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SCHOOL NOTES

The second quarterly examination was given Thursday and Friday of this week.

Eleanor Boyd is a junior in the high school, making a total enrollment of fifty-five pupils.

Saturday afternoon at 3:30 there will be a basketball game at Tusculum Park—Lake Wales vs. Sebring. Everybody come and see a good game.

Monday morning Mr. Young, organist of the Methodist church, gave a very interesting talk in chapel.

The program Tuesday morning was in charge of Miss Ray, grade 6. A recitation was given by Ruth Blythe and a violin solo by Miss Mary Patrick, accompanied by Mrs. E. C. Wright. Thursday morning the entertainment was in charge of Mrs. Alandfield, teacher of the sixth grade.

Presbyterian Church

Interesting and profitable services have been held at the Presbyterian church this week and those who have missed Brother Mason's earnest, clear and practical sermons are the losers. It has not been decided at the time of this writing whether the meetings will continue further than Sunday or not. It will be announced later. There will be no services Saturday. Preaching at the usual hours Sunday, 9 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 3 p. m.

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NEWLYWEDS ARE GIVEN

A ROYAL WELCOME

Friday night many of the friends of Col. and Mrs. William Evans joined the parents in welcoming to Sebring their son Wilard and his new bride, formerly Miss Faith Sanyon of New York City. A grand time it was, to be sure. Large games were indulged in, instrumental and vocal music rendered by the various young folk, wonderful refreshments served and a happy evening enjoyed by the bride and groom and their young friends. Those having the pleasure of the evening were Capt. and Mrs. Earl Crawford, Capt. and Mrs. Ray Gearing, Lieut. Joy Newman, Capt. and Mrs. H. C. Gearing, Lieut. Lulu Whitehouse, Leona Whitehouse, Mr. and Mrs. James Holliday, Edith Johnson, Edna Capwell, Major Gearing, Dan Andrews, Gid Jaeger, William Wilbers, P. G. Gearing, Mary MacNeess, Miss Esther George and Henry Keeler.

Reading Circle Formed

Under the department of the Woman's Club, with Mrs. S. L. McClanahan as chairman, a reading circle has been organized and held its first meeting last Monday night at the home of Mrs. E. G. Gid. Fifty-five friends gathered, and all became enthusiastic about the work planned. This circle will meet every other Monday evening at the home of Mrs. S. Gearing on North Lakeview drive.

BRETHREN CHURCH WAS

DEDICATED LAST SUNDAY

The Church of the Brethren was formally dedicated last Sunday, Elder D. H. Ziger delivered the dedication address to a large congregation, which required the use of the adjoining room. Eleven hundred dollars were raised to cancel the indebtedness of the church. The evening service was delivered by Elder Feilhouse of Seminole, this state.

Miss Eva Trostle of Bethany Bible School, Chicago, will have charge of the services at 11 o'clock next Sunday morning and will also preach in the evening. She will continue services each afternoon and evening during the coming week. There were quite a number of visiting ministers and members in attendance last Sunday and a large congregation is expected and hoped for next Sunday and during the week.

Sunday school at 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

A cordial invitation is extended to the general public to attend any and all services.

MONSTER NAVEL ORANGES SHIPPED TO THE PRESIDENT

Richard H. Simonds, 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. Simonds. "In addition to the 12,000,000 or more boxes of citrus fruits shipped from this section, Florida annually ships thousands of carloads of early potatoes, cabbage, celery, 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. Simonds 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 \$2,500,000,000 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 repose in this heaven-favored land rest and invigoration and new strength for the darker duties of the future."

—Kissimmee Valley Gazette.

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

AVON PARK AND SEBRING POST

SEBRING TALENT

All the Sebringites who attended the band concert in Avon Park last Tuesday night enjoyed themselves very much, the band putting on a fine musical entertainment, but those who remained a little later were given a treat such as is rarely heard and which they fully appreciated. A party of seven young men, composed of J. V. Chapman (leader), A. M. Griffin and H. M. Wiggins (bass), J. D. McEwen and Dan Andrews (baritone), and T. H. Lander and R. VanKlee (tenor), rendered a number of vocal selections which were enjoyed by the audience. The entertainment lasted from 9:15 until 10 o'clock and closed entirely too soon for those who fortunately remained to hear it. If the boys had felt inclined to sing until midnight they would still have had a large audience.

It is seldom in small communities that young men possessing such vocal talent can be found. Neither can they frequently be found in large communities. These young men are considering giving a musical some time in the near future, aiming to their number Gid Jaeger of this place, who also possesses vocal talent. If they carry out their plans, it will be difficult to secure an audience to hear them. The entertainment of the boys will be a treat to the large audience which will demand a repetition of the performance.

SMILING THROUGH

Middleton S. Barwell in Birmingham Age-Herald

I hardly ever meet a friend on the street who does not smile at me. He smiles at me and I smile at him, and I think that this is a happy world, after all. I rise a little further above the sorrow or responsibility which has pressed down upon me, and I carry on my face the bright reflection of my smile for half a block or more, and then I meet another smiling friend. I think that I am a fool for not smiling all the time, and that I am weak beyond forgiveness when I let my own little troubles cloud my spirit and break my smile. When all the world is happy, why should I be sad. My clouds will some day pass away, and I come to believe that they will pass most quickly before the sunshine of a smile.

And then I make a discovery. My first smiling friend, whom I had not seen for a month or more, has recently been told by my physician that he has but a few months more to live. My second smiling friend only two days ago laid his head down and died. Elwood. The one who sent me on my way brightened and encouraged, but a little ere this he was dead. I had not a care in all this wide world, but just lost the last dollar he had in the world and all of these smiling depths were smiling on me who passed by frowning; growing because God had given me some little burden to bear.

There is no truer measure of manhood than a smile. When we look out on life we may begin by taking it for granted that every man—and woman, too—has a cross to bear. This is without exception, and I feel myself now looking into each smiling face with this unspoken question, "What sorrow are you grappling with in secret?" I know it is there. And then I find myself trying to win the confidence of him who smiles. When this is done I find myself entranced with his secret, and am staggered by the greatness of the burden he has silently carried for so long alone. And as I go through the street and about my daily work, I find myself wondering how I may help him ease his problem or bear his burden. In thinking of him I cease to think of myself and soon I am smiling. And now it is no mask to hide the misery within, but a natural reflection of a soul made happy by giving itself in service, by losing itself in love. And so life is deepened and manhood strengthened and we are bound together more and more with bands of imperishable friendship, because someone whose heart was breaking had the courage to smile on me while I was passing by.

This old world is full of trouble. It may be that in our lifetime we are powerless to change it. It may be that we cannot lift one burden, nor make the danger less. It may be that we must go to the grave at last pained and beaten, but one thing we can do; we can face it unafraid and smiling! The road may be winding and rough today, but God is just around the corner.

ATTEND THE SUPPER AT THE MASONIC TEMPLE NEXT FRIDAY EVENING

(Highlands County Pilot)

One week from today, next Friday evening, Jan. 20, the Masonic ladies of Avon Park will give a supper at the Masonic Temple from 5 to 6 o'clock. This supper is for the general public and everyone in Avon Park is cordially invited to be "among those present." The proceeds from the supper will be used for the purpose of purchasing the vacant lot just south of the Temple building, the ladies having secured an option on the lot some time ago. Avon Park is the recognized headquarters for Masonry on the scenic Highlands and all our people should manifest an interest in the welfare and prosperity of the Masonic organization. It means much for our little city and in more ways than one is a contributing factor in its development. It is an organization that great assistance in maintaining harmony and it is due in a large degree the splendid moral atmosphere with which we are surrounded.

The Masonic Temple Association owns a property which is a credit to Avon Park and as the ladies have contracted to purchase the lot above mentioned, in order that more building space may be acquired for future years, the citizens in general should lend a helping hand and assist them in their endeavor. They are not ask-

ing for contributions, but are raising the money in the manner above stated, giving the public value received. The fame of the ladies for the supper they serve is wide spread and on this occasion they will put forth an extra effort to please and satisfy those who patronize the supper. This means a bountiful supply of appetizing viands, well cooked and served in a most pleasing manner. It means that you will get more for your money than you ever anticipated. It is hoped that the tables will be filled from the time supper is announced until the last morsel of food is consumed and that the cashier will be kept busy counting the money. Remember the date—Friday evening, Jan. 20—and go to the Temple with good appetites, prepared to enjoy a meal that is sure to please.

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THE TRUTH ABOUT THE SCENIC HIGHLANDS IS GOOD ENOUGH

[The Florida Ball]
All that the people of the Scenic Highlands of Florida need to do, is to tell the truth.
Anything more is detrimental and is just as fatal to confidence when a person lands on the ground, as it is to the confidence of a woman who catches her husband kissing another woman.

Florida cannot be considered as a whole—it must be considered by sections—depending entirely on the climate desired—social surroundings—educational and religious advantages and business opportunities sought. It's up to each section of Florida to

bring to public attention in an honorable and straightforward way its particular and individual attractions and no section which does this need fear permanent competition from any section that fails to do so, or seeks recognition on extravagant statements.

All people do not desire the same conditions, either for living or business, any more than all the men in the world want the same woman, that is the reason why this is such a wonderful country of diversified pursuits and resources.

This little sheet is dedicated to the truth as we see it covering the Scenic Highlands of Florida from Haines City to Lake Childs and the country from Haines City to Polk City and Dade City, with Haines City as the

hub or pivot, because of its railroad and commercial advantages, as well as its natural strategical position as the foundation upon which to build a great city. From time to time we shall take up in detail the claims of each particular section for preference and try to give a review that will be satisfying to any reader when they come here and make a personal inspection of this section of Florida.

At this time we simply desire to make a few statements to correct certain erroneous impressions in regard to this particular locality.

It is a country of beautiful rolling hills, ranging in altitude from 150 to 325 feet above sea level and containing at almost every point majestic lakes of clear crystal waters and in most cases their shores skirted with beaches of as clear, clean, white sand as is found at the seashore.

In winter there are days, possibly ten through an entire winter when a fire would feel comfortable and possibly three months when a little fire is necessary. Strawberries for Christmas; roses in January; beautiful clear days with almost perpetual sunshine, with the thermometer at noon-day more often a little above 70 degrees than under, pictures a truthful picture of a winter in the Scenic Highlands of Florida as to temperature.

Many people prefer the summer time—personally I do. That may be a surprise to hear a New Englander say that, but I don't want it for an unchanged diet, any more than I want apple pie all the time and it is not a summer resort—by that I mean I would not advise anyone to come here for a few weeks summer vacation in reference to the White Mountains of New England; the Adirondacks of New York or Colorado Springs and other Rocky Mountain resorts, but for a twelve months' climate it cannot be surpassed in the world as I see it.

To live here and go away for a summer vacation for a change, exactly as you do in the north to escape the heat of the city, to my notion is most ideal. But the general impression of this hill section of South Florida in the summer is wrong—in a number of years I have never seen the thermometer as high as I have seen it on the piazza of my summer home in the hills of New Hampshire and any Northerner who dislikes the cold of the north will find no fault with the year's round climate here.

Hot—of course it gets hot—but not so people topple over with sunstroke—not particular days as hot as in the north, for we get the constant breezes from the Gulf or Atlantic—but it is continuous summer from March to December sometimes and some people get tired of the continuous heat—the heat of individual days is never so excessive as in the big cities. Most people who come here to live become fascinated with the twelve months climate and stay.

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FOR PRICE AND TERMS WRITE

J. F. Stebbins, Sebring, Fla.

Better Than Medicine
Capt. Clarence Lever will take charge of the Salvation Army social work at Savannah, Ga. He left for that place Wednesday afternoon, traveling in his auto, and expects to make the trip in about 500 miles in two days. The captain came to Sebring Oct. 1 of last year, suffering from a severe case of sugar diabetes. His physicians had told him there was no relief and that he would live but a short time. Today he has fully recovered his health and his physicians now tell him that he is a first-class life insurance risk. He attributes his recovery to the "sweet" and lions and pure water found in Sebring.

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New Kindergarten
Last Monday morning saw the opening of a new kindergarten in Sebring, with eleven pupils attending on the opening day. The class is held by the Church of the Brethren in a room which has been newly finished, furnished and equipped for the work. The little ones were much pleased with their surroundings and their work and Sebring is fortunate in having such an expert kindergarten instructor as Miss Miller, from the Bethany Bible School in Chicago. She is particularly adapted to this kind of work and has much training and experience. The kindergarten work is non-denominational and all residents of Sebring may take advantage of the work offered.

A CAREFUL ESTIMATE
PLACES CITRUS CROP AT
ALMOST 13,600,000 BOXES
Advices from Gainesville state that production of citrus fruits is estimated at 13,600,000 boxes, compared with 13,200,000 boxes last season and 12,000,000 boxes in 1919-20. Conditions over the citrus belt are extremely variable and reports based on local rather than state-wide prospects have given rise to more than the usual number of widely divergent estimates for the crop.

Some of the salient features affecting production this year are as follows: In the storm swept territory production will run under last season, besides which production in sections of the East Coast was curtailed by dry weather early in the summer. Local areas through the central and midland sections of the belt did not see a heavy crop of fruit.

On the other hand, picked groves are showing, as a rule, heavier production than was estimated by owners early in the season and the crop of late fruit, oranges especially, is larger than usual. Fruit from young groves is a considerable factor in the state's total and is apt to be underestimated.

Comparison to the close of December were about 10 per cent heavier than for the preceding season to that date, with some localities pretty well shipped out and others just getting under headway.

Comparison of this year's crop with preceding years shows that in the season of 1914-20 the number of bearing orange trees was 3,646,000 and grapefruit 1,651,000. The orange yield that season was 7,000,000 boxes, and grapefruit 3,400,000. The yield per hundred trees was 192 boxes of oranges and 32 boxes of grapefruit. The season of 1920-21 brought the orange tree total to 3,928,000 and grapefruit trees 1,800,000. The orange production was 8,160,000 boxes and grapefruit 5,100,000. The yield per hundred trees was 206 boxes for oranges and 285 for grapefruit.

The 1921-22 crop is estimated at 13,600,000 boxes, producing 8,200,000 boxes of oranges and 1,800,000 grapefruit trees producing 5,400,000 boxes. The orange yield is estimated at 190 boxes per hundred trees and grapefruit 284 boxes per hundred trees. A comparison of wages paid for male farm labor from 1916 to date shows the present tendency is to get back to normal. For instance, in 1916 the average rate of wage per month, with board was \$17 and without board \$21. The peak price for labor was reached in 1920 when \$34 was the average wage with board and \$50 without board. The 1921 wages are \$24 and \$36, respectively.

Federal Jurors Drawn

Among the names of those drawn to serve on the federal grand jury for the term of court to be held in Tampa beginning Feb. 13, is that of W. B. Lenthman of this city. Among those summoned to serve on the petit jury are J. W. O'Brien of Sebring and G. S. Smith and William H. Tompkins of Avon Park.

SEBRING SECURITIES AND SAVING COMPANY IN NEW QUARTERS

The Sebring Securities and Savings Company, which has been operating in the city for some time, has moved to its new quarters in the new Sebring building, which we have been informed is the location for the new bank in the near future. The active officers of the Sebring Securities and Savings Company are George E. Sebring, president; H. O. Sebring, secretary; E. O. Douglas, treasurer. The condition of the business of this firm, according to a report made by the state comptroller, Dec. 31, 1920, this being the last annual report published, was as follows:

Cash on hand.....\$ 179.30
Loans on mortgage security 17,186.83
Loans on security.....574.27

Total.....\$17,940.40

Fully paid stock.....\$17,200.00

Contingent or reserve fund 165.52

Undivided profits.....563.88

Total.....\$17,939.51

This is a financial institution which, with the proper patronage and support, could aid materially in the development and upbuilding of the community.

Entertainment and Social

The entertainment to be presented at the Community church social next Wednesday night will be well worth hearing. An interesting one-act play, with Miss Viola Lutz of Chicago, Mrs. J. J. Lutz, and F. J. Lutz, as the principal actors, will be presented. The play is a comedy, and is a very interesting one. The actors are all local, and are well known to the community. The play is a comedy, and is a very interesting one. The actors are all local, and are well known to the community.

YE MYSTIC KREWE

WILL CAPTURE TAMPA

IN TRUE PIRATE STYLE

Joe M. Lozano, captain this year of the Ye Mystic Krewe of Gasparilla, the organization which puts on the far-famed Gasparilla carnival at Tampa each year, announces that all of the dates have been arranged for the spectacular event. The dates are:

Jan. 9—Election of Gasparilla XIV, his queen and court.

Feb. 1—Annual bachelor's ball, at Tampa Yacht and Country Club.

Feb. 3—King's ball, at the Tampa Bay hotel.

Feb. 4—Rehearsals for Krewe, at Tampa Bay casino.

Feb. 6—Invasion of the city by the Krewe. Banquet at the Tampa Bay hotel.

Feb. 7—Annual coronation ball, at Tampa Bay casino.

The election of the king and queen is a great event among the Gasparilla. The several candidates there are always two or more for king and queen—were voted on by secret ballot. Only the citizens who count the votes know who has been honored by election. And they keep the secret right up to the night of the coronation ball, so that the coronation of the king and queen is a great event among the Gasparilla. The several candidates there are always two or more for king and queen—were voted on by secret ballot. Only the citizens who count the votes know who has been honored by election. And they keep the secret right up to the night of the coronation ball, so that the coronation of the king and queen is a great event among the Gasparilla.

But to the general public the principal event is the "capture" of the city, which is effected by the Krewe in true pirate style, when they come up on Tampa on a rickety schooner, with dummy cannon but real small arms. The pirates look true to their mode worn by pirates in the halcyon days of Drake, LaFitte, Kidd and the kindred spirits of the "take what you can" days of the Spanish Main. The "capture" of the city is followed always by a spectacular parade.

Miller, the noted Philadelphia costumer, is preparing the costumes which will be worn by the pirates.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

MAKE A BETTER PAPER

If an item is worthy of being reported it should be sent in at once, not two or three days after the event has taken place. What might be not out of place in a monthly or an almanac, loses its flavor in a newspaper when it arrives late.

If an article is written on a type-writer, always double space. It is easier to edit and much easier for the linotype man. He has his eyes on a manuscript steadily for eight hours a day and it is not brotherly, to say the least, to expect him to impair his eyesight even over a most meritorious story.

If written with a lead pencil, use a soft one that will make a good clear impression. This is on both sides of the paper. This is the method generally insured a direct route to the waste paper basket. These requests are reasonable for it entails no additional work on the part of the writer.

In telephoning an item it is always well to spell out proper names. There are general rules of spelling, of spelling a name and the owner of the name has the right to expect that his selection will be the one used in the paper. Proper names, by the way, are the hardest to understand over the phone. Proceeds nicely into the name of some person is used. Then, because of unfamiliarity with that particular name, perhaps the unexpected use of it, the sounds on the phone become deceptive. The receiver of the message is not applying any Edison test if he says, "Spell the name."

These are little things, perhaps, but the observance of them helps towards a cheerful day and a better newspaper.—Fort Myers Free Press.

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DECEMBER STATEMENT RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Following is a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Women's Club public library for the month of December:

Balance on hand Dec. 1.....\$13.03

Town council, first payment.....\$50.00

Cards and fines.....12.00

Total.....\$75.03

Disbursements.....\$28.00

Cleaning library room.....2.00

New books.....29.00

New York Times Magazine.....1.00

Ladies' Home Journal and Saturday Evening Post.....3.50

Jitchell Electric Company.....1.00

Christmas gift.....5.00

Total.....\$70.70

Balance Jan. 1, 1922.....4.33

Total.....\$75.03

CLARA W. SKIFF, Chairman.

THE MIGHTY HAAG SHOW

AT AVON PARK JAN. 19

One hundred and fifty people, 116 head of horses and ponies, traveling overland in 30 conveyances, wagons and trucks, one camel, three elephants and ten cages of living wild animals and everything that goes to make up a first-class show, worth going miles to witness.

The feature acts to be seen with the Mighty Haag Show are: The Great Declaration, world's greatest grotesque artist; Miss Marion Drew and her herd of performing elephants, marvellous, astonishing, bewildering. The three Georges, world's greatest acrobats, sixty somersaults in sixty seconds; see them. Educated horses, mules, ponies, dogs and monkeys, which do everything but talk. Acrobats, jugglers, gymnasts, equilibrists, trapeze performers, wire walkers, funny clowns, living wild animals and features too numerous to mention. A refined, moral, old-time, one-night show. It pleases the old and young.

Bring your kodak to Field's Art shop and get the colored view of Sebring FEB. 12—Adv.

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INTERESTING COLLECTION OF SKINS AT EAST FORT MYERS

R. W. Williams, the hauling contractor and fur dealer, recently had a most interesting collection of skins at his place at East Fort Myers. One thousand two hundred and fifty-five skins were in this collection and were from the trap of a hundred trappers. The season's catches usually amount to from forty to fifty thousand skins, coming to Fort Myers from the surrounding country. In the lot just shipped by Mr. Williams were 1,100 coon skins, 40 otter, 50 opossum, 40 civet cats, 15 wildcats and 10 skunk.

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33 and 34 Misses' Shoes, to close at.....	\$1.48 up	Heavy Ribbed Underwear for men, per garment.....	62c	Men's Lisle Sox.....	19c
Boy Scout Shoes, sizes 2½ to 5 only, pair.....	\$1.39	All Dress Shirts to close at less than half price.....		Men's 60c Lisle Sox to go for.....	39c
\$2.50 Bed Room Slippers, all colors, to close at, pair.....	\$1.55	Ladies' Heavy Ribbed Vests and Pants, to close at.....	79c	Men's Silk Sox, \$1.25 to \$2 values, to go for.....	89c
36-in. Sea Island, yard.....	10c	50c Ladies' Vests at.....	39c	All Men's, Ladies' and Children's Sweaters in all wool to go at almost your own price.....	
Soft Finished Bleached Muslin, yard wide, per yard.....	15½c	One lot Feather Pillows, worth \$5, to go for.....	\$2.19	Etchison's Hats, for men, \$5 to \$6.50 values to go for.....	\$3.98
35c Bath Towels.....	19c	Ladies Long Coats, values to \$29.50, to close at.....	\$14.98	One lot good Felt Hats, worth \$4, to go for.....	\$2.89
50c Bath Towels.....	39c	Misses' and Children's Coats at one-half price.....		J. & P. Coats Spool Cotton to go for, per spool.....	5c
35 and 36 Blankets.....	\$3.98	Beautiful line of New Woolens and Crepe de Chines at greatly reduced prices. See these!		One lot Boys' Blouses to go for.....	48c
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