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MOVEMENT FOR GOOD ROADS GROWS STEADILY

TAYLOR, HANCOCK, CARLTON, CANFIELD, MARSHALL, ROUSE, PEARCE AND ALBRITTON DECLARED NOMINEES

TAYLOR WALKS AWAY OFF FROM ADAMS IN RACE FOR LEGISLATURE

No Startling Upsets

Mrs. Scott Runs Marshall Close Race While Carlton Snows Under Henderson

With practically every candidate running true to campaign form and scarcely any resultant "dope spilling," Highlands county got away with its first Democratic primary on Tuesday in great style. The only surprises were in the majorities that the different candidates drew. The winners were as follows: United States senator, Park Trammell; railroad commissioner, H. S. Bowden; representative, Rev. John A. Taylor; sheriff, R. H. Hancock; county judge, D. V Rouse; tax collector, D. F. Canfield; superintendent of public instruction, W. A. Marshall; supervisor of registration, James Carlton; commissioner, district No. 2, G. G. Albritton; commissioner district No. 3, Clifford Pearce.

The sensations of the day were Rev. John A. Taylor's walk-away from George Adams, Mrs. Lulu M. Scott's splendid though losing showing against her mere man opponent, W. A. Marshall, and "Uncle Jimmy" Carlton's snow-under of L. L. Henderson. The only races approximating upsets were the commissioners' races, where J. Lee Johnson in district No. 2 and Perry Etheredge, the present incumbent in district No. 3, were defeated. Friends of both attribute their defeats to indifferent campaigns as against the aggressive fights staged by their opponents.

In the sheriff's race, W. D. Zachary surprised a number of people by running the winner, Bob Hancock, a close second. This was made possible by Zachary's strength in the rural communities and the second-choice votes of Cash. Hancock secured 411 first choice votes as against Zachary's 285, but when the second choice votes from Cash5s 274 first-choice votes were tabulated, Hancock's majority dwindled down to 81.

The present incumbent in the judge's office, D. V. Rouse, was returned a winner over Col. A. E. Lawrence by a substantial majority. The judge lacked only eight votes of carrying Sebring, Colonel Lawrence's own precinct, but he piled up his winning majority in Avon Park. The Colonel carried by a slight majority the rural precincts. Colonel Lawrence's defeat is generally attributed to the reported fact that he was "lined up" with George Adams, the loser in the representative's race.

D. F. Canfield's majority for tax collector over W. A. Roberts had been generally expected, in view of the rather indifferent campaign waged by Roberts. Canfield, himself, did not make any undue exertions, but the fact that he is generally conceded to have made good is thought to have influenced the voters to keep him in office.

Rev. Mr. Taylor's flattering majority over Adams for legislative representative was not altogether unexpected, even though it was of a sensational nature. Adams' defeat had been conceded for two weeks. There were several issues in this campaign, but the main issue seemed to be the relative personal esteem in which the two candidates were held. The loser did more to defeat himself than possibly anyone else, through the methods he used in an effort to get votes.

Mrs. Scott's showing for school superintendt against Marshall was extremely gratifying to her friends, even though she was defeated. They claim that had she pursued an aggressive campaign she would have been elected. Gilchrist's defeat at the hands of Trammel in this county was a bit surprising, in view of the fact that Highlands is a part of his old home county, DeSoto.

The voting in each of the precincts was of a spirited nature and very few of the registered voters were unaccounted for. Taking the sheriff's race as a criterion, a total of 986 ballots were cast.

GLADES COUNTY

Moore Haven, June 8.—(Special to Messenger)—County returns are as follows:

For Sheriff—M. F. George, 245; Frank Richards, 331.

For Representative—J. Z. Black, 63; Frank O. Spain, 170; D. W. Stevenson, 356.

For Tax Assessor—D. L. Lence, 308; N. S. Wainwright, 283.

For Clerk Circuit Court—R. O. Baker, 337; Foster Watkins, 242.

For County Superintendent—M. S. Hayes, 447; James E. Webb, 153.

For County Judge—B. A. Bales, 237; W. L. Long, 357.

For Supervisor Registration—Ethel D. Behlmer, 209; J. H. Whidden, 240.

County commissioners are: O. M. Baker, J. T. Taylor, A. J. Hamilton, L. M. Allen, Chas. Close.

Board of Education: C. E. Worrell, W. H. Cannon, Scott Morris.

COUNTY RETURNS BY PRECINCTS

	Avon Park No. 1	Sebring No. 2	DeSoto City No. 3	Lake Stearns No. 4	Venus No. 5	Bassenger No. 6	Hicoria No. 7	
For Senator—								
Albert W. Gilchrist	150	149	37	8	29	......	......	373
Park Trammell	220	156	31	34	29	......	......	470
For Railroad Commissioner—								
H. S. Bowden	100	116	22	20	7	......	......	265
A. D. Campbell	67	37	10	......	16	......	......	130
R. L. Eaton	116	106	13	9	12	......	......	256
For Representative—								
George W. Adams	232	75	38	15	19	1	8	384
Jno. A. Taylor	167	245	25	31	44	52	13	577
For Sheriff—								
L. C. Cash	221	26	10	3	6	3	5	274
R. H. Hancock	133	201	17	15	33	12	16	427
W. B. Zachary	40	104	36	28	30	42	5	287
For County Judge—								
A. E. Lawrence	128	166	29	26	26	27	13	413
D. V. Rouse	263	159	32	20	28	24	8	534
For Tax Collector—								
D. F. Canfield	274	246	42	30	49	20	8	669
W. A. Roberts	123	85	22	12	10	31	13	296
For Superintendent of Schools—								
W. A. Marshall	272	122	37	10	34	17	14	506
Mrs. Lulu M. Scott	111	197	28	36	36	33	7	448
For Supervisor of Registration—								
Jas. Carlton	239	242	41	21	30	34	10	617
L. L. Henderson	77	72	18	26	33	5	10	241

Rippberger and Haskins To Chaperone Local Ball Team

After two or three exhibitions of the national pastime had convinced local fans that they had anything but a ball team, some of the leading "bugs" got together and appointed P. J. Rippberger and Col. Fairfax T. Haskins as official chaperones for the youngsters. Both are veterans of one-time class, but even now, they can more than hold their own with anything on the Ridge.

The material which "Fax" and "Ripp" are expected to whip into a creditable aggregation is very, very crude for the most part. True, a few of the boys can pass for real ball players, but even the best of the few show need of considerable coaching of the inside variety.

What is probably worrying the coaches more than anything else at the present time is the infield. Outside of Southpaw Jaeger, who can cinch the initial cushion if he chooses, built up. Of the new material shrd the entire inner defense must be built up. Of the new material available, Gerald Bee, just home from college, looks like a certainty for the inner garden and in fairness to him it must be said that he shows excellent form in the daily workouts. He is a fast fielder and handles a ground ball with the sureness that has generally been lacking in the team's appearance so far. His peg is fairly good and he turns the ball loose quickly. Bee will probably tie up at either second or short. In addition to Jaeger and Bee, "Cracker" North and Fred Yaeger are the other infield prospects. Of the pair, North is the youngster who may be developed into an excellent player, while Yaeger is an old timer. Both Haskins and Rippberger can be counted upon to hold down the hot corner and the keystone sack respectively, if necessary, and it is not altogether improbable that they will work in the first few games.

The battery end of the deal is "sittin' pretty" so far. Capt. "Pee Gee" Gearing can be depended upon to do the receiving in good style, while Ingle is a youngster whose hurling is of a decidedly positive quantity. Haskins himself, once the best of amaateur twirlers, is still good for an occasional game, while Gid Jaeger can also be shoved into the box when the occasion demands.

In the outfield, everytring is pie. King Vann and George Whitehouse are the two rosiest prospects, while the other one can be selected from a number of promising infielders. Both King and George are excellent hitters and each has a throwing arm that commands respect.

Haskins and Rippberger have the candidates out on the field for a workout each afternoon, and the boys are put through the paces with a showing of something like real league workouts.

Wauchula Here Thursday

While it has not been definitely decided, it is understood that Wauchula will be here for a game next Thursday. The Hardee Truckers have a good team and the locals will have a good chance to show their mettle.

Sebring Considers Installation of a Radio for Visitors

That Sebring may get into big-town class was evident from the enthusiasm with which the business men at the luncheon club received Mayor Harshman's suggestion of the club installing a radio receiving station for the entertainment of the populace and winter visitors. At the instance of the club, President Rorebeck appointed a committee to confer with the newly-organized radio club with the idea in view of getting all the data, available looking forward to such a move.

Another item of interest at the luncheon was the decision of that body for a strict observance of the Thursday half-holiday and the closing of all amusement resorts during a baseball game.

Trammell Thanks Voters for Electing Him Second Term

Lakeland, June 8. — (Special to Messenger) — United States Senator Park Trammell has issued the following statement of gratitude to the people of Florida for the overwhelming vote of confidence accorded him over his opponent, Albert W. Gilchrist:

"The people of Florida have by an overwhelming majority elected me to serve them for a second term in the United States senate. This renewed expression by the Democratic voters of Florida of their confidence in me is profoundly appreciated and I wish to assure every voter who made possible the sweeping victory of my most sincere gratitude. It is a distinguished honor to be a senator from the great state of Florida in the United States senate. In the future, as during my present term, my constant aim and purpose shall be to serve my state faithfully and efficiently. To me the token of confidence expressed at the ballot box is the greatest and most treasured reward which could be bestowed upon me by the people of my state."

Russia has nothing to sell and no money to buy with, it is claimed. Outside of that we suppose it's all right to go ahead and trade with her.

Roard Engineer Will Be Here Wednesday

Major R. S. Cocke, chief engineer of the state road department, will be here Wednesday for a conference with the county commissioners regarding the routing of State Road No. 1 through Highlands county and also to confer with the board over the proposed new bridge and levees over the Kissimmee river south of here at the Dixie Highway crossing. Local road enthusiasts are urged to be present at the joint meeting of the board and Major Cocke in order that a better "line" may be obtained upon just what the state road department proposes to do.

New Building On Circle Is Assured Fact

J. B. BROWN TO PROVIDE MORE SPACE FOR HIS ENLARGED BUSINESS

Plans Made Public

NEW BUILDING IS TO BE BOTH MODERN AND BEAUTIFUL

Announcement has been made that a new building, equal in style, size and beauty to any in Sebring, will be built immediately by J. B. Brown on the site where his building now stands and will include the vacant lot between that and the Roanoke building. This will be the first section of the Circle to be complete with modern, permanent structures and will go far to prove Sebring's right to claim a great spirit of progressiveness in business, always keeping in mind the value of civic beauty. Mr. Brown is now erecting a warehouse and garage on a lot on Magnolia street joining the rear of the Circle lot and will move his stock to this place while building the new one, using his present warehouse for a salesroom. The building will be begun immediately and already there is much material on the ground. Ridgewood drive, from the Circle past this new building site, has been widened this week and a white way will be installed immediately.

The Brown building will be of Spanish style architecture, brick with stucco being the materials used. It will cover the wedge-shaped lot, with every foot of space used to great advantage. The Circle space of fifty-six feet will be divided into three store rooms with almost the entire front in plate glass. The corner room, at least, and the side of the building for tis entire length of 81 feet on Ridgewood will be occupied by the J. B. Brown hardware and furniture store and on the Ridgewood side, too, plate glass windows will offer great opportunity for a display of all goods to the best advantage. An awning will extend over the walk on Ridgewood, adding to the attractiveness of the building and the comfort of pedestrians. The interior of the building will in every way harmonize with the excellence of the exterior and all modern equipment for display and office rooms will be installed.

Mr. Brown has not decided yet as to the interior finishing of the second floor, but it will be equipped either as offices or as a first class hotel, specializing on rooms with private baths, such as are constantly in demand here. The plans for the building have been made by J. C. Barrow. All work will be done by home men as far as possible and all materials purchased from home firms. The fact that this work has been begun so early in the summer is worthy of note, for so often these promised improvements are postponed until the winter season is on and the visitors are treated to views of materials and confusion instead of the artistic product that this will probably be by early winter. J. B. Brown was one of the first merchants in Sebring and he has progressed with the town and his erection of this building at the present time shows his faith in the future of the business which he has built up here.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY

Punta Gorda, June 8.—(Special to Messenger) — Shelley, the no-fence candidate for the legislature was a winner. Trabue has a slight lead over Jones for judge and it depends on the second choice. Blount was an easy winner for clerk, likewise Lipscomb for sheriff. Bell mopped up Waldon for superintendent. Dewey won for collector in a walk. Swinney and Smith win for commissioners and Mobley for the school board. Warm contests for all places, but most of the old officers returned. Complete county returns gives Gilchrist 425 and Trammell 353.

IMPORTANT REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION

Through the office of Rogers and Johnson a real estate transaction was made last week that looks encouraging for business condition here. Twenty-five town lots were sold to W. C. Kreider, an Ohio man who spent some time in Sebring last winter and showed the result of his interest in the town by concluding this deal by mail. Twenty-one of these lots are in a block bounded by Eucalyptus, Poinsettia and Oak streets and four of them on Commerce street. Mr. Kreider expects to spend the coming winter in Sebring and develop his interests here.

TRAMMELL'S MAJORITY

Late returns indicate a possible majority of 40,000 for United States Senator Park Trammel over ex-Governor Gilchrist.

HIGHLANDS GOOD ROADS LEAGUE MEETS AND DECIDES FOR ACTION

CITRUS SUB-EXCHANGE NOW OWNS CRATE MILL

Polk Sub-Exchange Takes Over Avon Manufacturing Company

[Polk County Record]

The Polk County Citrus Sub-Exchange, as owner of the Highlands Crate Company, has recently obtained control of the entire holdings of the Avon Manufacturing Company. This includes the crate mill at Avon Park, with a capacity of about 2,000,000 crates a year; about fifteen miles of railroad for transportation of timber, and the timber on more than 60,000 acres of land in Highlands county, south of Avon Park and west of Sebring. This, according to estimates of the concern's directors, will supply the packing houses of Polk county with crates for from twenty to thirty years.

Following the monthly meeting of the Polk county sub-exchange directors Monday afternoon, the directors of the crate company held a monthly meeting for the transaction of its routine business. Its growth, according to C. H. Walker, secretary-treasurer, has all come about as a result of a small beginning at Lake Wales four years ago. At that time the Highlands Crate Company was organized and a small mill at Lake Wales was purchased.

Until recently 50 per cent of the Avon Manufacturing Company's holdings had been owned by the Highlands Crate Company and 50 per cent by other interests. The Highlands Crate Company is managed by a board of directors of the Polk county sub-exchange. This includes A. V. Anderson of Avon Park; J. W. Sample, Haines City; A. M. Tilden, Florence Villa; G. B. Aycrigg, Winter Haven; A. A. McLeod, Bartow; C. H. Walker, Bartow, secretary-treasurer, and J. A. Caldwell, Avon Park, manager.

The meeting of the sub-exchange directors, held Monday afternoon at the manager's office, dealt with routine matters, and included the discussion of various citrus diseases and their cure, and other problems that are interesting the citrus growers of the section at the present time.

Future Meetings

All the sub-exchange managers of the state will gather at Tampa on Wednesday afternoon for the annual meeting. At this time managers representing every county in the state where the Florida Citrus Exchange operates, gather to consider the business from the managers' standpoint, and to elect their officers and directors.

The annual meeting of the Florida Citrus Exchange will be held in Tampa Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

The annual meeting of the Growers Loan & Guaranty Co. will be held at Tampa Thursday also. Headquarters for this concern, which operated under the Florida Citrus Exchange, are located in Bartow. C. H. Walker is treasurer and manager.

Friday morning at 10 o'clock the annual meeting of the Exchange Supply Company will be held in Tampa.

Fruit Outlook

According to the Polk county directors, it is the general impression that on account of the drought of the past spring, there will not be as much fruit from the early bloom next year, as there was this year. But they do think that the late bloom will probably make up for the shortage of early fruit, and makes the year's crop about equal this year's.

A large portion of the crop will not be ready for market before the holidays, say the directors, and this will make the supply before Christmas considerably smaller than it was last year. Following the holidays, however, the production should increase, and it is considered probable that packing houses will continue to run on into July of next year to handle the late crop. This will make a shipping season of eight months instead of six months, which is usual. This, Mr. Walker says, should cause the fruit to bring higher prices throughout, on account of the more even distribution of production, with no over supply of the market at any time of the year.

Two Houses Open

Two Polk county packing houses operating under the State Citrus Exchange are continuing open. Florence Villa and Frostproof together have still about fifty cars of fruit to pack.

Excellent prices are being obtained—the average for grapefruit varying from $5 to $7 per box, and on Valencias from $7 to $10 per box.

POLK COUNTY

Bartow, June 8.—(Special to Messenger)—County officials were elected as follows:

Representative—Group 1, B. W. Bryant, 1,982; J. M. Keen, 1,110. Group 2, B. K. Bullard, 1,827; A. J. Morgan, 889.

Circuit Judge — Kelsey Blanton, 1,039; John E. Edwards, 1,339.

COUNTY-WIDE BOND ISSUE ONLY PROPOSITION CONSIDERED

TO MEET HERE TUESDAY

Representatives From All of the County Invited for a Discussion

Under the auspices of the local board of trade, a good roads meeting will be held at Tuscawilla Park Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock when delegates from all parts of the county are invited for a discussion of the merits and demerits of county-wide bonding. A large number of delegates are expected at this meeting and it is expected that Avon Park, in particular will send a good representation. At present the Park is conceded to be the center of bond opposition and local enthusiasts are planning real missionary work prior to the meeting.

That everything is pointing toward a hastening of the day when Highlands county will have overcome its bad roads handicap is evident from a combination of happenings in Sebring during the past week. The movement to secure good roads for the county assumed definite headway Wednesday morning when the Highlands' Good Roads League met here to arrange for what has been decidedly the only way of obtaining roads—county-wide bonds. The president of the league, Orville Sebring, presided at the meeting and after stating its object, the usual talk-fest was in due season a negative quantity and in its place was a unanimous desire for action in a decisive and immediate degree.

The league merely endorsed what has already been decided upon by the county commissioners as the best form of road construction—that of Caloosahatchee marl laid to a depth of eight inches and rolled to six. This type of road costs only $6,000 the mile. But they expressed dissatisfaction at the board's dilatory action in definitely routing state road No. 8 through the county. As a threefold expression of that dissatisfaction a committee composed of Tom Conway, J. L. Moore and Mark Lance was appointed to interview the county dads and to urge upon them the necessity for immediate action.

Further, it was decided that as soon as the commissioners locate the right-of-way for either the state road of a county highway through the county from Polk county to Glades county, that the league plan a big picnic and fish-fry on Lake Childs, to take place as soon as the first mile of the new road is completed. The purpose of the meeting would be the discussion of good roads.

Business Men Take Action

Still another evidence of the impetus that the good roads movement is assuming came from the meeting of the business men's luncheon club on Thursday. The program as mapped out by the league was given a practically unanimous endorsement through a suitable resolution and it was the expressed sense of the meeting that every business man in Sebring join the Highlands Good Roads League. It was further urged that every business man attend the meeting called by the board of trade for Tuesday at Tuscawilla Park, when the good roads question is to be discussed by representatives from all parts of the county. The time of the meeting will be at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

OSCEOLA COUNTY

Kissimmee, June 8.—(Special to Messenger)—Totals for Osceola county are as follows:

Representative—C. S. Acree, 466; Claud F. Johnson, 238; Rev. J. A. Sutton, 448.

Supervisor Registration — W. C. Bass, 636; C. W. Griffin, 502.

School Board—Frst district, H. M. Katz, 355; F. H. Lawson, 157. Second district, J. A. Bronson, 92; H. E. Brown, 78. Third district, Tie Bass, 178; Sam Brammer, 279.

County Commissioners—First district, E. L. D. Overstreet, 95; J. E. Sharpe, 88. Second district, John Hansell, no opponent. Third district, W. W. Ivey, 65; Henry O. Partin, 131; I. H. Wetherbee, 29. Fourth district, A. F. Bass, 285; H. H. Hull, 151. Fifth district, John H. Naisden, 30; G. C. Miller, 27.

DE SOTO COUNTY

Arcadia, June 8.—(Special to Messenger)—County election returns here are as follows:

Representative—W. D. Bell, 495; J. H. Coffee, 350.

Registration Officer—S. T. Langford, 438; Wm. McGehee, 376.

Commissioner, District No. 1 — Sears Coker, 124; R. E. Garner, 168.

Commissioner, District No. 5 — H. J. Downing, 47; A. B. Robertson, 59.

FLORIDA DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Bulletin No. 21

The regular quarterly meeting of the directors of the Florida Development Board is scheduled for June 13.

The sacred cow of Florida was shown in an illustrated lecture at the Florida State Horticultural Society meeting in Lakeland, as a tick-infested, piney woods animal, principally horns, hide and bones, permitted by the grace of nearly one million worshippers in the state to devastate crops, ruin gardens and lawns and befoul the streets under the protection of law.

The society members adopted a resolution endorsing a state-wide law which will permit the people in any county to adopt stock law regulations by majority vote which, when it becomes operative, makes owners liable for damages by their stock to persons or property of others in that county.

They also endorsed enactment of a law creating a state forestry commission, authorized to inaugurate a reforestation program and charged with enforcement of laws to prevent setting out of fires on any property other than that of the owner.

Some candidates for the legislature still contend that a stock law is not an issue before the long-suffering people who have to put up with the present conditions. Those candidates would deny their constituents the right to determine this matter in their respective counties by a majority vote of the qualified electors.

Mrs. A. B. Whitman of Orlando, chairman of conservation, Florida Federation of Women's Clubs, gave an address before the Florida State Horticultural Society on "State Beautification and Conservation," in which predatory cattle and forest fires were listed as great handicaps in beautifying of highways.

A plea was made for sawing off fence posts to an even line, planting of vines and flowers along the fences, saving what nature has given us by conservation of the common trees and shrubs on county highways outside of required roadway width and tearing down of disfiguring signs along the highways.

One of the recent requests received by the Florida Development Board for information was from a gentleman in another state desiring a list of newspapers in all Florida cities having more than 1,000 population, so he can take short-time subscriptions and learn from the news and advertising columns which cities offer the best opportunities for a dry goods store. He wrote that he has ample capital to finance his business and will put in an entirely new stock of goods. The list was furnished him.

Sarasota county commissioners have followed example set in Lake and Orange counties by ordering all advertising signs removed from county highways. The Florida Development Board hopes a large number of counties will join the movement before next fall so more of our beautiful natural scenery can be seen by travelers.

The following pertinent statements published by the Maine Forest Service are applicable to Florida:

"Every motorist in Maine has a personal interest in the preservation of its trees and forests.

"Good roads are essential, but—

"Only prosperous communities can afford to construct good roads.

"Maine's forests are one of the chief sources of its prosperity.

"Burned forests build no houses, pay no wages, yield on dividends.

"They are eyesores to the traveler.

"Fire may turn the most beautiful landscape into a scene of desolation.

"Forest fire prevention is a civic duty. It is also good business.

"It pays to be careful.

"Remember that forest fires can never be prevented or controlled by laws alone. Still more necessary are an interested public opinion and an individual recognition of responsibility.

"All big fires come from small beginnings. Don't start something you can't stop."

The forest fire laws of Maine provide: Camp or other fires cannot be kindled on land belonging to another without the consent of the owner.

Incendiary fires are punishable by a fine of from $20 to $1,000 or by imprisonment of from three months to three years.

Offenders are in addition liable for civil damages to all property injured by fires set by them, whether by carelessness or intent.

A Tough One

"Better keep your head inside the window," warned the brakeman.

"I can look out the window if I want to," Bill McLeod responded.

"Sure you can," answered the brakeman, "but if you damage any of the iron works of the bridges you'll have to pay for it!"

FORD NEARS OUTPUT OF 5,000 CARS A DAY

Ford dealers in the United States have asked for a total of 194,750 Ford cars, trucks and tractors to meet the June requirements, says a statement issued by the Ford Motor Company, Detroit, Mich.

As a result, the estimated output for June has been boosted to 140,000, which is an increase of 10,000 over the present month, and of course, will set up a new high record, in spite of the fact that the May output will show a substantial increase over the previous highest month.

Ford sales have been constantly increasing since the first of the year, the demand growing during the past two months faster than it has been possible to increase production.

Monday, May 16, brought forth a new record of cars built for one day, the figures reaching 4,878 at the close of the day's work. This was an increase of sixteen over May 15, when the previous high mark was established.

On May 18 the six millionth Ford motor was assembled. Number five million came off the line May 28, 1921.

Ford officials state that every attempt is being made to build a sufficient number of cars and trucks to fill the retail requirements of their 8,000 dealers.

SLANDERING OUR YOUTH

Dr. Jay William Hudson of the University of Missouri finds a world of licentiousness and luxuriousness in American schools, brought on, chiefly, by student dances. This is his alarm:

"We have came upon a reign of moral looseness and debauchery. Students dance as people were not allowed to dance in the worst resorts twenty years ago. There is a heathenish trend. It has never been so hard to get a child to go the way he should go."

This is so amazing—this licentiousness, this debauchery, this intemperate debilitation of the morals of our youth. In fact, the situation could well be called terrifying were it not for the fact that twenty years ago other Dr. Jay William Hudsons were saying the same thing, and that twenty years from now still other Dr. Jay William Hudsons will be parroting these same expressions.

Our young folk always have been going to hell. They started it a long time before little David did interpretative dancing before Saul, and likely they will not stop it in this generation. At the same time, our middle-aged folk are somewhat fascinated with this going-to-hell business. Further consideration of the subject forces the belief that a large part of our old folk have taken up with this going-to-hell fad, and that just about includes all of us.

Our chief fear is, however, that Dr. Hudson, whoever he is, is just an old he-gossip and that the proper position of him and all like him should be estraddle of a broomstick sailing through gloomy skies. He looks at a young man and if he sees him arrayed in tight clothes, belted coat with spear-like lapels and one button, sausage trousers, low, quick-fitting collar, greenish pink shirt, toothbrush mustache, unbalanced felt hat, duo-colored oxfords and jazzbo tie, he decides he is immoral and a debauchee. He looks at the extremity of a young woman's dress and decides by that what her morals are.

Slanders have always been issued against the youth of the land and especially against girlhood. Perhaps the young folk do not dance the way they should, but it takes a very evil mind to convict them of moral looseness and debauchery because of that. Be assured that the morals of the young are as good as they were twenty years ago, forty years ago, or 140 years ago. The moral standard of the world varies so little in an age that the change is not discernible. The methods of doing many things change from time to time, but the result remains the same.

From time to immemorial youth and woman's dress have been thundered at from every direction so that a little more thunder need not jar anybody's feelings. — Lake Worth Leader.

EFFORTS MADE TO INTRODUCE WILT-RESISTANT TOMATOES

Most of the work with wilt-resistant tomatoes in the south, where Fusarium wilt is prevalent, has been successful, and further effort is being made by the United States department of agriculture working in co-operation with state agricultural colleges through county agents to improve the varieties of tomatoes grown and introduce the witless varieties into new communities.

All the five resistant varieties, Marvel, Norton, Columbia, Arlington and Norduke, sent to boys' and girls' club members, have been grown successfully in many localities where regular commercial varieties failed because of wilt. Although these varieties are not immune, they possess enough resistance to insure a good crop if other conditions are favorable. A few reports of failure have been received, but the real cause in all such cases investigated was root-knot, bacterial wilt, or blight. It therefore seems wise to urge the general introduction of these and other wilt-resistant varieties where-ever Fusarium wilt is prevalent, says the department.

From the three years' work already accomplished it seems that these varieties will have to be tested repeatedly to determine which is best adapted to the local needs and conditions of any community; but this is true of varieties of any other crop, it is pointed out. In some gardens the resistant tomatoes were free from blossom-end rot and in no case reported did they suffer more from this disease than the varieties formerly grown.

Some persons seem to think that life is a moving stairway; that all a man has to do is to step aboard and be carried to the top.—Youth's Companion.

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AVON PARK

Capt. W. W. Williams of Venus was a business visitor in Avon Park Monday.

H. I. Masters, who has been ill, is up and about the streets again, greeting friends.

C. P. Anderson of the Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers Association was in Tampa Friday on business.

Asa Lewis of Fort Meade, who owns a nice young grove here, was a business visitor in Avon Park Monday.

J. H. Brown of Zolfo, principal owner of the Highlands Motor Company, was transacting business here Monday.

Mrs. E. C. Dusenbury has gone to Kissimmee where she is spending the week with her mother, Mrs. J. Z. Roberson.

S. E. Roberts and Capt. T. J. Henderson, Zolfo capitalists, were among the welcome visitors in Avon Park Monday on business.

Horace Garner, who has been here several weeks, has returned to Arcadia, accompanied by his father, who motored here to meet him.

Among the week-end voyagers were Mr. and Mrs. A. McKee Elwell, who motored to Lakeland for a visit with friends in the Polk county metropolis.

Mrs. J. F. Bond, accompanied by Miss Georgia Lee Bond and Prescott Brooks, motored to Bartow Sunday to spend the week-end with friends.

H. C. Crapo and sister, Mrs. R. C. Moore, left Wednesday for Taunton, Mass., where they will spend the summer. These popular Avon Park folks will return in September.

Dr. E. J. Etheredge and L. T. Farmer, DeSoto City, were among the welcome sojourners in the Highlands county metropolis Tuesday. They hustled home thought for election.

Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Touchton, prominent Pasco county folks, were week-end guests here with Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Touchton. The Dade City brother is a druggist in the Pasco county seat.

Mrs. L. H. Altman, accompanied by her daughters, Miss Paula and Mrs. Raymond McLendon of Greenville, S. C., spent Saturday and Sunday here, visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Crews.

A. V. Anderson of the Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers Association spent Monday in Tampa on business.

Glenn Spink went to St. Petersburg Sunday and returned Tuesday, bringing his mother back with him.

T. H. Lander, Charles Nichols and Joe Lander left Saturday for Jacksonville to join the Morocco Temple Shrine band for the trip to Los Angeles, where the annual convention of the Shriners will be held this year.

Mrs. D. T. Lockett, who has been visiting at Cocoa, where Mr. Lockett is superintendent of the groves interests of the Durfield Groves Company, has returned here. She is impressed by the progress the East Coast section is making.

Howard Katz, senior member of the Katz Brothers department store here, was in town from Kissimmee Saturday. Mr. Katz is enthused over the outlook for the Ridge. While here he was the guest of Manager E. C. Dusenbury, head of the local store.

COAST LINE CHIEF BUYS HANDSOME GROVE ON THE RIDGE FOR SELF AND SON

W. J. Craig of Wilmington, N. C., general passenger agent of the Atlantic Coast Line, has bought a 40-acre grove owned by M. N. Lipinski on the northeast shore of Starr lake. Mr. Craig and his son Roy, well known along the Ridge, having lived in Lake Wales, expect to go into partnership in the grove. Roy Craig took a special course in horticulture at the University of Florida and has been gaining practical experience on the big plant of the Temple Groves Corporation at Templetown with M. G. Campbell. The grove just purchased is in fine condition, having been put in by Mr. Lipinski several years ago, Mr. Craig also owns about thirty acres more between Mountain Lake and Lake Pierce, which he expects to put into groves. Roy Craig has carefully prepared himself with the idea of making a life work of horticulture and will take up the practical work in scientific manner.

It is pleasing to note that Mr. Craig opportunities for knowing the best in citrus, has bought on the Ridge. It is an indication of the sound basis on which he regards this section as standing.

Few people realize, by the way, the position the Coast Line occupies in this state. Almost half of all its mileage is in Florida, which is one of its greatest revenue producers because of the immense tonnage of fruit and vegetables. The Coast Line owns about 40 per cent of the railroad track of this state, so that the great railroad system and the state of Florida are very closely bound together.

NEW SMYRNA GROWERS HAD EXCELLENT SEASON

Closing the most successful season since it was organized, the annual meeting of the Smyrna and Hawks Park Citrus Growers Association was held with a good representation of the stockholders present.

Reports show that practically 50,000 boxes of citrus fruit were handled during the season just closed, which is several thousand boxes more than in any one previous season. The season as a whole was more satisfactory than any previous.

Manager W. A. Robinson is planning repairs, changes and improvements during the summer months, which will increase the capacity of the house, and the association will be prepared to take care of at least 75,000 boxes during the coming season. Indications are that at least a half more fruit will be handled this coming season, as already a large number of requests have been made to have fruit packed here from growers who are not members of the local association, but who want to have their fruit handled through the Florida Citrus Exchange.

All the officers of the association were re-elected, with the exception of vice-president, G. W. Brown being elected to succeed the late John T. Hammond, and George L. Fullerton being chosen as a member of the board of trustees in place of Mr. Hammond. The officers of the association are as follows: President, H. G. Putnam; vice-president, G. W. Brown; secretary-manager, W. A. Robinson; treasurer, State Bank of New Smyrna; trustees, G. W. Brown, H. G. Putnam, George I. Fullerton; directors, W. C. Earnhardt, M. R. Creighton; G. I. Fullerton, H. G. Putnam, G. W. Brown, F. W. Hatch, C. Burrson.—New Smyrna News.

FUNDS AVAILABLE TO BUILD 46,000 MILES OF GOOD ROADS

The $350,000,000 appropriated by congress as federal aid in conjunction with state funds will result in the construction of about 46,000 miles of road, says the bureau of public roads of the United States department of agriculture. This mileage would parallel the railroad from New York to San Francisco nearly fifteen times, or if divided equally among the states, would give nearly 1,000 miles to each state.

The status of road building on April 30 was as follows: In projects entirely complete, a total of 16,375 miles; under construction, 13,950 miles in projects, averaging 62 per cent complete. A considerable part of the latter mileage is actually complete and in service. In addition, funds have been allotted to 7,511 miles, much of which will come under construction during the present season. Besides this there is still available for new projects $60,148,000, which on the same basis as previous federal aid construction will result in the construction of 8,200 miles of highway. In March the fund available for new projects was taken up at the rate of $12,000,000 a month and at the rate of $5,700,000 in April.

CONTROL METHODS SUGGESTED FOR CHEESE OR HAM SKIPPERS

Because of damage by insects, chiefly the ham skipper, about $1,000,000 worth of meat is annually condemned by federal inspectors. Much greater damage in proportion is done by skippers, which are the larvae of the skipper fly, in small abattoirs and on farms where sanitary precautions are not generally so thorough as in the large meat packing establishments.

This loss, according to the bureau of entomology of the United States department of agriculture, must largely be controlled by preventive measures. The larvae hibernate in cold temperatures and it takes a high temperature to kill them. Natural insect enemies, which are useful in the control of some harmful insects, are of little or no use in controlling the ham skipper because most of those which attack the skipper are pests in themselves.

Fine wire screens, having at least thirty meshes to the inch, should be used where cured meats are stored. Rooms infested with skippers can be fumigated with hydrocyandic acid gas according to directions furnished by the United States department of agriculture. Rooms in which cured meats are hung should have cement floors and light-colored walls, either plastered, painted or whittwashed, so that hiding places for the skippers will be eliminated.

The entire life cycle of the skipper is completed in twelve days during warm summer weather, so that two generations a month may be expected. In one ham kept under observation there was a total recorded production of 52,627 skippers during a period of eighteen months, and a loss in the weight of the ham of six pounds four ounces, largely due to the feeding of the skippers.

LADY LAWMAKERS

[Dallas News]

Miss Robertson is right. Women do make the best mothers. And she might have gone to an even greater extremity in saying that men make the best fathers. Also she is probably correct in saying that women are unlikely ever to accomplish great things in congress, and that it is doubtful if many will be sent there. Women haven't the essential background of genuine statesmanship, and generations of equal righted women will be required to endue women with that background. It has been demonstrated that almost invariably women vote as their men folk do. This is because they realize that their sources of information and their political aptitudes are not equal to those of their husbands or brothers. It is very true that men are not particularly luminous in statesmanship. Some of them are not so well informed on any subject requiring mental application as their neighbor women are. Nevertheless, this country has done pretty well with men legislators. Some things might be better, other things may be growing worse, but upon the whole, and on the average, vertically and basically, masculine legislators have done a good part by the state and the nation. The ladies are fine, and we love them. They are beautiful and we admire them. But we would rather not vote for them to serve us as lawmakers. We do not doubt their intelligence, their loyalty, their sincerity; we only doubt their ability to marshal all the secondary and tertiary consequences in legislative proposals and strike a fair average.

FIRST BARGE LOAD OF HOGS

"The first barge load of hogs to be sold to the Southeastern Packing Company, whose plant at Colohatchie is under construction, was delivered Wednesday," remarks the Fort Lauderdale Herald. "There were twenty-two hogs in the load an dthe average weight was about two hundred pounds." The Herald adds that the hogs brought 8 cents a pound, delivered, and that Captain Wertz, who sold the hogs to the packing company says: "This load is the forerunner of a large number of hogs that will be brought from the Lake Okeechobee section to the market here.

LAKE WALES MAN WEDS

O. G. Tillman, Lake Wales, and Miss Myrtle Fuller, Wake Forest, N. C., were married at Jacksonville and have returned to Louisville, Ky., where both are preparing for the missionary fields at the Baptist institutions there.

MOISTURE CAPACITY OF SOIL IS INCREASED BY ORGANIC MATTER

In addition to adding plant food to the soil and improving its texture, organic matter, supplied by green manure crops, stable manure, or in any other form, adds greatly to the moisture holding capacity. It has been shown, says the United States department of agriculture, that while 100 pounds of sand can hold only 25 pounds of water and 100 pounds of clay 50 pounds, the same weight of humus or decaying organic matter will hold 190 pounds.

Clay soil containing organic matter is more friable than similar soil without organic matter. When the organic matter is entirely removed the clay remains compact during freezing and thawing. When the organic matter is returned the soil crumbles after freezing, just as the original soil.

Not only do the higher plants grow better in a soil rich in organic matter, but the activities of the soil bacteria are largely dependent on the supply of decaying vegetable matter. These bacteria need food and air. Their food is the dead vegetable matter, which they break down and make available to the higher plants. Most beneficial bacteria use air, and this they find more abundantly in a soil supplied with organic matter than in stiff clays. In sandy soils there is air enough, but the addition of humus helps to hold moisture and so benefits the bacteria as well as the higher plants.

NO DANGER NOW

Jack Dempsey, champion pugilist of the world, went to Europe to fight. According to press reports the best that modern travel had to offer was none too good for him, and he enjoyed the trip immensely.

It certainly is a strange world when one pauses to make comparisons. We are thinking of a poor devil in a hospital down south. His lungs are slowly rotting away and he has but a short time to live. He wenat to Europe to fight—not in a padded ring for thousands of dollars, but amid gas and shell in a muddy trench for a dollar a day. He went over in the bottom of a boat packed in with a hundred others in a small room where the sweating bodies and foul air make one's head reek with pain. It almost seemed that the worst was none too bad for him!

And today the one who didn't give a damn for his country is getting the most out of life, wallowing in luxury, hailed as a great personage wherever he goes. The poor devil who did the most and was even willing to die for his country, is all but forgotten, waiting for death to claim him. He is not a hero or great personage — to be frank, there hasn't been a soul in to see him for nearly two months.

Yes, it is a strange world.—Mid-West Veteran.

NOT TO BE FOOLED

[The Argonout]

Many generations of New Englanders, seafarers and landlubbers have laughed over the story of the Nantucket skipper who could tell where he was by tasting the sea bottom. There are many versions, but this, says Mr. Morrison in his "Maritime History of Massachusetts," is the correct one. Captain Phiney of the staunch sloop Penelope boasted he could tell within half a mile of where he was from Peaked Hill bar to the tip of Nantucket Shoals by tasting the material brought up by the sounding lead. Obed Fisher, his mate, thought he would call the old man's bluff. One night when the captain was sleeping below he wet and greased the lead, then rolled it in the earth at the bottom of a box which contained Nantucket turnips. Rousing the skipper, he thrust the lead to his face, saying: "For the Lord's sage, cap'n, tell us where we be!" Hastily the sipper tasted, rolling the morsel on his tongue, then jumped from his bunk with a yell: "Nantucket's sung, Obed, and we're right over Marm Hackett's garden!"

EIGHT AND HALF INCHES OF RAIN FELL IN PAST MONTH

Eight and fifty-six hundredths inches of rain in May has more than relieved the effects of the previous dry spell and meanwhile moderate temperatures have been the prevailing rule. Observer William King's report at Avon Park shows the highest for the month was 95 and the lowest 62.

The mean maximum temperature was 88 and the mean of the minimus was 67.

Members of the Vero and Fort Pierce baseball teams will face trial in the county court in June on a charge of playing baseball on Sunday. The arrests were made by the sheriff on order of Governor Hardee.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Real estate transfers filed for record in Highlands county since last publication, as reported by Highlands Security, Abstract & Title Co., Sebring:

Fannie B. Vail and husband to Gustav Hoffman: S 75 feet lot 2, block 91, Sebring.

State of Florida to Helen Howard: All Sec. 18, Twp. 33, R. 31.

R. I. Harris to Mrs. Homer L. Turner and Mrs. J. W. Pullen: Lot 3, Denton & Harris subdivision.

Eilands Garage to Basil Bowden and Bryant Bowden: Bill of sale of Eilands Garage, Sebring.

Sebring Development Co. to Chas. Besford: Lot 5, block 32, Sebring.

D. F. Gorham et al to A. Matchett: Lot 9, block D, Sec. 27, Price & Gorham's subdivision.

Charles L. Fairbanks to H. E. Cov: Lots 18 and 19, block 35, Sec. 22, Avon Park.

Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers Association to Edward H. and Ida M. Talbott: Grove 66, Sec. 17, Twp. 33, R. 28.

Sebring Development Co. to Sarah J. Ranahan: Farms 6 and 7, Sec. 19, Lake Farms addition to Dinner Lake subdivision; also lot 47, Sec. 32, Twp. 34, R. 29.

BLANDING TO LEESBURG

Gen. A. H. Blanding of Bartow has been appointed manager of the Highland and Marion county sub-exchange of the Florida Citrus Exchange, and will assume his duties on June 1, with offices at Leesburg. The Highland Exchange is the Lake county branch of the Citrus Exchange and there is a great quantity of fruit shipped from the two counties of Lake and Marion.

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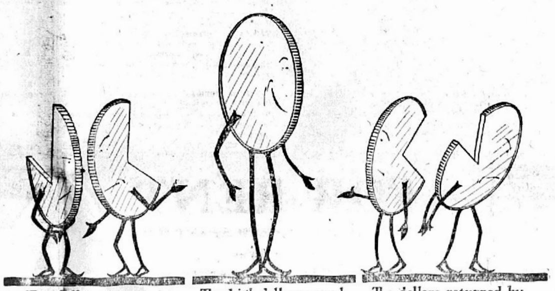

The dollars growers get from speculative buyers

The high dollar received by the cooperating growers

The dollars returned by commercial marketing agencies

Why sell fruit for less when you may get the high dollar?

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The growers' own marketing agency can sell the fruit of its members for the high dollar, because it deals in advertised goods, which consumers buy quickly, and because it sells under a brand that means something to the trade.

The Florida Citrus Exchange has no stockholders and pays no dividends nor profits. Every dollar realized for the fruit of the members, less actual cost of selling, is paid to them, through the sub-Exchange and local associations. They get what their oranges and grapefruit are worth when marketed.

Join the Florida Citrus Exchange and receive the high dollar for your fruit. Consult the manager of the nearest association or sub-Exchange or write the business manager at Tampa, Florida.

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

Foolish question 66,666,666: Do you think it will rain today?

Did ALL your candidates win? Same here; now let's forget it.

A bootlegger's testimony has been rejected again. All the gang testified Sheriff Bob Hancock was one of them. Bob was acquitted Tuesday.

We talked to a man in Avon Park one day this weeak who seemed to think the county will go to the dogs for not electing HIS candidate. The poor fish!

Dan Cupid appears to have taken upon himself the task of thinning out the young bachelors in Sebring. And by the heck, he is doing that very thing. Who's next?

And we may still refer to 'em as ex-Governor Gilchrist and Senator Trammell. We hate to assume an I-told-you-so attitude, but "ain't it the truth?"

On the whole, the primary of Tuesday scored the fewest upsets in county and state of any election in recent years. We wonder if that fact is indicative of a return to normalcy.

There is nothing wrong with Highlands county when it comes to politics. We actually observed one of the candidates kissing and tending the babies while their mothers went in to vote.

Major Charles A. Browne, road engineer for Orange county and former state engineer, says 35 to 40 per cent of the cost of roads is for labor. That means having our roads and most of the money, too.

Doesn't it hurt that conscience of yours though when someone accepts a prize specimen from your stock of excuses with a faint suspicion of an IN-credulous smile? We'll say it is "love's labor lost."

For pure assininity, 1922 model and accessory-equipped, we invite your respectful attention to the activities of one particular county police official in South Florida. Names are not in order, but we will rest our case with anyone who reads the Tampa papers.

Gilbert Leach remarks upon the "oddity" of Florida newspapermen in leaving the city dailies to edit country weeklies. The very best argument that we can find to justify such an oddity is Gilbert Leach himself.

Paragraphers seem to think
If they would make their lives sublime,
Their papers, each and every issue,
Must contain some silly rhyme.
—Exempli Gratia.

The Highlands County Pilot makes its first bow to the public this week under the management of its new owner and editor, Gilbert Freeman. It will have to be some paper in order to justify the numerous boosts that we have been handing the new editor, but knowing "Bert," as we do, we are certain it will be that very thing.

Of all the low-down, despicable persons imaginable, the dog poisoner is among the lowest, and if the party or parties spreading the "dope" that has resulted in the death of valuable dogs about town can be located, a little entertainment of an extremely educational and reformatory nature is likely to be pulled off for somebody's benefit.

The oldest flapper in a little petting party staged in broad open daylight on the Avon Park-Sebring road this week appeared to be about fifteen years of age, while the youngest male thing was at least fifty. The petting was not of the father-and-daughter variety either. It is small wonder that a number of red-blooded men are joining the Ku Klux.

Local merchants missed one grand opportunity in not putting on something "special" election day. With the women all coming "down town" to vote, it would have been "awfully" convenient, don't you know, for 'em to have killed two birds with the one stone, and secured sensational two-dollar values for the ridiculously low price of one-ninety-eight.

"Cliff" Pearce, the newly-elected commissioner from district No. 3, must be either an extra good man or an extremely smooth politician and perhaps a combination of the two. In carrying the fifty-three votes at Bassenger solid, with "nary" a one for his opponent, we believe that he smeared the only coat of whitewash in the state Tuesday. We would like to know his recipe.

When the motorist hits that bad stretch just beyond the railroad, out on Ridgewood drive, every naughty utterance that he has either made or heard immediately pops into his mind, and out, too, b'gosh. And the more he can think and get rid of, the better he feels. But it doesn't do Sebring the least bit of good that you could notice. The sooner the city gets that stretch paved the better.

With "Fax" and "Rip" assuming responsibility for the local ball club, "she" certainly ought to be a go. And while these two old (?) vets are coaching the youngsters, it might not be a bad idea for 'em to limber up a bit themselves. We have a well-grounded suspicion that the Colonel has a goodly number of ball games still stored up in that old "soup bone" of his, while our banker friend makes a break every now and then that convinces us he is not as "fur" gone as he would have us believe.

FREEMAN'S BOW

We can not wonder that Highlands county progresses. We have become an enthusiast already. Surely if others attracted here likewise are similarly affected, there is much and plenty in the Scenic Highlands' future for all who come.

We are glad of the welcome that greets us, for it tempers the uncertainty and regret that accompanied our parting with past associations. The good words of friends have encouraged, and we seem to face the future with more confidence.

We think we have found in Highlands county a field, broad in its possibilities, and sure of its future. We hope our judgment will ever be no less sound than when we decided to join you in this heartland of the Ridge.

We plan no policy but to strive to face real facts behind any issue that may arise and to apply our share of common sense to the search for a solution rather than false sentiment or partisanship or selfishness. All that we may oppose may not be selfish or bad; we may merely fear it may be injudicious.

All Highlands county will be our parish as we pursue our craft. A newspaper is the craftsman of words. It should be also the dealer of facts and manufacture naught but truth. We have no purposes but duty, no master but sincerity and all the world as it looks on and counsels is our board of directors.

We hope our paper may have no eyes but truth and no soul but facts. We seek no goal but the right and can recognize no might but public welfare.

We would have them utter no kinder words, when we lay our task aside at the end, than were uttered of the late Edwin Gordon Lawrence:

"He was a server of life."

As we sit at the feet of life, and attempt to serve our world, however small it may be, we ask only your honest indulgence and your sober counsel.

BIG PROGRESS THIS SEASON EXPECTED IN ROAD BUILDING

From the progress being made in federal aid work, the state are exerting every effort to make the present season a big one for road construction, according to the bureau of public roads, United States department of agriculture. In February $3,906,000 was allotted, and in March the figure jumped to $12,029,000.

In April plans for 225 projects were approved by the bureau, the second largest number in the history of federal aid, and indications are that the number for May will be even larger. In the past the peak in volume of plans approved came in June and July, the earlier occurrence this year shows that the states are making good their promise to get as much work under construction as possible to take advantage of lower prices and relieve the unemployment situation. A considerable portion of the projects for which the plans are approved should get under construction during the summer and add greatly to the 13,950 miles under construction on March 31.

On this date the number of completed projects on which final payment had been made passed the 2,000 mark, involving 11,017 miles. It will be interesting to watch the growth in this figure during the 1922 season.

MEXICAN QUAIL ARRIVE IN LARGEST NUMBERS SINCE 1910

Between Jan. 28 and April 20, the closing date for the season of entry of Mexican quail, 37,953 quail were entered at the ports in Texas. This is the largest number since shipments began in 1910. Of these, 9,773 were entered at Brownsville; 15,408 at Laredo, and 12,772 at Eagle Pass. The bureau of biological survey of the United States department of agriculture reports that most of these birds were shipped to Kentucky, Maryland and Pennsylvania, and distributed through the game commissions for propagating purposes.

Quail disease appeared at Laredo about Feb. 23 and 500 birds were placed in quarantine, but with this exception few losses occurred from the disease. On the whole, the season has been one of the most successful in rceent years.

WHAT NOT TO DO WHEN ON A BIRD OR GAME PRESERVE

In connection with the administration of bird and game preserves under the biological survey, the following acts on reservations have been forbidden by the secretary of agriculture, under date of May 4: Entering any game inclosure without permission; carrying firearms without permission; permitting dogs to run at large; setting fires; cutting, damaging or removing timber or trees; allowing domestic animals to enter without permission, and injuring or destroying signs, fences, or other property of the United States.

$100,000 IN BUILDING

"One hundred thousand dollars' worth of building premits were issued during the current month of May," remarks the Orlando Reporter-Star. "This w. . run the total for the five months of 1922 to about $1,683,219, which is $87,101 more than the total for the entire year of 1921." The article shows that the first statement was based upon permits that are known to be about ready for filing, and the figures seem certain to be correct. It is a mighty fine record and shows that Orlando is going ahead at a wonderful pace.

FROSTPROOF COUPLE WED

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest B. Simmons, who were married at Frostproof, have returned to make their home there. Mrs. Simmons was Mrs. Adalaide A. Haley.

Williston is now coming forward dance, the Progress telling of seven with watermelons in great abundance, the Progress telling of seven carloads being shipped as the first installment of sweetness and lusciousness, the melons being gathered from the great "patch" of Neil McKinnon. The newspaper says that the acreage planted in melons this season is large and prospects good for a big, fine crop.

DE SOTO CITY

Rev. O. C. Tomlinson and L. T. Farmer attended quarterly conference at Lake Stearns last Saturday.

Rev. E. H. Crowson and Mrs. Crowson came up from Lake Stearns last Saturday and Rev. Crowson filled his appointment here Sunday morning and evening.

This section of the county is being blessed with rains and the groves are putting on a wonderful growth as well as quite a bloom.

Jane Catherine Farmer went to Punta Gorda Monday, where she expects to stay for several days, visiting friends.

Phillip Correll returned from Tampa Monday.

Dr. E. J. Etheredge and L. T. Farmer went to Punta Gorda Monday, where the doctor spoke Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Farmer of Sebring came down Tuesday.

The primary election held Tuesday was the first one ever held in this city and everything passed off as quietly as though there was an election held every week.

BUYS FLORIDA RANCH

The Taylor County Herald, published at Perry, last week told of the sale of a large farm southwest of Hampton Springs. Neil Casting of Seattle bought the property, which is known as the Hester place. It contains eleven hundred and eighty acres and with the land was also purchased live stock and growing crops. The newcomer, hailing from the state of Washington, is well pleased with Florida, and proposes to devote his time in the future to farming and carrying on a ranch.

The West Orange Herald, printed in Winter Garden, last week carried a tabulated statement of the big bass caught in the lakes of Orange county during the past few months. Of course, there were many more bass taken, but the record kept was open to all comers, and those who had big fish were privileged to come in and make reports. "Twenty-eight true stories are told here," says the Herald, and the details of the catch are interesting. The fishermen tried out many of the well-known lakes, and their catches weighed in all the way from five to eleven and seven-eights pounds. Man from Orlando caught the biggest bass yet reported, weighing close to twelve pounds, in Big Bear lake.

"With upwards of five thousand cars of early Irish potatoes shipped this spring, the season is practically at an end," declares the Hastings Herald. "Of the total number of shipments, nearly 2,000 cars have been shipped from Hastings alone. East Palatka, Bunnell, Orange Mills, Roy, Yelvington, Spuds and Elkton furnished practically all the remaining number of 5,000. In fact, practically the whole crop was grown and shipped in this immediate vicinity."

According to the St. Petersburg Times, the Adams Boat Company of Sarasota and St. Petersburg will put on a new steamer between the two places mentioned before next winter. "William Adams has said that the new boat is now under construction at the Avery & Roberts ways. It will be 120 feet long and carry 350 passengers," the report says. Excellent business causes this increase in the transportation line indicated. The new boat is needed to take care of steadily advancing demands.

"It is understood that Callahan is soon to have a new bank," says the Mainland Monitor, published at Callahan. The newspaper adds that the financial institution to be started there will have a new building "near the Monitor office," and the corroborative detail thus given makes it interesting. The opening of a new bank in Callahan suggests new business and prosperous conditions.

A large and interesting picture on the front page of the Zephyrhills Colonist last week showed the new portico of the Methodist Episcopal church at Zephyrhills. The building was already an attractive one, but the partico makes it even more beautiful and is useful as well. In the picture is shown a part of the choir of the church, and the people appear to be well pleased over the improvements.

Harry Riblett, 9-year-old son of A. G. Riblett, Lake Wales, was drowned in Lake Jane, seven miles northwest of Lake Wales. The lad was in bathing with two little chums and stepped into a hole where the water was over his head. His companions were unable to rescue him.

TO LIGHT FORT MEADE SOON

Two big engines for the new Fort Meade municipal lighting plant have arrived and within a few weeks Fort Meade will have its own powerhouse running.

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TO EXTEND PARKWAY

The Lake Wales Woman's Club has decided to extend the parkway that was first planned only for the immediate vicinity of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway station, and with another $500 will increase the parkway extensively. Work has already started on the task, the grade being leveled preparatory to planting. A 40-foot street is being laid out for the Scenic Highway through the section.

WHY THE EDITOR LEFT TOWN

"Sam Jones, one of our thieving and prosperous farmers, shipped a load of hogs yesterday."—Missouri Weekly.

According to the Winter Haven Chief, Arthur S. Beymer has purchased the corner in Winter Haven opposite the Smith hardware store, on Central avenue, and intends erecting a handsome business block thereon. The Civic League, which had made headquarters on the property now acquired by Mr. Beymer, will soon erect a club house on its site at Lake Howard.

Relatives of Lieut. Henry W. Hoyt of Clearwater, naval officer who lost his life when the giant dirigible ZR-2 was wrecked at Hull, England, last year, have been advised by the president of the naval academy class of 1914 that the class would unveil a bronze tablet to the memory of Lieutenant Hoyt at the naval academy on May 30.

The Lake Wales Board of Trade has endorsed the Lakeland Chamber of Commerce movement to have the Polk county commissioners tear down all unsightly signs along the right-of-way of the Polk county roads.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATRIX

Notice is hereby given that the undesigned has been appointed by the County Judge of Highlands County as Administratrix of the estate of J. H. Lopp, deceased. All creditors of said estate, legatees or distributees, and all persons having claims against said estate are required to present their claims to said administratrix within two years from the date hereof.

LIBBIE B. LOPP,
Administratrix.

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CORLETT TO BUILD

J. B. Corlett, Lake Wales, announces he will build a home for himself and four other houses before fall at Lake Wales.

The Lakeland Highlanders, for the first time this season, moved into first place last Friday by handing Orlando an 8 to 4 defeat, while St. Petersburg was dropping one to George a 16-point lead over the Saints.

FIX UP LAKE WALES DIAMOND

The Lake Wales baseball diamond is being re-clayed, the Board of Trade standing the bill to insure a good "lot" for the summer's sport.

TO BUILD BUNGALOW

"Daddy" Johnson is building a pretty bungalow on West Pleasant street in Avon Park. Several other residences are being contemplated by townspeople to be ready by fall.

Asphalt has been decided upon as material for paving streets of Safety Harbor. Bonds for the work have been validated and bids for construction are now being asked.

After government experts have discovered a way to make wireless conversations private, perhaps they can work out a plan to prevent the all-day talkers from hogging the line.

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

MRS. P. J. RIPPBERGER,
Editor
Telephone 76

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mitchell drove to Arcadia Sunday and returned Monday.

Mrs. P. J. Rippberger entertained a few friends Wednesday afternoon at bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Freeman of Avon Park spent Tuesday evening in Sebring.

Mrs. F. T. Haskins spent Sunday in Avon Park visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. H. F. R. Reck.

Elbert Collier spent most of last week in Sebring and received the welcome of his many friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Garst left Sebring Wednesday to spend part of the summer in the north.

A letter from Mrs. R. C. Pringle to one of her friends here tells of a delightful trip they are having in cool Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Parker left this week for Orlando and other parts north to spend the rest of the summer.

Mrs. D. F. Ranahan has been on the sick list for the past two weeks, but it is hoped that she is now on the way to recovery.

Mrs. J. A. Taylor and Miss Addie Clagget left Tuesday morning for Junaluska, N. C., and will spend the summer there.

No celebration in Sebring has ever assembled the crowd for all day as did the election Tuesday. The Circle was a busy place all day.

King Vann and Harris Muff went to Avon Park Monday night to attend a dancing party given by Miss Beatrice Bass at her home there.

Cards were received this week from England from Mrs. H. Smith, telling of her safe arrival there after a very rough, cold and unpleasant sea voyage.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McClurg, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Degering and Mrs. Mary Woltz drove to Winter Haven Monday, visiting the Glen St. Mary nursery there.

Miss Emilie Auslund left Tuesday morning for Columbus, Ga., where she will spend the summer with her brother-in-law and sister, Capt. and Mrs. Wm. B. Dunwoody.

Mrs. G. F. Bobb left Wednesday afternoon for Harrisburg, Pa., where she will spend the summer with her mother at her former home. Mr. Bobb will join her later in the season.

Mrs. Christina Muff, mother of W. B. Muff, had the misfortune to fall and painfully injure her elbow last week. She suffered much from the shock, but seems well on the way to recovery.

Miss Ava Leatherman came to Sebring Thursday to stay for some time as the guest of Miss Espage Rogers. The Leathermans are now living at Chosen, and Ava's many friends will be glad to have her visit them here often.

The Thursday half-holiday was enjoyed by many picnic parties around the lake, fishing parties, moonlight drives and country trips. Every one missed the ball game and hopes the team will be ready soon to perform every Thursday.

Mrs. Thelda Sutton returned to Sebring Saturday evening from Tampa, where she has been taking a course in a business college. Mrs. Sutton will work in the county clerk's office during the vacation of their regular stenographer, Minnie Bess Saunders. She is living in her bungalow on Pine street.

Mrs. Edgar Knight and Mrs. John Bishop of Bartow came to Sebring Sunday afternoon and returned to their home Monday. Mrs. Knight came to meet her husband, who has been spending some time at Fort Lauderdale and Mrs. Bishop accompanied her and used this opportunity of paying a short visit to her daughter, Mrs. A. P. Butts.

Mrs. M. W. Baker and son Dick and Mrs. E. B. Baker left Sebring Wednesday afternoon to spend the summer in the north. Mrs. E. B. Baker went to Canton, O., and Mrs. M. W. Baker and Dick to Jewett, where they have relatives and friends. Mr. Baker and son Miles will "batch" for the summer and expect to camp in their new home on the west shore of Lake Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stutzman left last Saturday morning to be gone until October. They went from Sebring to Winona Lake, Ind., where they will attend the conference of the Church of the Brethren. Here they will be joined by Mrs. Stutzman's niece, Mary Swank, who formerly lived in Sebring and who has been attending college at Mt. Morris, Ill., for the past term. From Winona the party will go to Minnesota for some time and from there to Montana, their former home, where they will look after business interests and visit relatives and friends. Mrs. Stutzman closed the Magnolia apartments for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Reed of St. Petersburg spent a day in Sebring last week, coming here to call on G. F. Bobb, a friend of Mr. Reed. Mr. Bobb was glad to greet his old friend and although he had not heard of his being married, did not know that the wedding had just taken place and the couple were just starting on their honeymoon. Soon after their departure from Sebring, Mr. and Mrs. Bobb read in the Tampa paper of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Reed and realized the opportunity they had missed to extend to them hearty congratulations. Mrs. Reed is a most charming and talented woman, having been on the Redpath chautauqua circuit for two years, giving great pleasure and satisfaction to all. They were most pleased with Sebring and hope to repeat their visit here.

HUDSON—BEERY

Miss Lillian Beery and G. V. Hudson were married at 7:30 Wednesday morning at the home of the bride's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Rogers on Pine street. They left immediately on a wedding trip, driving to the East Coast to spend some time in Miami and Palm Beach and also expect to visit Cuba. They will probably be gone about ten days. Upon their return they will make their home in the Boyd bungalow on Pine street. While the wedding was not altogether unexpected, the arrangements were a complete surprise to all except the immediate family.

The ceremony took place in the attractive living room of the Rogers' home, with ferns and roses adding to the cheer of the occasion. Rev. Merrill officiated and Espage and Mary Evelyn Rogers were the only attendants. Best wishes and congratulations are expressed by all for the happiness of the young couple and during the time of their absence plans will be made to welcome them home in a most appropriate way.

ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATED AT EASTERN STAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Eastern Star chapter was held on Thursday evening, June 1, and during the evening two of the officers remembered the day as the anniversary of the day on which they were June brides. Others had heard of these interesting events and at the close of the meeting a wedding procession was formed, led by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Muff, who were celebrating their eighteenth anniversary. Following them were maids and men with appropriate bouquets and smiles and as they approached the altar they requested the other couple to come forward and be remarried. Surprised as they were, Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Rippberger were willing to repeat the ceremony which had been performed ten years before, and A. E. Lawrence officiated in a manner that might be envied by any clergyman. Mrs. Rippberger was presented with a bouquet of "greens" in the center of which was a small cake decorated with ten tin spoons and within which was a number of dates. At the conclusion of the ceremony a clothes' basket was brought in and the contents presented to the "tin" bride and groom, and the parcels were then opened, revealing pans, graters, funnels, spoons and others of the tin species, gifts of members of the chapter. Mrs. Muff was presented with a large bunch of beautiful roses with the congratulations and best wishes of all. Mrs. Tom Mitchell entertained all with a reading of a humorous wedding account, and added to the joviality of the occasion. Mrs. Muff had a speech prepared, but in the excitement forgot to deliver it. Mrs. Rippberger, seldom at a loss for words, could think of nothing to say in thanks for the thoughtfulness and kindness of their friends in remembering them so pleasantly and making the occasion a never to be forgotten one. Iced tea and home-made cakes were served at the close of this most enjoyable occasion.

LIBRARY REPORT

Balance on hand May 1	$146.19
Receipts—	
Town council (6th payment)	50.00
Cards and fines	8.00
Donations	5.00
	$209.19
Disbursements—	
Librarians' salaries	$ 22.00
Magazines	1.60
	$ 23.60
	$185.59

CLARA W. SKIFF, Chairman.

Two men who fought over a Chicago girl tumbled out of a fourth-story window. They both fell for her, so to speak.

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HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETING

The regular meeting of the Home Missionary Society of the Methodist church was held last Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. I. Dottery, with about twenty ladies present. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Bee, their president, with the subject for the day being "Perverted Faiths." Mrs. W. H. Rogers read an explanatory introductory article, which was followed by talks about the different faiths under discussion. Mrs. B. A. Cope gave ten reasons why the Christian church could unite with the Mormon ideas. Mrs. A. C. Heacock told of how the Russian girl, Sadie Sabinsky, came to this country as to a land of joy and liberty, her pathetic experiences at Ellis Island and what the missionary society did for her there. Mrs. Cora Lane was elected to serve as secretary for the summer in the absence of Mrs. E. P. Brown. At the close of the meeting the hostess served brick ice cream and delicious nut cake.

AUTO PARTY FOR NORTH

After waiting to do their duty in the election, a large party left Sebring early Wednesday morning to drive to Roanoke, Va. Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hainz driving their Velie, George E. Sebring and his son Payne driving their Willys St. Clair, George Whitehouse driving Eugene Sebring's Franklin. As guests on the trip were Mrs. Mary Wilcox and her granddaughter, Ruth Amy, who will go from Roanoke to Ocean Grove, where they will be joined in about a month by Mr. and Mrs. Amy; Miss Minnie Bess Saunders, who will spend some time in Roanoke and then go to her former home in Kentucky for the rest of her vacation; Miss Anna Bogle, who will spend the summer at her former home in Roanoke, visiting relatives and friends and especially her sister Kathleen, who is to teach the summer term there. George Whitehouse will return to Sebring soon. All were in a most happy mood on their departure and anticipated a most enjoyable trip in spite of the fact that the reports of the road conditions were bad.

LIBRARY NOTES

The library committee acknowledges, with thanks, the following list of books, donated during the month of May:

Miss Fidler and the seventh grade —"Pioneering in Tibet" (Albert L. Shelton).

Miss Susan Drought—"The Pleasant Ways of St. Medard" (Grace King), "Hilary Thornton" (Hubert Wales).

Mrs. P. A. Ruhl—"At the Foot of the Rainbow" (Gene S. Porter) "Songs of Florida" (Geo. Graham Currie).

Mr. and Mrs. Posl — Six volumes (George Eliot), 9 volumes (L. Muhlbach), 7 volumes (Honore de Balzac), "The Huchback of Notre Dame (Victor Hugo), "The Devil's Paw" (E. Phillips Oppenheim) "The Chorus Lady" (Forbes Harding), "The Game of Life" (Bolton Heald).

Mrs. Brandon Jones — Forty volumes, including history, poems and fiction.

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BAPTIST CHURCH

Preaching Sunday at 11 a. m.; Sunday school at 3 p. m.; evening services at 8 p. m.; prayer meeting Wednesday at 8 p. m. Come and worship with us. The above and all services hereafter will be conducted at the Presbyterian church.

Miss Nanny G. McCarty of Romney, Va., spent two days in Sebring last week as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Rogers. Miss McCarty spent the past winter at Eustis and enjoyed the winter in Florida, but was so delighted with Sebring that she returned to Eustis to make arrangements to move here with her sister and mother. In a few days it is expected that the party will arrive ready to make their permanent home here.

For Sale—One 10-key National cash register, in perfect condition; good as new; price will surprise you. Highlands Barber Shop, Avon Park. 6-9-1tp

MISS SEBRING ENTERTAINS

Miss Leila Sebring was the charming hostess at a lovely party given Saturday evening at the home of her mother, Mrs. H. O. Sebring, on Lakeview drive, honoring Miss Elizabeth Gilliam of Farmville, Va., who is visiting Mrs. C. F. Weigle. The rooms were beautifully decorated with ferns and roses.

Miss Anna Bogle won a box of candy as a prize in one of the many games played. A boys' and also a girls' quartet furnished music. Miss Ruth Amy rendered two vocal solos. Refreshments consisting of cake and raspberry ice, candy and punch were served during the evening.

Following were those in attendance: Misses Elizabeth Gilliam, Ruth Amy, Rosemary Graham, Ellen Heacock, Mary Cornelia Saunders, Esther Maud Saunders, Espage Rogers, Charlotte Varena, Kathryn Ranahan, Geralda Whitehouse, Louise Ingle, Anna Bogle, Helen Moyer, Oroil McLeod, Jessie Laird, Leila Sebring, Emily Auslund, and Hessrs. Ford Heacock, Floyd Schumaker, John Warren, Gerald Bee, Harris Muff, David Lane, Quinter Hollenberg, King Vann, Nathaniel Vann, Henry Halliday, James Ingle, H. Orvel Sebring, Jr., Percy Gearing, Alfred Varena.

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SIN OF SLANDER

If we are to accept the clandestine whisperings, so insistent now that no one can ignore them, there is an epidemic of slanderous gossiping raging locally. Other communities, according to the public press, are suffering the ill effects of this blight. We recall many years ago a similar condition in a South Florida city, where we were then residing, which suggests that such periods of clattering tongues comes in cycles. The editor of this paper believes now, as he believed then, that the scandal monger and character assassin is infinitely more contemptible than his or her subject. So we feel it not amiss to reproduce an expression we made than as applicable to a present condition here:

Ouida, in one of her clever novels, charges that more lives have been saddened and more reputations blighted by "they say" than can be charged to the murderer. It is deplorable, but true, that there are in every community persons whose minds, in restless convolutions, reflect and magnify the faults of others. They draw conclusions from their own vicious thoughts and acts, and hide their own shortcomings behind the monstrous characters they paint of their fellow man.

In every community is to be found this coterie of character assassins. They draw no distinctions. Every one who is worth discussing at all is placed upon the operating table of opinion and X-rayed by exploiting tongues. "They say" permits the widest range of conjectures, which grows with repetition and soon assume definite authoriship as they travel. That person in the community who might have had same secret sorrow which she or he could not avert, is always an available subject. The assassin applies the anaesthetic of pity, proceeds with the diagnosis and finds that it was all his or her fault. It is easy to construction a plausible reason for conditions. They fortify their conjectures with trite epigrams and never apply the rule of reason.

Can that person who has never been tempted stand in just judgment over his weaker brother? Is it just that those whose colorless souls know nothing but the routine should sit in judgment of those to whom has been given that restless temperament which makes for action sometimes misdirected?

"Would you, that spangle of existence, spend
About the secret—quick about it, friend!
A hair perhaps divides the false and true;
And upon what, prithee, does life depend?"

Without exception, the scanal monger and character assassin has more than one skeleton in his or her own closet. They rattle the bones of others to drown the clatter of their own. —Palatka News.

LET TAMPA REMEMBER US NOW

All South Florida is looking straight at Tampa, for Tampa is face to face with an opportunity to give us something for all we have been giving our metropolis.

Peninsular Florida football fans have gotten into the habit of looking towards the Florida game in Tampa. We pack our grips and hie ourselves into the metropolis to spend and enjoy a real honest to goodness outing once a year—when the Gator comes down with the best football talent it's got to meet the best it can bring in for the battle.

The grand stand at Tampa has been burned. Without a grandstand the game scheduled for this November cannot be played in South Florida, and South Florida fans—after years of enjoying a losing fight because the Gators always make a fight—will be cheated of the extreme pleasure of enjoying a winning fight. For the Gator is just becoming a husky youngster, after years of growing.

Tampa has been proud to talk of her "back country." Tampans are free to admit that this back country makes Tampa. Let Tampa not forget to repay a bit, now that the opportunity presents. Let Tampa insure her friends a hearty welcome—when they came to play, even as she does when they come to buy. Let Tampa rebuild that grandstand, and while she's at it build it big enough to give us all a seat. As an incidental, it might as well be built permanently as temporarily, but build it.

No great community ever grew any greater by all taking and no giving.

FLORIDA'S LOSS

All Florida is sharing the loss of Judge John M. Cheney, who died at Orlando last week.

Always a builder, the judge remained in harness almost to the last and it was only a few months before his death that he stepped aside for his two enterprising sons, who not daunted by the sale of their big lighting and water plant to the city, started out—undoubtedly depending much on their father's guidance—on a plan to electrolize much of the section around Orlando.

Though a Republican in politics, John M. Cheney never permitted that to interfere with anything that might advance his city and his state.

His vision has inaugurated much for a greater Florida. His great ability has carried much to fruition.

Orlando will miss him greatly, but never more than South Florida.

A MATTER OF PARTNERSHIP

We have heard much condemnation heaped upon the brow of Wilhelm Hohenzollern for his "me und Gott" partnership declaration, the concensus deporing the order of the firm name.

When we come to look about us, we sometimes wonder if the highly efficient German wasn't about right, at least three-fourths of the way.

We wonder if some of our citrus growers would not do better to emulate the once emperor and place a little emphasis on the "me" in their partnership with God in the business of producing the orange and the grapefruit. Maybe they would get a little further a little sooner.

Wilhelm was making great progress until he dropped his partner all together, deciding it go it alone. Why could not the grower likewise make progress and, ever mindful of his partner, meet with no disaster.

"God helps them that help themselves," is a truth as old as the hills which make our Ridge the grandest citrus land in the world.

God is the silent partner in the scheme of things. Man is the active partner. By all maxims of industry, the active partner may lead the firm name. Wilhelm made no error in his firm name. We don't think the grower can.

"They who deal as "God and Me" with little or no emphasis on the me, can make little progress. They would stick a slip of tree into the ground, and trust in God. The Creator doesn't work powerfully well as an active partner. In the religion of life we do not expect him to save us. We must save ourselves through His Son. Why should we expect him to carry any other burden in its entirety?

Wilhelm found a slip of a nation planted on fertile soil. But he nurtured it, he fertilized it, he reinforced it with science, he sprayed it with patriotism, he nourished it with a religious fervor for his partnership. He might have wrought wonders for the good of the world, had he maintained the partnership.

Let the citrus grower take the same active part in his partnership.

The Creator takes no offense at man's looting of nature's treasure chest. God only requires a thorough understanding and full co-operation.

It is a fact that nature demands an active partner, and always pays him well.

FOUR SCORE MAY MAKE FLORIDA CITRUS PARTY TRIP TO PACIFIC COAST

More than three Pullman loads of Floridians had signed up for the Citruscade to California yesterday and by the time the train is ready to pull out Thursday, it is confidently expected close to eighty persons will comprise the party. The California growers are going to great pains to provide entertainment and an opportunity for the Floridians to study conditions.

Among those listed to make the trip are:

E. A. Wright, Mrs. E. A. Wright, W. B. Gray, Mrs. W. B. Gray, S. H. Moore, Geo. R. McKean, Mrs. Geo. R. McKean, Miss Marie McKean, Mrs. L. E. Ray, Mrs. I. W. Phillips, Mrs. A. Strathman, J. B. Frierson, Miss Alma Hart, Con O. Lee, W. J. Robertson, all of Tampa; William Detwiler, Bowling Green; G. E. Hudson, G. R. Williams, H. J. Bell, F. J. Senn and family, J. Rowe, Winter Haven; H. V. Lightsey, Bartow; W. W. Scott, Eagle Lake; C. W. Barnes, Winter Haven; A. E. Barnes, Lucerne Park; J. S. Norton, Lakeland; J. T. Watkins, Orlando; D. S. Bourland and daughter, Fort Myers; W. S. Hart, New Emyrna; O. A. Hatcher, DeLand; R. H. Boyd, DeLand; L. A. Hokes, Winter Park; C. M. Campbell, Winter Park; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Plano, Kissimmee; Henry P. Woodson, Clearwater; Mrs. Laura A. Allen, DeLand; Mrs. C. T. Whipple, Jacksonville; Mrs. Emma J. Denny, Jacksonville; J. D. Smith, Marianna; Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Lelia Clayton, H. N. Bagley, Mrs. M. A. Reed, Tampa; Mrs. Hill, going to Colorado Springs; Miss Allen, Orlando, going to Denver.

GET THIRTY-TWO BASS

Thirty-two bass in one afternoon—three of them on one cast—is the record of a party headed by L. D. Roberts, Avon Park clothing man, who with M. A. Wilson, J. M. Mattox and Dr. M. L. Crum, all of Fort Meade, spent an afternoon on Lake Arbuckle. The average weight of the beauties was about two pounds, several being five-pounders.

Mr. Wilson was the tri-caster, pulling in a three-pound-and-a-half speciment on one effort.

Mr. Roberts refuses to disclose the part of Lake Arbuckle that produced the sport, kind of hesitating before saying as much as he did about the where.

Mr. Wilson used a Dowagiac game fish minnow when he got his "big three."

NEW VAULT FOR BANK

"Contract has been recently awarded by the Bank of Plant City for an additional vault and safety deposit boxes, which are to be installed during the next few weeks," says the Plant City Courier. "The purchase and installation of this equipment, it is said, will cost about $10,000, but the bank proposes to provide the most modern service for patrons and to that end has selected the highest type of safety boxes and the most modern vault." This suggests that the bank is being appreciated by the people of that thriving city and vicinity. The new equipment will add to the convenience of patrons and insure safety for all kinds of valuables.

CHIPLEY PAVING

"Paving of the business section of Chipley is proceeding as was intended," declares the Banner. "The city council has been advised that the statute under which they were working was all right, and if there does appear a defect it can be corrected by the next legislature." The Banner concludes that this makes it easy for the city to finance the project, and the work can go right on as arranged." The paving will be a great source of satisfaction to Chipley, and will add materially to the attractions and comfort of the town.

ST. PETE BUILDS

"May building hits $377,350," remarks the St. Petersburg Times. "May's record brings the total for the year, to date, to $1,461,980." This is a very fine record, and shows that the Sunshine City is going right ahead—growing and preparing to entertain more people every season. The permits in May included many new homes, some business houses, stores and apartments.

PUSHING BANK BUILDING

Contractor Wm. J. Heim, Avon Park, who is building the Hardee County Bank of Wauchula, is rushing work and will have the structure completed by Aug. 15.

NORTON SMITH BRINGS WORD OF TRADE BOARD WITH WHOLE TOWN "IN"

With 260 out of the town's 300 population as members of the board of trade, Mont Verde seems to have somewhat of a lead on Florida communities, according to Norton T. Smith, secretary of the Avon Park Board of Trade, who has returned from a meeting of the secretaries of Florida commercial clubs held at St. Petersburg. Eustis gets the 1923 meeting.

According to Mr. Smith, Karl Lehmann woke up the convention with his story, "The Small Town Chamber of Commerce. It is nothing extraordinary for the Mont Verde chamber to have 300 members present, Mr. Lehmann told the convention.

Louis H. Chazal, secretary of the Marion County Chamber of Commerce, was elected president.

WAUCHULA'S FOUR AND A HALF MILES NEW STREETS WILL COST CITY $128,492

Four and a half miles of asphaltic concrete paving probably will be laid at once for Wauchula, Stidham and Hughes, home contractors, bidding $26,000 lower than any other firm on the job on this material . Brick, asphalt blocks and cement ran much higher, though the Stidham and Hughes bids were lowest in each of these materials.

With the decision of the bond trustees as to just what material will be used, the contract will be let and work will be rushed to give the Hardee county seat its new highways before winter.

Good roads men in the county are talking of a county bond issue to be voted in conjunction with similar action by DeSoto and Highlands counties to link up main highways in this section.

SHIPS 5,843 CARS VEGETABLES

The Manatee River Journal says that the shipping season for produce has been remarabkle for that county. The tomato season has closed and now other things are receiving attention. Among the astonishing details of the movement of fruit and vegetables is the statement that 5,843 carloads have been sent out from Manatee county since the shipping season began Sept. 23 last. The tomatoes had a total of 1,163 cars, and telling of the grapefruit and oranges from the Manatee river section it is shown that something moved every day. Some celery is still to be sent out and some fine citrus fruit is being shipped. The Bradentown newspaper adds that during June many of the celery growers will be putting out seed beds for the fall crop. These are busy days in Florida, and everybody appears to be working.

Obliging

A cyclist, passing through a sleepy little village, stopped to ask a young man if he knew where a certain road led to.

The youth did not know, and seemed very ill at ease at not being able to give the information.

After riding for about three miles he stopped at an inn for some refreshment, and presently he was surprised to see the youth from the village came panting up, covered with dust.

"Are you the gent wot axed where this road led to?" he gasped out.

"Yes," said the cyclist.

"Well," was the reply, "I asked my brother, too, and he don't know either."—Answers, London.

"With the arrival of the government dredge Florida in port from Miami recently, the completion of the channel from Tampa bay to Sarasota now seems assured," says the Sarasota Times. "The project has been before congress for a number of years. An appropriation was secured which proved inadequate for the work, but additional funds have now been made available, and it is expected that the work will be carried to completion." The improvements under way will make it possible to operate good-sized and speedy boats between the points mentioned and this will be of great advantage to Sarasota and Tampa, as well as intermediate points.

FLORIDA GROWERS NOT THE ONLY ONES CO-OPERATING

Florida hasn't got the only growers' associations that appreciate marketing experts. Raymond Welch of the Florida Citrus Exchange sales department has been loaned to the Georgia Cantaloupe Growers Exchange for two months this summer. Errol M. Zorn of the Florida exchange's New York force has gone to Aberdeen, N. C., to help the growers there market their peaches. He will send out 1,000 cars.

TOMATOES BRING MILLION DOLLARS INTO PALMETTO

Ten thousand more than a half a million crates of tomatoes were shipped from Palmetto, says the News, and brought the growers of that town $1,403,248 during the past season.

The movement totaled 1,139 car loads and on one day the bank deposits in the town's two banks reached a total of $196,318.

TO INSTALL WHITE WAY

Material for a 100-light white way has been bought by the Winter Haven city council and the system will be installed immediately. The bonds, $10,000, were a part of the recent bond issue. All wires go underground and castiron posts will be used. The system will extend around the park, and on part of Grand and Central avenues and Sixth and Fifth streets.

A Florida chapter of Alpha Zeta, honorary agricultural fraternity, has been instituted at the state university at Gainesville, the institution last week having been marked by the initiation of thirty-five members, representing the faculty, alumni and students.

The United States bureau of markets has opened an office at Ocala in the quarters of the Chamber of Commerce and placed Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Park of Washington, D. C., in charge to advise melon growers as to market conditions during the melon shipping season.

TWO NEW BUSINESS BLOCKS

Two new buildings are being contemplated for Cocoanut Grove, one of which will most probably be ready by fall and the other some time later, no definite date being set as yet. The Sunshine Fruit Company expects to build a two-story business building on the triangle where the Trymore tea room now stands. The present building will be removed to another site in the very near future, it is understood, and if that is done work will be started without delay in building the new structure. The new building will take up the entire triangle and will contain five stores. The other building will be put up by the Sunshine Fruit Company and will be designed for the uses of the concern. It is to be of Spanish architecture and most attractive.

HALF MILLION IN BUILDING

Jacksonville's building record for the month of May is the largest for several years past. Over half a million dollars' worth of construction work has been authorized during the past month, and the list shows that practically all kinds of buildings have been authorized. The list shows sixty-five dwellings, several stores, office buildings, one church, apartments, garages, flats, storage warehouses and filling stations. General repairs and improvements were undertaken, according to scores of permits issued, and the showing is very creditable and interesting. Under the heading of improvements, mention could be made of additions being placed on two schools.

MELON GROWERS ORGANIZE

The Chipley Banner tells of the organization of melon growers in that section, and suggests that hereafter there will be better plans for acreage, marketing and otherwise making the crop a success. The Banner says "forty to fifty of those who are interested in growing watermelons met at the Alvion theater last Tuesday and organized the Washington County Watermelon Growers' Association. About three hundred acres of melon fields were represented at the meeting. A. C. Gilbert was elected chairman, and the preliminaries were gone into with a view to making the organization permanent at the next gathering, to be held June 10."

NEW FRUIT FACTORY

The Lake Worth Herald recently printed a picture from the architect's drawing of the factory building to be erected for the Tropical Fruit Conserving Company at Lake Worth. The picture shows a long, wide one-story structure which is evidently to be made of concrete, and will give ample space for large operations. It is to be constructed at once, and will be occupied very soon. The company has large plans for activities and the new factory will allow for the handling of an immense quantity of fruits and vegetables.

ORANGE GROVES IN DEMAND

"Orange groves in the vicinity of Umatilla are in great demand," says the Eustis Lake Region. The newspaper goes on to tell of recent purchases, and it would appear that several new owners are appearing for fine grove property in that section. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Vickers of New Jersey have recently bought a ten-acre grove near Umatilla. E. L. Owings of Georgia has bought the Clark grove at Umatilla. D. H. Bickers has just bought a nine-acre bearing grove on the highway.

BRADENTOWN WHITE WAY ON

"Last Saturday night the new white way street lights were turned on in Bradentown for the first time," says the Herald. "They made a most acceptable change in the appearance of the business section. The lights are good, they look pretty, and will aid materially the substantial growth and advancement of this wonder city." Such improvements are always excellent for town or city. Well-lighted business blocks make a good appearance and encourage merchants and others to have things attractive.

MELONS MOVING

Fort Meade has shipped more than 75 cars of watermelons, says the Leader. E. F. Mitchell, C. W. Langford and Dr. O. B. Lewis are the largest shippers. Returns will begin coming in soon.

TO HAVE NEW CHURCH

Palmetto Methodists will have a new church. Architects for the building are now securing bids for the edifice which it is hoped to have completed this summer.

First Girl in Family for 112 Years

The first girl born in the Rott family during the last 112 years was recently born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rott of West Cape May, N. J.

THREE NEW HOMES

F. C. Thompson, Frostproof, is building three new homes north of that town. The new houses will be four room each and will have all modern conveniences. They will be ready by fall.

BUILD SIDINGS

The Atlantic Coast Line is planning to build close to a mile of sidings at Frostproof to take care of new packing and fertilizer houses which will have need for the car room when they open.

Essential

Ted—The next thing you know somebody will try to stop the manufacture of soft drinks.

Ned — The country would never stand for that. The empty pop bottles are needed to throw at the baseball umpires.—New York Sun.

TO THE VOTERS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY:

I desire in this manner to express my sincere thanks for the splendid majority given me at the Democratic Primary, June 6th, and only trust that my services may be as satisfactory to you as the result of the election was to me.

D. F. CANFIELD.

I DESIRE TO EXTEND MY SINCERE THANKS TO THE VOTERS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY FOR THEIR ENDORSEMENT OF MY ADMINISTRATION OF SCHOOL AFFAIRS BY RETAINING ME IN THE OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

I ASSURE THEM THAT I WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE TO THE POSITION MY BEST EFFORTS, RECOGNIZING AT ALL TIMES THE WELFARE OF THE CHILDREN SHOULD BE MY FIRST THOUGHT.

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SULPHUR DUSTED ON CLOTHING PRVENTS CHIGGER ATTACKS

Rare days in June—and July and August—tempt nature lovers into woods and fields and by the sides of babbling brooks. Frequently they return to undergo several days of acute torment due to attacks of chiggers, the tiny mites whose larvae attach themselves to the skin in any exposed spot.

The bureau of entomology of the United States department of agriculture has made a careful study of the habits of chiggers and methods of control, and suggests two ways of reducing the discomfort caused by chiggers.

The first step is to clothe the feet and ankles properly when doing into the woods where chiggers are likely to occur, by wearing heavy high-topped boots instead of low shoes, thick stockings or even spiral puttees. The second method is to apply repellents either directly on the skin or on the hose and undergarments before starting out for a "hike" or a picnic. Flowers of sulphur is ordinarily used for this purpose. A hot bath with a thick lather of soap taken immediately after returning from an outing often kills chigger larvae on the body.

Palliatives such as sulphur ointment, alcohol, ammonia, cooking soda, dilute solution of iodine, or camphor are of use chiefly because of their acaricide or mite-killing action, or because of their antiseptic quality, or for both reasons.

NEW DEVICE TESTS POWER OF SOIL TO SUPPORT ROAD

An instrument for testing soils on which roads are to be built has been devised by the bureau of public roads of the United States department of agriculture. It consists of a metal disk resting on the soil and supporting a cylinder into which shot can be poured. The apparatus is held in position vertically by means of a tripod, at the top of which is mounted a small dial that tells to one-thousands of an inch how far the disk sinks into the soil as shot is poured into the cylinder. By means of the instrument it is possible to get information as to how the soil will act in wet weather.

The kind of soil beneath a road surface has a great deal to do with how it will stand up under modern traffic, and engineers look upon this as an important consideration in determining the kind of road to be built. This is confirmed by a number of instances where two sections of the same road have been built in exactly the same manner and subjected to the same traffic but on different types of soil. One section has lasted well while the other has broken up in a manner that can only be explained by a lack of supporting power of the soil beneath the road.

The bureau has for some time been investigating this question along various lines both in the field and in the laboratory, studying the characteristics of different soils and experimenting with means to keep down the moisture content of the soil and thus increase its bearing power. The latest development has been the new device.

TRIP TO ENGLAND AWAITS BOY LIVE STOCK JUDGES

The Maryland team of agricultural club boys who, in competition with similar teams from other states, won the grand prize of a trip to Europe, in the live stock judging contest at the Southeastern Fair held at Atlanta, Ga., last October, will sail from New York for England June 14 on the Carmania, arriving in Liverpool about June 22.

The team, which is composed of Warren Rice, 17, of Sylmar; Joseph Glacken, 15, of Rising Sun, and George Worrilow, 16, of North East, was trained by W. C. Snarr of the co-operative extension service of the United States department of agriculture and the University of Maryland.

All the competitors in the contest were required to judge three rings of dairy cattle, three of beef cattle, two of sheep, and four of swine.

The boys will be accompanied on the European trip by C. A. Cobb, editor of the Southern Ruralist and superintendent of the fair's contest, and by representatives of the co-operative extension service.

After attending the eighty-first annual exhibition of the Royal Agricultural Society of England at Cambridge during the first week of July, the party will visit some of the famous herds of live stock in England and Scotland from which many noted animals in this country have come, returning on the Samaria arriving in New York about July 27.

STEEL WORKING HOURS

Fo rthe sake of American industry, it is hoped that something will come of the effort to abolish the twelve-hour working day in the steel industry. The evil complained of is one of long standing, assailed by many reformers and particularly critiziced by the Interchurch Movement. To all criticisms heretofore the steel executives have answered that the long working day was unavoidable in many departments of their industry, and that the workmen preferred it. They seem willing now to reconsider the matter ,agreeing to have the whole subject investigated scientifically by a committee of steel men.

The arguments for such long hours have never been entirely convincing to outsiders. Other industries have not found a twelve-hour day necessary. The eight-hour day is now accepted as normal almost everywhere else. The men may "prefer the twelve-hour day day" to a shorter day with shorter pay, but it is inconceivable that any class of workmen would prefer a long day to a short one on general principles, or that they could not do more per hour if they worked fewer hours a day. Eventually, no doubt, the continuous operation of plants for twenty-four hours a day will change from two shifts to three.—Pensacola News.

LEATHER BECOMES STRONGER WITH INCREASE IN HUMIDITY

The strength and elasticity of leather are greater when the air is moist than when it is dry, and for this reason, says the bureau of chemistry of the United States department of agriculture, it is important in making comparative tests of leather to be sure that all pieces tested are under the same humidity conditions. A good piece of leather tested in a dry atmosphere might appear to be weaker than a much poorer piece tested when the air was moist.

Tests made of more than five hundred pieces taken from the most uniform part of the hide, alternate strips being subjected to dry air and damp air at a temperature of 70 degrees, showed that an increase from 35 per cent relative humidity to 55 per cent increased the strength of the leather 13 per cent and the stretch 16 per cent. When the humidity was raised from 35 per cent to 75 per cent the average increase in strength was 42 per cent and in stretch 53 per cent.

It is apparent that control of the humidity in a room where leather is tested is necessary if the results are worth anything. The bureau of chemistry has devised such a room in which the amount of moisture in the air may be kept uniform and at any percentage of saturation continuously. It is the only testing room in the world where the conditions are controlled so well.

LAMBING-OFF SO PROFITABLE FARMERS WILL TRY IT AGAIN

A lambing-off demonstration in La Porte County ,Ind., proved so successful last year that plans have been made for a similar one this year, says a report received by the United States department of agriculture. Last year a 30-acre field was planted to corn and Ito San soy beans. The bean seed for all but six acres was inoculated. The means were planted with a soy bean attachment on the corn planter at the rate of six pounds an acre.

When the corn and beans matured, 300 lambs, purchased for 06.65 a hundred pounds, were turned in to harvest them. The lambs were sold for $10.25 a hundred pounds, with a total profit of $866. After the lambs were removed from the field about thirty bushels of corn were picked up and some hogs and other live stock turned in to clean up the remainder.

The growth of beans on the six acres planted with uninoculated seed was decidedly inferior to the remainder of the field. The demonstration this year will be the third one of this kind on the one farm. The first year only 150 lambs were fed on the demonstration plat, but a profit satisfactory to the owner was made on them.

GETS 11 TONS HONEY

The Fort Myers News a few days ago had a very interesting story about the activities of C. C. Cook, a well-known bee-keeper who is said to own twenty apiaries in Lee county, in the vicinity of Hall City and LaBelle. It is stated that during the last three weeks Mr. Cook obtained and sold 22,000 pounds of honey. His hives average about 105 pounds each during a year and this is regarded as the record as the average is given as fifty pounds when the whole country is taken into account. The fact that some flowers are always in bloom in this land of sunshine gives ample reason for advocating the extension of the honey business.

DEATH FROM SNAKE BITES RARE IN U. S., FIGURES SHOW

Although the average mortality from American venomous snakes is a litte more than 10 per cent of the persons bitten, death from snake bites is quite rare, according to the biological survey of the United States department of agriculture, because relatively few persons encounter or are bitten by the dangerous species.

The most venomous of our native snakes live in lonely, little settled districts, often on stony or swampy land that can not be cultivated. Usually they disappear at the approach of man, and while they may strike if provoked, the popular belief in respect to the distance they can strike is erroneous. Three-fourths of their own length is about the greatest distance possible. If the legs are well protected when one is going into deep woods or places known to be infested by rattlers or other poisonous snakes, there is slight chance of being bitten.

As the food of snakes consists of living prey, they can not be killed by poisoned baits. The only method thus far devised to kill them seems to be clubbing or shooting. This is best done in early spring, when they are still sluggish after the winter hibernation. Allowing hogs free run of infested land may reduce the number of snakes. However, the popular idea that hogs are immune to snake bite is probably based on the impentrability by the venomous fangs of their thick skin and fat layer rather than on actual immunity of these animals.

The varieties most commonly found in this country are the Elapidae, or Harlequin snakes, and the Crotalidae, or "pit vipers," which include rattlesnakes, cotton-mouth water moccasins, and copperheads.

CAMP FOR GIRLS PLANNED

To provide a recreation camp for women and girls, the Polk County Federation of Women's Clubs has been given a site on the southside of Lake Marion, southeast of Haines City, and they have named it Camp Miller in honor of the donor, J. T. Miller. A main building is being erected now.

Even if Mr. Ford should not get Muscle Shoals he has turned the eyes of the people of the United States to see the limitless water power of the south.—Progressive Teacher.

Philadelphia man, aged 93, has received a five-year sentence for chicken stealing. Seems to us that when a man gets to be his age he ought to be old enough to let the chickens alone.

WIDE DISCRETION URGED IN REGULATING ROAD TRAFFIC

Regulation of the character and weight of highway traffic to prevent undue injury to the highway is an administrative matter and can not be properly taken care of by detailed and arbitrary legislation. This is the conclusion of the bureau of public roads of the United States department of agriculture, based on experiments to determine the effect of all kinds of traffic on road surfaces and observations on conditions throughout the United States.

Even in a single state conditions vary to such an extent that a load which may be carried on one road without injury may cause untold damage to another. Under the average regulatory law thus far made effective, the greatest service has not been secured from the best roads, nor the safety of the lesser capacity roadways assured. The influence of sub-grade soils, tire equipment, distribution of load to the wheels, speed, and many other variables is too complex to be written into law.

The seasonal variation alone in the carrying capacity of the roadbeds, due to moisture conditions, is one of the most serious of all the causes of road damage. Highway authorities therefore must be given wide discretion in traffic regulation. The bureau urges that as a solution of the problem the state highway officials of each state be given broad powers, so that traffic can be regulated to suit conditions as they exist at any particular time.

HOW DANISH CO-OPERATORS TIE TOGETHER BY CONTRACT

How to keep the farmer a co-operator is a vital question with all co-operative marketing organizations. Necessity often is the compelling force which makes a co-operator out of a person but it will not always permanently keep him one, says E. B. Heaton, director of dairy marketing for the American Farm Bureau Federation.

It is interesting to know how farmers in other countries deal with this problem. Denmark has long been quoted as a nation of farmer co-operators. It is primarily a dairy country. What do the co-operative dairymen do?

In the organization of Danish co-operative dairies, Rule 10 of the by-laws, says: "Any person who is a member at the beginning of a period or becomes a member during a period is bound to remain a member and observe his duties as such during the whole period, but can withdraw after the expiration of a period, if he has given notice to that effect one year ahead. If such notice has not been given the person concerned remains a member for the next period, and so on." The above is significant when you consider that the usual period for which a dairy is organized is ten years. Exceptions are provided for in case of sale or death. In regard to members failing to patronize the co-operative dairy another portion of Rule 10 says: "If any member apart from the case mentioned (death or sale provision) in this paragraph fails to perform his duty of delivery he can be forced to do so at the courts of law by the ordinary lawful means, being furthermore obliged to make good in full any losses which may have been sustained by the dairy in consequence of his failure. For this purpose these losses are considered to be at least 50 ore (about 10½ cents present exchange rate) a day for each cow belonging to the ordinary stock of the member in question to be paid as long as the failure continues."

TWO RIDGE CORPORATIONS GRANTED STATE CHARTERS

Two new corporations have been authorized to do business on the Ridge—the Sebring Lake Groves Company, Sebring, and the Childers Brothers Chemical Company, Lake Wales. The summaries of the charters follow:

Sebring Lake Groves Company: Principal place of business, Sebring. Capital stock, $10,000; highest amount of indebtedness, $10,000. General nature of business: To buy, sell, mortgage, lease, assign or in any manner to deal generally in and with both real and personal property; to purchase, own, lease, clear, plant, cultivate, develop, improve, grow, sell and convey farms or citrus groves anywhere deemed advisable b ythe corporation, etc. Perpetual corporate existence. Officers, John E. Graham, president; Ed. L. Hainz, vice-president; A. C. Heacock, secretary and treasurer, and these together with George E. Sebring, Jr., and Norman W. Blood constitute the board.

Childers Brothers Chemical Company: Principal place of business, Lake Wales. Capital stock, $10,000; highest amount of indebtedness shall be a sum equal in amount to its total authorized capital stock. General nature of business: To manufacture and sell insecticides, chemicals, narcotics, drugs, medicines, tobacco and all the products thereof, goods, wares and merchandise, of all kinds and descriptions; to buy, sell, lease and mortgage real estate of all kinds, etc. Officers and directors: Reuben H. Childers, president and general manager; George E. Childers, vice-president; P. M. Childers, secretary-treasurer.

ARCADIA GIRL WEDS OFFICER

Miss Florence Ley, Arcadia newspaper woman, and Lieut. Roy McLamore were married at the bride's home Sunday, Paul Ley, Avon Park, a brother of the bride, motoring there to be present at the ceremony. Accompanying him was Paul Health. Lieutenant and Mrs. McLamore left Sunday night for the camp at Anniston, Ala., where the lieutenant is stationed.

As a result of the accident last week in which two were killed and eight others injured, Sheriff R. E. Merritt of Duval county has addressed a letter to all road patrolmen of the county urging strict enforcement of the traffic laws, particularly with regard to the use of dimmers.

To the Voters of Highlands County

TO MY FRIENDS AND THE VOTERS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, WHO SO LOYALLY SUPPORTED ME AND MADE MY NOMINATION FOR THE OFFICE OF SHERIFF OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY POSSIBLE AT THE LATE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY, I DESIRE TO EXTEND MY HEARTFELT GRATITUDE AND TO PLEDGE TO THEM, WITH THEIR CO-OPERATION AND AID, A CAREFUL AND HONEST ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAWS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY DURING THE PERIOD WHICH I SHALL SERVE YOU AS YOUR SHERIFF.

R. H. HANCOCK

CONGRATULATIONS

To every candidate who was returned a winner in the primary of Tuesday, we have but the one greeting to offer: Congratulations! Perhaps we were for you, and perhaps we were not; that doesn't matter insofar as we are concerned now.

You are the choice of the Democrats of Highlands county for the office you sought, and being a Democrat, we pledge you our support in the general election that will take place next November. In the event that your nomination is ratified by the entire electorate, as no doubt it will be, we further pledge that we will gladly co-operate with you in any way you may suggest in making your administration of office a "world beater" in the service of the people who elected you.

Any personal difference or dislike, fancied or otherwise, that would interfere with the Messenger carrying out that pledge is already forgotten. This paper is placed at your disposal for the good of Highlands county. The only string attached to our offer is that you play square with the people who expressed their confidence in you by their votes. That is not a request, but a demand.

We shall gladly at any time publish any and everything to signify that you have "kept the faith," but we shall also feel obliged to let the people know should you stray far from the "straight and narrow path." This applies to all nominees, included among whom are our personal friends.

Again, we repeat to the successful candidates: We are at your service. You have only to command—for the good of Highlands county.

INDIAN MOUNDS IN FLORIDA

The entire costal region of Florida has been marked by mounds made by ancient Indians. The bays, sounds, estuaries, rivers, etc., forming a part of coasts, both Atlantic and Gulf, were the habitat of great quantities of shell fish, which evidently formed a large portion of the diet of the region's ancient denizens.

North of the Caloosahatchee river is immense conical mound; all down the Gulf coast, even on the adjacent keys, are found the remains of the feasts of the aborigines. Right in Miami, or at least on the beach side, have such remains been found. On the Palm Beach side of Lake Worth excavations have been made into one such. A few years ago the mound at Yamato, the Japanese colony about sixty miles north, was explored by Charles Nelson Dutton, who is a private collector from the north.

The Yamato tumulus is located about six hundred yards from the ocean and is circular in form. The investigators pronounced the relics taken from it to be about seven hundred years old and to be the work of the Abanaki Indians, or "Children of the Dawn," as they have been poetically described, due to the fact that they were sun worshippers and lived on the sunrise coast of North America, their first appearance being in the vicinity of North Carolina.

Some ethnologists claim that the Abanakis were the first humans to tread the soil of Florida and were said to have been a "race of giants," the stature of the men being about eight feet. This would bear out the statement of one of the earliest explorers of Florida that they found in the northern interior of Florida a tribe of very tall men. One writer says of them:

"They were pacific, industrious, intelligent and perfectly moral. They were more nomadic in disposition than their later brethren of the red skin, and Caribs in spirit, but not in caste. These people were artisans, craftsmen, sculptors and created wonderful things in pottery. Their pottery has been found in this state in considerable quantity and is unique in the markings of their decorative art, much resembling a checkerboard in squares, but now and then diamond-shapde."

In this Yamato mound some specimens of pottery were found, probably those having been buried with the owners, according to Indian custom, as the remains of several skeletons were found while excavating. From the fact that bones of sharks and horns from deer were found, one is led to believe the Indians varied their diet, either from choice or necessity.

The county of Palm Beach, as well as others of the state, have hauled away many of these mounds for road building. At one time other mounds were found in the locality, one at Jupiter being of horseshoe form. Some years ago there was found in natural formation rock, near the bed of an ancient river, two human skeletons, one of each sex, also the bones of a saber-toothed tiger. They were exhumed from a depth of six to eight feet and attracted world-wide attention, starting a discussion, pro and con, as to the genuineness of the discovery. Some geologists pronounced the find to be at least 125,000 years old, antedating the Pyramids of Egypt and having been deposited there before the glacial period laid its chill hand on North America.—Agnew Welsh.

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The Epworth League convenes at 7 p. m. in the hut.

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Tax Books Closed; To Publish Notice Before Filing Suits

With something like $4,000 still on the books unpaid, the city tax books were ordered closed by the council and the collector ordered to get 5 per cent extra from now on. As soon as the roll can be made up the delinquent list will be published, giving notice that after ten days, the list will be turned over to the attorney for collection. The attorney's fees will be another 10 per cent, and unless they are paid within reasonable time, suit will be filed to collect, the costs to be borne by the property owner and the total to be levied against the property, which will be sold if not relieved.

R. C. Petersen having moved to Kissimmee the office of city treasurer was filled by the mayor appointing W. H. Hylton, the appointment being confirmed by the council.

Plans were discussed for storm drainage, but no decision was reached.

There's one like her in every town;
  We speak of Mrs. Platt;
Who calls herself plump,
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