "reforming" for the happiness they gain by the invasion of others' rights, and interference with other people's business, have already railroaded a bill through the national house of representatives, which, in part, says:

"No new paper, postcard, letter, circular or other written or printed matter containing information, or statements, by way of advice or suggestions, purporting to give the odds at which bets or wagers are being laid or wagered, upon the outcome or result of any horse race, prize fight, or other contest of speed, strength or skill, or setting forth the bets or wagers made, or offered to be made, or the sums of money won or lost upon the outcome or result of said contests by reason of such bets or wagers, or which sets forth suggestions as to the odds at which bets or wagers should or may be made or laid, shall be deposited in or carried by the mails of the United States, or be delivered by any postmaster or letter carrier, and such matter is hereby declared to be non-mailable, and any person who deposits or causes to be deposited, or shall send or cause to be sent, any such thing to be conveyed or delivered by mail, shall be fined not more than $5,000, or imprisoned not more than five years, or both such fine and imprisonment."

Congress would do well to get rid of the many and vicious lobbies now working in Washington, for the like of the bill mentioned is sapping the liberties of the press and with the press the people. The newspapers cannot print a news story a day without offering a chance for the violation of the regulation suggested. If the news is to be prohibited merely because it does not please the tastes of a few cranks newspapers might just as well be prohibited. Newspapers do not encourage gambling, but one-half the population could not prevent the other half from it, no matter what regulations were made.—Florida Times-Union.

Many so-called Christians might well emulate the example of a Jew in Arcadia. The proprietor of the Boston Store in that place presented each child of the Baptist Orphanage of that place with a new pair of shoes as a Christmas greeting. The children were invited to the store, treated with as much courtesy as cash customers, and allowed to select shoes according to their own fancies, from the entire stock. We congratulate Arcadia upon having for one of her citizens and business men a man of such charitable inclinations and Christian principles.

THE GRUNT OF THE LONESOME HOG

[Kissimmee Valley Gazette]

Numerous cities in Florida are allowing their tail feathers to be plucked because of the fact that numerous property owners in those cities are handicapping the whole works by the outrageous prices they are charging for rentals. One fully developed rent hog can do more harm and injure business to a greater extent than columns of legitimate boosting through the daily and weekly press can overcome in a full season. People are every day leaving those cities and seeking less pretentious spots where the charges are reasonable rather than to be "held up" by those who seek to have an income equal to 20 per cent of the cost of construction and equipment.

It is not necessary to name the cities [illegible] rather [illegible] set him in a locality where the owners of property and those who lease to sublet are bandits. The worst of it is that a dozen cities of that sort can do an irreparable injury to all other localities where prices are kept at normal.

Not only on private dwellings but in stores and garages and other buildings there is this unjust demand upon those who would lease, sometimes, too, with the idea of remaining permanently. Take a garage that cost, say, $5,000. In place of renting the property, free of all fixtures and having nothing but the bare building, at about $50 a month, which would mean 12 per cent on the investment, or even $40 a month, which would mean about 11 per cent, the owner will make a rate of $100 a month, which reckons up to 20 per cent on the investment.

[illegible] the progress and business of Florida and thereby are the innocent harmed to an incalculable extent, yet there is no redress. The city, no matter how much it may be convinced that a vast amount of damage is being [illegible] private owner. [illegible] that follow [illegible] But one [illegible] is there to be found. The assessor can fix the value upon the property in accord with the income sought to be derived by the rent hog. A few years of that work would have a tendency to put prices of rentals where they by right should be. Once change the grunt of the rent hog into a squeal and better conditions will follow.

THE EXCHANGE EDITOR

Every now and then we hear some man, who thinks in terms of his own business and knows nothing of the difficult trade of making a newspaper, remark as he sees an editor scissoring matter out of the papers. "What a soft snap that man has? He ain't got a thing to do but sit down and read the papers and then cut any old thing out of them to print in his own paper."

Alas, for the conceit of ignorance! The "exchange editor" on a newspaper—the man who uses the scissors—requires years of training, wide and varied reading and sound discriminating judgment before he is equal to his task, and no work on the paper is more important than his. Here is something from the last issue of the Business Printer that may shed a little light on the subject:

"Some people ignorant of what good editing is, imagine the getting up of selected matter to be the easiest work in the world to do, whereas it is the nicest work done on any paper. If they see the editor with scissors in hand, they are sure to say: 'Eh, that's the way you get up original matter, eh?' accompanying their new and witty remark with an idiotic wink or smile.

"The facts are that the interest, the variety and usefulness of a newspaper depends in no small degree upon the selected matter, and a few men are capable of the articles they select. A sensible editor desires a considerable quantity of selected matter, because he knows that one mind cannot make so good a paper as five or six." Gadsden County Times.

CANADIANS EDUCATING SMOKERS

A man who had been traveling in Canada presented a friend with a package of Canadian cigarettes, a strange and rather inadequate gift to have come out of Canada. But the recipient, paraphrasing the proverb, put a gift cigarette in his mouth and politely puffed away. Besides the "fags" were rather unique affairs, for their tobacco was proclaimed to have been grown in Virginia and to have journey all the way to Montreal to be rolled.

Out of the package came a small red printed slip which preached this sermon amid the smoke of the cigarettes it accompanied:

"Please do not throw away a lighted cigarette. See that it is dead out.

"Lighted tobacco and matches are especially destructive in forests.

"Living forests mean liberal employment. Dead forests employ nobody.

"Don't be responsible for a dead forest.

"This caution is printed as a contribution to the forest conservation movement."

The warning might well be included in packages of our American cigarettes, the man reflected. It might aid in conserving our own forests and our cities and towns as well.—Denver (Colo.) Post.

If our exchanges are to be believed, all Florida is merely a crust over a seething caldron of oil. We confess that we are a little pessimistic and think that most of the oil here exists either in the minds of get-rich-quick promoters or is in the tanks of the Standard Oil Company. Anyway, it would be a good plan to let those with "money to burn" do the prospecting.

SOAP FOR FOUL MOUTHS

A group of college lads have banded themselves together in the interests of clean minds and clean speech. To promote these worthy ambitions they propose to resort to a very old-fashioned remedy when foul or vulgar language betrays that all is not clean within. The violator of the cleanly code must chew soap. The details are interesting. For example:

Penalty for swearing: Chew one piece of soap one-half inch square ten times per vile word.

Penalty for vulgarisms such as unclean stories: Chew one piece of soap one inch square vigorously twenty-five times.

Fun will be made of that society and fun will be made in it, but good will come of it, just the same. Profanity and unclean speech have become woefully common among people of all ages and classes in the last few years. The boys who have decided that the cleaner mouth shall be [illegible] are setting a good example not only for their associates, but for their elders.—Sanford Herald.

HOMEY PHILOSOPHY FOR 1921

"What is human conduct but the daily and hourly sale of our soul's for trifles?" the foregoing is published broadcast as an epigram by the "clever" Bernard Shaw. A lie! Human people in the mass do not hourly, or daily, or even weekly, or yet even monthly, sell their souls. Because the human person loves comfort and entertainment and solaces himself sometimes with regrettable little vices and falls into error that flesh is heir to, it does not mean that he sells his soul. The soul is not so easily sold. And mark you, the soul that was made by God is not as easily lost as some people might imagine.—Lakeland Advertiser.

Thorn of the Kissimmee Valley Gazette last week "tapped his thought tank" and drew therefrom the following: "The St. Petersburg Times is now proposing that the new cross-state road through the counties of Pinellas, Hillsborough, Polk, Highlands, Okeechobee, St. Lucie, Palm Beach, Broward and Dade pass some legislation to induce the state road department to push that work through to completion at an early moment and that paper feels confident the department will do as suggested. If the completion depends upon that organization for the making of the highway I know I'll be dead long before the road is completed!" The department would undoubtedly build all the needed roads in the state were the funds available or at least begin building them. With no money on hand, however, and eight trunk highways to build, it appears that something will have to be done by the communities desiring these roads if they expect to get them within the next decade or two.

Tampa Tribune: "The S. A. L. announces special 'sleepers' for the college girls when they go back to Tallahassee. From the story of conductors who have had charge of these college girls' specials before, there will do darned little sleeping done en root!" But who the devil would want to sleep with a bunch of such jolly and attractive girls as attend college at Tallahassee aboard the sleeper? We know John McWhorter wouldn't and there are one or two other country editors we know who are in the same class. Now, Thorn, this doesn't apply to you or any of the balance of the "beauties" on exhibition at Lakeland.

"Because it has been found that the deadly anthrax may be contracted through the use of shaving brushes made from horse hair, the New York state department of health has prohibited the manufacture or sale of such brushes in that state," says the Tampa Citizen. Every state should enact a similar law.

If the president of the United States lets it become known that he is eating Florida oranges in preference to those coming from California, the demand for Florida fruit will not only swell the growers' bank accounts to large proportions, but will increase the price of grove properties.

If you failed to make a resolution to pay your debts, as far as possible, early in the year, you did not anticipate doing your part toward making the year 1922 more prosperous.

The open season for deer and turkey passed with the closing of the old year, as far as Highlands county is concerned. Now the quail will have to suffer more than ever.

Some people will donate to the itinerant preacher and never give a dollar for the support of their home churches. We wonder why.

Too bad that when we have a man like Cary A. Hardee in the governor's chair, we cannot keep him there more than one term.

It's an easy matter for those who never had a child in their lives to tell the mothers how to raise their children.

Watch out for the itinerant advertising solicitor. His schemes are not worth a jitney to anyone but himself.

Now that the year 1922 has been ushered in, it is time to begin thinking about the June primaries.

Have you broken any of those New Year resolutions?

Pity the Sewer Rats

One hundred cases of whiskey, representing the "bag" of illicit goods seized by the police of Tampa Tuesday night of last week and turned over to the federal officials, were poured into the waste pipes at the federal building last Friday. It was the largest seizure in Tampa of "wet" goods since the enforcement was begun.

Population of France

The official result of the general census of 1921 gives the population of France, including Alsace-Lorraine, as 39,402,739, of which 1,440,449 are foreigners. The population in 1911 was 39,664,992, including 1,132,696 foreigners.

HOLDING A HUSBAND

A Connecticut psychologist lays most unhappy marriages to the fact that brides are not trained for matrimony. He advocates the establishment of schools to remedy matters. As a sample of the subjects to be taught he offers a set of rules for "holding" a husband. Part of them follow:

"Give your constant, whole-hearted love.

"Allow him freedom to go and come as he pleases.

"Say 'John, dear,' instead of just 'John.'

"Ask, don't demand. He'll do it quicker if he thinks he is granting a favor.

"Let him smoke, drink and gamble at home, if he must do these things.

"Feed him well.

"Dress your best for hubby instead of for strangers.

"Don't talk business at home.

"Guard your health above all, for good health means good nature."

All of these early Victorian sentiments have a certain quaint charm, but intelligent, modern men and women, married or single, will laugh at most of them. They know that successful marriage is not a matter of selfishness on the one side and sacrifice on the other, but of mutual loyalty, consideration and assumption of responsibility. Any wife or husband who has to be "held" by any devices incompatible with the dignity of both parties is hardly worth holding.—Pensacola News.

A WORD OF CAUTION

Are you one of those parents who are always passing judgment on those around you? You do not let it be mental judgment, either; you express in no uncertain terms just what you think.

Of course after you have been heard in a matter and your opinion proves to be of no value, you can not get to cover gracefully, you have to stand a lot of odium.

Why be so positive for or against a certain thing before you have all the facts?

It is much easier to suspend judgment and line up in the right way in matters concerning the public good rather than to fly off on a tangent and have to be put in your place rather hard by those who really have the facts and can down your efforts.

Don't be a pest about it unless you are sure of your ground.

In any case it does not pay to be a pest.

Work in a more judicial, thinking way if you want to have and keep the respect of thinking men and women.

It is somewhat easier to cultivate the debating spirit rather than to get down to work and attend to your own business, but if you are not careful to be right in your attitudes you injure yourself.—Atlanta Constitution.

Reduction in Freight Rates

A reduction in freight rates on grapefruit amounting to approximately $150 per car, became effective Dec. 21, according to W. C. Elgin, general agent for the Union Pacific System, with headquarters in Atlanta. The reduction applies to points in the Pacific northwest, Mr. Elgin said. It is 60 cents per 100 pounds.

Spraying Tests

A northern manufacturing concern has forwarded a quantity of hydrogen-cayanide to Orlando for the purpose of conducting tests in spraying fruit trees with the chemical solution. Other companies are conducting similar tests with various other solutions. Results of the tests will be announced from time to time.

FLORIDA'S 1921 RECORD

Jacksonville Times-Union

Florida's record for 1921 is now ended. Unblushingly, and without boasting, may we say that it is a record of which all may be proud, those permanently residing here and those from afar, who have interest and pleasure in the state's forward movement and in its contribution to the satisfaction of all who admire progress and advancement.

True, Florida, in common with other sections of the country, has felt the hand of depression which, however, has not fallen so heavily upon our people as upon those of other states, those not blessed with so many advantages that contribute to the welfare and happiness of people and of communities, advantages that Florida has in abundance and that give generously to its prosperity even in periods of general business depression.

It is eminently in order that all of us should take at least mental note of the record that the state has written for the year, note of only slightly interrupted progress, in a few instances, but of uninterrupted progress in many others. Thus we find ourselves at the ending of another year with brighter, clearer, strengthened vision with which to look forward to the year that lies ahead of us. Also, we find ourselves in possession of broadened minds, of a greater spirit of tolerance, and possessed of nobler desire and purpose to go on from one achievement to another, not altogether as individuals selfishly inclined, but as a state hoping for and working for better things, for more worthy accomplishments that shall be for the benefit of all who call Florida home and for those whose longings and aspirations are to cast their lot with us.

Great and worthy accomplishments stand in Florida's record of 1921. First and foremost and of utmost importance toward future achievements, is the evident spirit of more hearty co-operation on the part of all the people of Florida, city, county and community co-operation and in the broader field that embraces all the state. Without this spirit, manifested and operating generally, Florida can not hope, as a state, to arrive at that point of worthy distinction that is made possible through sincere, hearty co-operation not co-operation sectionally only but statewide. This spirit, going with the work that has been done in 1921 will, if continued and intensified through 1922 make possible achievements far greater than any that as yet have been placed in the record of Florida's preceding years.

We have only to look about and see what Florida has accomplished and then resolve, each and every one of us, that throughout the year 1922 greater efforts shall be made to co-operate with others, whether in one section of Florida or another, to do the things that need to be done to make Florida what, as a state, it should be. Hearty(practical co-operation will do it, will make of this commonwealth a wonderland of progress and achievement.

Florida's record for 1921 is practically completed. What has been done stands. Where there has been error there can be atonement by striving to do better in the coming year, to forget the animosities, the jealousies and the bickerings and go forward with strengthened courage and purposeful resolve to improve on the past, to the end that the coming year and those to follow will furnish records unsurpassed, either by Florida or any other state.

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Until the first of February the general extension division offers scholarships to all citizens, regardless of age or previous school advantages, who feel the need of more education. These scholarships cover the common school branches, not only for boys and girls who cannot go to school, but men and women who want more education. All papers are handled confidentially and citizens who feel the need of more education can get it in this way without embarrassment or loss of time.

In the same way high school courses are given to those who desire them. Review courses are offered to teachers in preparation for state or special teachers' certificates, and civil service courses are given which will assist the student seeking a government position. The reading courses covering every phase of agriculture will be found of great value to busy young people and men and women on the farm everywhere.

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GASPARILLA CARNIVAL TO BE THE BEST ONE YET

Officials of Ye Mystic Krewe Gasparilla, who are preparing for the annual descent of the pirate horde upon Tampa during fair week, as a part of the South Florida Fair and Gasparilla Carnival, are enthusiastic over the outlook for the finest entertainment of the kind ever offered to visitors to that city.

The Gasparilla Carnival dates back some twenty years, and long ago became a rival of New Orleans' Mardi Gras. The pirates come up to the city from a rendezvous down the bay, aboard their ship, and their coming is announced by a mimic cannonade of the city. The rakish craft enters the mouth of the Hillsborough and takes its way along that watercourse to the Tampa Bay dock, fantastically arrayed pirates all the while disporting themselves in the rigging of the sailing craft which bears the krewe here. The mayor of the town surrenders the city with due formality, to the captain of the pirates, as they debark from the ship. This ceremonial over, the krewe marches through the city in triumphant display of their might. Follows the banquet of the kreme. A day later the new king and queen are crowned at the annual ball of Ye Mystic Krewe, which is the greatest social event of the year in Florida and attended by notable persons from all parts of this state and other states.

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RIGHT AND DUTIES OF NEWSPAPERS

Volumes have been written about the power of the press and, doubtless volumes will continue to be written to the end of time. But Judge Fisher of the circuit court at Chicago, in the decision in which he ruled in favor of the Chicago Tribune in a libel suit brought against it in the name of the city of Chicago, but in reality by a political gang in the city, which resented the fearless exposure of the weakness by the defendant paper, crowded within the limits of his decision some thoughts that come home with great force to the mind of the true newspaper man. Here is one of unusual power:

"The press has become the eyes and ears of the world, and to a great extent, brings humanity in contact with all its parts. It is the spokesman of the weak and the appeal of the suffering. It holds up for review the acts of our officials and of those men in high places who have it in their power to advance peace or endanger it. It is the force which unifies public sentiment. But for it, the acts of public benefactors would go unnoticed, imposters would continue undismayed and public office would be the rich reward of the unscrupulous demagogue."

And a little later Judge Fisher expressed in clear-cut fashion a principle that lies deep in the mind of every editor worthy of the name. It is that a newspaper which makes it a practice to mislead or misinform its readers cannot prosper. Said Judge Fisher:

"It cannot long indulge in falsehoods, however, without losing that confidence from which alone come its power, its prestige and its reward.—Holyoke (Mass.) Transcript.

Vocational Training University

The selection of Camp Johnston at Jacksonville as the site for the vocational training university to be established by the veterans' bureau, is understood to be practically decided upon by Director Forbes. While the bureau officials are non-committal, they are understood to believe that unless some last minute changes in plans are made, the institution will be placed at Jacksonville. It is believed the university will be put into operation as early as possible, with several hundred students and will be expanded as the needs of that section arise. The university will be along the lines of Camp Sherman, which recently opened with 500 students, and has a capacity as high as 5,000 former service men.

Orange Seed Necklaces

A Florida woman is said to make lovely necklaces from orange and grapefruit seeds. This places the orange in the class with the famous pig of the packers, no part of which is wasted but the "squeal." All the other parts of the fruit have a use—the pulp and juice for eating, the peel for candying or flavoring and the white inner rind for pectin extract to help in the jellying of other fruits. The necklaces of seeds are doubtless very ornamental.—Chicago Tribune.

GETTING RID OF HARMFUL THINGS THAT WORRY THE FLESH AND SPIRIT

[Plant City Courier]

Why is it that when there is gravel in your shoe, or something sharp sticking into you somewhere in your clothing, you will remove it as soon as you can, but when something happens which troubles your mind, when you have made some blunder, some bad mistake, which has terribly humiliated you, instead of removing it from your memory, you keep it there?

Haven't you already suffered enough? Hasn't this thing pained you enough? Hasn't it taken enough out of your life? Hasn't it wasted enough of your energy, or your life force, which might have been turned to better account? Do you realize how it is devitalizing and negativing your whole system? You cannot create while your whole system is negative, and whatever pains, whatever worries you or makes you anxious, whatever arouses in you fear, jealousy or envy, is injuring you. All these things make your mind negative, and you cannot create when your mind is in that condition. You must get rid of these enemies which are torturing you and prematurely ageing you.

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Make up your mind that the most precious thing in the world to you are your energy, your vitality, your brain matter, because of them come all the worth-while things in life. Why, your pride ought to keep you from such a fatal exhibition of weakness and inefficiency as you show when you worry, fret and stew.

If men could only once see the fearful havoc, the wearing, rasping and grinding out of the delicate life bearings caused by the worrying, fretting habit, they could never again be induced to indulge in it. I have seen a strong man so completely exhausted in a few days by the waste of vitality, the shrinkage of brain power, caused by the poison of fear, worry and anxiety, that you would think he had actually been suffering from some malignant disease.

What would you think of a man, who, because he had lost a cow, should go and kill his horse? It is an absurd suggestion, isn't it? Yet such a proceeding would be more sensible than for you or anyone else, because of some misfortune or loss, to throw away much precious brain capital vitality capital in worrying and fretting over it.

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I know a business man who wastes enough mental ability in worrying over little losses to enable him to earn twice as much as he has lost, if he would only utilize that which he wasted in doing things that are worth while. If you should lose your pocketbook with a hundred dollars in it, you certainly would not throw away another hundred dollars and yet you may throw away five hundred dollars' worth of brain energy and vitality, mourning over the loss of a hundred dollars.

I recently saw these words in a New York publication and they haunted me: "Whatever happens to us in life, it doesn't matter really." Go back over your life. The worst thing that has ever happened to you, except downright disgrace, because of a criminal act, doesn't matter much. Your failure in business, perhaps, didn't matter much. Through it have you not gained in wisdom which infinitely more than compensate you for your loss?

You may have made an unfortunate marriage and your home life be far from happy, your business may have turned out badly, but these things are not really half as bad as they might have been, and you probably have profited by them in many ways.

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Resolve at the very outset of your career, that no matter what happens to you in the way of failure, disappointment, hardship, bitter experience, it shall not mar nor spoil your peace of mind or your chance in life. Resolve that there is one thing you will protect, as you protect your honor, and that is your peace of mind.

FEE SYSTEM HIT HARD BY LAST LEGISLATURE

Saturday marked the last day of grace for elective county officers whose earnings on a fee basis have hitherto been permitted to mount unchecked. Legislation enacted at the last session of the state lawmakers became effective Jan. 1, which makes the maximum income of these elective county officers $6,000, with the exception of Duval county, where they will be permitted to receive $7,000. Duval is the only county in the state to come under the provision for an increased maximum income where the population is 100,000 or more.

As an example of the effect on the official incomes it is estimated that the tax assessor for this county will suffer a loss of $15,000 annually, the tax collector $10,000, and the clerk of the circuit court $5,000.

Under the provisions of the legislation the officials involved will receive all the fees collected up to a stipulated amount and thereafter a graduated percentage until the maximum amount is reached.

First Convention

The first convention of the Florida State League of Women Voters will be held in Jacksonville Jan. 26, 27 and 28, with headquarters at the Seminole Hotel. The board of directors of the league will meet in a morning and afternoon session Thursday, Jan. 26. The formal opening of this convention will take place that evening. The closing session will be held Saturday, Jan. 28. An interesting program is being prepared and will be announced later. Mrs. Georgia Huntley, New St. James Hotel, Jacksonville, is chairman of the hospitality committee.

Tampa Milk Prices Cut

The operators of the larger dairies that supply the Tampa homes have reduced the price of milk to 18 cents a quart or 10 cents a pint, the reduction taking effect Jan. 1. This is a reduction of 2 cents on quarts and 1 cent on pints. Jacksonville dairymen reduced the price Jan. 1 to 16 cents a quart.

Benefiting the Merchants

The transient advertising solicitor is experiencing hard sledding in Lakeland. Not a day passes without some one making a round of the stores with some sort of publicity stunt to sell as hotel registers, telephone lists, blotters and such like. But when confronted with the request to produce the chamber of commerce permit there is great indignation and always the outburst of righteous wrath with the exclamation: "Are you letting the chamber of commerce do your thinking?" That is time-worn and out of date. Anyway, the advertising committee of the chamber of commerce has saved Lakeland merchants hundreds of dollars during the last three or four weeks.—Lakeland Telegram.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of January, A. D. 1922, we shall apply to the circuit court of Highlands County, Florida, for an order authorizing the adoption of Edward Hollywood, Jr., by us.

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Patronize Home Industry

Many tramp preachers and self-styled evangelists have come down from the north and are trying to save us "Crackers" from hell at so much per soul and thus relieve the home preachers of the job. If this scribe is to be saved by these ecclestiastical tramps, his case is hopeless, but he is willing to take his chances with the home preachers. At any rate, he believes in patronizing home industry, both religious and commercial.—Punta Gorda Herald.

Senator Penrose Dead

United States Senator Boies Penrose, one of the leading republicans of the nation, died at Washington Saturday from an attack of heart failure. The senator was sitting beside his bed, when he suddenly fell off a chair to the floor. His personal physician, Dr. Roy Adams, was in the room with him and when the doctor reached his side, the senator was dead.

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Miss Emma Williams, who is teaching in the Fort Meade schools, spent the holidays with her parents in Venus.

Miss Susie Johnson spent the holidays in Sanford visiting her brother, Bay Johnson.

Mrs. J. N. Sloan of Plant City has been spending several days with her sisters, Mrs. Cowart and Mrs. Ryan of West Venus.

Riley Shepherd is home after having spent several weeks in Sebring.

Duke Williams of Jacksonville spent the holiday vacation here with his parents, Capt. and Mrs. W. W. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Arnold and little daughter Gertrude of Lakeland were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Ryan last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Haushalter of Arcadia spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Engleman of West Venus.

Mrs. Hugh Cassels and sons motored to Fort Myers and spent the holidays with Mrs. Cassels' sister. They report an enjoyable trip.

A. E. Pooser spent Christmas with his family in Arcadia.

L. M. Lee motored to Arcadia Saturday afternoon.

Among the social events of the holiday season was a watch party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Engleman Dec. 31. Games were indulged in and an enjoyable evening spent by a large number of young folk, who disbanded at 12 o'clock.

Mrs. Odella Hooks has been spending several days in Arcadia as the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Carrie Smith.

The home of Capt. and Mrs. W. W. Williams was the scene of an interesting party Wednesday afternoon of last week, in honor of their son Duke and daughter Miss Emma.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferry E. Sellers from the Red Hills, spent the week-end with Mrs. Sellers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shepherd.

Mrs. William Hendry and son Eugene spent the week-end at the Hills, combining business with pleasure.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Peoples and family and George Matthews and family motored to Bear Ford last week for a bear chase.

Joe Ryan has just plowed five acres of fine looking soil and is making ready to plant beans and cukes in the early spring. He says he is going to "make 'em."

The Rev. George Mason, who has been so ably conducting religious services at the auditorium, is organizing a united church and Sunday school in which the people of Venus are manifesting much interest. It will be of great strength and a wonderful blessing to the community if each one will lend a helping hand and healping heart we will have an organization that will stand the test. The life line is now being thrown to Venus; let's grasp our opportunities while it is yet day.

TAX ON TRANSPORTATION WAS REMOVED ON JAN. 1

Passengers and shippers this year will realize substantial reduction in the amount paid for freight and passenger transportation on account of the removal of the tax on transportation, effective Jan. 1.

Under the provisions of the new revenue law it is estimated that the elimination of this tax will result in a saving to passengers and shippers using the Atlantic Coast Line railroad of approximately $2,200,000 annually. This estimate covers a saving to passengers of $1,100,000 and to shippers of freight of $1,100,000, based on freight and passenger revenues for the current year.

Instructions have been issued to agents and others concerned providing that no tax on freight or passenger transportation furnished on or after Jan. 1, 1922, will be charged. The assessing and collection of this transportation tax for the government has required each railroad to act as a government tax collector and to make a strict accounting for all the money collected and turned over to the government. No benefit whatsoever has accrued to the railroad companies from the collection of this tax.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. D. T. Getter visited her father and sister in Tampa Friday of last week, returning Monday.

Mrs. J. B. Stevenson is making a two-weeks' visit with her daughter, Mrs. L. M. Ray, in Palmetto.

E. O. Douglas and Mr. Hudson, of the firm of Hudson & Cobb, made a trip to the woods Monday after squirrel and quail. They returned with a nice lot of both.

Lewis Cobia, a student of the Mercer University of Macon, Ga., returned to that city after having spent the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cobia.

David Getter had the misfortune to get his leg badly hurt Monday evening, when a piece of cement sidewalk he was helping carry fell, striking him in such a manner as to cut a large gash in his leg.

The public schools opened last Monday, after a two-weeks' vacation. A visit to Miss Fidler's new room will convince anyone that the efforts put forth to secure the room is much appreciated by the occupants.

Monday Capt. R. C. Pringle had his launch Safety First taken to Lake Josephine. Captain and Mrs. Pringle, Capt. and Mrs. Hinslea and Col. and Mrs. F. N. K. Bailey spent the day there pleasantly, enjoying a fine dinner.

W. G. Conrad of Scranton, Pa., now staying in St. Petersburg, Z. A. Wonacott of Waymart, Pa., and Joe Chapman of St. Petersburg motored from the Sunshine City Monday with Fred C. Walter of Pinellas Park. They were all stopping at the Sebring Hotel.

Charles Cochran drove to Gainesville Sunday afternoon, accompanied by Mrs. H. O. Sebring and son Junior and Mrs. A. C. Heacock and son Ford. The boys returned to Gainesville University. Mr. Cochran and Mesdames Sebring and Heacock returned home Tuesday afternoon and reported a fine trip, with one exception. About half way between Avon Park and Sebring they ran out of gas. However, through the kindness of W. H. Barger, they reached the city without serious delay.

Ray Gamble was a business visitor to Avon Park last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cobia attended services at the Baptist church, Avon Park, Sunday.

David C. Barrow and family of Pelham, Ga., are now located in St. Petersburg for the winter.

T. W. Lawton and family returned from Arcadia Sunday evening, where the family had been for the holidays.

H. T. Hodge of Wauchula, with the Ferman Motor Car Company of Tampa, was in Sebring several days this week.

Mrs. Tom Mitchell and little son Thomas returned Monday noon from Arcadia, where they had been spending the holidays.

If you want good goods at the right price, just come to the little pantry store of the A. B. Allen & Co. and be convinced.—Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Caravasios and family drove to Wauchula, Arcadia and other points Friday of last week on a business and pleasure trip.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Whidden and two daughters of Arcadia visited Mr. Whidden's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beresford, the fore part of the week.

Cyril Baldwin of Avon Park, tax assessor for Highlands county, has been transacting business in Sebring the most of the week. Mr. Baldwin is getting ready to make his assessment, which will be a thorough one.

Russell R. McKenzie of Sebring, O., spent a few days in our city this week on business matters. Mr. McKenzie has been in the bakery business for a number of years and is looking for a desirable location in some live town in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Sebring entertained a number of friends at a dinner party Wednesday of last week. The dining room and table were beautifully decorated and the menu particularly inviting. Covers were laid for twelve.

Mrs. F. H. Adams, son George and daughter Emma motored to Zephyrhills last week, returning Sunday evening. They enjoyed their trip, although they experienced all kinds of car trouble. Mr. Adams also enjoyed their account of the trip, but his turn will arrive when the bills come in.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Degering entertained a few friends at dinner Wednesday evening.

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Ensign W. Gearing of Birmingham, Ala., who spent the holidays here with his family, returned to Birmingham Monday.

Mrs. Arthur Capwell and daughter, Miss Myrtle, are in Sebring for the winter, guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Capwell.

Captain and Mrs. Crawford of Troy, N. Y., are here for a two weeks' visit with Mrs. Crawford's parents, Major and Mrs. Jesse Gearing.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Haskins entertained a few friends Thursday night at five hundred. Dainty, delicious refreshments were served after a most enjoyable time was had at the card tables.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Gearing of Boca Grande visited Major and Mrs. Jesse Gearing over New Year's. Mr. Gearing is cashier of the bank at Boca Grande and returned home Monday, but Mrs. Gearing remained a few days longer.

Mrs. H. O. Sebring entertained last Friday night with a most delightful dinner party, having as some of her guests some of the young married people of the town. Covers were laid for fourteen and the decorations and the menu left nothing to be desired.

P. G. Miller, national prohibition inspector for the states of New York and New Jersey, arrived in Sebring Sunday to look after his grove interests here. He returned north Wednesday. Mr. Miller was formerly engaged in the real estate business here, leaving to accept his present position about six months ago.

Sheriff W. M. Griffin drove to Haines City Sunday, accompanied by Mrs. Cora Lane and sons, David, Paul and Norman, where the latter entrained for the Pennsylvania State University, where he is enrolled as a student. Mr. Griffin, Mrs. Lane and sons David and Paul then drove to Tampa, returning to Sebring in the evening.

Miss Bessie Zellar, who has spent three winters in Sebring in charge of the music at Kenilworth Lodge during the tourist season, arrived in Sebring Wednesday morning and is to spend this season here. Miss Zellar comes from Cleveland, where she is well known in musical circles and she has made many friends in Sebring, who are very glad to see her return.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Mason of North Girard, Pa., Seth Heath and mother, Mrs. Ruth Taylor, and Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Blaksly and two boys motored to Zolfo Springs Sunday, where they spent the day. Mr. and Mrs. Cason are very favorably impressed with Sebring and are contemplating making this their home. Mr. Mason is an extensive grape grower at his home in Pennsylvania.

If you are going away, have just come home or have friends visiting you, write a card to the Highlands County Messenger, giving details, or telephone 103 or 113. In this way we get a correct account of all social affairs and local news items. We will appreciate the courtesy and in this manner we can get more local news, which will give our outside readers a better impression of the social activities of Sebring.

J. R. Van Kleek of Auburn, N. Y., arrived in Sebring Wednesday and will spend the rest of the winter here. Mr. Van Kleek is the landscape architect who had charge of the Kenilworth grounds and golf course during their construction and has also had a hand in beautifying many other spots in Sebring and Avon Park. He was also a member of the Sebring Jazz Band and it is though that perhaps that organization will soon be again heard.

[illegible] of Brewster was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Tighe is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Harry Sutton.

J. A. Waldren of Jacksonville registered at the Hotel Sebring Wednesday.

Capt. William P. Gearing left Wednesday morning for Birmingham, Ala.

B. W. Field, C. Hill and J. E. Parker went to Lake Istokpoga on a fishing trip Thursday.

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Lee Houchins of Tampa spent a few days of this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Leatherman.

C. S. Morris of Tampa, with the Markey-Harmon Company, was in the city Thursday calling on the grocery trade.

F. R. Henderson of Traverse City, Mich., is at the Arrowhead for the winter and will pass the time in hunting and fishing.

Capt. and Mrs. C. D. Young of Moore Haven are spending their honeymoon in Sebring and are at the Arrowhead hotel.

W. H. Rogers has made himself a New Year's gift of a new Knight car. It is fully equipped and makes a splendid appearance.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rogers, Mrs. Robert Leatherman, Mrs. Bee and C. C. Hastey were visitors in Tampa Tuesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Bradner and family of Cleveland, O., are registered at the Arrowhead. They will spend the winter in Sebring.

Mr. and Mrs. Lutz and daughter Viola of Chicago arrived in Sebring this week and will spend the rest of the winter in their home on Pine street.

Capt. and Mrs. R. C. Pringle and Miss Bailey drove to Orlando Wednesday, where they met Col. F. N. K. Bailey on his return from a trip to Greenwood, S. C.

Several ladies of North Lakeview drive were entertained last Saturday afternoon by Mrs. Degering and Mrs. Webb in honor of Mrs. F. N. K. Bailey, who has been spending the holidays in Sebring.

[illegible] from Stetson University at DeLand a few days ago, to spend the month of January with his parents, after which he will leave for Jacksonville, where he will attend school.

Dr. L. H. Shumate, former pastor of the Methodist church of Sebring, now of Oldsmar, was in Sebring Tuesday night. He was on his way home from Moore Haven, where he had been filling an appointment.

Monday morning Mr. and Mrs. Earl Crawford and H. C. and P. G. Gearing went to Arcadia to take Herbert C. back to his work, after spending a happy New Year here with his family. All report a pleasant trip—especially Mr. Crawford, who is enjoying his first visit to Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. McBride of DeLand and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cox of Manson, Ia., drove over in Mr. McBride's Buick Thursday of last week, where they were guests for the remainder of the week of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Rigdon. Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Rigdon accompanied them to Arcadia, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Rigdon's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Crews. The ladies mentioned above are cousins of Mrs. Rigdon, who hope Mr. and Mrs. Cox will decide to locate here.

Mrs. G. E. Lindsley, who has been very ill, is much improved.

Scott Racey, who had two toes shot away Christmas week, is improving rapidly.

C. E. Lanier made a business trip to Punta Gorda Thursday afternoon of last week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Owens Jones of Greensville, Del., are at the Arrowhead for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. William Farling of Henry, Ill., and Capt. and Mrs. F. J. Crowley and son Frederick of Marine, Mich., are camping at Breezy Point on Lake Jackson.

B. L. Outlaw, formerly engaged in the real estate business here, but now residing in Tampa, was in Sebring this week greeting friends and transacting business.

Dr. S. P. Merrill, pastor of the Methodist church, will leave next Monday to attend conference. During his absence Mrs. Merrill will be the guest of Mrs. H. O. Sebring.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Murray and daughters, Miss Ollie and Mrs. R. C. Overton, are in Sebring for the winter and are building on Lakeview drive. They expect to be in their new home soon.

Incipient Blaze

When starting home from the bank late last Saturday night, E. O. Douglas discovered the pavilion at the end of the pier to be in flames. He turned in an alarm and the fire was extinguished before much damage was done. No one seems to know how the fire originated.

SCHOOL NOTES

Chapel exercises Thursday morning were in charge of the seventh grade pupils and Miss [illegible], teacher. [illegible] gave several readings and [illegible]. The school has these exercises every Tuesday and Thursday of each week and all patrons are cordially invited to be present.

One day next week there will be a game of basket ball between the Sebring and Lake Wales teams at Tascawilla Park.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

Lost — Eastern Star pin; a small pearl on each side; finder return to Mitchell Electric Company and receive reward.—Adv. 22-2t

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

For Sale — Chiffonier and writing desk. Phone 40, Sebring. 20tf

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. Seafer. 22-tf

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

For Sale or Exchange — 300 acres of fine farm land in Sumter county, Fla.; located 5 miles west of Leesburg; S. A. L. railroad runs through farm; on good hard road; 25 acres in cultivation; 100 under good woven wire fence; 3 houses; depot on farm; store house and main dwelling within 40 yards of station; 125 acres of the above is rich trucking land; balance good pine and oak hammock land. Will sell as a whole or in small tracts, from 5 acres up, at one-fourth cash, balance to suit purchaser, or will trade for property near Sebring. A. A. Henderson, Sebring, Fla. 20tf

For Sale—House and lot within 300 feet of Circle. Must be seen to be appreciated. Address Box 348, Sebring, Fla. 18-2t

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

Visit the Woman's Exchange on South Ridgewood drive and see the beautiful handwork displayed.—Adv.

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

For Sale or Trade—Ten acres good truck land, three miles from Wauchula; adapted to cukes, strawberries and all kinds of truck; well drained; five acres have been cropped; small house. What have you? Claude A. Reese, at the Smoke House, Sebring, Fla.—Adv.

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ONLY ONE POISONOUS SPIDER IN FLORIDA

Ing[illegible]ans, housewives, store keepers, [illegible] and many others call upon the Florida experiment station's specialists for information and advice along many and varied lines.

Within the last few months at least four requests have come in for information concerning the black widow spider and the remedy for its bite. This is the only dangerous spider in Florida. It is small with somewhat long legs for its size (about half an inch). Its color is jet black with a bright scarlet spot on the underside and a few silver markings. The scarlet mark is of the shape of an hour glass and makes possible its easy identification.

The bite of this spider is very poisonous. It has been known even to [illegible]. A typical case is one [illegible] reported by a [illegible] "At first the patient [illegible] the pain be[illegible] and the patient was [illegible] for several days [illegible] were extreme [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Most [illegible] are reluctant to bite [illegible] to an extreme degree [illegible] may be induced to bite. Furthermore they can open their jaws to [illegible] extent that they cannot get a hold on a person except [illegible] places such as the skin between the fingers. Contrary to general belief, those large house spiders [illegible] in that they catch [illegible] of mosquitoes, flies, roaches and other pests.

The black widow is the only dangerous spider in Florida and one [illegible] recognized. It is found over most of both North and South America. Close relatives are found in Europe and Asia.

It All Depends

At a meeting of the Medical Society of Washington recently the question came up whether it was right for the older doctors to hold all the offices and run everything. Dr. [illegible] stated that there was no place to draw the line between a young man and an old one; men are like autos, he said, and their condition at a given time all depends on how they have been used. Another doctor made the comment that "a woman is as young as she looks, while a man is young as long as he looks." The Pathfinder.

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SCUPPERNONG GRAPES FOR EVERY HOME IN FLORIDA

No country home in Florida is taking full advantage of the state's natural resources, if it hasn't an arbor of scuppernong grapes.

The owner of that home is also missing an annual feast and source of supply for jellies and preserves throughout the year which will come as near costing him nothing as anything he can grow.

The scuppernong is closely related to our wild fox grape and there are a number of varieties, ranging from early to late in maturing and either white, black or red in color.

The scuppernong is not a bunch grape and requires little pruning. In fact, pruning has to be carefully done. It is not done at all by many growers, the most careless.

An open plat of ground, not shaded [illegible] trees, is ideal for an arbor to plant. Vines should be [illegible] and trained by a string or post to the arbor overhead. The arbor varies with the [illegible] resources of the [illegible], but usually consists of [illegible] stringers, or even rails, laid [illegible] of posts at a height of about six feet. Cross stringers are laid on these every two or three feet. The vines [illegible] stringers spreading in all directions and [illegible] will support the [illegible]. Fruit is [illegible] in clusters of from two [illegible] down to single grapes.

[illegible] the ground under the arbor well mulched and an [illegible] of commercial fertilizer, [illegible] in the late fall will insure a [illegible] crop of grapes next season.

[illegible] winter, while the vines are dormant, such pruning as is necessary should be done, dead wood and vines are removed and repairs to the arbor made, as any pruning or bruising of the vines during the growing season will result in severe "bleeding" and even the loss of the vine.

A few vines of different varieties set in a corner of the orchard or garden will soon furnish an abundant supply of grapes during early summer.

County and home demonstration agents are in a position to give much practical information on grape growing. Let them help you.

Contentment

Let us learn to be content with what we have. Let us get rid of our false estimates, set up all the highest ideals: a quiet home, vines of our own planting; a few books full of inspiration of a genius; a few friends worthy of being loved and able to love us in return; a hundred innocent pleasures that bring no pain or remorse; a devotion to the right that will never swerve; a simple religion empty of bigotry, full of trust, hope and love—and to such a philosophy this world will give us all the empty joy it has. David Swing.

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

MONSTER NAVEL ORANGES SHIPPED TO THE PRESIDENT

Richard H. Edmonds, editor of the Manufacturers' Record of Baltimore, recently sent to President Harding a box of the finest navel oranges that ever left the state—none of the fruit weighing less than one pound. These were forwarded from Daytona, where the northern editor is spending the winter, and were accompanied by an explanatory letter in which it was stated, tensely but emphatically, that Florida could, if put to the test, produce sufficient in many lines to feed the entire United States.

"Florida is even now, though but in its infancy of development, shipping annually more than 50,000 carloads of foodstuffs to the north and west," said Mr. Edmonds. "In addition to the 12,000,000 or more boxes of citrus fruits shipped annually from this section, Florida annually ships thousands of carloads of early potatoes, cabbage, celery, lettuce, tomatoes, strawberries and other winter grown foodstuffs, in this way contributing immensely to the food supply of millions of people in the north and west."

After a recital of the great possibilities here, Mr. Edmonds says:

"It may not be amiss to say that available reclamation land in the south, if drained and put under cultivation, could easily be made to produce from $2,000,000,000 to $5,000,000,000 annually of foodstuffs—live stock included."

In concluding the message to the president, he says: "I hope the flavor of the oranges will remind you of the charms and the glories of the climate of this state and cause you, when burdened with mighty responsibilities which rest upon you, to seek again in this heaven-favored land rest and invigoration and new strength for the larger duties of the future."—Kissimmee Valley Gazette.

HOTEL CONSTRUCTION IN FLORIDA $4,798,800 IN 1921

Construction of hotels and apartment houses in Florida during the year 1921, at a value of $4,798,800 is indicative of the general progressiveness of this state during a year which has seen business depression in many sections.

E. A. Ehmann, supervising architect, department of hotel commission of Florida, has compiled interesting statistics for the year of 1921, with comparative figures of 1920, and the year just closing has been a banner one in construction programs.

During the year 1921 there were 194 permits issued at a valuation of $4,798,800; while in 1920 the sixty-nine permits issued were valued at $2,998,500, showing an increase this year of 125 permits, and increase valuation of $1,800,300.

During the month of December seventeen permits were issued for one hotel and sixteen apartment and rooming houses, at a valuation of $202,200, almost 400 per cent increase over December, 1920, where three permits were issued at a valuation of $57,000.

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NEWSPAPER IS FACTOR OF GREAT IMPORTANCE IN EVERY COMMUNITY

[Kissimmee Valley Gazette]

Perhaps you never thought of your local newspaper as being a gift. You pay your subscription to it. If you advertise your business in its columns, you pay for the space. But there is much about it you do not pay for. Attention is called to a few of these things, says the Tarpon Springs Leader.

What you pay for when you subscribe for your community newspaper is the news it gives you. What you pay for when you advertise in your community newspaper is the space covered by your advertisement. These things you pay for, and you get them.

But here are a few things which you get from your community newspaper without paying for them. They are gifts to the community.

Fifty-two weeks of publicity out of every year. Subscribers all over the country are having brought before them each and every week without fail an account of all the activities of the community. They learn to know the names of one community's citizens. They read of every improvement effected and of every plan perfected for further improvement. They learn of the wonderful climate; the beauty of the city; the attractiveness of the community as a place to visit or to make their permanent home; they learn of the wonderful opportunities offered to investors. All these things they get through the community newspaper continually for fifty-two weeks in the year. The community newspaper does not charge the community one cent of postage for sending out this vast amount of information about the community. Neither does it charge the community a big bill for printing of this information, nor does the community pay one cent in salary to those who gather, write and send forth this information. This service is a gift to the community from the community newspaper. Is there any other agency or organ or individual who will so thoroughly and so regularly attend to the spreading of publicity for the community gratis?

The churches are a part of the community life. They are a vital part of that life. Fifty-two weeks out of the year the community newspaper publishes, without any charge, the announcements of the churches, tells of the meetings of the church societies to be held, urges attendance upon them and helps in every possible way to make them a success. Nothing is charged up to the churches or their societies, nor is any postage required to be paid in order to get these things into the homes. The community newspaper takes them there.

The schools are another vital part of the community life. The community newspaper, without charge of any kind, presents to the people the needs of the schools. It urges the people to stand back of them and see that they are properly financed, pointing out the reasons why they must do this. It gives pages, when necessary, to this work. Then it tells of the success of the schools, and it donates space to the work of the students in order to encourage them in their work. All of these things it does without pay. It is just another gift to the community. And this is not limited to one day in the year. Like all other things the community newspaper does for the community without charge, it does fifty-two weeks in the year. Never does it turn down a call for help for the schools.

It battles, through its editorials, for those things which the community needs and wants—things which it should have. It does this at the risk of losing friendships and backing from those who would like to use it for their own selfish purposes. Again it is rendering, without charge, a real service to the community.

A challenge is issued for any man, woman or child to name any other single factor—be it individual or organization—in the community which is doing more for the community than the community newspaper, regardless of what the community must pay for that service; a challenge is issued to name any individual or organization which is doing one-half without cost to the community in the way of taxes or donations for the payment of this service.

THE WASTEFUL AMERICANS

Tampa Times

The American people have always seemed to live on the principle of "Eat, Drink and Be Merry for Tomorrow Ye Die." It was probably the very prodigality and supposed inexhaustibility of our resources that initiated and fostered their condition of mind. The pioneers of America were not as a rule, spendthrifts. The Puritans were men of austre and simple virtues, who were more regardful of their religious duties than they were of guads and jewels. In the beginning they were not extravagant and wasteful. They could not have been if they had wished to. It was not in their nature or training, in the old country or in the new. When they came to America it was only by the strictest economy and the most careful prudence that they were able to carry on from one season to the next.

But as their descendants were gradually removed from the necessity of stern and even parsimonious economy, as the accumulation of a competence became simpler and easier, and they came into a full realization of the magnificent resources of the country to which they had come; as they looked on the millions of acres of forests, the growth of centuries; on the mountain ranges filled with valuable minerals and metals; on the illimitable water power, flowing "unvexed to the sea"; as they saw all these things and a great many more, their sentiments underwent a great change. They decided that the resources of the country to which a benign Providence had led them, were inexhaustible, and from parsimonious economists, they became the most prodigal wasters the world has ever seen.

In less than a century and a half they have swept the "inexhaustible" forests from the face of the earth with no effort at replacement, and the end is already in sight. Now, at this late hour, faced with a timber famine, we are talking of conservation and reforestation. We discovered natural gas and wasted millions of feet in flaming torches of no possible utility except for advertising purposes. We acted on the impossible and senseless supposition that the supply could never be exhausted, but a few months showed us the error and great manufacturing establishments which had been founded on the false supposition of inexhaustibility were compelled to resort to other sources of power or close down.

We squandered all the magnificent resources with which nature has endowed us in the same reckless, improvident way. After us the deluge might be our motto, so indifferent to the future are we. Even the farmers are infected with the same improvidence and extravagance. They skim the cream off a farm, and instead of trying to maintain or restore its fertility, they "go west" to fresh fields and new pastures and repeat the skimming process. New England is full of abandoned farms, and many in the rich prairie states have been turned over to renters by their owners.

But of late years a spirit of conservation is being cultivated. We are beginning to realize that none of our resources are inexhaustible. The end of our timber is in sight and the statisticians are figuring on the time when it will be exhausted. There are no longer millions of acres of fertile land to be had for the asking. We are beginning to plant forest trees to eke out our timber in years to come, and we are irrigating the dry lands and draining the wet ones to furnish homes for posterity. Necessity is bringing us back to reason and common sense. And it's time.

December Weather

Following are the temperatures and the amount of rainfall during the month of December, as recorded by William King, United States weather observer at Avon Park:

Mean maximum	78.22
Mean minimum	57.00
Maximum	85.00
Minimum	44.00
Rainfall, inches	0.92

Rapid Transit

"What do you think of American speed?" a newspaper correspondent asked a member of the French delegation. "Does it live up to its reputation?" "Ah—yes!" was the answer. "Eet iss all eet iss said to be. Ze prayer of Mistaire Abernathy, for censtance, opening ze conference. Eet was printed and geeven out een advance, so zat it reached ze newspapers eeven before eet reeched God!"

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TAIL CAN'T ALWAYS WAG THE CANINE

Those Tallahassee chaps let no grass grow under their feet when it came to tearing down and getting ready to build onto the old capitol. They were evidently afraid of the threatened injunction from Ocala and believed that the early bird catches the worm. Just such tactics is going to result in keeping up the fight for capital removal if it doesn't divide the state. For years the political junta of the state has trampled rough-shod over the southern end of the peninsula. They have refused a reapportionment as the constitution guarantees. They have grabbed everything worth while that was in sight and refused to be half fair. South Florida is waking up and this plea about a great Florida, one and inseparable, will fail to hold water much longer. If they would keep within the law, reapportion the state on a fair basis and be men instead of politicians, the matter might be settled, but if they keep acting the hog they will find a ring in their snout before they live many years. The tail can't always wag the canine.—The Florida Chief.

You will find copies of the Messenger for sale at both the Rexall and the Manley & Garrett drug stores.

Plant Juice for Fish Bait

Late in the dry season, when the rivers are low in the heart of Africa, the Wwari, who inhabit the central Soudan, set out on prolonged fishing expeditions. The natives who live on the banks of the rivers are proficient fishermen, taking great pride in their work, but the village Gwari are not very sporting in their methods. They go out for the final results rather than for the pleasure of the sport. They pour the juice of locust tree pods into the pools, to which the streams have shrunk, and this causes the fish to leap out of the water. Wildly they leap, flopping out on the dry river bottom as often as not, but the excited natives do not wait for the fish to catch themselves. They leap over the shallow water, finding great delight in snatching the leaping fish as they flash from the river. This custom of using the "jump juice" seems to have been handed down from time immemorial among these strange Africans.

A Revival of [illegible]

Divorces granted in Philadelphia last year totalled 2,291, the highest number ever recorded, but the number of new suits begun was only 2,352, the lowest since 1918. More than two-thirds of those seeking divorces were wives.

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CANADA WILL HAVE A SPLENDID EXHIBIT AT SOUTH FLORIDA FAIR

When visitors to the South Florida Fair line up in front of the Canadian exhibit the coming February they will realize the international importance of Florida's greatest fair, because they will find, representing Canada, a most "beautiful, attractive and interesting exhibit—better than any that has ever been placed anywhere."

The above quotation is from a letter received by General Manager P. T. Streider of the South Florida Fair from W. J. White, inspector of United States agencies for the Canadian government. Mr. White and his son, E. H. White, had charge of the Canadian exhibit at the fair here last February, and will be in charge of the exhibit again the coming February.

Canada will have several times as much exhibit space at the coming fair than it had at the 1921 exhibition. A considerable part of the exhibit has arrived already, and Mr. White writes that a force of men will be here early next month to begin preparing the booths for the display of Canada's products.

Writing of Canada's display here, Mr. White says:

"It will comprise products of field, mine, forest, with animal and bird life typically displayed in such a manner as to give to the visitor, in a unique way, some knowledge of what lies in the hinterland of the northland country, bringing back to many of them, doubtless, the days, when in their younger years they trod the fields, breasted the northern rivers in their canoe, blazed their way through almost impassable woods, placing their traps, or sighting their guns on the elusive elk, or the cunning bear, or to those, like Ike Walton, who preferred casting the fly to bait the wary trout or muskallogne.

"Anyway, it is going to be an exhibition a show that will interest the visitor and well repay him for a hundred or two hundreds miles of travel to see it alone, irrespective of the hundreds of other attractions that the fair board is putting on for the thousands of visitors who will doubtless be attracted through the fame of your efforts to have something to please."

SAYS MUST NOT OVERLOAD GRAPEFRUIT WITH SUGAR

"The intense culture of the grapefruit brings to us in mid-winter a large golden sphere of delicious, thirst-quenching, pure fruit juice, that owing to its delicate tart flavor is most acceptable during the cold winter months," says Mrs. M. A. Wilson, culinary expert of the Philadelphia Public Ledger, who continues:

"Many persons are under the impression that acid fruits are harmful; particularly is this true, so it seems, during the winter months, as they claim these fruits thin down the blood.

"This is entirely wrong—the tart grapefruit juice becomes neutralized into an alkaline product during the process of digestion, purifying the blood stream and cleansing the digestive tract.

"Do not make the mistake of overloading this delicious fruit with sugar. Try reaming out the juice like an orange or lemon and drinking it without sugar."

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INCOME TAXPAYERS URGED TO COMPILE 1921 ACCOUNTS

"With the approach of the period for filing income tax returns, Jan. 1 to March 15, 1922, taxpayers are advised to lose no time in the compilation of their accounts for the year 1921," says S. T. Gerow, internal revenue collector for Florida. "A new and important provision of the revenue act of 1921 is that every person whose gross income for 1921 was $5,000 or over shall file a return, regardless of the amount of net income upon which the tax is assessed. Returns are required of every single person whose net income was $1,000 or over and every married person living with husband or wife whose net income was $2,000 or over. Widows and widowers and persons separated or divorced from husband or wife, are regarded as single persons.

"Net income is gross income, less certain deductions for business expenses, taxes, etc. Gross income includes practically all income received by the taxpayer during the year, in the case of the wage earners salaries, wages, bonus and commissions; in the case of professional men, all amounts received for professional services; in the case of farmers all profits from the sale of farm products, and rental or sale of land.

Necessary Mentions

"In the making of an income tax return for the year 1921, every taxpayer should present to himself the following questions:

"What were your profits from your business, trade, profession or vocation?

"Did you receive any interest on bank deposits?

"Have you any property from which you received rent?

"Did you receive any income in the form of dividend or interest stocks or bonds?

"Did you receive any bonuses during the year?

"Did you make any profit on the sale of stocks, bonds or other property, real or personal?

"Did you act as a broker in any transaction from which you received commissions?

"Are you interested in any partnership from which you receive [illegible]?

"Have you any income from royalties [illegible]?

"Have you any minor children who [illegible]?

"Do you appropriate, or have the right to appropriate, the earnings of such children? If so, the amount must be included in the return of income.

"Has your wife any income from any source whatsoever? If so, it must be included in your return or reported in a separate return of income.

"Did you receive any directors' fees or trustees' fees in the course of the year?

"Do you hold any office in a benefit society from which you receive income?

Answers Imperative

"Answers to all of these questions are necessary to determine whether a person has an income sufficiently large to require that a return be filed, and may be the means of avoiding the heavy penalties imposed for failure to do so within the time prescribed."

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Transfers filed for record with the clerk of the circuit court of Highlands county since last publication, as reported by the Highlands Security, Abstract & Title Company of Sebring:

Flint Lumber Company to Avon Manufacturing Company: 10 acres on the shore of Lake Lena in Sec. 27, Twp. 33, range 28; $1 and other considerations.

L. C. Costine and wife to M. M. Drawdy: S½ of lot 6, block 9, Sec. 21, Twp. 33, range 28, Avon Park; $1.

DeSoto Holding Company to L. C. Costine: Lot 6, block 9, Sec. 21, Twp. 33, range 28, Avon Park; $1 and other considerations.

E. L. Hainz and A. C. Heacock to Jerome Tomkin: Lot 1, block 84, fourth addition to Sebring; $10.

Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers Association to Maud W. Park: S½ of grove 119, Lake Wood Villa, in Sec. 9, Twp. 33, range 28; $1,000.

Charles Pollard to Atlantic Coast Line Railroad: Right of way through NW¼ of SE¼ Sec. 4, Twp. 35, range 29; $1.

Robert [illegible] Pringle and wife to Maude Manley: Lots [illegible] and 8, block 98, Sebring; $1 and other considerations.

Helen A. B. [illegible], executrix, to Harvey B. Ream: Part of lot [illegible], block 34, Sebring; $1.

Harvey B. Ream to Gilbert S. Hodil: S½ of W½ of lot 3, block 34, Sebring; $2,000.

Beulah B. Brooks and husband to DeSoto Realty & Investment Company: Lots 1 and 2, block 3, Sec. 14, Twp. 33, range 28, Avon Park; $1 and other considerations.

L. C. Costine and wife to M. M. Drawdy: N½ of lot 6, block 9, Sec. 21, Twp. 33, range 28; $1 and other considerations.

Cora C. Canfield and husband to B. E. and F. E. Warren: Lots 22 and 23, block 5, Lake Denton Development Company's resurvey, Avon Park; $150.

W. J. Durrance and wife to F. E. Warren: Lot 21, block 5, Denton & Harris' subdivision, Avon Park; $75.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT INTERNAL REVENUE

From now on taxpayers will not be advised of their privilege of filing a claim for the refund of taxes which have been paid in excess of amounts legally due, but instead will receive a certificate of over-assessment and a check in correction of the error, or if an assessment is outstanding against the taxpayer for income or excess profits tax, the over-payment will be applied as a credit against the assessment and the balance immediately refunded. This will be of distinct financial advantage to both the taxpayer and the government. It will do away with the necessity for the taxpayer filing a claim for refund, and will greatly reduce the amount of work to be done by the bureau in the adjustment of claims.—Kissimmee Valley Gazette.

RAILROADS [illegible] LARGE DIVIDENDS

Frequently traveling representatives of the various railroads are heard to state that railroads are hard pressed and are not making a reasonable return upon the investment. Such propaganda is usually with the view of securing sympathy of some producers who are inclined to complain against exorbitant transportation charges, which are now extracted from the public. Quite often pleas are made for the public to bear with the "poor" carriers and be patient until they can recuperate from the tremendous loss due to federal control. There was a very interesting item on the front page of the Chicago Tribune Dec. 2, entitled "C. B. & Q. to Pay 20 Per Cent Dividends." The article states that on the Burlington's $[illegible] capital stock [illegible] was to be declared a cash dividend aggregating 20 per cent or $[illegible]. It has only been a short time ago that the L. & N. was prohibited from "cutting a melon" in almost equal proportion to that of the C. B. & Q. It would appear that at least some of the carriers are making in excess of 5½ per cent, which was the dividend the interstate commerce commission attempted to bring about through the last 33 1-3 per cent increase. Fruit and vegetable growers are getting returns which do not cover cost of production, yet carriers continue to extract rates in many instances in excess of the amount allowed growers for production. Such conditions cannot continue indefinitely.—Manatee River Journal.

Elimination of Tax Will Save Money

The public will save approximately $[illegible] a month as a result of the elimination of the war tax on express shipments, according to George C. Taylor, president of the American Railway Express Company.

We print calling cards.—Advertisement.

THIS [illegible] BELIEVER IN PUBLICITY

The following was found pasted upon a bottle of tea [illegible] secured in North Carolina [illegible] label is now stored in the Washington archives:

"Here is [illegible] tied in a [illegible] made in the woods of the mountains of Western North Carolina by an old-time [illegible] that don't give a damn for [illegible] and prohibition [illegible] by all the high-class bootleggers [illegible] and worth every cent of [illegible] [illegible] before drinking."

Where Are the 'Gators?

[illegible] tag with a [illegible] African jungle. The [illegible] course, that [illegible] rapidly becoming extinct in [illegible] of the "Sunshine State." There may be a few of them remaining [illegible] of the more remote regions of the Everglades, but [illegible] other sections [illegible] entirely. [illegible] made it [illegible] to exist. They have been [illegible] exterminated [illegible] which they [illegible] drained and placed under [illegible].—Palm Beach Post.

New Postmaster for [illegible]

Leon [illegible] has been appointed [illegible]. He is 28 years old and a son of [illegible] known throughout [illegible].

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MEETING OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

A meeting of the board of county commission of Highlands county was held at their room in Sebring, Monday, Jan. 2, at 9 a. m. Present: William King, chairman, and commissioners W. W. Williams, John E. Graham, A. M. McAulay. The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

In re county printing: At the last meeting it was ordered that bids for county printing be received at this meeting, but upon investigation it was found that the present agreement was entered into for a year and that same will not expire until after May 23, 1922.

Cyril Baldwin, tax assessor, discussed the matter of valuations with the board.

It was moved and carried [illegible] warrant be drawn [illegible] of Cyril Baldwin, tax assessor, for the [illegible] be charged against [illegible] tax assessor. The warrant [illegible] to be pay[illegible] May 1, 1922, with [illegible] paid.

Came W. R. Leatherman, who stated [illegible] that adjacent lands are assessed at $2.50 per acre and that his lands are assessed as improved land and that same is unimproved. It is therefore ordered that his assessment be reduced from $[illegible] to $[illegible] and that the tax collector be allowed a credit in his settlement with same.

The claim of Mrs. G. W. North for [illegible] J. W. [illegible] for two weeks [illegible] presented to the board. It was moved and carried that said claim be rejected and the clerk be authorized to return the same with the explanation that this service was not authorized by this board and that the county is in no way responsible for the same.

Came C. W. Rogers and W. B. Leatherman and made affidavit that they are the owners of lot 3, block 36, located in the town of Sebring and that said lot is assessed as improved property for the year 1921 in the sum of $400 and that the same is unimproved. It is therefore ordered that the valuation be reduced to $50 and that the tax collector be allowed a credit for same in his settlement.

Came Worth C. Peacock, surveyor for Highlands county, and produced his bond as such, in the sum of $1,000, conditioned according to law, with Royal Indemnity Company as sureties, which is approved by the board.

The board then adjourned until Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1922, at 9 a. m.

Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1922.

Board of county commissioners met in their room at Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1922, at 9 a. m., pursuant to adjournment. Present: William King, chairman, and the following commissioners: John E. Graham, Perry Etheredge, A. M. McAulay, W. W. Williams.

Came W. M. Griffin, sheriff, and presented receipt from the Bank of Sebring to the credit of fines and forfeitures, amounting to $214.77.

Came D. F. Canfield, tax collector, and presented his report for December collections, which is as follows:

General fund	$	231.07
Fine and forfeiture		92.43
Road and bridge No. 1		73.94
Road and bridge No. 2		73.94
Road and bridge No. 3		73.94
Road and bridge No. 4		[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]
General school		[illegible]
Widow's pension		[illegible]
Total county tax		$1,[illegible]
Sub school Dist. 1	$	[illegible]
Sub school Dist. [illegible]		[illegible]
Sub school Dist. 12		[illegible]
Sub school Dist. [illegible]		[illegible]
Sub school Dist. [illegible]		[illegible]
Sub school Dist. [illegible]		[illegible]
Sub school Dist. [illegible]		[illegible]
Sub school Dist. [illegible]		[illegible]
Sub school Dist. [illegible]		[illegible]
[illegible]	$	[illegible]
[illegible] Road Dist. 1	$	19.75
[illegible] Road Dist. [illegible]		101.47
[illegible] Road Dist. [illegible]		[illegible]
[illegible] bonds	$	173.19
Maintenance		
Road Dist. No. 4	$	19.59
Old Dist. No. 6		182.15
Total road maintenance	$	201.74
Road Bonds, Old		
Dist. No. 4	$	47.02
Dist. No. 5		728.63
Dist. No. 6		54.70
Total road bonds	$	830.35
Drainage	$	126.72
Total county collections		$2,655.50
Total license to general fund	$	152.00
Total poll taxes to general fund		186.00
Grand total county collections		$2,993.50

Amounts represent amount paid after deducting discounts.

R. N. Miller presented a claim for license refund on double license, which was allowed payable at the February term, 1922; amount $30.47.

This being the date to make up the jury list for 1922, the following names were placed in the jury box as provided by section 2772: Sam Shepard, E. E. Thompson, L. M. Marsh, D. A. Frizzell, W. C. Albritton, W. L. Smith, J. H. McClelland, J. W. Fraser, M. H. Summeralls, P. M. Stivender, T. J. McGinnis, J. W. Foley, G. R. Mathis, C. V. Sherman, J. W. Meredith, C. G. Edwards, J. M. Hogan, Bryan Shocket, Henry D. Myers, C. S. Donaldson, Chas. Hendry, D. G. Skipper, D. T. Lockett, S. P. Durrance, W. E. Hendry, W. O. Speer, Curtis Langford, Harry Dilley, M. A. Millar, B. H. Starkey, John Luke, E. N. Dickinson, J. H. Peeples, B. Stock, Phil Lacey, J. V. Chapman, G. L. Cline, R. H. Stodden, M. W. Lance, J. A. Caldwell, Hugh Cassell, Henry Stevenson, D. A. Luke, F. E. Crews, B. S. Johnson, Victor C. Smith, T. H. Lander, H. G. Crapo, Willie Williams, Otto Skipper, C. E. Lanier, Harry R. Cutler, Doc Pierce, G. H. Spink, Chas. Krause, D. C. Cash, Clifford Pierce, Ed. Smith, R. W. Kingsley, C. A. Clark, Sid Pierce, N. T. Smith, H. M. Kingsley, G. L. Crews, E. D. Boston, S. F. Smith, G. F. Kellogg, A. E. Conoley, Jas. Boyer, Clayton Smith, B. H. James, B. Butler, Jesse R. Bennett, H. F. R. Reck, T. R. Johnson, H. E. Coye, D. W. Hope, G. W. Adams, W. M. Reck, E. D. Jewett, Gus Hoffman, H. A. Wiggins, W. A. Roberts, J. Hollingsworth, R. J. Hanson, A. C. West, Frank C. Ray, E. W. Hartt, L. L. Henderson, W. H. Woodruff, Ed. Prescott, S. Y. Hartt, A. F. Frasier, A. E. West, J. O. Lark, Lee Hogan, A. B. Davis, J. H. White, J. H. White, J. A. Pollard, H. P. Hill, J. H. Driggers, E. O. Williams, R. C. Peterson, Lloyd Hoggaboom, T. R. Carlton, R. T. Whitnall, W. H. Prior, Chas. H. Harris, E. A. Bowers, O. E. Wolff, F. S. Price, B. H. Hinckley, John B. Polson, J. A. Welch, M. F. Crews, J. B. Punch, George H. Wolfe, Chas. Palmer, W. T. Hall, J. F. Butler, M. T. Whidden, C. M. Ott, John Hood, Chas. [illegible] West, W. E. Nance, Walter Hart, B. E. Alderson, F. E. [illegible] C. D. Nolan, John S. Glass, L. P. Austin, H. T. Wray, W. O. McGeer, C. R. Ginn, H. E. Rives, Max Wild, H. P. Maddox, M. H. Gribble, [illegible] Kleve, F. Uhl, R. A. Maddox, R. D. Gaylard, A. J. Herman, Jos. Vihatis, W. Matchett, H. E. Godwin, Andrews Gravers, N. H. Trent, C. B. Means, Fred J. Gray, Tom Crews, J. W. Tuten, J. L. Masters, George D. Godwin, Wm. L. Smith, S. F. Tucker, W. M. McGibboney, W. A. Fisher, R. A. Elliott, G. A. True, James Stripling, W. A. Taylor, W. H. Boney, A. M. Stout, Charley Williams, D. S. Stutsman, Orrin Howard, E. G. Skiff, H. O. Sebring, Dan Worth, J. F. Sanger, Lewis Taylor, P. A. Ruhl, Travis Parnell, J. Rawsthorne, H. N. Martin, S. H. Price, Chas. Weigel, M. G. Norman, Geo. Pollard, W. I. Moyer, T. Whitehouse, Henry Krause, Chas. Shaefer, H. Hinsley, W. W. Wright, J. A. Killeen, Sr., Isaac Dottery, B. A. Cope, R. B. Fulton, W. G. Knott, C. C. Cobb, G. H. Bethea, S. E. Capwell, H. Parnell, G. C. Albritton, W. B. Zachary, H. A. Landis, E. W. Kelsey, P. L. Vinson, F. A. Correll, Geo. Jaeger, W. M. Pickard, Tom Dimberline, F. E. Myers, Gid Yaeger, D. S. Masters, John A. Taylor, J. L. Johnson, E. S. Rice, Jesse Gearing, Morris Floyd, Sam Dimberline, E. L. Hainz, J. B. Brown, W. Z. Dalgety, Sam Degering, F. C. Walter, C. J. West, W. M. Bixler, C. O'Berry, R. W. O'Berry, J. L. Walkup, J. W. Keisling, D. W. Hope, John deGraffenreid, W. C. Posl, Sam Platt, R. J. McMurray, Art Young, J. H. Moore, F. B. Tauchen, J. A. Killeen, Jr., G. E. Sebring, E. W. Harshman, S. L. McClanahan, B. W. Fields, G. V. Hudson, Frank Brown, Henry Floto, N. F. Pollard, G. G. Couch, James Carlton, J. A. Tomlin, U. [illegible] Shumard, F. S. Bee, Jesse Vaughn, N. C. Cash, A. Varena, L. T. Farmer, H. Allsop, J. E. Parker, Henry Pollard, W. M. Muff, A. E. Withers, J. H. Lopp, W. N. Kent, C. B. Jones, Ira Rigdon, J. H. Garst, H. S. Jones, G. H. Dalgety, L. D. Grimsley, J. C. Barrow, G. L. Cushion, Fred Yeager, Geo. G. Budd, J. C. Butler, J. W. Payne, C. A. Morrison, J. O. Yonce, Geo. Butler Tom Guy, J. P. Webster, Jud Twitty, C. C. Posey, John Eiland, R. D. McLain, Marion Pollard, P. G. Miller, Bayard Taylor, Tobias Stipes, W. M. Rogers, G. W. Gage, Harry McCorkle, W. F. Johnson, O. Hanson, G. N. Capwell, E. O. Douglas, Wm. Taylor, R. C. Shumard, W. R. Whidden, G. W. Durrance G. F. Bobb, J. L. Moore, C. F. Logue, D. E. Warren, Benj. Guy, Joab Edwards.

The following claims were allowed:

General fund—Mitchell Telephone Co., $[illegible]; Florida Office Supply Co., $2.31; G. F. Bobb, $15.31; C. F. Saunders, $127.85; York & Clawson, $[illegible]; H. S. Franklin, $10; Mitchell Electric Co., $51.08; Mitchell Electric Co., $4.25; Mollie Guess, $10; Mrs. Rosa Ellis, $10; Mrs. Ella Hargraves, $15; Sebring Light and Water Co., $13.[illegible]; A. E. Lawrence, $50; J. A. Farmer, $50; D. F. Canfield, $2.20; Wm. King, $10; L. L. Henderson, $50; W. W. Williams, $15; J. E. Graham, $8; Perry Etheredge, $[illegible].20; A. M. McAulay, $12; H. & W. B. Drew Co., $17.11; T J. Appleyard, $2.48; W. M. Griffin, $[illegible]1.10.

Fines and forfeitures—Parnell Bros., $6.20; A. E. Lawrence, $[illegible]; W. M. Griffin, $2[illegible]; G. F. Bobb, $1.50; Sebring Hardware Co., $6.43; D. C. [illegible]ase, $10; Love Cash, $77; Ridgew[illegible] [illegible].

Maintenance road and bridge district No. 5 (old district)—First Trust & Savings Co., $100; Sebring R. E. Co., $102.94; Desoto City Groves Co., $30.23; Love & King, $41.33; W. C. Waldron, $10; W. C. Waldron, $10; W. C. Waldron, $5; W. C. Waldron, $12.50.

Road and Bridge District No. 1—Hart & Son, $78.75; Wm. King, $3.80.

Road and bridge district No. 2—Love & King, $41.33; Victor Collier, $4; Sam Williams, $2; T. V. Conway, $12; T. V. Conway, $54.37; Riley Shepard, $4; Geo. Whitehouse, $14.25; Tom Williams, $6; D. D. Mahan, $6 Jas. Carlton, $26.

Road and bridge district No. 5—Heacock Agency Co., $114.40; E. L. Hainz, $150; J. L. Johnson, $104; Cyril Baldwin, $200.

Board adjourned.

Notice

The regular social meeting of the Woman's Club will be held next Tuesday night, Jan. 10, at the club room. Mrs. E. P. Brown and Mrs. E. L. Hainz are the hostesses for the evening and all members of the club are invited to attend and are privileged to bring visitors as guests.

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Ford Touring Car Burned

[Highlands County Pilot]

Saturday night Joe Lander's Ford touring car was burned, nothing remaining but the iron work. Joe had met the night train and taken his father, the Rev. D. L. Lander, to the home of T. H. Lander, then driven home and parked his car in the yard. During the night he awoke and discovered that his car was on fire, but too late to save it. The fire was supposed to have been caused by leaving the key in the switch.

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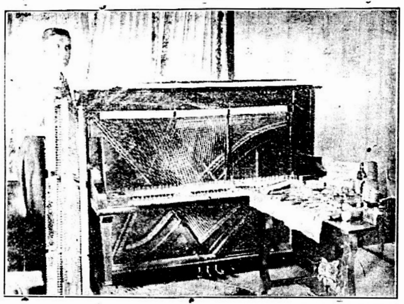
Attacked by Wildcats

[Highlands County Pilot]

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sikes spent Friday and Saturday in Okeechobee City, returning Sunday. Mr. Sikes brought back with him a couple of stalks of cane measuring more than 14 feet in length and told that while in the cane patch he was attacked by three wildcats. He fired at them with his pistol, wounding one and driving them off, but the cane was growing so thickly he could not follow. It is seldom that wildcats will attack a human being, and the only way in which we can account for the attack upon Mr. Sikes is the probability that the cats were "full of cane juice."



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The First Tragedy in Highlands County at Avon Park Last Week

[Highlands County P[illegible]]

The first tragedy to occur in Highlands county happened at J. H. Glover's sawmill, southeast of town, about 1 o'clock Friday afternoon when L. C. Costine was stabbed and fatally wounded by Frank Preston, an employe at the mill.

We are informed that Preston who was firing the boiler and whose duty it was to blow the whistle for starting and quitting work, neglected to blow the whistle in time as a consequence the men worked fifteen minutes overtime. He complained to the foreman about working overtime and was informed that it was his own fault, as he was the one to blow the whistle at quitting time and that he [illegible] the time himself. Preston, however, appeared to be in an ugly mood and resigned his job, demanding pay for the time he had put in. He was informed that Saturday was pay day and that he would be paid off then. After some further words, he went to his home.

Mr. Costine, who is head sawyer at the mill, informed the foreman that he had some money and that if Preston wanted to quit he would pay him off, in order that they might secure the house in which Preston lived and have a house for some one to take his place. In this the foreman acquiesced and Mr. Costine went to Preston's house and told the latter that if he would vacate the premises he would pay him what was coming to him. It is alleged that Preston then said with an oath, "I'll give you what's coming to you now," and then slashed Mr. Costine across the stomach with a sharp knife.

The victim called for assistance and Mr. Thomas, the foreman, hastened to his aid, finding him holding his intestines, which were protruding from the wound. Costine stated that "Frank cut me." Preston then approached and it is said wanted to compromise the matter with his victim, who stated that the "only compromise possible was for him (Preston) to pay the funeral expenses and look after the family." Preston then made his escape.

Dr. W. C. Touchton was immediately summoned and upon arriving on the scene recognized the fact that the only possible chance to save the injured man's life was through an operation which could not be performed here. He rendered first aid and had Mr. Costine taken to Gordon Keller hospital, Tampa, the Hinton Reo speed truck being used for that purpose. Dr. Touchton was accompanied to Tampa by Dr. D. D. Crews. After reaching the hospital Mr. Costine lived but a short time.

The remains were returned to Avon Park for burial, the funeral taking place Sunday afternoon, the Rev. Ed S. Barnes officiating, interment being made in the Avon Park cemetery.

Deceased leaves a wife and six children, the youngest of whom is a babe about six weeks old, all of whom have the deepest sympathy of the entire community.

Mr. Costine was a hard-working, honest, conscientious man and held the respect of all who knew him. The entire community is indignant over the affair, the report being that there was absolutely no provocation on the part of Mr. Costine.

For some reason, probably due to the excitement and attention necessary to give the wounded man, the authorities were not notified until several hours after the tragedy. Deputies Hancock and Cash immediately went to work on the case and by dark they had tracked Preston to within a short distance of where they supposed he was hiding, but owing to the darkness nothing further could be done that night. The authorities of surrounding towns were [illegible] to keep a sharp lookout for [illegible]. Saturday morning Deputy Hancock was again on the job bright and early and succeeded in tracing Preston to Fort Meade. Sunday morning Deputy Hancock received a message from Sheriff Logan of Polk county that Preston had given himself up and was lodged in jail at Bartow.

Deputy Hancock is deserving of no little praise for the manner in which he handled the case and had he been notified promptly after the deplorable affair happened there is little doubt but that he would have secured his man within a few hours. Preston, who had worked with Mr. Hancock and knew him well, probably gave himself up, knowing that the latter would sooner or later capture him.

THE SALVATION ARMY HELD SPECIAL SERVICES

The Salvation Army headquarters were packed to its capacity on Sunday night, it having been announced that a special service would be held, and that a number of noted singers from among the workers of the north would take part. The Army gathered on the Circle and gave a short service, led by Capt. Gearing, that good natured officer. When the service ended the band marched 'round the Circle and to the headquarters and immediately Col. William Evans opened the services. One of the most interesting meetings ever conducted here followed.

A number of the young captains had just been married and are spending their honeymoon in Sebring and Colonel Evans made good use of them by calling on them for songs and testimonials, and each one responded with a ringing message. Capt. and Mrs. Willard Evans of Pittsburgh sang a duet and both gave testimonials, Mrs. Evans making an exceptionally interesting response. Capt. and Mrs. Raymond Gearing of Pittsburg gave encouraging testimonials and both are excellent talkers and sweet singers. Mrs. Ensign Gearing of Birmingham, Ala., assisted with the music, and Capt. and Mrs. Earl Crawford also assisted in the worship. Lieut. Faith Stanyer assisted Colonel Evans.

Capt. Lula Whitehouse, who is visiting her home here, and who is stationed at Gastonia, Ga., was listened to with a great deal of interest, she being one of the most fascinating talkers and singers in the service of the Salvation Army.

The young folks will visit in Sebring for a couple of weeks before returning to their headquarters. Jan. 23 Colonel Maybe will conduct the service, and the public should not miss hearing him.

Reading Circle

The reading circle, under the department of literature and library, met at the home of Mrs. E. G. Skiff Monday night, with fourteen members present. Burrows' Nature Studies are being read, Miss Fidler reading. At this meeting Mrs. McClanahan, chairman of literature, had charge of the meeting. Mrs. Skiff read a short article on the author's works. These meetings are to be held every two weeks at the homes of members until some other arrangement is made. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Degering, Jan. 23.

Discussion of Public Affairs in General

FORE WORD

Believing that the people and taxpayers of any community are entitled to the full knowledge of all public affairs and particularly of those involving taxation and the expenditure of public funds, and that a fair and impartial discussion of matters will be of general interest to the citizens and taxpayers of the town of Sebring, [illegible] articles [illegible] fair and [illegible] hesitation in stating such facts of public interest as are susceptible of proof.

A LITTLE LIGHT ON THE LIGHT AND WATER QUESTION

On the 11th day of July, 1913, the town council of the town of Sebring granted to George E. Sebring, his heirs and assigns, separate franchises for the furnishing of electric light and water to the town and its citizens.

The term of these franchises was for a period of thirty years from the date of the franchise.

The water franchise provided in Section 1 that the grantee of said franchise "shall at all time furnish to the said town and its inhabitants, water for fire protection, and not less than twenty (20) fire plugs or hydrants" * * * "and the said town shall pay to the said George E. Sebring, his heirs and assigns, the sum of twenty-five dollars ($25) per annum for each and every fire plug in said town, payable semi-annually; provided the said Sebring, his heirs and assigns, shall furnish an ADEQUATE supply of water for all purposes herein contained."

This franchise further provides in Section 7 "that the prices to be charged the town of Sebring and the inhabitants thereof by the said George E. Sebring, his heirs and assigns, shall not at any time exceed the following:

Hotel water closets, per basin	$ 6.00
Private water closets, per basin	4.00
Dwellings, five persons in family (over five, $1 extra)	8.00
Hotel bath tubs, each	6.00
Private bath tubs, each	4.00
Carpenter, tailor, shoemaker, saddler or tin shop	6.00
Barber shops, per first chair, $8; each additional chair	6.00
Each bath tub extra	6.00
Water for building purposes, to be taken from public hydrants, each 1,000 brick	.07
Each 100 yards of plastering	.20
Dry goods, hardware, furniture, grain, feed or grocery stores	8.00
Drug stores	8.00
Soda fountains (or cold drink stands)	12.00
Tumbler washers, extra	1.00
Dentist's office	8.00
Billiard and pool rooms, per table, for first, $8; each additional table	[illegible]
Banks, brokers,' lawyers,' or doctors' offices	6.00
Private stables (not to exceed three animals)	5.00
Livery stables, six horses or mules	18.00
Each additional horse or mule	1.00
Butchers	8.00
Stores, curb hydrant, per front foot	6.00
Garden fountains or lawn sprinklers, two hours per day, one jet ($2 for each additional jet or the meter rate)	6.00
Printing offices	8.00
Photograph gallery	8.00
Restaurant	12.00
Bakery	[illegible]
Steam boilers, per horsepower, under 10 H. P.	2.00
Steam boilers, per horsepower, over 10 H. P.	1.50
Chemical laboratories	8.00
Blacksmith and carriage shops	8.00
Dye houses, laundries, public buildings, hotels, circuses and shows, boarding houses, irrigating plants and water motors	9.00
Veterinary hospitals	12.00

The above are flat rates.

Meter Rates

1,000 to 15,000 gallons per month, per 1,000	25c
15,000 to 45,000 gallons per month, per 1,000	20c
45,000 and over gallons per month, per 1,000	15c

The minimum of meter rate in no case be less than $18 per year.

It being understood that the said George E. Sebring, his heirs and assigns, shall have the right to place a meter on any line or consumer at his own expense, and also any consumer shall have the right to require the said George E. Sebring, his heirs or assigns, to install a meter at the actual cost price of said meter, and whenever a meter is placed on any line the consumer to pay the meter rates as herein specified.

Section 8. "Be it further ordained that this right, power, privilege and franchise shall be in full force and effect for a period of thirty (30) years from the date hereof; provided, that the said town of Sebring shall have the right to purchase said water works system, together with all mains, pipes, conduits and all other appliances owned or used in connection therewith after a period of five (5) years from the date hereof and after any period of five (5) years from that date; provided further that the prices to be paid for said water works system shall be fixed by arbitration if the said parties cannot agree; each party to select one arbitrator, those two to select a third; it being understood that the EARNING CAPACITY of said plant shall be considered as well as the physical value, by said arbitrators."

The electric light franchise granted on same date as the water franchise was for the same term of thirty years and contained the same terms as to privilege of constructing plant lines, etc.

Sections 3 and 4 of said franchise provides for the charges for electric current as follows:

Section 3. "Be it further ordained that the prices to be charged the inhabitants of the municipality for lighting and power by the said George E. Sebring, his heirs or assigns, shall not exceed the sum of fifty cents (50c) per month for each sixteen-candle power electric light, or the sum of eighty cents (80c) per month for each thirty-two-candle-power light, with a minimum flat rate of two dollars ($2) per month, and the sum of fifteen cents (15c) per M. kilowatt, with a minimum meter rate of two dollars ($2) per month; provided, however, that the said George E. Sebring, his heirs and assigns, shall have the power and privilege of contracting at such prices as he may see fit, provided the said contracting does not exceed the prices herein specified.

And provided further that the said George E. Sebring, his heirs or assigns, shall furnish meters at his own expense, to persons desiring the meter rate, but he shall have power, before installing such meters, to require such persons to deposit with him the sum of five dollars ($5) as a protection against any loss in furnishing current, which said deposit shall be returned to such person when he shall remove from said town, and cease using electricity for lighting purposes, and shall have paid to said George E. Sebring, his heirs or assigns, all sums of money due for electricity."

Sec. 4. "Be it further ordained that the said George E. Sebring, his heirs and assigns, shall furnish to the municipality of the town of Sebring, such incandescent lights in the town of Sebring, at such points as may be designated by the fire, water and light committee of said town, and shall receive compensation for the same as follows:

"For each incandescent light on said streets, of fifty-candle-power he shall receive the sum of one dollars and fifty cents ($1.50) per month for midnight service, and two dollars ($2) per month for an all-night service; provided, that the city shall not take less than forty (40) lights.

"Provided further, that should said fire, water and light committee designate a light to be placed more than three hundred (300) feet beyond the extended pole line; then in that event, the said George E. Sbring, his heirs and assigns, shall not be required to place said lights at such designated point unless the town shall pay for the material necessary to make such extension; then in that event the said George E. Sebring, his heirs and assigns, shall erect and maintain said light at said designated point."

Section 5 provides for the purchase of the plant by the town as set forth below:

Section 5. "Be it further ordained that the said town of Sebring shall have the right, power and privilege of buying said electric light system, together with the buildings, machinery, poles, wires, transformers and fixtures of every nature and kind whatsoever used in said electric light system, at any time after a period of five (5) years, and should the said town of Sebring desire to purchase said plant, machinery, etc., as above specified, and the said parties cannot agree upon the purchase price thereof, then in that event the said George E. Sebring, his heirs and assigns, shall choose one person, and the said town of Sebring another, and the two thus selected shall choose a third, and the parties selected shall fix the price of said plant, machinery, etc.; that arriving at and fixing said value, said arbitrators shall take into consideration not only the physical condition and value of said plant and appurtenances, but shall consider also the earning capacity thereof, and profits therefrom, and the price so fixed shall be binding upon the said George E. Sebring, his heirs and assigns; and upon the payment of the same they shall turn over to the said town of Sebring the said electric light plant, machinery, etc."

It will be noted that these franchises were granted eight and one-half years ago, when the population was very small, and at which time, no doubt, every person was familiar with their terms, but it is highly probable that many of the present citizens of Sebring are entirely ignorant of their provisions and for this reason those portions that most vitally affect the citizens in general have been quoted so freely.

Many Bills Allowed at Regular Meeting of Town Council Jan. 3

The town council met in regular session Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1922, in the real estate office of J. Lee Johnson, the city hall not being available. [illegible] A. E. Lawrence [illegible] W. F. Johnson, E. G. Skiff, P. L. Vinson and Thomas Whitehouse, councilmen; W. B. Zachary, clerk, and Fred A. Yeager, tax collector.

Meeting was called to order by the president and after the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting the report of the tax collector and marshal for the month of November were received.

On motion of E. G. Skiff, seconded by P. L. Vinson, the following bills were ordered paid and warrants drawn:

James Moseley	$ 18.60
Thomas Whitehouse	52.00
E. G. Skiff	54.00
John E. Graham	48.00
A. E. Lawrence	50.00
Zachary & Gossett	3.40
Fabric Fire Hose Co.	1,140.00
W. B. Zachary	32.50
Percy Gearing	12.50
G. F. Bobb	7.58
B. W. Fields	[illegible]
Mitchell Telephone Co	3.10
C. C. Posey	20.00
Tobias Stipes	3.00
B. L. Laird	3.00
B. F. Canfield	2.50
Zachary & Gossett	56.10
Library	50.00
Hudson & Cobb	6.00
J. L. Johnson	22.50
James Moseley	24.00
W. F. Johnson	32.00
P. L. Vinson	62.00
Joseph Rawsthorne	50.00
W. B. Zachary	105.70
Mitchell Electric Co.	1.10
Bank of Sebring	10.00
Bond Buyer	46.20
York & Clawson	1.00
C. F. Hull	1.50
Sebring Garage & Machine Co.	1.63
Sebring Builders Supply Co.	1.63
J. L. Albritton	100.00
Isaac Dottery	3.00
C. G. Warrener	3.00
Sebring Fire Department	32.00
Dimberline & Son	6.63
Manley Drug Co.	3.00
Fred Yeager	24.01
W. C. Peacock	10.00

On motion of P. L. Vinson, seconded by W. F. Johnson, that bill of Sebring Garage and Machine Company for moving tank and fixtures, be paid, except that portion of paving on the east side of sidewalk for $48.39.

Bill of Sebring Development Company for $300 and bill of B. L. Laird for $17.75 were laid over until the next meeting.

On motion of W. F. Johnson, seconded by E. G. Skiff, that clerk be instructed to figure cost of paving on North Ridgewood drive and mail bills of same. Carried.

Following bids were opened for the printing of 100 books of specifications for street paving: White Way Publishing Company, $80; Highlands County Messenger, $98.50. On motion of W. F. Johnson, seconded by Thomas Whitehouse, that bid of the White Way Publishing Company for $80 for printing specifications be accepted. Carried.

Motion of E. G. Skiff, seconded by Thomas Whitehouse that the charge of $1 per month on the auto camp be rescinded. Carried.

Resolution was introduced by W. F. Johnson requiring the Sebring Light & Water Co. to lay water mains on Eucalyptus and [illegible] avenues, [illegible]

W. B. ZACHARY, Clerk.

KENILWORTH LODGE HAS LARGE LIST OF BOOKINGS FOR THE WINTER MONTHS

The opening of Kenilworth Lodge last week under its new management was a guarantee of many new winter visitors to Sebring. The management of this up-to-date hostelry is [illegible] to entertain guests in a gratifying manner, insuring the return in future years of those who are visiting this delightful and beautiful city for the first time. In addition to the service, cuisine and careful attention they will receive, various forms of amusement have been provided, which will appeal to people of varied tastes. There will be boating, fishing and bathing in Lake Jackson, golf and tennis, [illegible] and moving pictures. In addition a stable of good horses has been provided for those who enjoy horseback riding. Tuesday evenings will be devoted to high-class moving pictures and Wednesday and Saturday evenings to dances. Power boats, canoes and row boats have been placed on Lake Jackson for the accommodation of guests and fishing tackle will always be at their service.

A stable of six splendid saddle horses was received Monday and equestrians can enjoy horseback rides over the attractive boulevards, around the lake and into the adjoining country.

The golf course is in splendid condition and the tennis court is ready for the devotees of that healthful and interesting game. The management has spared no pains or expense in providing attractions for the guests and the season is starting out in a manner which bids fair to make it a profitable one for the Lodge, as well as for the city of Sebring. Many bookings have been made, including:

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Leffingwell, Watkins Glen, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Parsons, East Hampton, N. Y.; Peter Lissman, Mansfield, O.; Edward E. Beeles, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. William H. Hoffman and family, Barrington, R. I.; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Robinson, Louisville, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Marks, Hartford, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. E. W. LaCroix, Lynn, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Freeman, Lynn, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Nippeley, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. F. Weber, Cleveland, O.; Mrs. H. C. Warren, New Haven, Conn.; Mr and Mrs. D. H. Drukker, Passaic, N. J.; George W. Burton, LaCrosse, Wis.; Mr. and Mrs. H. James Seaman Ventuor, Atlantic City, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Martin, Mansfield, O.; Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hanson; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Davis, Kane, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Davidson, Cohoes, N. Y.; Miss Gerry and maid, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Connelly, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wade McGrath, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Peck, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ames, Jr., and Mrs. H. S. Higgins, Henry Prentiss and daughter, Miss Elliott; John J. Henry and [illegible], John J. Slattery and family, T. W. Weeks and Mr. and Mrs. John B. Taylor, New York City.

Because you are a ham you need not think you are "Swift." This is a joke, but there "Armour."

The Bank of Sebring Is Now "The First National Bank"

An important change in the financial institutions of Sebring occurred Jan. 10, when the Bank of Sebring was converted into a national bank. The Bank of Sebring was organized and chartered as a state bank in December, 1913, with a capital stock of $15,000. On the above date it was granted a national bank charter (No. 12090). The present capital stock of this bank is $50,000, with a cash surplus of $10,000. Under the new charter the name is changed to the First National Bank of Sebring. At a meeting of the stockholders, held Jan. 10, the following directors were elected to serve during the ensuing year: H. O. Sebring, E. J. Etheredge, G. F. Bobb, Ed L. Hainz, O. D. Garrett, John A. Taylor, C. A. Skipper, E. O. Douglas and C. E. Lanier. The board of directors is composed of the same members as that of the Bank of Sebring last year, with the exception of O. D. Garrett, who filled a vacancy on the board, caused by one of the members elected to the position not acting. After the meeting of the stockholders a meeting of the board of directors was held, at which the following officers were elected: E. O. Douglas, president; Ed L. Hainz, vice-president; G. F. Bobb, vice-president, and P. J. Rippberger, cashier.

President Douglas has been connected with the Bank of Sebring since its organization in 1913, first as cashier and later as active vice-president. His election to the office of president of the new national bank has proven his efficiency and ability to handle its affairs.

The Bank of Sebring has been enjoying a steadily increasing business since its organization, each succeeding year showing an increase. This in itself speaks well of the popularity and business ability of those who had charge of the institution and under the new charter the bank will undoubtedly increase its business much more rapidly than as a state bank.

The change will give the bank a standing with the Federal Reserve Bank, which will place it in a position to handle much larger sums of money and accommodate its patrons where it would have been impossible so to do in times of financial stringency had it remained a state bank.

One of the most rigid rules of the First National Bank of Sebring is that all business transacted with its customers shall be held in strictest confidence. No person, save in proper authority, is allowed to view the account of any customer. No one need have knowledge of the fact, or know of your deposits. That is a matter of confidence strictly between yourself and the bank.

While the business of a national bank is in a measure restricted, with two such institutions as the First National Bank and the Highlands Bank and Trust Company, the latter in a position to handle matters which cannot be handled by a national bank, the people of Sebring are amply provided for in the way of banking institutions.

One of the fundamental policies of both of the above-mentioned banks is that their deposits are to be used as far as possible to the aid in the development and growth of our own locality first of all.

Sebring Boy Scouts of America Take Hike to Lake Josephine

The Boy Scouts of Sebring took another one of those delightful overnight hikes last Friday and Saturday, under the Scout leadership of H. G. Eastwood. The party consisted of the following Scouts: Thomas Whitehouse, Richard Moore, Robert Butts, Clinton Taylor, George Adams, Willie Lee Johnson, Allan Johnson, James Bogle and H. George Eastwood, Jr.

The troop arrived at Lake Josephine at 5:30 Friday evening and the lean-to of the previous hike being in good condition, was put in order for the night. Some of the boys went fishing, while others built fire and prepared wood for the evening camp fire. Late in the evening some of the boys decided it would be a good stunt to cross the lake by moonlight and roll up in their blankets along the opposite shore until daylight, but as they neared the other shore a pair of 'gator eyes peering at them from the dark waters, to see what kind of an aggregation was invading his territory, took all the lust for adventure from their minds and they turned about and sought the same camp fire for reinforcements.

The camp was astir at 4 in the morning and the troop divided up into hunting parties, mostly for target practice. The afternoon was spent in scout trailing. The day ended with a swim in the lake and the return to Sebring. All reported a good time and the boys decided that they could live such a life indefinitely. The scout life is healthful and tends to develop manliness and good citizenship. Their scout masters are trained leaders, having received diplomas from various training classes. It is well to support them in this commendable work.

The troop met in regular session Monday evening and completed plans for the registration of the troop with national headquarters. H. G. Eastwood has been asked to take the position of scout master. Prof. Homer Wakefield and Allison Binger, assistant scout masters. J. Lee Johnson, Col. William Evans, Col. A. E. Lawrence and Dr. R. J. Lamb are looking after the troop's welfare as troop committeemen.

The troop will take a short hike this (Friday) evening around Lake Jackson for the purpose of observation. Roasted weiners will be the main eats.

Hike Around Lake Jackson

The honor of making the first hike around Lake Jackson belongs to Mrs. Arthur Capwell of Sranton, Pa., Miss Joy Newman of Richmond, Va., and Miss Mildred Capwell of Sebring. These three ladies left their home Thursday morning of last week at 9:15 o'clock, went south on Lakeview drive and then kept to the boulevard until they reached home at 3:30 in the afternoon. They took their time and the eleven-mile trip was greatly enjoyed by all the members of the party.

First Band Practice

The first band practice of the Sebring Military Band under the new instructor, Lew A. Shell, was held Monday evening with sixteen members present. It will not be long until we have a band of which we may well be proud. Good music is a great asset to any town.