SELECT THE RIGHT MEN

[Tampa Tribune]

With the close of state and county election registrations, and the assumption that all who registered will complete the requirements for voting by paying their poll tax, the next problem that faces the potential voter is selecting the right man, especially for legislative seats.

There are certain things which Florida needs badly, and which it looks to the next legislature for. The one among all which is going to cause the most work and activity is the question of "open range" or a "no-fence" law.

J. Wallace Pope, one of the livest business men of the state, a Winter Haven resident, is thus quoted by the Polk County Record:

"Throughout the state, he says (and he has been traveling for several weeks past), an active interest in the open range question is being shown. In counties where the development of the citrus industry is the paramount interest, the advocacy of fence laws is, of course, most widely spread. But everywhere, he finds interest increasing over that shown during the big campaign last year, in which he was active. In Lake county, where development is in comparative infancy, the desire for fence laws is especially keen he thinks."

Those who fought a fence law to compel cattle owners to assume the burden of keeping their live stock off the lands of others at the last session, are ten-fold more determined this spring, from all reports, to fight out of existence any possible chance of a no-fence law being enacted next time. They are already offering all kinds of trades and compromises and promises relative to "assisting" in a "compulsory 'tick dipping law'" if the advocates of compulsory fencing one's own cattle against damage to others, will just not urge, or even talk about a no-fence law.

At the last session, the no-fence advocates were cold solemnly and repeatedly, "if you will lay off until we get our tick eradication bills through we will help you, but if you introduce any no-fence legislation before we do get the tick dipping acts by, you and we, both, will get nothing." The advocates of the no-fence movement "laid off" as asked; and the result was that the free range men ran away with the legislature, hog-tied it and repealed every controlling act which had been put on the books in years.

That is what they are after now. It is "The truce of the bear" all over again, and when we do not shoot at the "horrible hairy thing," while it is coming toward us "with hands raised as in prayer," we are flirting with death, or at least maiming for life, for as sure as we permit this Adam-Zad to get within reaching distance of the legislature, without being armed against it, it will "slap the face" and jaw off that body.

Your duty is plain and urged. Select men for the legislature whom you know, because you know them, pledges, will advocate, and fight for the eradication of both the cattle tick and the free stock range in Florida.

Thousands of acres are being sold this year for development and on those acres, unless the purchasers for development purposes are protected against the range cattle and hogs with their damaging habits and customs, there will be no development made for years.

Select a determined, dependable, no-fence man for your legislator, and stick to him and see that he is elected.

THE CLEAN-HEARTED BOY

So very much is being said, much of it thoughtlessly, with reference to the so-called degeneracy of the boys of today, that if one listens to all the condemnation, all the fears expressed for the character of men of the coming generation, one has real cause for apprehension, for "shudders of horror" in contemplating the future and what it has in store for the men and women of tomorrow. Therefore, it is with a sense of intense relief that one reads the hopes of the faith in boys, expressed by Dr. Alfred E. Stearns, headmaster of Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., who is in a position to know boys even more intimately than do many of their parents. As quoted in the Literary Digest, Dr. Stearns in an address to the New York Yale Club, said:

"The influences which should help guide young people are often lacking. Religion does not have a hold on our children.

"It is pretty nearly gone from the family life, unless it is simply an outward expression of manifestations, and it is not very difficult to get young people to stay away and scoff at the church. When one goes into social life there is nothing there to tell a boy that he should believe that womankind as a whole is pure and modest and high-minded and far better than he is, and demands of him for his own sake and for hers, that he shall live clean and meet her on an equal plane. Those are the ideals to which we anchored in our youth; but there is nothing in the painted, bare-backed girl that a boy generally meets in modern social life, with all her extravagances and her eccentricities, however superficial they may be—and I believe that in the majority of cases they are superficial—but there is nothing to indicate to the boy that that is what the woman expects and demands of him. The boy cannot anchor to that. I have never talked with boys that they did not come back and come back solemnly, and admit those things. They were ready and glad to do anything they could to establish better and finer standards and ideals and conditions, but they tell me again and again: 'Mr. Stearns, even our parents do not set a proper example; even our parents appear to ignore these things.'

"Gentlemen, that is all I want to leave with you, that if you expect your boys of the coming generation to be the kind of men you wou have them be, every one of you then prove a little more that you want to help to set these things right and to re-establish old standards of morality, to which the boys can anchor. If necessary, be willing to make a little sacrifice, as your parents did for us, that we might be bigger and better, in order that they may enjoy what we enjoy as the result of those same sacrifices on the part of our elders."

This, that Dr. Stearns says, is more nearly an indictment of parents rather than condemnation of youth. Who will say that it is not deserved, that there is in it too much of truth? Are children, especially boys, too much neglected by their parents, especially by their fathers, who need, every now and then, to be reintroduced to their sons, especially in the years of their youth? The answer is for every individual parent.

Dr. Stearns, as above quoted, appealed to every father who heard him, who reads what he said, to "prove a little more that you want to help," to encourage "your boys" to be the sort of men it is desirable that they should be, "to make a little sacrifice for them," to make them want to be in your confidence, rather than in that of strangers, to help them realize their ambitions, guiding those ambitions in the right direction.

The average boy is clean-hearted, naturally. To keep him so ought to be more important to the father than making money, to the mother than to shine as a queen in society. And the clean-hearted boy never goes wrong purposely. Isn't is worth while to help him retain the God-given attribute of youth and thus strengthen him for the tempetations, the dangers, of his later years? Thus to help the boys demands somewhat of sacrifice, somewhat of patience, but isn't is worth all both, and more, in order that your boy will be the man you want him to be?—Times-Union.

FLORIDA PEAK WILL BE BIRD SANCTUARY

A special from Lake Wales to the Christian Science Monitor, under date of April 24, says:

"Fourteen acres of land at the peak of the hill near here, known as Iron Mountain, the highest point in Florida, has been purchased by Edward W. Bok of Philadelphia, with the intention of establishing on the site a park and bird sanctuary. Mr. Bok, it is said, has told friends he expects to give W. H. Olmsted, landscape architect, now in Europe, carte blanche in laying out and beautifying the property.

"Iron Mountain, included in the Mountain Lakes Corporation, is 324 feet high and, according to the United States geological survey, is the highest point yet measured in Florida. It also is said to be the highest land with sixty miles of the Atlantic ocean of Gulf of Mexico between Orange Mountain, N. J., and the Rio Grande river."

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To the Voters of Highlands County:

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the office of County Superintendent of Schools, subject to the Democratic primary of June 6. If elected, I promise faithful and efficient service, giving the whole of my time to the duties of the office, in the visitation of the schools and the general advancement of the school interests of the county. I believe I am well qualified to hold this very important position, as I have had several years' successful experience as a teacher, have a thorough business training, and am a high school and normal college graduate. I will greatly appreciate your generous support. MRS. LULU M. SCOTT.

SHERIFF SALE

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

E¼ of NW¼, SW¼, Section 24, Township 33 South, Range 28 East.

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

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Sheriff, Highlands County.
LEITNER & LEITNER,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

For County Judge

To the Voters of Highlands County:

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

For Commissioner District No. 2

I hereby announce my candidacy for commissioner of District No. 2 (Sebring), Highlands county. I am a good roads advocate and promise that should I be elected I will use every effort to obtain better roads for the entire county in general and District No. 2 in particular.

G. G. ALBRITTON.
[Paid Political Advertisement]

For Commissioner District No. 2

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

For Representative

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

G. W. ADAMS.
[Political Advertisement]

For State Senator Twenty-Seventh Senatorial District

I announce my candidacy for the office of state senator for the Twenty-seventh senatorial district, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Senator Frank Cooper. I will appreciate the support of the voters in the coming primary election in June and if elected to the position will serve the entire district to the best of my ability.

E. ETHEREDGE.
[Paid Political Advertisement]

For State Attorney

I hereby announce my candidacy for nomination for the office of State Attorney for the twelfth circuit of Florida, and I will appreciate your support. I thank my friends for past favors, assuring each of you I will do all in my power to merit your support.

S. W. LAWLER, JR.
[Paid Political Advertisement]

For Sheriff

To the Voters of Highlands County:

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Sheriff for Highlands county subject to the primary of June 6, 1922. If elected I promise my best efforts in the performance of the duties of the office and I assure you I will try to serve the whole people faithfully to the very best of my ability. I will appreciate the vote and support of every one. Respectfully,

R. H. HANCOCK.
[Paid Political Advertisement]

For Sheriff

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

For Sheriff

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

W. B. ZACHARY.
[Paid Political Advertisement]

For Circuit Judge

I hereby announce as a candidate to succeed myself to the judgeship of this circuit, and I will appreciate the consideration of all electors in this respect. Respectfully,

GEO. W. WHITEHURST.
[Paid Political Advertisement]

For Clerk of the Circuit Court

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands county, and will appreciate the support of all voters, and if elected, promise to discharge the duties of the office to the best of my ability.

GEO. L. CREWS.
[Paid Political Advertisement]

For Clerk of the Circuit Court

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

C. F. SAUNDERS.
[Paid Political Advertisement]

For Tax Assessor

To the Voters of Highlands County:

I am a candidate for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor for Highlands county in the coming primary, and I will appreciate your support.

I thank my friends for past favors, assuring each of you that I will do all in my power to merit your support.

I am, Respectfully,

CYRIL BALDWIN.
[Paid Political Advertisement]

For Tax Collector

To the Voters of Highlands County:

I hereby announce myself a candidate for election as County Tax Collector, subject to the will of the voters of the primary and election of 1922.

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

Yours to serve,

D. E. CANFIELD.
[Paid Political Advertisement]

For County Tax Collector

To the Voters and Citizens of Highlands County:

I wish to announce that I am a candidate for Tax Collector of Highlands county, subject to the vote of the people. I was reared and educated in this county and this, together with my experience, enables me to assure the people of efficient work, and if elected I shall attend to the duties of the office faithfully to the best of my ability. Will appreciate your support.

W. A. ROBERTS.
[Paid Political Advertisement]

For Commissioner District No. 2

I hereby announce my candidacy for nomination for the office of County Commissioner for District No. 2, Highlands county, subject to the vote of the people in the democratic primary, to be held Tuesday, June 6, 1922. A. I. YOUNG.
[Paid Political Advertisement]

For Membership in the House of Representatives

At the request of representative citizens from every precinct in the county, I announce my candidacy for membership in the House of Representatives, from Highlands county, in the Legislature of Florida, subject to the action of the democratic voters in the primary election to be held June 6, 1922. I solicit the generous support of the electorate, and, if elected, I promise to devote whatever ability I may posess to the furtherance of the interests of Highlands county and of the state of Florida, using all diligence in the performance of the duties the trust imposes.

JOHN A. TAYLOR.

For County Judge

I hereby announce my candidacy for nomination for the office of county judge of Highlands county, subject to the will of the democratic voters at the primary election to be held June 6.

D. V. ROUSE.
[Paid Political Announcement]

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Meeting of Stockholders for Increasing Capital Stock of First Trust and Savings Company.

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

Dated at the office of said corporation, Avon Park, Florida, this 31st day of March, 1922.

A. V. ANDERSON, President.
H. M. WIGGINS, Secretary.
Apr1-8-15-22-29

LEGAL NOTICE

In the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida, in and for Highlands County.

Nellie M. Pearce vs. Fred W. Pearce.

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

A true copy.

Attest: C. F. SAUNDERS,
(Seal) Clerk of Circuit Court.
A. E. LAWRENCE,
Attorney for Plaintiff.
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Entered as second-class matter August 6, 1921, at the postoffice at Sebring, Fla., under the act of March 3, 1879.

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

And isn't this the fishin' weather?

The rains came just in time to dampen the spirits of the pessimist who predicted hard times in Highlands county as a result of the drought.

Florida's high schools are turning out their annual crop of sweet girl graduates and we really believe that they are prettier and sweeter than ever.

Both Judge Rouse and County Attorney Lawrence have been "batting a thousand" in the bootlegger trials of the last week or so. Fear if not respect for the prohibition law has thus been created.

A self-confessed bootlegger has thanked us for a recent write-up relative to his "run in" by county officers. We are just wondering if that publicity built up his trade to any appreciable extent.

So a woman is out after County Superintendent Marshall's scalp! That is the one office in the county that can be acceptably filled by a woman and the present incumbent may have a bigger job than he thinks to carry a majority at the polls.

A prominent citizen told us one day this week that he likes the Messenger because of the fact that its newscolumns can be "taken" without the proverbial grain of salt. And salt in some instances has much of the same effect as ipecac. Now isn't it the truth?

It is said in almost every town along the Ridge that the fans from Avon Park and Sebring take the cake when it comes to "squabbling" and "beefing." After witnessing the game of Thursday between the two towns, we are of the opinion that 'tis sad but true.

We notice that a Sebring girl has entered the Tampa Times' beauty contest. If a dozen or more of as equally beautiful girls would decide to enter from here, we believe that the Times, if it had an eye for real beauty, would change the status of its contest and decide the most beautiful girl in Sebring.

An Englishwoman has made the rather remarkable discovery that our American flappers have brains. We are of the opinion that this belated discovery would never have been made by mere map for the simple reason that there are ever so many other more readily discernible things to observe about the flapper, don't you know.

"SMOKE SCREEN" ADVERTISING

[Florida Times-Union]

With a sincere desire, very likely, to help advertisers derive the utmost of benefit and profit from the money they invest in their advertising, a conspicuously successful advertiser recently referred to "smoke screen" advertising, saying: "Many advertisers employ tactics similar to those of naval warfare. They send up a big smoke screen. Between themselves and the buyer they build a wall of murky words and phrases so that it is impossible to understand the real value of the goods offered." This advertiser then goes on to say that merchants who have worth-while goods or commodities for sale do not camouflage; "their advertisements are written in clear language; the meaning shines through."

There is a world of value in the suggestions above quoted, both to the advertisers and to the public, patrons, and those whose patronage is possible of being secured through honest, straight-forward advertising.

Most advertising of today is honest; it tells all the truth. It does not mislead. It clearly is not intended to get the seeker after merchandise into the store in the hope of making sales or to explain if anything needs explaining. The advertisement that is honest, that "pulls," that makes money for the advertiser, is the one that satisfies, just as goods bought must satisfy the purchaser if his or her patronage is to be retained.

Failure to state the facts is fatal to merchandising. Thus, if goods are offered at an exceptionally low price because they are "seconds," that fact needs to be stated. Or, in the matter of fabrics, if the would-be purchaser has reason to believe that the material is of standard width, say thirty-six inches, and it is only twenty-seven, the fact should be stated in the advertisement which announces the "reduced" price. Patrons appreciate this and, if the goods are such as are offered, gladly purchase and are satisfied. But if the skimped material is "smoke screened," is offered as a standard width, the reduced price will not suffice to avert the purchaser's anger, nor will it serve again to bring the customer to the store that practiced the deception.

"Smoke screen" advertising is altogether harmful. It, temporarily, may profit those who employ it, but in the end it spells loss. It destroys confidence on the part of the buying public, and therefore, is harmful to success in merchandising. It hurts merchants employing it, if only in one or two instances, since it arouses suspicion with reference to all other departments or goods offered for sale. And suspicion aroused operates against any business or individual, that is, reasonable suspicion. Telling "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth" is just as necessary in merchandise as it is in a court where justice is dispensed.

FORTY CENTS FOR HALF A GRAPEFRUIT

[By Arthur Chapman, in New York Tribune]

To many individuals the grapefruit has ceased to be a mere grapefruit and has become a symbol. In its yellow roundity it looms as a sign of extravagance. Its sleek sides, cooled in ice, might well bear the legend: "The food that won't come down."

For it is a fact that, whereas other things on the menu have shown a tendency to drop the grapefruit price remains stationary. Those business geniuses who delight in taking a chart and tracing the fluctuations of foodstuffs, pig iron and railroad stocks and the progress of the well known six industrials, will find little in the grapefruit to enlist their energies.

One can start at the eastern end of such a chart at a point labeled 1914 and draw an almost straight line across to the point at the western end, marked 1922, said line representing the course of grapefruit prices on the average hotel and restaurant menu.

No sailor ever held a ship more firmly in one course, and no plowman of the land ever turned a straighter furrow.

Nor is there any use asking the average hotel or restaurant man the why fore of this phenomenon. One sees in advance the dawning of his slow, scornful smile, the lowering of his pinch-nosed shell of eyebrow and shoulder, and one hears the crushing words:

"It's the overhead, of course!"

Apparently the grapefruit has contracted a fatal case of overhead. The overhead has come out of almost everything else. It is out of the sausages and the wheat cakes and the bacon and eggs. It has even come out of coffee in some cases—to the betterment of the taste of all those things—but nothing apparently can take the overhead out of the grapefruit.

Sometimes the individual in the dining room, who is confronted with a charge of 40 cents for half a grapefruit is inclined to make inquiry concerning the price of such material by the box. If he follows out such inclination interesting discoveries are his. He will find wholesale boxes of grapefruit unloaded every morning fro mthe Erie at pier 20—perhaps twenty carloads or more.

From the ferry adjoining the pier long strings of New Jersey commuters make their way across the waterfront and disappear up Chambers street into the maw of the big city. Such commuters are passing by grapefruit at not more than 17 cents apiece—grapefruit which these same commuters may buy for lunch in the hotels uptown at 40 cents per half. Such is one act in the little joke the ultimate consumer is always playing on himself.

A Profit of 300 Per Cent, That's About All

The wholesale price of grapefruit, unlike the restaurant price, is inclined to vary with supply and demand. But it is seldom that the boxes of forty-sixes run over $7. Forty-sixes, it should be explained, are the biggest, choicest grapefruit, which run forty-six to a box. Allowing for some waste, owing to a spoiled specimen or two in a box, the price per grapefruit at the pier cannot run over 17 cents with the price of a box at $7.

Wholesalers claim their profit on grapefruit does not run over 15 per cent. This puts the burden of the charge up to the final handler of the grapefruit. At 40 cents for half a grapefruit more than 300 per cent profit can be figured.

If one wishes to see the grapefruit in its truly regal surroundings he must go far uptown—far from pier 20. One of the Forty-second street aristocrats of watertown brings in half a grapefruit, deliberately ordered by a diner to whom a charge of 40 cents means nothing.

One looks in vain to see what it is that makes the order so expensive. To be sure, the half of grapefruit rests in a bed of cracked ice, but ice is not so very expensive, even though it is cracked with a jeweled hammer in the well-manicured hands of the seventh assistant chef in a fashionable hotel. Also there is a paper doily under the dish in which the grapefruit reposes, but since when has the paper doily market been soaring on the Stock Exchange? To be sure, if one looks closely he will find that the grapefruit spoon is of special make, constructed for the double purpose of separating the interior and exterior of the product of the grapefruit tree and at the same time getting the juice. But spoons are not so difficult to get, especially with the silver market at a point so low that any one in the west who talks about operating a silver mine is immediately ticketed for the insane asylum.

Warm Water in Finger Bowls Helps to Bring Up the Cost

If one inquires still further in an effort to justify the price he will find that the special finger bowl, which is brought in following the grapefruit course, is filled with warm water. But the expense of warming water is not as it was in recent sere days. No one, not even a cafe proprietor eager to justify the menu, can get up and say that the cost of heating a finger bowl of water can be figured on the left-hand side of the decimal point.

Of course, it will be argued that the trappings of the half of grapefruit do not matter. It is the larger surroundings that count as overhead. The new furniture that was put in last fall, the extra heavy carpets that were put in the reception room and ornate holders for cigarette ashes which have been provided for women patrons, the jazz orchestra, consisting of fifteen pampered artists with unbalanced ideas on the salary question, and other matters, which apparently have nothing to do with grapefruit must all be reckoned into the cost of that order.

Of course, one can't open up a box of grapefruit on pier 20 and proceed to eat there—not even if one brings along his own sugar and his own spoon and finger bowl. Also he may hesitate, especially if he is a bachelor, about ordering a box of forty-six. Forty might spoil while the consumer was eating the six. Even at that rate, one would be saving money on the grapefruit, perhaps, but trying to turn pier 20 into a lunch room would be apt to prove an unsuccessful and altogether unsatisfactory matter, as the man who hungers for grapefruit turns his back on 17-cent grapefruit and wanders uptown, where the best products are brought at 80 cents apiece.

If one is inclined to carry the matter of the 40-cent grapefruit still further he will encounter the profit of the grower. Florida and California grapefruit are the finest kinds on the New York market. The forty-sixes from those states are the ultimate choice of the one who is looking for the best. But he will find smaller grades of California and Florida fruit selling at prices commensurate with their quality. Also, there is Porto Rico grapefruit, which scales below the California and Florida varieties and which retails for less.

One can imagine the grower of forty-sixes amid his semi-tropical surroundings which suggest only tranquility. One cannot imagine harsh thoughts invading such a sanctuary, decorated with its golden globules of perfection. Yet one finds a frown stealing over the usually placid brow of the grapefruit grower as he runs his thumb along the wrapper of a paper from New York and scans the market quotations.

"Andrew," says the grapefruit grower to his chief retainer, "I am afraid that, unless we get more for our products, I will have to let you go next month. The holder of the mortgage on this little ranch was over today giving the place a proprietary once-over. Unless things change these acres which you nd I have tended so assiduously and well will fall into his hands, with all these trees which bear the largest and juiciest grapefruit that ever delighted the palate of man."

"What is the reason, oh, my master, that we must severe our relations under such painful conditions?" queries the retainer in the tearful manner of his kind on the stage.

"It is because somewhere, somehow, down the line of commerce we are being painfully gypped, Andrew. I have here the evidence, in this newspaper, bearing out the astounding statement that in certain New York hotels and restaurants patronized by the wealthy as much as 80 cents is being paid for one of the grapefruit which will average not a tenth of that sum to us."

"Why do we not get more out of such choice fruit, which comes from the labor of our hands, good master?" runs on the faithful Andrew, who, as any one can see with half an eye, was educated in his youth to ask all the questions he pleased.

Grapefruit Grower Needed on the Farm Bloc

"There are intervening affairs of which you are ignorant," pursued the master. "The water rights on the ditch from which we extract the ready-made rainfall for irrigating our crops are large enough to support a principality in the style to which principalities used to be accustomed. Then there is the matter of freight rates to be considered. Railroads are truly omnivorous of habit. They will consume everything which can be produced on any kind of a farm, ranch or plantation. By the time we pay the freight rates to New York there is little left to satisfy the holder of the mortgage of which I have spoken. I have hopes that our friends in the farm bloc in congress will do some of the things to these makers of freight rates which I have often dreamed of doing; but farm blocs more slowly and, besides, I fear that no member of congress has the vocabulary necessary to do justice to the subject. If we had a grapefruit grower on that farm bloc we would speed things up a lot. When he got notice that a car of choice forty-sixes didn't bring in quite enough to meet the freight charges he could put a lot of phonetics into the farm bloc discussions which are not heard now. Any of these wireless people, listening in, would hear impassioned language in which the word 'grapefruit' would be mixed with three-em dashes. Washington would reverberate with the echoes of the eloquence. Why are New York uptown restaurants charging 40 cents for half a grapefruit when a whole grapefruit sells by the box at 17 cents or less at the other end of Father Knickerbocker's little island?"

"Why don't you go to Washington yourself and do some lobbying, or whatever it is called, good master?" queries the faithful retainer.

"A lobbyist, according to traditions, goes with his pockets stuffed with money," returned the planter, sadly. "How can a producer of anything on the farm stuff his pockets with aught but bills payable in these days? There be up-state farmers in New York state who are even in sadder case than I, for the city dweller pays a fancy price for the milk and cream which he takes from his dumbwaiter, while the farmer is not making enough to pay for the feed consumed by the cow that gives the milk. Yet that farmer is closer to the market than we, my good Andrew, and people have to use his product, whereas it is not absolutely necessary for them to eat grapefruit."

"What makes such conditions, good master?" persisted Andrew.

"Now you have asked a question which not all the combined professional wisdom at Columbia, New York University and the College of the City of New York can answer."

"Am I mistaken, master, when I say that somewhere I remember having read that such things show the vicariousness of being known as the middleman."

"No, your memory serves you well enough, Andrew. The middleman has his share in economic discussions which bear on grapefruit and many other food products, but mainly I think the problem is not so much concerned with economics as with national folly. If there were not certain foolish prejudices which restrain people from making protests when they know they are being robbed, there might be brighter days for us on the old grapefruit ranch. But as matters stand, what availeth all my years of study at the best agricultural colleges in the country? What does it matter that I have learned of the best masters how to spray fruit and just how and why and when trees should be pruned and irrigated and massaged in order that they may yield only the finest and best flavored fruits? And what are the odds, looking to my purchases of fertilizer for my fields and considering the backbreaking toil I have put in on those same fields, when some non-agriculturist in New York can hire a jazz orchestra and some French waiters and thereby make 300 per cent profit on grapefruit that have thrown me for a loss?"

"Then, good master, why should we not put a jazz orchestra and some French waiters in our orchard, and thereupon derrick up the prices of our grapefruit to such dizzy heights as may suit our fancy?"

Jazz Orchestra in Orchard Not a Practical Idea

"Truly, your imagination is livelier than your good sense," rejoined the producer wearily. "Jazz seems to become mere dissonances when it is removed from Broadway. It is only in the vicinity of Forty-second street that the pocket nerve becomes so numbed that people do not care what they pay out. I fancy we should broach the subject of grapefruit at 80 cents apiece at the point of initial shipment, he would be set upon by indignant railroad men, by wholesalers and retailers, who would accuse him of hurling a monkey wrench into the economic scheme of things. Probably somebody, more indignant than the rest, would assault him with a pruning hook."

"Then, master," quoth Andrew, brightening, "there is only one thing that I can see for us to do—and thank fortune we can do it."

"What is your plan, good Andrew?"

"It is to give away this grapefruit ranch and let someone else grow the perfect forty-sixes at a loss. Let us go to New York and to the hotel where we can put grapefruit on the menu at 40 cents a half or 80 cents apiece. I have some thousands of dollars bequeathed to me by a rich uncle, and I can think of no better use for it all than to advance your interests."

"Andrew, your genius is something overwhelming. Let us go at once! On the way we shall pick up the jazz orchestra, and then we shall be equipped with the chief element of the grapefruit cost." (We have a hotel menu on which grapefruit is listed at 60 cents.—Ed.)

SAFETY AND HAPPINESS LIE IN OBEDIENCE TO LAW

The following declarations by Attorney General Daugherty, delivered before the American Bar Association, are reported to have been greeted by that body with a "thunder of applause":

"Those who ask or expect non-enforcement not only contribute to lawlessness, but destroy the basis upon which their own security rests. Our safety and happiness lie in obedience to law by every man, woman and child within the domain of the republic, and no one can undermine respect for law without being, to that extent, an enemy to law and orderly government.

"As a citizen cannot choose what laws he will obey, so, likewise, those charged with law enforcement cannot choose what laws they will enforce. The only sound position for those who favor revision of law to take is that those charged with law enforcement must enforce all the laws, and all good citizens must obey all the laws; neither can exercise any right of choice in this matter without placing themselves above the law.

"In view of the constitutional safeguards (protecting the rights of minorities) there can be no excuse for any person in this republic to hold its laws in contempt, to disobey them himself or contemn the orders of acts of disobedience, on the ground that the rights of a minority have been disregarded. It is the duty of the minority, as well as the majority, to obey the law."

That these sentiments of the attorney general were an expression of the convictions of the members of the American Bar Association was shown in a report presented by the judicial section of that body, which read as follows:

"The people of the United States have undertaken to suppress the age-old evil of the liquor traffic, and, for the gratification of their appetites, lawyers, bankers, merchants and manufacturers and social leaders, both men and women, engage in this law or any other law, they are aiding the cause of anarchy and promoting mob violence. They are sowing dragon's teeth, and they need not be surprised when they find that no judicial or police authority can save our country or humanity from reaping the harvest."—Exchange.

A man down in Arkansas started giving an imitation of Rip Van Winkle and slept for three years. The imitation ended right there and funeral services have been held. Those who believe in Edison's theory that four hours of sleep is enough for anyone can cite this as evidence that too much sleep is bad for the individual. —Pensacola Journal.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

County School Board

I offer my services to the county to succeed myself as a member of the County Board of Public Instruction for District No. 2 (Sebring), subject to the will of the democratic voters in the June primary.

The strict business administration of school affairs, together with a keen desire that each child of the county shall receive the very best educational training possible, has been my aim in services rendered thus far. If elected I shall disappoint no voter in a continuation of these policies. IRA RIGDON.
[Paid Political Advertisement]

For Member County School Board

Through earnest solicitation of many of the Sebring school patrons, A. Binger announces as candidate for member of County Board of Instruction for District No. 2. In connection with which please see letter under date of May 4, 1922, addressed to citizens of Highlands county, in the news columns of this paper.

MOVEMENT ON FOOT TO ORGANIZE COMPANY BOY SCOUTS IN AVON PARK

[Highlands County Pilot]

The board of governors of the board of trade held a business meeting Tuesday night to discuss important matters and attend to routine business. The organization of a company of Boy Scouts in Avon Park was brought up and the board of trade decided to assist in the movement, which has already been started, the matter being placed in the hands of a committee of five, composed of the following members: Judge D. V. Rouse, chairman; J. S. Francis, J. V. Chapman, Prof. I. C. M. Ellenberger and George F. Kellogg. The committee will endeavor to interest the general public in the movement, secure a place for the boys to meet and solicit funds for financing the organization.

This is indeed an important movement, for there is no other organization in the world having a better influence upon our boys. It teaches the boys to be self-reliant, truthful, considerate, moral and manly. It tends to develop the brain, the body and the soul. If a Boy Scout lives up to one-

BINGER'S STATEMENT

Sebring, Fla., May 4, 1922.

To the Citizens of Highlands County:

In submitting my name to you through the advertising columns of this paper as a candidate for member of the county board of instruction for district No. 2, I deem it wise to say that I have in no way sought the honor of representing you in the public school interests.

On or about April 18, in talking over school matters with my good friend, Mr. Ira Rigdon, I spoke of the numerous calls from various sources, urging me to announce for his office, and asked of his intention relative to announcing for re-election. He advised that his announcement had already been sent to the local papers, whereupon I replied that I would not announce in opposition to him. However since that date, those same friends with numerous others continue to insist that I announce for the office. Accordingly I have, this 4th day of May, handed my announcement to the publisher of this newspaper, though not because of a desire for the office which to my mind is of as great importance, if not more so, than any other county office and at the same time the most thankless), but rather to serve the people, provided they shall say by their vote that my services are desired.

I shall make no personal campaign, but if elected you shall have at all times my very best efforts toward the advance of our children's school advantages, the upbuilding of a perfect school system and a whole-hearted co-operation in the perfection of any issue which may need revision.

A. BINGER.

THE WEATHER

It will be noticed that the rainfall for April was but 14-100 of an inch, but, praise be, the drouth is broken, and now our orange trees, flowers and evergreens will take on such vigorous growth as to make one believe this is surely the land of promise. Following is the temperatures for the month as recorded by William King, official observer:

Mean maximum	87
Mean minimum	63
Maximum	94
Minimum	55

Rainfall, 14-100 inch.

Apple Crop Damaged

In the severe storms of this past winter, Massachusets apple trees were very badly damaged, the percentage of loss varying from 40 to 75 in the different sections. In some localities there were large orchards of old trees, and these could not stand the weight of ice on their branches. Not for more than thirty years has there been so much damage done from ice storms as has been in Massachusetts this winter, and the severity of cold was felt in all of the New England states.

Air Service Line

The General Air Service, the new corporation formed in Washington to operate airships between American cities, has ordered its first two giant airships. These are being built in Germany and will be equipped with helium gas for safety. The run from New York to Chicago for the air liners will be ten hours.

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J. N. Bryan was a business visitor in Arcadia Thursday.

Jack Bagley and family of Tampa visited with the Ingles Sunday.

E. O. Douglas returned last Friday from a two weeks' trip in the northern part of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Sebring, Jr., will leave next Monday morning for Roanoke, Va., where they will spend the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Sebring, their granddaughter, Gretchen Gahris, and Miss Gregory left Saturday evening for their home in Sebring, O.

Mrs. F. T. Haskins returned the latter part of last week from Winter Haven where she had spent the past two weeks at her former home.

A number of Sebring Masons spent the day in Wauchula Thursday attending the school of instruction conducted by Walter I. Scott of Sebring.

George E. Sebring spent the past week-end in Tampa and returned Tuesday, bringing with him Mrs. Sebring, who had been there for about ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Rigdon entertained Monday evening at a dinner party given as a farewell for Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Harris, who left Tuesday morning.

Mrs. John Bishop of Bartow arrived in Sebring last Friday and stayed until Sunday, visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Butts.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Gamble and son and Mrs. George Burrows left Sebring Thursday morning for their home in Cleveland, where they will spend the summer.

Capt. and Mrs. Henry Hinslea left Tuesday, May 2, for Jacksonville, where they took the boat for Baltimore, intending to go from there to Cleveland, their former home.

Mrs. H. F. R. Reck and two children of Avon Park spent the first part of the week in Sebring as the guests of Mrs. Reck's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Haskins.

Mrs. H. O. Sebring, Lelia Sebring and David Lane made a trip in the Sebring Franklin to Gainesville for the past week-end to visit H. O. Sebring, Jr., and the other Sebring boys.

P. G. Caravasios has been spending much time in Tampa visiting his wife, who is in a hospital there. Mrs. Caravasios is recovering from a recent operation and is expected to return to her home here within the next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Degering, Mrs. Mary Woltz, Mrs. E. C. Wright, Mrs. A. P. McGrory, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Lusk, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Ripperger and children drove to Lake Josephine last Sunday afternoon and had supper at the picnic grounds there.

Another season of beautiful moonlight when Lake Jackson is more attractive than ever. The drive around the lake gives Sebring one more claim to being a delightful summer resort. The cool weather as a result of the rains is most pleasant.

Miss Ruth Taylor, assistant principal of the Sebring high school, is leaving today (Friday) for her home in North Girard, Pa. She will stop over at a few points of interest on the way. Miss Taylor does not intend to return to Sebring and this is a source of great regret to all who are familiar with the excellent work she has done in the school here.

Some of the Sebring people attending the barbecue and political rally at Istokpoga bridge last Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Rigdon, Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Young, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Rippberger, Mrs. A. McGrory, Sam Degering, A. E. Lawrence, W. B. Zachary, Bob Hancock, J. R. Blythe, W. I. Moyer, William Griffin, Art Clawson and C. F. Saunders.

Mrs. C. F. Weigle took a party in her car to Tampa for the day last Saturday. Those on the trip were Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Bee, Mrs. Merle Michener and Mrs. E. P. Brown. The day was much enjoyed by all, shopping, sightseeing and calling on Mrs. George E. Sebring and Mrs. Caravasios, who are in the hospital there.

Mrs. Eva Norris and her friends Miss Ella Spratt left Sebring Tuesday morning. Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Cope and daughter Florence Jane took them in their car to Jacksonville, where they took the boat for Baltimore.

WOMAN'S CLUB ELECTION

At the regular meeting of the Woman's Club Tuesday night, May 2, some of the officers for the year beginning next November were were elected. Several of the officers that were not filled then will be voted upon at the next business meeting. The returns of Tuesday's election are as follows:

President, Mrs. Maud Manley.
First vice-president, chairman library, Mrs. H. G. Eastwood.
Second vice-president, chairman public entertainment, Mrs. J. Harmon.
Secretary, to be filled.
Treasurer, Mrs. H. O. Sebring.
Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Eva Geary.
Chairman of music, Miss Myra Burdick.
Chairman of art, Mrs. Merle Michener.
Chairman of civics, Mrs. Pauline Ingle.
Chairman of literature, Mrs. Eleanor Bixler.
Chairman of education, Miss Mary Fidler.
Chairman of child welfare, Mrs. Lonie Getter.
Chairman of junior civics, Mrs. A. C. Auslund.
Chairman of home economics, Mrs. Emily Hasty.
Chairman of membership, Mrs. E. L. Hainz.
Historian, Mrs. F. T. Haskins.

The regular routine business of the club was cared for, all officers present making interesting reports. It was decided to omit the social meeting for the month of May.

Mrs. Lulu M. Scott was introduced as a candidate for the nomination of superintendent of public instruction in Highlands county, and gave an excellent explanation of her platform and her plans and asked for the support of the women of Sebring in the coming primary.

A beautiful picnic site has been discovered by Sebringites on the shore of Little Bonnet Lake, north of the Sebring district. Last Sunday afternoon found a party there enjoying the place and having supper before returning home. Those in the party were Mr. and Mrs. Ira Rigdon, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Baker and Miss Mary Patrick.

After supplying the Presbyterian church here for the past seven months Rev. R. E. Telford left this week for Manchester, Ga., where he will fill the pulpit of the Presbyterian church during the summer months. He may return to Sebring in the fall. Mrs. Telford and Miss Charlotte will remain here for a time. While the church will not be regularly supplied with preaching it is expected that the Sunday school will be kept up as heretofore, meeting each Sunday at 3 p. m. It is hoped that the members and friends of the church will see that the Sunday school is made a power for good in the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Harris left Sebring Tuesday morning after having spent the winter here. They went by way of Winter Haven, Miami, Palm Beach and Jacksonville, where they took the boat for Baltimore. From there they will go to Farmer City, Ill., Mrs. Harris' former home. During the summer Mr. and Mrs. Harris will go to Montana, where business calls them, and from there make an extensive trip through the far west. They hope to return to Sebring next winter. Both Mr. and Mrs. Harris have been assisting in the Highlands Bank & Trust Co. and have made many friends during their stay here.

We regret very much our inability to publish Elder Moore's most excellent sermon that he delivered to the graduates of the local high school Sunday night. The elder never writes out a sermon and the notes which he used for an outline were loaned to our contemporary with the understanding that they be furnished us in time for a write-up in our paper, which comes out on a day later than the White Way. The White Way editors were unable to part with the notes on Thursday, which is our last day for the writing of copy, and as a result we are scooped. The elder has promised us, however, that he will vary from his usual custom and write out his sermon in full for us in time for our next issue.

RECITAL

An interesting music recital was given last Saturday afternoon, April 29, at the Ohio Theater, by pupils of Mrs. E. C. Wright. The pupils had invited their parents and friends and a good number attended. It was said by many that this was the best recital ever given by Mrs. Wright's class and this is the result of efficient, conscientious work with talented pupils. Following is the program as it was given:

Duet — "Transcription" (Blake), Essie Noland and Mildred Young.

"Three Little Chickens" (Grant-Schaeffer), "Dancing Clover Blossoms" (Virgil), Margaret Selznes.

"A Boat Song" (Conconi), "Tarantelle" (Virgil), Cora Boyd.

"Song Without Words" (Holzel), Faith Catogni.

"The Prisoner and the Swallow" (Croisez), Hattie Catogni.

"A Reverie" (Virgil), "A Curious Story" (Heller), "Dance and Play" (Lichner), Kathryn Ranahan.

"Father Dance" (Ducelle), "Battle of the Stars" (Ellis), Mary Cooper Wakefield.

"The Enchanted Cascade" (Harris), Vera True.

"Waltz Caprice" (Newland), Mary Estes.

Songs—"The Swallows" (Cowen), "For You Alone" (Goehl), Charlotte Varona. Violin obligato by Miss Mary Patrick.

"Good Night" (Nevin), "Waltz Arabesque" (Lack), Essie Noland.

"Octave Etude" (Egerling), "Minuet a l'Antico" (Seeboeck), Mildred Young.

MISS HEACOCK ENTERTAINS

Among the many good times enjoyed by the seniors of the Sebring high school, one of the most pleasant was the breakfast given last Wednesday morning at the home of Miss Ellen Heacock, a member of the class. All school work was over and with no worries all devoted themselves to a good time. The house was beautifully decorated in red and white, the senior class colors, and no dinner party ever had a more attractive table. Pretty place cards painted by the hostess were at each place. Mrs. Heacock was assisted in serving by Mrs. J. W. Geary. The menu was as follows:

Grapefruit with Maple Syrup
Cereal
Cloved Ham New Potatoes in Cream
Northern Apple Sauce
Pickled Eggs and Beets
Coffee Cake Cocoa

LIBRARY REPORT

Library report for April, 1922:

Balance April 1	$130.99
Receipts—	
Town council, (fifth payment)	50.00
Fines	3.50
Cards	5.00
	$189.43
Disbursements—	
Librarians' salaries	$ 30.50
Womrath Co. (3 books)	4.80
McKinley Stone Co., (balance)	6.00
Rexall Store (magazines)	1.00
Stamps	1.00
	$ 43.40
	$146.09

CLARA W. SKIFF, Chairman.

AT THE CHURCHES

Seventh Day Adventist Meetings

The lecture topic Tuesday evening, May 9, will be: "Solving the Problems of Keeping Spiritual." There are so many who mistake church membership and activities for real Christian experience. As one inspired writer put it: "Thou hast a name that thou livest and art dead." There are more church people in that condition than one would think. We will see the difference between churchianity ad Christianity in the talk Tuesday night. The Bible class will meet for study Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Sabbath school every Sabbath forenoon at 9:30. Bring your Bible to every service.

Church of the Brethren

Next Lord's Day the usual services. Sunday school at 10 a. m. and preaching at 11. Christian Workers meeting at 7 p. m. and preaching at 7:45.

Quick Work

After a woman has spent twenty years trying to make a man out of her son, along comes another woman who proceeds to make a fool out of him in twenty minutes. — Pensacola Journal.

Subscribe for the Messenger.

MASONS ALWAYS PROMINENT IN EVERY MOVEMENT

Masonry, as an organization, as of course every Mason knows, does not engage in politics nor meddle with political parties, nor with governmental policies.

Nevertheless it is a fact of history in which all Masons take pride, that during the past two hundred years, Masons have been prominent among the leaders in every movement for reform in government, for the liberty of the people, and for the betterment of social conditions.

The leaders among the men who drafted the Declaration of Independence, with but few exceptions, were Masons.

And of the men who signed that immortal document, twenty-four of the fifty-six were Masons. Likewise, the men who led the gallant armies that won the independence of the United States of America, with few exceptions, were Masons, and the first man elevated to the presidency of the new-born nation, was a Mason.

Of the twenty-nine presidents of the United States, thirteen have been Masons.

George Washington, the first president, was raised in Fredericksburg Lodge, Fredericksburg, Va., Aug. 4, 1750.

Thomas Jefferson, the third president, was made a Mason in colonial times, and with Thomas Paine, attended the Lodge of Nine Sisters in Paris, France, during the French Revolution.

James Monroe, the fifth president, was made a Mason in St. John's Avenue Lodge in 1775, while suffering from a wound. He was a captain of a company of Virginia troops in the War of the Revolution.

John Quincy Adams, the sixth president, was raised in St. John's Lodge, Boston, Mass., in 1826.

Andrew Jackson, the seventh president, was a member of Philanthropic Lodge, Clover Blossom, Tenn., and served as grand master of Masons of the state of Tennessee in 1821-1822.

James K. Polk, the eleventh president, was raised in Columbia Lodge No. 31, Columbia, Tenn., Sept. 4, 1820.

Andrew Johnson, the seventeenth president, was made a Mason in Greenville Lodge No. 119, Greenville, Tenn.

James A. Garfield, the twentieth president, was raised in Magnolia Lodge No. 20, Columbus, O., Dec. 22, 1864. He was also a Royal Arch Mason, Knight Templar, and Scottish Rite Mason.

William McKinley, the twenty-fourth president, was raised in Hiram Lodge No. 21, Winchester, Va., May 3, 1865, just a month following the close of the Civil War.

Theodore Roosevelt, the twenty-fifth president, was raised in Matinecock Lodge No. 806, Oyster Bay, N. Y., Jan. 2, 1901.

William H. Taft, the twenty-seventh president, was made a Mason at sight by Charles S. Hoskinson, grand master of Ohio, at Cincinnati, Feb. 18, 1909.

Warren G. Harding, the twenty-ninth president, was raised in Marion Lodge No. 70, Marion, O., Aug. 29, 1920. He is also a Royal Arch Mason, a Knight Templar and a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason.

COME TO FLORIDA

Why come to Florida?
Because—

It's not so cold in winter. Doesn't take a fortune to keep the family hearth warm. Not so much danger of la grippe and pneumonia.

It's not so hot in summer. The mercury never gets above 96, whereas some places we've heard of have seen better than 106. There's always a breeze.

Florida has lakes in which there are real fish; also Gulf, Atlantic and bay beaches where bathing girls—real bathing girls—are to be seen.

It has fruits—the best that nature provides so bountifully — oranges, grapefruit, lemons, limes, persimmons, kumquats, guavas, strawberries.

It has vegetables—potatoes, tomatoes, squash, cucumbers, lettuce, celery, cabbage, onions, okra.

A man on an acre of ground can make a living for himself and be free from the cares of city life and trying climates.

Yet some people don't know this.

They laugh when you tell them about it.

Ignorance, of course, but it happens to be their state of mind.

Some won't believe when you do tell them.

Most people with sense will believe it if you put it up to them strong enough.

Florida folks, why don't you all get together and send out about a million postcards in the next few months, telling all of your acquaintances in the north and east about the delights of summer in Florida?

It will pay a hundred fold. It will make your state grow and prosper.
—Tampa Citizen.

NO-FENCE LEGISLATION DEMANDED

[Tampa Tribune]

Five per cent of the population paying 1 per cent of the state taxes, is an absolute control of legislation affecting the grove, farm and trucking development future of Florida.

No-fence legislation is going to be the big issue in the next legislature, as it has been in every legislative session for years. State division and capital removal will loom large, because they are among the vital issues upon proper disposition of which the growth, development and increased prosperity of the state largely depend. But abolishment of the open range, by means of a law that will compel the cattlemen to fence in their own stock and keep that stock out of other people's groves and truck farms and dooryards—this is going to be the big thing to be decided by the next legislature. And a decision cannot be staved off as it has been in the past.

The reason why the cattlemen have succeeded so far, in enforcing their will upon the legislature and the whole people of the state, in spite of the fact that they constitute only a minute minority of the population and pay only a hundredth part of the taxes, is because they are and have been united, while opposition has been without cohesion or a definite plan or program. If the grove interests of Florida would unite and present as solid a front at the next legislature as the cattlemen have done in the past and are preparing to do in the future, the story would be different.

"In union there is strength." There are indications that grove and trucking and general farming interests of Florida have learned the truth of that adage and that they are preparing to get together to present their demands and to fight determinedly for a no-fence law. Unless, and until, they do, the cattlemen will continue to run things as they please, and we shall see again, as we have seen before, the tail continuing to wag the dog.

The wife: "Isn't that your eye doctor?"

The husband: "I thought so until he sent me his bill. He's a skin specialist."

GOVERNMENT IN 1922

The following delightful satire is from the pen of James Bail Naylor in the Chicago Journal of Commerce. It is so accurately descriptive of conditions and prevalent opinion in the United States at this time that we feel it should be passed on to our readers:

"They breed us and they feed us,
And preserve to us our health;
Educate us, regulate us—
And assure to us our wealth;
They enroll us and control us—
Keep us free from vice and crime;
Then they send us off to heaven—
And they get us there on time."

Personal liberty! It's practically unknown today.

Individual independence! It's a thing of the past.

Private opinion! Have it—and hold it; but don't fall into the habit of expressing it.

Some one has said that that government serves best that governs least. But today our government—national, state and municipal—are expected to do everything for us; we are expected to do little or nothing for ourselves.

Time was when there was no doctors; but somehow the race went on surviving and multiplying. In that past time there were no lawyers; but the world managed to get along without them. In that far day there were no teachers, but humanity went on experimenting, discovering and learning. Nor were there any preachers then; yet human souls knew God—and had a hope of heaven.

But today? Oh, well, consider the following from Ed Howe's Monthly —which he credits to a "country paper:"

"A special car of the state health board, in charge of a richly gowned and jeweled young woman, came to town not long ago, and mothers were commanded to hurry to the depot and take instructions as to how to raise their babies.

"Then came a government nurse, another unmarried woman, weighing the babies and instructing the mothers as to the sort of infants they must give birth to hereafter. And now farmers are notified that they must pay a specialist from one of our higher institutions of learning to tell them how to feed hogs.

"It is safe to say there are in this country today 500 officials—national, state and county, township, city and district—telling the people what they must do and what they can't do; spying into their homes, their private accounts, their methods of life, laying down the law as to what they shall eat, drink, wear, buy or spend; making them recount all family disease, tell the inspecting nurse where they sleep and why married and why single; ordering you to show up your bank account, your debts, your toothbrush, and a record of the number of days your child has attended school last month. Men and women and children are restrained, assessed, directed, advised, prohibited, admonished, examined, until they are about ready to do as the common people did in England 700 years ago; run into caves and rudely chalk on the outer walls—'No money; no religion!'"

Read that again, then think and think hard. Then begin talking like a real child of the constitution!—Exchange.

Right in Her Line

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State Division—Capital Removal

Most of the "Peninsular" folks want the state divided. The reasons are that the people of the south state pay 80 per cent of the state's taxes. The people of the south state are of a different type of Floridian. They are more and better and different citizens. They are builders and progressives.

There are of the higher intellectual and industrial sort. The inhabitants of the south state are growers of fruit and vegetables and are not turpentiners, farmers and sheep growers.

The people of the south state are not swine raisers and their industries and their avocations made of them a quicker witted and more active race of men and women.

The counties of the north state and the west arm of the state are of the "backward" type. They of the north and west state do not affiliate warmly with the people of the south state, either socially, intellectually or politically. The people are so markedly different in racial habit and mental fiber that there is little hope that they will ever reach a perfectly balanced citizenship. The people of the south state will not yield a point of political prestige, social elevation, wealth and position or power. As bankers and fiduciary agents, the people of the south state will not retard the development of its area as do the bankers and trust companies of the north and west states. The south state increases in population each decade and the west and north areas decrease in population.

This is why the north and west state are rightfully called "backward." It is very plain to the people of the south state that they must be dissevered from the people of the west and north state, that state division is uppermost in the thought of the south state people. Every man in the south state is at heart, whether he so utters his decision or not, a state divisionist. Each man in the south state knows that the south state can only be retarded by the west and north portion of the state so long as the great state of Florida remains one unit.

The people of the west and north state will not permit the name "North Florida" to be written into its new charter when the state is divided. They are perfectly willing that the southern portion shall be called "South Florida," but the integrity of the name "Florida" must never be broken and to the north and west must remain the name Florida forevermore.

But the people of South Florida do not care, for the political powers of the "other" Florida have done all that they can do and will be permitted to do in holding back the progressive spirit of South Florida and the people of the south state will not tolerate the oppression longer and pay for this throttling in taxes to the north and west state politicians and their constituents.

The heads of the departments of state government make a showing for the west and north state which means that the south state has but little and insignificant representation in the governing body politic.

Supreme Judges
Governor Hardee, Live Oak.
Justice West, Milton.
Justice Taylor, Tallahassee.
Justice Whitfield, Tallahassee.
Supreme court clerk, Talbot Whitfield, Tallahassee.

Department Governors
Secretary of state, Tallahassee.
Attorney general, Wewahitchka.
Superintendent schools, Alachua county.
Comptroller, Milton.
Treasurer, Lakeland.
Commissioner agriculture, Holmes county.

The state election canvassing board is composed of the secretary of state, attorney general and comptroller. They count 'em.

The board of commissioners of state institutions is composed of the secretary of state, attorney general, comptroller, treasurer, superintendent public instruction and the commissioner of agriculture.

The board of finance, the comptroller and state treasurer and on and on to the end. The state board of education, board of pensions and all. The governor is always the chairman of all boards.

Senator Fletcher and Senator Trammell are north and west state men. The members of congress are from Lakeland, Gainesville and Pensacola, one member, W. J. Sears, from Kissimmee.

The railroad commissioners are all from north and west state.

The state geologist is a Tallahassean.

State auditors are west and north state men.

The state chemist is a resident of Tallahassee. So also are his assistants.

The inspectors in the chemical division, under the commissioner of agriculture, a Holmes county man, are north and west state men. The shell fish and hotel commissioners are west state men. This is the story of the amalgamated association of west and north state men.—West Palm Beach Sun.

HOW TIMES CHANGE

Times do change. For instance, a half century ago Horace Greeley, one of the greatest men of his time, was made famous through a bit of advice given young America of that day in which he urged them to go west in search of their fortunes and future.

Today John Wanamaker, millionaire merchant prince of Philadelphia, pioneer in the merchant world of the east, advises young America to come south to Florida, where opportunities are rich and the future assured. Wanamaker knows what he is talking about, else he would not have piled up mountains of money in business. He predicts Florida's population will double in five years, and that the young live wire will grow up prosperous with the Sunshine State.

Wanamaker, however, does not mean that every Tom, Dick and Harry should hit the trail Floridawards in expectation of finding a pot of gold at the rainbow's end. Wanamaker means that there are opportunities a-plenty for any man with energy and some capital. He doesn't urge them southwards on a job hunting expedition. He urges young America to come here and invest in the state, work hard and grow prosperous in its growth.

While Florida is one of the oldest states in the Union, it is yet in its infancy. It is, as Wanamaker says, a sleeping giant, just beginning to stir.—St. Petersburg Times.

A BUSY SUMMER IN FLORIDA

[Times-Union]

Looking over the newspapers published in Florida one is struck with the magnificent optimism everywhere prevailing. The winter has passed with hundreds of thousands, perhaps a million, visitors and part time residents enjoying the delightful weather and other things offered and with the spring passing there is talk of what is to be done during the summer. The building programs announced for many Florida towns and cities are such as would amaze anyone not familiar with conditions here, and it must be evident to those thinking over the matter that Florida is planning to grow wonderfully in the near future.

In some of the places where visitors have been the most numerous it is to be expected that some houses are closed and the big resort hotels in many places are now silent, although not deserted. The going out of the hundreds of thousands means a difference, of course, but with the retiring of the guests comes a movement to build, clean up, improve and expand that is most encouraging. In some towns the particular activities of the early summer will center about street paving, additional sewerage, extension of water mains and general improvements. Bond issues have been authorized; some have been voted for and sold, and work is going on; other places are getting ready to do the desired work.

In various sections of the state good roads are being constructed where very poor roads have previously existed. During the summer many miles of brick, asphalt and macadam highways will be added to the already creditable advance made in this important movement to make transportation easy and comfortable via the big road.

Best of all the reports from town, village and city show that many new homes are being constructed and all through the summer months and right into the fall the carpenters, bricklayers, painters and other craftsmen will be busy building homes for newcomers and newlyweds and others who have wearied with being cramped into quarters not entirely desirable. The "homes" now planned and under way number in the thousands and range in cost from five hundred dollars for a tiny cottage in the suburbs, somewhere, to mansions at or near the famous resorts that will cost a half million perhaps.

Summer activities also will include the construction of a dozen or more fine, new hotels, extensive additions and improvements for other big hostelries, new and commodious churches and schools, and scores of business blocks, office buildings, stores and structures for new industrial enterprises. Florida had a wonderful record last year, showing up prominently among the states that had recovered from the war depression and were going forward in a satisfactory way; this year will probably pile up a bigger list of improvements. The new features will include hundreds of new acres set to citrus groves, hundreds more—maybe thousands—being prepared for truck crops; new ventures along the line of dairying and extensive acreage added to that already being used for cattle ranches. Florida grows every minute and the summer will be the busiest the state has ever known.

ACTRESSES MAKE SUCCESSFUL COOKS

[New York Sun]

One may regret the fact that an unusual number of persons whose business is to furnish amusement have found it difficult to earn a living. On the other hand, some benefit may come to society by the diffusion of the skill presumably possessed by these artists through other areas of life. A general exodus of actresses from the stage to kitchen ought to intensify the local color scheme of domestic life. Into dull routine the elements of comedy or tragedy would be introduced. And in some cases music would be added without extra charge. Who would not forgive a burnt steak if it were served with a song? It is our guess that the average of good cooks among actresses would run higher than among those who do nothing but cook. And we should expect to find a certain rythm, initiative, ingenuity, in their handiwork. Aside from the social benefits, there would be a helpful reaction upon art itself. People who had the privilege of studying the behavior, the carriage and the manner of speech of one of these creators at leisure and intimately would become more appreciative and intelligent spectators. Moreover, when the actress, in a more fortunate season, shall return to the stage, she ought to bring an enlarged range of expression, a more secure grasp of the elements of the life she seeks to portray.

Supply Decreasing

The world's horse supply is today more than two million head less than seven years ago. The horse and mule reduction has been principally in the United States where the number produced on the farm was 800,000 and the cities have lost one and one-half million since 1910. The only other countries that have any large number of horses and have reduced their stock are Brazil, Australia and Japan. The European countries almost universally have a larger number on hand than before the war. These countries in reasing most are France, Germany, Italy and the United Kingdom; British India and Canada also show increases. Before the war Russia had nearly one-third of all the world's supply, and the United States was next with one-fifth. The latest facts for the twenty-nine countries having comparable data shows that before the war they had 67,672,000 horses and mules against 65,539,000 at this time.

CONVERT BEAUTY INTO A COMMERCIAL ASSET

[Chicago Journal]

Why shouldn't a "city beautiful" come down from the realm of dreaming into the practical idealism that converts beauty into a commercial asset? The science of architecture is like Greek to a layman. But the architects have a multitude of different ideals and opinions. The only hope for a real "city beautiful" is to find some coherent architectural standards and stick to them. Architectural jazz is just as ephemeral, as noisy and as discordant as the jargon of sounds that profane the name of music. Yet every American city has lapses from the cannons of good taste in almost every block of dwellings. Business architecture has suffered less, because the modern skyscrapper era sacrificed everything else to utility. Now that real architecture, again shows some signs of renaissance in business structures there may be more danger ahead.

How Long Can We Wait?

The recent federal highway act provided for the construction of a connecting system of highways consisting of not more than 7 per cent of the roads in each state and made an initial appropriation of $75,000,000 to be used in conjunction with state funds. The system to be built is now being outlined and will comprise about 18,000 miles of road, included in which there will be about 60,000 miles that are already completed. With an annual program based on a federal appropriation of $75,000,000 and assuming that the state will continue to match the federal funds in the same ratio as heretofore and that the average costs of the roads built will be $20,000 a mile, officials say it will take fifteen years to complete the proposed system. If the federal appropriations are made at the rate of $100,000,000 a year the system can be completed in ten years and if only $50,000,000 is appropriated annually it will take twenty years to build it. The question is: How long can we wait?

Not All Gone Yet

The Horse Association of America has sent out data to show that there are more than nineteen million horses and mules in this country. With the coming of the automobile and truck, we have looked for a comparatively small number of beasts of burden, but we find that seventeen million of these animals are on the farms of the country and only two million in the cities.

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GOOD ROADS

During the five months ending Dec. 31, 1921, state, counties, cities, towns and townships in Florida have pushed this state far to the front in the good roads movement by voting a total of $11,230,000 in bond issues for new roads and $1,664,000 for new streets, a total of $12,903,000. Official reports show that in addition there is a total probable expenditure of $6,420,000 for roads; $315,000 for streets still under contemplation of the bond issues voted. There were sold during the five months' period mentioned a total of $916,000 worth of bonds for road improvement and $767,000 in bonds for street improvement. During the present season Florida is leading the states of the south in both street and road construction.

The asphaltic types are being adopted more and more extensively because of the fact that Florida abounds in local materials used in conjunction with asphalt for the construction of the latest types of highway surfaces, especially sheet asphalt, the particular type of which so large a mileage is being constructed in this state at this time. This choice is due to the fact that "city and county officials in Florida have been sounding the experience of other states and municipalities on the matter of the best road types"; it is a type particularly adapted to heavy country roads and to heavily traveled city streets.

Florida is the largest state in area east of the Mississippi except Georgia and has the smallest population of any except five.

That Florida has probably the greatest area of undeveloped arable land in the south, practically every acre of which is capable of producing some useful crop, while her waters abound in the best of fish and her unequalled stretch of sea coast teems with sea food, are the impelling reasons for this general attention to the improvement of the road system of the state. Floridians know that, even in a state blessed with as many streams and lakes as this, good roads capable of bearing heavy traffic are incomparably the best means of agricultural development and the increase of wealth. Then, too, the wish prevails to afford our winter guests an opportunity to see more of the most picturesque parts of the state and to demonstrate its capabilities of affording comfortable incomes to settlers.

The United States department of agriculture says that road building is now one of the nation's leading industries and surpasses such great industries as steel and iron, and even the automobile industry in all its many branches, as statistics prove, approximately a million men having been employed last season in road construction in the various states. Florida has felt the urge, and that has put the state at the head of her southern sisters.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

There's been no movie scandal about Tom Turpin yet, but he does ok crooked.

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FLORIDA DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Bulletin No. 20

An extensive cattle feeder in Ohio has recently been in correspondence with some cattle owners in Florida regarding the purchase of several hundred steers for fattening, but as there is no way to get the cattle out of the quarantined area under existing conditions, the cattlemen are not able to deliver the stock in Ohio. This condition is going to continue until a legislature provides for the only method which will open the outside markets, the compulsory statewide systematic dipping of cattle every fourteen days, as required by the federal government.

The interstate commerce commission is the third government agency to emphasize the importance to the cattle owners of getting rid of the cattle fever ticks. An order has been promulgated requiring all railroads to use a uniform live stock dipping contract, one feature being that the shipper specifically must agree to assume all responsibility for delays and losses caused by quarantine regulations or authorities and for all expenses incurred thereby.

The war finance board was the second government agency to take cognizance of the tick fever handicap when they ruled that no funds should be advanced to cattle owners whose stock was in counties where compulsory dipping had not been authorized by vote of the people, nor on cattle which were not confined in pastures or enclosures.

The department of agriculture has charge of maintaining tick fever quarantines and of the co-operative work with states, counties and cattle owners in eradicating the cattle fever ticks, and was the original agency interested in tick fever eradication.

Enactment by the legislature of a local option stock law, and making live stock owners liable for all damages done by their roaming stock will be necessary before the clean-up campaigns being waged in many communities can become permanently effective.

The Dramatic Club of Nocatee has appealed to the sense of decency of hog owners in that community to cease letting their hogs roam at will through the streets and over the lawns, in an effort to clean up and beautify their town. The club members told the hog owners that it costs the town $10 a month for every hog allowed to run at large.

A magistrate in St. Petersburg recently fined a cow owner $25 on a charge of maintaining a nuisance in allowing his cattle to run at large and trample the lawns and gardens of his neighbors. The city gets the fine but the owners of devastated lawns and gardens do not seem to have any recourse under our present free range law which gives live stock greater trespassing privileges than are permitted to human beings.

The cut of pine timber in Florida for lumber, ties and crate material during the past year has amounted approximately to 400,000 acres, equivalent to the area of Washington county. The amount of timber which has been destroyed by fires cannot be estimated, but its potential value totals large. Survey of second growth pine in Duval county by government foresters revealed that there is less than 20 per cent average stand of timber ten years old or over. Frequent burning of the ranges to get a little green grass for free range cattle has been largely responsible for the scarcity of timber on the land.

Lake county has been the pioneer in preserving the natural scenery along her highways, through inauguration of a campaign more than a year ago by County Engineer George E. Heller to remove unsightly advertising signs on county property. The Lake county chamber of commerce has actively furthered the movement, and the improvement in appearance of their highways has been so noticeable that the officials in Orange county have ordered the removal of all advertising signs within confines of Orange county roads.

Florida highways in other sections of the state are littered from one end to the other with rusty tins and dilapidated old signs of every description, which mar the natural beauty of the landscape.

The Florida development board requests the co-operation of civic organizations and county officials in all the other counties to help make Florida more attractive for residents and tourists by discouraging the use of public highways for display of advertising. Any one has as much legal right to smear signs all over a court house or other county building as to tack the signs on trees within the limits of the county highways.

Florida is now recognized by most of the railroad passenger officials in the United States as one of the nation's summer play grounds. Since the meeting of the Southeastern Passenger Association in Atlanta on March 30, which also was attended by A. A. Coult, secretary of the Florida development board, at which summer tourist rates from gateways and intervening points in the southeastern territory to Florida points were adopted and letter of rates for basing purposes made to all other passenger associations, meetings of those associations have been held to consider adoption of the rates.

Under date of April 7, W. H. Howard, chairman of the Southeastern Passenger Association, wrote to the Florida development board as follows:

"I am now able to definitely advise, in response to your letters of April 4 and 26, that summer excursion fares to Florida points will be instituted not only from points in southern territory, i. e., south of the Ohio and Potomac and east of the Mississippi rivers, but also from Central Passenger Association territory, eastern committee territory of the Western Passenger Association, territory of the Trans-Continental Passenger Association and from the territory of the Southwestern Passenger Association."

Carriers in the trunk line and New England territory, i. e., north and east of Washington, D. C., Pittsburgh, Pa., and Buffalo, N. Y., have not granted rates to Florida. The Florida development board has renewed efforts to secure summer tourist rates from those associations.

WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH THE CALIFORNIA ORANGE?

[Columbus (O.) State Journal]

What is the matter with California, that she cannot put any juice into her oranges? This is the tail-end of the Florida orange season and yet two Florida oranges will fill an ordinary tumbler full of juice. It takes from four to seven California oranges, at 60 to 70 cents a dozen, to accomplish the same feat, and even then the flavor is not particularly good. Seventy, or even 60 cents a dozen for California oranges is money under false pretenses. We might as well buy avocadoes and at least protect ourself against disappointment by not expecting anything.

We are serious about this matter. What really is the matter with the California orange? Is it picked too green, in order that it may make the long journey east without actual disintegration? Or is it some flaw in the transportation facilities, something else to blame on the railroads?

Or is it that California sends all her edible oranges through to New York, under the crassly mistaken impression that Ohio and other way-stations are less important, less entitled to even-handed justice under the Stars and Stripes, less determined and ready to insist upon their constitutional right to the pursuit of happiness? Perhaps the fag-end of the Florida orange crop will last another week, but if at the expiration of that time we have not received a satisfactory explanation from Hiram Johnson of the present low estate of the California orange, a humble apology for the past and the present and a convincing promise of immediate and sweeping reform, we shall unlimber our heaviest guns and prove beyond the possibility of cavil or the peradventure of a doubt that the full, damning responsibility rests with the California climate and that therefore there is no hope.

GUIDING THE AIR LINER INTO PORT

Commercial aviation, particularly in Europe, is fast approaching a point where it is an accepted mode of travel, and the success of the shorter routes has led to the establishment of lines of international scope.

There is no doubt that the history of these longer routes will be only repetition of the success of the short ones ,and that the flying companies feel assured of this, is evidenced by the plans they are making for the safety and comfort of their passengers.

As the longer air routes become more popular, as they surely will, there will be more and more necessity of night flying and the companies are anticipating this by the erection of lighthouses at intervals along the line. Lights of limited intensity and with a visual range of from twenty to thirty miles have been in use on the London-Paris route, but these will be dwarfted by the light that is now being installed on the top of Mount Afrique, near Dijon, Frange. This will be of one billion candlepower and will be visible, it is claimed, at a distance of nearly 200 miles under favorable condition, and will be one of the guide-posts on the international airway between France, Italy and Algeria.

Guided by such giant beacons, the airmen will fly confidently through the darkness to the landing field where is located the traffic control office. As the airman approaches the landing field, automatic lights will show him the direction and strength of the wind, while the controller of traffic will give him by wireless telephone any special information that he may need for his guidance.—Everett J. Lovett, in Popular Mechanics Magazine.

CAUSE OF THE HIGH COST OF EDUCATION

An illustrated story of nine sentences is told by Hendrik Wilhelm Van Loon in The Survey. It is the story of a town—self-made, the artist calls it—which took a genuine interest in its schools and the education of its children. This is the story:

"They were going to build a school in our town. The school board spent two years examining the plans of the architects. They spent $10,000 for a piece of land. The spent $200,000 trying out different pens and they investigated 194 different sanitary roller towels. They ordered books by the truck load. They hired the highest priced efficiency expert to explain a new system of grading. They spent $20,000 on a house that the janitor might be comfortable and $20,000 on a house that the assistant janitor might be happy. And then they hired people to teach their children for $1,800 a year.

Perhaps the school board in the story was a trifle more extravagant in some details than other famous school boards we have known. But in the last analysis, isn't it a true story? Need anyone hire an efficiency expert to point the moral?—Pensacola News.

Patronize Reliable Dealers

With the great popularization of radio has sprung up a mushroom growth of wireless equipment manufacturers who are flooding the market with supplies. Some are unquestionably satisfactory, but some are grossly inferior. Buy your equipment from a reliable dealer only. Never take anything that is supposed to be "just as good." The time is coming when any home can be connected with New York, or Chicago, and hear concerts, bands, sermons and speeches.

Hitting John D.

England has an automobile run with gas produced in a generator installed in the car. Hard coal, coke and wood charcoal are used as fuel. The gas producer works automatically and a steady stream of gas is produced. No changes need be made in the car.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

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

Mary M. Winter and husband to John Deviller: Lots 3 and 4, block G, Marsh's subdivision.

Consolidated Land Co. to R. I. Harris: W¼ SE¼ SE¼, Sec. 19, Twp. 33, R. 29; 10 acres.

Elsie K. Sanger to C. C. Cobb: N½ lot 5, block 104, Sebring.

B. H. James and wife to William A. Luthye: Lot 4, block 14, Sec. 13, Avon Park.

G. L. Crews and wife to William A. Luthye: Lot 3, block 14, Sec. 13, Avon Park.

Pittsburgh - Florida Fruit Growers Association to Benjamin W. Haseltine and E. Lydia Haseltine: Grove 95, Sec. 17, Twp. 33, R. 28; 5 acres.

B. E. Warren and wife to M. A. Monday: Undivided one-half interest in NW¼ and E½ NE¼ and SW¼ NE¼, except 20 acres off N side NE¼ NE¼, blocks 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7 and lots 21, 22 and 23, block 5; lots 6 and 7, block 6, and lots 12 and 13, block 8, all in Sec. 2, Twp. 34, R. 28.

H. O. Sebring and wife to O. D. Garrett: Lot 9, block H, Sec. 25, Lake Jackson boulevard.

Sebring Real Estate Co. to O. D. Garrett: SE¼ SW¼ and E½ E½ SW¼ SW¼, Sec. 7, Twp. 34, R. 29.

George E. Sebring Co. to G. F. Bobb: Lot 12, block B, seventh addition to Sebring.

Warren & Monday: Plat of certain land in Sec. 2, Twp. 34, R. 28.

Bankers Grove Co. to John D. Raab: Lot 8, block 4, Sec. 24, Twp. 33, R. 28.

W. C. Touchton and wife to C. S. Blakeslee: Lot 6, block 4, Sec. 11, Twp. 33, R. 28.

Kissimmee Prairie Land Co. to Marie Sikes, guardian: W½ of S½ of lot 6 in Sec. 2, Twp. 36, R. 32 and E½ NW¼ NW¼ Sec. 11, Twp. 36, R. 32.

Bartow Land & Cattle Co. to E. D. McCaulay, George B. Kinzie and J. H. Garst: NE¼ Sec. 9, Twp. 35, R. 29.

Eva S. Morris to John H. Garst and Sina L. Garst: N½ lot 5, block 93, Sebring.

DeSoto City Groves Co. to John L. Webster: Farm lots 22 and 59, Sec. 22, Twp. 35, R. 29, DeSoto City.

John B. Peden and wife to Dr. C. Patterson: S½ of SE¼, Sec. 20, Twp. 38, R. 30.

John B. Peden and wife to Dr. J. C. Patterson: Undivided one-half interest in lot 10, block 3, Sec. 23, Avon Park.

Floy L. Smith and husband to B. H. James: Lot 1, subdivision of lot 12, block 3, Sec. 23, Avon Park.

DeSoto Holding Co. to A. E. Conoley: Lots 9 and 10, block 25, Sec. 22, Avon Park.

DeSoto Holding Co. to John L. Donaldson: N½ SW¼, NW¼ NW¼, Sec. 3, Twp. 33, R. 28, Avon Park.

Thomas Murray Stanley, et al, to Charles S. Donaldson: Lot 3, block 8, Sec. 15, Twp. 33, R. 28.

Paul F. Krause to L. D. Von Pflugk: Lots 10 and 11, Sec. 13, and lots 4 and 5, Sec. 19, Twp. 35, R. 29.

Ben R. Eastman and wife to L. F. Spink and Pearl Spink: Lots 5, 8 and 9, block 63, Sec. 22, Avon Park.

R. M. Stidham and wife to W. C. Touchton: S½ lot 13 and all lot 14, block 4, Sec. 11, Avon Park.

Pittsburgh - Florida Fruit Growers Association to J. L. McMillan: Grove 77, Sec. 17, Twp. 33, R. 28; 5 acres.

11,017 MILES OF FDERAL-AID ROADS COMPLETED TO APRIL

Federal-id roads completed since 1916 totaled 11,017 miles on March 31,an increase of 8,016 miles during the preceding twelve months, says the bureau of public roads, United States department of agriculture. A great many different types and widths were constructed, the general average cost per mile for the United States being $17,120.

In total mileage completed the leading states were Minnesota, 1,093 miles; Texas, 919; Wisconsin, 657; Illinois, 489; Ohio, 465, and Arkansas, 401.

Japanned English

An enterprising Jap student at one of America's inland colleges, who landed here with practically no English in his vocabulary, secured a job on a farm during the vacation season. He assimilated the language readily enough and soon had a workable command of words—enough to get by with; but the feminine nouns properly applicable to the various domestic animals came near proving a German Marne. One morning he came running in very great haste to the master of the house, gasping as he ran: "Please, honorable Boss, come quickly—hen-pig, she have pups!"—Everybody's Magazine.

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FLORIDA IN SUMMER

[Times-Union]

St. Petersburg is acting wisely in preparing for entertainment of visitors in the summer time. That city is one of the greatest winter resorts in the state and its winter climate is known all over the United States, as is the winter climate of Florida in general. But it is equally important that people should know the summer climate of this state and the comforts and pleasures of the beaches along its twelve hundred miles of water front.

When we say it is as important that Florida's summer climate should be known as well as her winter climate, we do not mean to be understood as saying that if the summer climate of this state were understood we would have as many guests within the borders of Florida in the summer as we have in the winter. In the vast stretch of country east of the Rocky Mountains Florida has almost a monopoly of a winter climate that would attract visitors, while many other states have parts that are equally as attractive in summer. Some wish to go to the mountains and of these we have none. Others wish to go to the seashore and of seashore resorts, while we are bountifully supplied, we have not a monopoly. The time can never be made to come when Florida will attract as many visitors in summer as in winter, but the seaside resorts of the state should attract quite a number from other states, for the climate and the bathing is as pleasant here as elsewhere, if not more so, and the fishing is better than anywhere else.

But the attraction of visitors in the summer time would mean the attraction of permanent settlers. Everybody knows what Florida is in the winter and those who come in the summer need not be told. But very many if not the majority of those who come in the winter think that at other times of the year this state is unpleasantly hot. Those who spend a few pleasant weeks in Florida in the summer would know that this is not true. They would know that this state is one of the pleasantest in the Union for all the year residence and we would secure more permanent settlers from the smaller number who would come in the summer than from the larger number who would come in the winter.

SURVEYS OF ROAD BUILDING MATERIALS LESSEN COSTS

Road material surveys now being made in several states will give contractors a more definite basis for bidding on road work and result in cheaper costs of construction, says the bureau of public roads of the United States department of agriculture.

In making these surveys, supplies of stone, gravel, sand slag and other materials are located, samples tested and information secured as to accessibility, freight rates and other factors. This information is of permanent value as supplies are rarely exhausted. By furnishing a contractor information as to the location of satisfactory materials one element of risk is removed, and some of the states report that they have definite proof that such service has resulted in decreased bids.

The bureau of public roads in the course of its operations has tested some 9,000 samples of rock, sand, gravel and slag and reports are available giving the location from which the sample was taken, together with results of tests. There are now sixty-eight laboratories engaged in testing road materials, and data is being rapidly accumulated even in states that are not at this time making an intensive survey.

Many Motor Vehicles

The United States bureau of public roads reports that the motor vehicle registration for the year 1921 totaled 10,448,632. This represents an increase of more than a million over the 1920 figures, or a number equal to the total number at the beginning of 1913. The greatest increases in registration were in industrial sections, in general showing a smaller amount of increase. Not a state reported a registration less than 1920 figures. The total amount collected as fees of various kinds amounted to $122,478,654.

The girls insist with apparent sincerity that they dress for the benefit of the other girls, but we often wonder if they're not more bipartisan than they realize.—Ohio State Journal.

Some Inflation

Speaking of the days of the inflated dollar, old Si Chestnut said: "By gum, it's a fact that for a time, a nickel's worth of oats straw and four cents worth of turkey feathers rigged up as a woman's hat, would fetch more than the price of a yearling calf."

In fact we all felt the effects of the inflated dollar. Getting the inflation out of the dollar is something like getting over the effects o fa "jag" in the days before home brew became popular. Dollars are valuable now, because their purchasing power has increased, which is all the more reason why you should save them. May we help you?

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What the State Press and Others Have to Say Regarding G. W. Adams' Candidacy for House of Representatives

In reproducing the following comment from various newspapers, it is not done in a spirit of egotism, but merely to show the readers of this paper the esteem in which he is held and the confidence reposed in him by his co-workers for the upbuilding of Florida, with whom he has been associated for many years. Many other newspapers have contained favorable editorial comment on the same subject, but only a portion of them have been used because of similarity in character and lack of space. Read them all:

WHAT SENATOR FLETCHER SAYS

UNITED STATES SENATE
Committee on Commerce

April 3, 1922.

[Personal]

Mr. G. W. Adams,
Avon Park, Fla.

Dear Mr. Adams:

I have just read your announcement in the Highlands County Pilot, and am delighted to know you will go to the Legislature. I hope you will have no opposition. You will be able to render the state real and great service.

Yours sincerely,
DUNCAN U. FLETCHER.

"WORTHY OF THE TITLE AND OFFICE," SAYS CONGRESSMAN DRANE

Washington, D. C., April 8, 1922.

Hon. G. W. Adams,
Avon, Park, Fla.

Dear Mr. Adams: I was very much interested to receive your favor of the 5th, in which you advised me that you are to be a candidate for a seat in the house of representatives from Highlands county. It would be a great honor to you to be chosen to represent the county, as the first representative of the county you had so much to do with creating.

Should you be elected it is very sure that you would make a representative worthy in every respect of the title as well as the office. One never has to surmise as to where you stand on questions of public policy, and that is a rare attribute in these days when there are so many more politicians than there are statesmen.

I remember the first time I ever saw you I thought you on the wrong side of a public question, as you were against me for congress at that time. You were so open and candid about it, however, that I had an idea I would like to cultivate the friendship of a man like that, and since then we have always been the best of friends.

So it will be with your candidacy: You will find men who will dissent from your opinions and vote against you, provided there be another candidate (and as to this I am not informed), but in the long run those who vote against you will respect you more because you have the courage of your convictions.

With very kind personal regard, I am, dear sir,

Yours sincerely,
HERBERT J. DRANE.

G. W. Adams, editor of the Highlands County Pilot at Avon Park, has announced for representative and his platform is worthy of remark. If elected, Editor Adams promises to do everything possible to execute into law the following policies: full publicity by all expending bodies handling public funds, publicity of laws enacted by all legisaltive bodies—municipal, county and state, the establishment and maintenance of fish hatcheries within the state of Florida, to support a "blue sky" law, aimed at confidence games and to support laws for reforestation. It is to be hoped that Highlands county will elect Mr. Adams so that he can try to put these policies of his into law.—DeLand Daily News, April 5.

George W. Adams, formerly publisher of the Manatee Banner, but now editor of the Avon Park Pilot, has announced as a candidate for the legislature, and gives a definite and complete platform that would be a good model in most respects for other candidates to follow. Among the things he has declared for is, revision of the constitution, proper reapportionment, broader and better educational laws, protection of proven property by enactment of a law that will compel stockmen to care for their stock, full itemized publicity of all officials spending public moneys.—Manatee River Journal.

George Adams, editor of the Pilot of Avon Park, is running for the legislature on a splendid platform. He will make a valuable man in the legislature if elected.—Palmetto News.

A PLAIN SPOKEN CANDIDATE

[Tampa Daily Times]

The editor of The Times has received from G. W. Adams, editor of the Highlands County Pilot, a personal letter, announcing his determination to become a candidate for the legislature in the coming primary. For some time back The Times has been stressing the importance of selecting the right sort of candidates for the legislature and avoiding the disagreeable necessity of being misrepresented as happened to some counties at the last term.

With the communication comes a folder, which we presume will be sent to every voter, defining his position on the important issues of the day in a frank, manly and straight-forward manner that is truly refreshing in this day of tortuous political methods. He does not attempt to sidestep important questions nor does he attempt an ambiguous verbosity in order to conceal his real opinions, everything is stated in a plain and simple way that cannot be misunderstood. The voters may not agree with him on all points, probably they will not, but all must admire the frank and fearless way in which he states them. If they elect him, as we believe they will, they will know exactly where to find him when these questions come up. Space forbids our giving the circular in full, as we would like to as a model for other candidates, because of its simplicity and directness, but we cannot forbear touching a few of the main points. He states in the beginning that he has no formal platform, but he states his views with a terseness and directness that is admirable, and cannot be mistaken.

He says:

"I shall not represent any one city, town, hamlet or district, but the people of Highlands county as a whole.

"I have been asked as to my position as regards the following measures:

"1. Revision of the state's constitution.

"2. Broader and better educational laws.

"3. Protection of private property through the enactment of a state-wide no-fence law.

"4. Improvement of the live stock of Florida by tick eradication.

"5. Protection of the citrus industry by the enactment of a compulsory spraying law.

"6. My attitude as to prohibition enforcement."

He favors a constitutional convention to revise our old constitution and bring it into better accord with the spirit of the times.

He favors a broad educational policy which will "guarantee the provision of sufficient funds to maintain and operate our schools a full nine months in each and every year, with adequate salaries to secure competent teachers."

He frankly states he is in favor of a state-wide no-fence law, and will work to that end. If that cannot be obtained, he will work for a local option law, which will permit each county to decide the question for itself.

He stands for compulsory tick eradication, the success of which will be followed by the opening of the world's markets to our cattle.

He would have a law making the spraying of citrus groves compulsory, thus providing a safe-guard against careless and slovenly owners, who may endanger a whole neighborhood by their negligence.

He favors the strict enforcement of the prohibition law.

In a personal letter to the editor of The Times, Mr. Adams notes several other matters which he favors, as follows:

1. Full publicity by all expending bodies handling public funds.
2. Publicity of laws enacted by all legislative bodies—municipal, county and state.
3. The establishment and maintenance of fish hatcheries within the state of Florida.
4. The amendment of our corporation laws in such a manner as will render it impossible for "blue sky" corporations to operate with safety within our borders.
5. Laws providing for reforestation.

There you have the man and the policies for which he stands, stated clearly, explicitly and understandingly. There is little in them for good citizens to criticize. If enough men of similar views could be gathered together in Tallahassee next April, to enact them into the policy of the state, the future of Florida would be assured. They can be, if the citizens of Florida will do their duty. The legislature is just as good, and no better than the men who make it.

Announcement that he is a candidate for state representative from Highlands county has been sent out by Editor George W. Adams of the Highlands Pilot, published at Avon Park. His platform contains several laudable features which he stands for, among them being full publicity by all expending bodies handling public funds; publicity of laws enacted by municipal, county and state legislative bodies; establishment and maintenance of fish hatcheries in Florida; amendment of state corporation laws to bar "blue sky" concerns; reforestation measures. Mr. Adams' campaign, of course, is local to Highlands county, but he is well enough known in this county, of which he was a resident before division, to deserve more than passing mention. If he is sent to Tallahassee as representative of his county, he will serve faithfully and well, there can be no doubt. His upright character and ability assure him a following, which is to be hoped will be sufficiently large to put him into the legislative halls at the state capital.—DeSoto County News, April 14.

George W. Adams, editor of the Highlands County Pilot, published at Avon Park, is a candidate for the office of representative of Highlands county, one of the counties created by the last legislature by splitting up DeSoto county. His platform is exceptionally plain and the voters know before hand just where he is going to stand on important issues. He informs the voters through his paper that if they do not agree with him on the issues he advocates he does not want their votes. If George goes to the legislature he will be strictly free from alliances and entanglements of any nature. Mr. Adams was formerly connected with this paper, and his friends here will watch his record in the house with interest.—Fort Lauderdale Herald.

G. W. Adams, editor of the Highlands County Pilot, has announced his candidacy for the legislature and in a folder sent out to the voters of his county he has in a few words declared the position he will take on important issues. He favors a state-wide no-fence law; tick eradication; better educational laws; a compulsory spraying law; revision of the state's constitution; full publicity of the expenditures of all public funds; publicity of all laws, municipal, county and state; fish hatcheries to be established and maintained in the state; laws providing for reforestation; strict enforcement of the prohibition laws, and amending the corporation laws of the state. Mr. Adams has a good platform and if a majority of the legislators elected are of the same mind Florida will profit by the laws enacted at the session of 1923.—Sarasota Times, April 6.

Our friend, George Adams of the Highlands County Pilot, is a candidate for the legislature and prints his platform and declaration of principles. In other words, George comes out flat-footed and tells the voters what he will do if elected. George may lose a few votes by doing this, but if the people of his county wish a man at Tallahassee who will represent them and work for their interests they will elect him. If George Adams goes to the legislature he will know what he is there for and do his work faithfully and well.—Winter Haven Chief.

The announcement of Editor G. W. Adams of Avon Park as a candidate for the legislature, is winning the golden opinions from all over the state. Everybody likes the flat-footed, independent tenor of his announcement.—Tampa Times, April 10.

MINISTER ENDORSES CANDIDATE FOR REPRESENTATIVE

The Pilot is in receipt of the following communication from the Rev. Benj. F. Stock, pastor of the Congregational church, endorsing its editor's position as a candidate for the legislature:

"To the Editor of the Highlands County Pilot.

"Dear Mr. Adams:

"I read with a great deal of interest your article as a 'legislative candidate' and you certainly most clearly defined your position. If there is one thing I admire in a man, it is the clear statement of those principles for which he stands. In your article you gave in a clear and concise way these facts, which carried out will mean a better county and a more prosperous class of citizens.

"Most respectfully,
"REV. BENJ. STOCK."

Adams Has the Right Idea

Down in Highlands county a man is running for state representative, who, to our way of thinking, is going about it in exactly the right way. He defines his position on all the problems that confront the people in a most thorough manner and if he is elected and lives up to his statement, which we feel sure he will, no one can ever accuse him of not keeping faith with his constituents.

We have no use whatever for any candidate who will not come out of the bushes and state exactly where he stands on all the vital questions to come up at the next session of the legislature. The generalizing of some candidates to the effect that they will not state where they stand but will conduct the affairs of state to the best of their ability or as the majority of the people desire, is simply sickening to us. Our idea is that they are merely mouthing. If they sincerely want to carry out the wishes of the people they should state where they stand. Then, and only then, can they be sure of what the majority wants. Then the mere fact that they are elected proves to everyone that the principles they stand for are the wishes of the majority. If they do not have their assurance they are very likely to take the hints of a few close and powerful friends as the wishes of the "deer pepul." No human has a way of telling what the majority of people want after the election and very few politicians make even the slightest effort to find out—unless forced to before they are elected.

For these reasons the frank and voluntary statement of Mr. Adams deserves commendation and we certainly hope the people of Highlands county decide in his favor.—Haines City Herald.

George W. Adams, editor of the Highlands Pilot of Avon Park, has announced his candidacy for the legislature with a constructive platform which includes revision of the constitution, educational laws which will provide for a high educational standard and money to pay for it, a no-fence law, elimination of the cattle tick, compulsory spraying of groves and other good measures. How George came to omit fish and game conservation from his platform we do not know but we do feel assured that he is strong for conservation. George should have no opposition, as he is a fearless and energetic fighter for progressive legislation.—The Florida Fisherman.

Editor George Adams of the Highlands Pilot of Avon Park, wants to go to the state legislature in the place of Dr. E. J. Etheredge, who has announced himself as a candidate for the state senate. Dr. Etheredge seeks to succeed the late Senator Frank M. Cooper of Punta Gorda. Both these men are able and conscientious. Editor Adams would serve Highlands county with distinction and Dr. Etheredge may well rest his candidacy on his record in the lower house.—DeSoto County News.

G. W. Adams, editor and publisher of the Highlands County Pilot, has announced his candidacy for the legislature from Highlands county. If he is not elected it will surprise us.—Tampa Tribune.

NEWSPAPERMEN FOR LEGISLATURE

[Kissimmee Valley Gazette, April 14]

In Highlands county one newspaper man has the temerity to announce himself as a candidate for nomination as representative in the next legislature. The candidate is a man of excellence and ability—and his election will add to the prestige of the county—as well as of the entire legislative body.

G. W. Adams, editor of the Avon Park Pilot, has announced, and his announcement was of much length and full of pep. And he terminates his exhortation with the following:

"If you are not in accord with my views and do not believe such legislation as I advocate would be to the best interests of Highlands county and the state of Florida, then I cannot expect your support, nor do I desire it."

Mr. Adams' platform has five essential planks which are herewith given:

1. Full publicity by all expending bodies handling public funds.
2. Publicity of laws enacted by all legislative bodies—municipal, county and state.
3. The establishment and maintenance of fish hatcheries within the state of Florida.
4. The amendment of our corporation laws in such a manner as will render it impossible for "blue sky" corporations to operate with safety within our borders.
5. Laws providing for reforestation.

And every newspaper in the state will wish George W. Adams a full measure of success.

Legislative Programs

Among the "early birds" who are to seek a trip to Tallahassee by the ballot route to represent the people in the halls of the legislature, is George W. Adams, editor of the Highlands County Pilot at Avon Park. And not content with a mere announcement that he is in the field as a candidate for election as representative, the Avon Park editor comes out with a progressive platform that is interesting, not alone to the people of his constituency but to others who take an interest in Florida's welfare because it will be the sum total of all the views of those who will be sent to Tallahassee that will shape the legislation for the coming years. There are two outstanding items on his program, the first in importance being the establishment and maintenance of fish hatcheries within the state and the other the conservation of our forest wealth. Full publicity concerning all public acts of legislative bodies is also an important item. George Adams stands high in his community so that his selection to represent the new county at Tallahassee would not cause surprise.—Lakeland Telegram, April 6.

Tampa Times: "George Adams, editor of the Highlands County Pilot, who is a candidates for member of the legislature from his county, is making a strong play for the votes of the women. Listen to this—the concluding sentence of an editorial in Friday's issue of his paper: 'And another thing, our girls are as sweet as their voices, and as handsome as the prettiest bird of plumage in the state.' " We've made that statement many times, even before we were a candidate.

George Adanis, editor of the Highlands County Pilot of Avon Park, is a candidate for the legislature and a few weeks ago announced in no uncertain words where he stood on several important questions. Whether right of wrong, his flat-footedness is refreshing. The E-R would rather a man be wrong occasionally, than be uncertain all the time.—Madison Enterprise-Recorder.

George Adams of the Avon Park Pilot has announced for the legislature. Most any one can make a "legislator," so why spoil a good editor when there are so many politicians hanging around. However, if George really wishes to go to Tallahassee, we hope he is elected.—Winter Haven Chief.

[Paid Political Advertisement]

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HIGHLANDS COUNTY MESSENGER

VOLUME I. NO. 41. SEBRING, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1922 $2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE

Enthusiastic Get-Together Meet of Business Men Held

COL. CURTIS G. ROREBECK STARTS ORGANIZATION OF TOWN'S BUSINESS MEN ALONG CO-OPERATIVE LINES—A BIG ATTENDANCE

At the instance of Col. C. Rorebeck practically every business man in town was present at a get-together luncheon at Moyer's on Thursday afternoon when it was voted unanimously to form a business men's club for bi-weekly meeting and luncheons. The keynote of the meeting was co-operation, and the purpose of the club, as expressed by different speakers, should be to lay stress on the word co-operation and to see that it is carried out in Sebring to the "nth" degree.

"Mine host" Moyer was entirely equal to the occasion of entertaining the men, and a really substantial luncheon was provided the business men for the small sum of 35 cents. The luncheon was not held, however, until 1 o'clock for the simple reason that the regular patrons had to be accommodated. Every available table was crowded to its capacity at the meeting.

Mayor Harshman acted as chairman of the meeting and Colonel Rorebeck made the opening talk. The colonel stated briefly his purpose in getting the men together and concluded a very effective argument for the permanent organization of the business men with a motion that the mayor appoint a committee to draw up plans for such a body to be presented for acceptance or rejection at a meeting to be held May 25. The motion unanimously carried after being seconded by H. G. Eastwood.

The mayor then introduced "Senator-elect" E. J. Etheredge, who made a five-minute address on the meaning of the word co-operation. Dr. Etheridge stated that in his belief the word was the greatest and most significant in the English language and added that it should be written in long hand in the dictionary so that everyone might read its definition and study the meaning. The doctor declared that no town can properly succeed unless its business men learn to co-operate. Etheridge was followed by Col. A. E. Lawrence, who made a very pointed talk seconding the doctor's utterances. Colonel Lawrence urged upon the business men, also, the necessity of giving the other fellow credit for doing his best. He asked especially that this courtesy be extended the city officials during the present administration by reason of the fact that its tasks are particularly trying and perplexing.

P. A. Buhl followed Colonel Lawrence by telling the business men that ex-Governor Albert W. Gilchrist will be in Sebring May 26 and Mr. Buhl stressed the desirability of making that a gala day. The suggestion met with the evident approval of the gathering, as did also the proposition that Senator Tammell, whom Mr. Gilchrist is opposing in the June primary, be invited to be present to take care of himself. A motion for inviting Florida's junior senator to Sebring on that date carried.

At the conclusion of the meeting Colonel Rorebeck stated that the president of the Tampa Rotary Club will be here at the next meeting of the business men, as will a number of other live wires from the South Florida metropolis. Everyone was urged to be present at the board of trade meeting Monday night when the good roads situation will be discussed.

The meeting was adjourned by the men lining up and making payment of the 35 cents to Mr. Moyer.

SENATOR ETHEREDGE

[Editorial]

It is with genuine pleasure that we note Dr. E. J. Etheredge's nomination as the democrats choice for state senator in this district. The doctor's nomination was conceded last Saturday by the failure of any other candidate to qualify for the office.

The very fact that Dr. Etheredge frightened off opposition in the five counties in which he is making the race is evidence not only of his popularity but also of his unquestioned ability.

We predict that the doctor will make a splendid record in the state senate, just as he did in the lower house. And who is saying but that his record for service in this district may not be so forcibly brought before the people of the state within the next few years as to cause a desire from them to share with us the privilege of having such an excellent public servant promoted from the lower house to the upper is certainly a mark of public favor and generally precedes future political preferment. Thus it may be that ere long Highlands county will be furnishing the state with a governor. Here's hoping, anyway.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

The first meeting of the Highlands County Federation of Women's Clubs will be held at Tuscawilla Park on Tuesday afternoon, May 16, at 2:30 p. m. The members of the Sebring and Avon Park clubs are urged to attend as the constitution and by-laws will be presented for adoption and officers for the coming year elected. Much work can be done for the good of the county by the co-operation of these clubs and any that may be later organized in the county and the support of all members is asked.

BOARD OF TRADE MEET

A meeting of the board of trade has been called for Monday night at 8 o'clock when the roads problems of the county are in for some serious consideration. At a meeting of the governors Tuesday afternoon, bonding was advanced as a solution for the problems, and it is thought that the board will be sounded out on this view Monday night. In the event that bonding is decided upon, the governors stated their realization that an intense educational campaign will have to be waged in order to insure its passage. Numerous ideas both as to the amount of the bond issue and as to roads and road construction types and routes are solicited by the board of trade. One danger has already been thrown out by the probability that legal limitations will prevent the bonding for an amount sufficient for building the needed roads. But it is reasonably certain that an amount up to $350,000 can be voted. It seems to be pretty generally conceded that the state road department is too busy elsewhere to be particularly interested in Highlands county.

POLITICAL LOVE FEAST WILL BE STAGED IN AVON PARK TUESDAY NIGHT

[Highlands County Pilot]

Next Tuesday night, May 16, is the date set for candidates for office to come to Avon Park and tell the people just why they should vote for them in the primary election to be held June 6. All candidates are invited to come to Avon Park and participate in this talkfest, bringing their eloquence with them. If you are a candidate and there is any particular kind of speaking our voters should favor you on election day, come to Avon Park and tell them about it. The voters are in a receptive mood, and every candidate will receive careful attention will be given the speakers.

The Avon Park band will enliven the occasion with sweet strains of music and the people will accord each candidate a hearty welcome—even if they fail to vote for him. No definite program has as yet been arranged, but each candidate will be given an opportunity to speak and accorded a respectful hearing.

The speaking will be from the band stand and will begin promptly at 7 o'clock, in order to give all an opportunity to speak and not keep the crowd up too late.

Remember the date and be on hand early.

TRACTOR OVERTURNED TUESDAY INSTANTLY KILLING CLAYTON KING

[Highlands County Pilot]

A fatal accident happened at L. A. Wolff's farm on Lake Lotela Tuesday afternoon, when Clayton King, aged about 25, was almost instantly killed while driving a tractor. He ran the tractor into a ditch or hole, the machine overturning and pinning the unfortunate young man underneath. He was badly crushed and died almost instantly. The victim of the accident was an automobile mechanic and served in the late war in that capacity. He had been employed by Mr. Wolff but a short while and was not very well known here, but during his short residence those with whom he came in contact were most favorably impressed with him.

His parents, who reside in Tishomingo, Miss., were notified by wire of the sad accident and upon instructions from them the body was prepared for shipment by J. Ross Blythe of Sebring, and sent to his home Thursday morning, accompanied by the Rev. J. B. Peden, a relative.

MRS. E. O. WILLIAMS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE WOMAN'S CLUB

[Highlands County Pilot]

The Woman's Club of Avon Park at its regular meeting last Friday afternoon elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. E. O. Williams; first vice-president, Mrs. John D. Raab; second vice-president, Mrs. H. F. Ford; secretary, Mrs. C. E. Skipper; treasurer, Mrs. Olive Armstrong; registrar, Mrs. Henry Stevenson.

A history of the club's activities during the past year, written by the former president, Mrs. Mae Walden, will be found in another column.

The Woman's Club is destined to become an important factor in the civic welfare of Avon Park and we bespeak for the officers the hearty co-operation of every citizen.

Birth of a boy weighing twenty-four pounds has amazed physicians of London, England. They regard it as a world record. The mother is recovering, but the baby died.

Japan exported 16,849 bales of silk to America during January, 1922, and 2,347 to Europe during the same period. Since July 1, 1921, the total shipment to America has been 150,139 bales and to Europe 16,288 bales.

UNLESS YOU PAY YOUR POLL TAX BEFORE THE DAY CLOSES SATURDAY, THE 13TH, YOU CAN NOT VOTE AT THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY TO TO BE HELD JUNE 6TH. NEGLECT THIS IMPORTANT MATTER AND YOU HAVE ONLY YOURSELF TO BLAME.

Candidate Crews Peeved at Write-Up---Says Misquoted

DECLARES THAT HE DID NOT EVEN INTIMATE THAT HE IS IN RACE TO "GET EVEN"—NEITHER DID HE MENTION BEING "DOUBLE CROSSED"

G. L. Crews of Avon Park takes offense at the write-up appearing in last week's Messenger and declares that he was misquoted and otherwise misrepresented. As the account of his speaking was not written by the editor of this paper, it cannot be argued that it necessarily reflects his attitude in the matter. Neither can Mr. Crews claim that any editorial utterances in the Messenger have been unduly unfavorable to him. The editor, now as always, has been a democrat, and were he qualified to vote in the June primary, would support the nominee of the party. That would, of course, eliminate Mr. Crews from consideration, as he is not qualified to enter the primary, because, as he states, of past national political views.

However, in fairness to all, Mr. Crews was given the privilege of preparing a counter-statement to the objectionable article and allow the courtesy of equal prominence in display. Following is the article:

Avon Park, Fla., May 9, 1922.

Editor Messenger:

Please allow me space in your columns to reply to "Mr. Staff Correspondent," who contributes quite a lengthy write-up of the speaking at Istokpoga creek, and especially as to his write-up of my talk, and while I do not know who "Staff Correspondent" is, must say that I am sorry for him, as he is either unable to make a true report or unwilling to do so, and I will endeavor to show same.

He begins his remark about me by saying that "my desire seemed to be for the purpose of getting even," when the truth of the matter is that the matter of getting even was not even mentioned by Mr. Saunders or myself. He further says that I said "I had expected the appointment and that when Mr. Saunders was appointed, I felt that I had been double-crossed," which is another misrepresentation, as I plainly said that "I had never expected the appointment as I understood that Dr. Etheredge had a man in view that he wished to have appointed and was not disappointed when I failed to get the appointment."

"Mr. Staff Correspondent" makes several remarks that are out of place and very unbecoming to any person who calls himself a gentleman, and while I do not claim that I made an eloquent speech, it seems to me that he wishes to create the impression that I am as big a fool as he seems to be in his article, and if I am, I do not expect the support of the intelligent people of Highlands county, but as to what I said, I am willing for any of the fair-minded people who were present to say whether my remarks were correctly quoted.

Further on in his article he says "he said he was qualified for the work, but failed to state the qualifications." Now, I feel that I am enough known in this county for the people to investigate my ability and I am willing to leave the subject of my qualifications up to my friends and acquaintances, and if they say I am qualified, I should be satisfied, but for the enlightenment of "Mr. Staff Correspondent" and his kind, will say that I spent seven years in my younger days teaching in the public schools of old DeSoto county, and since then I have been engaged in various kinds of work, such as merchandising, real estate and insurance and notary work, and besides, I am now serving my third term as clerk and collector of the town of Avon Park, a position to which I was elected without asking for the office, and to which I have been twice re-elected, which shows any way that my home people at least have confidence in my ability.

I am not trying to make the people believe that I am the only person in the county who is qualified to fill the office as some others are trying to do in regard to Mr. Saunders.

The only reason I can see for a misrepresentation of the remarks made by me by your correspondent, is that he seems to want to draw the attention of the voters away from the real issue between Mr. Saunders and myself, which is for the people to decide whether the offices of this county shall be filled by the dictation of one or two people, or whether the people shall name the officeholders and will to say that this is the issue, and that I am in the race to stay and expect to let the voters decide the matter by their ballots, and I will then be satisfied, whether I am elected or defeated.

Now, it is not my desire to enter into a newspaper controversy and will say that if your correspondents will quote me truthfully I have nothing to say, but I do expect them to confine themselves to the truth.

Yours very truly,

G. L. CREWS.

Salaries of Teachers Will Not Be Reduced Says Board

[Highlands County Pilot]

The county board of education met in regular monthly session at Sebring Monday and transacted business of importance, some portions of which are especially gratifying to the school patrons of Sebring and Avon Park in particular. There had been rumors afloat for some time that the board intended to reduce teachers' salaries for the school year 1922-23, but when the matter was brought up for discussion it was decided to let them remain the same as during the last school year, with the provision that the special tax districts of Avon Park and Sebring could not supplement. Last year Sebring supplemented the salaries of the teachers, but Avon Park did not.

It was also voted to give Avon Park and Sebring each one additional high school teacher, provided the schools in the two places can qualify as regards the minimum requirements of senior high schools, as provided by the state board of education.

New Districts Referred

J. L. Moore of Lake Stearns and R. W. O'Berry of the O'Berry section appeared before the board with petitions asking that new special school tax districts be formed in their locality, known as Lake Stearns district and Shoe Lake district. The matter was referred to the board's attorney.

Parker's Resignation Accepted

The resignation of J. E. Parker, local trustee for special district No. 37 (Sebring), was accepted and B. L. Laird was appointed to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

Applications for Positions

A motion prevailed that the board hold a special meeting Monday, May 22, at which time the trustees of the various school districts are requested to attend and present the applications of the teachers whom they desire to recommend for positions for the ensuing school year.

Site for New School

The board passed a resolution to visit Hicora Tuesday, May 23, for the purpose of selecting a site for a new school.

Endorsed Superintendent

The following resolution endorsing the services of Superintendent W. A. Marshall were presented and passed:

"Resolved, That whereas we have been in close touch with the work done in our official capacity as members of the county school board with the office of county superintendent, and knowing the amount of work to be done in that office, and having seen the splendid manner in which the work has been done by our present superintendent, W. A. Marshall, we hereby endorse and highly approve the thorough, business-like administration of his given Highlands county. And, whereas, we are doubly in better position to judge the manner in which his office has been conducted than many outsiders, and he having always taken a stand for the best interests of the county as a whole, it would, in our opinion, be unwise to make any change in that office at the coming election.

"E. O. WILLIAMS,
"M. A. MILLAR."

Criticizing Uncle Sam

It is said Wall Street is peeved over the insistence of the federal state department that no private loans be floated for foreign nations or concerns until the experts of the department have approved of them. This country has had sad experience in making loans. It looks as though the old proverb that "the loan oft loseth both itself and the friend" is coming true. Every country we loaned money to during the war is now criticising the United States.

Ex-Governor Gilchrist Will Get Big Vote in the County

PROPOSED TO HAVE HIS VISIT HERE MAY 26, DESIGNATED AS GILCHRIST DAY—TRAMMELL ALSO INVITED AND OCCASION WILL BE MADE GALA DAY

That ex-Governor Albert W. Gilchrist will make a strong showing against Senator Park Trammell in the June primary is particularly evident in Highlands county, according to close political observers. His showing in this county, so the observers state, will be complimentary for two reasons, the first being that he is an old DeSoto county man and the second that he, perhaps as no other man, pulled the strings that brought about the mother county's division. For those reasons, it is proposed that the ex-governor's visit here on May 25 be officially designated as Gilchrist day, even though the business men have invited Senator Trammell to be present also.

The mass of favoritism for Mr. Gilchrist here comes not from any particular opposition to Senator Trammell, who also has his ardent supporters. It is simply a matter of rendering homage to whom homage is due, state the Gilchrist men. They argue that the ex-governor's efforts in obtaining the division of the county resulted in a financial sacrifice to him by reason of the fact that he laid aside his numerous business interests and hastened to Tallahassee, where he worked indefatigably, refusing to accept any remuneration whatever, until the measure creating Highlands and the other counties had passed. It is pointed out that the very least the voters here can do is to support him in the present race.

On the other hand, there are some, a minority, who look at the matter from an entirely different angle. They assume the purely materialistic point of view and declare if possible that the ex-governor's desire to have the old DeSoto split arose almost as much from a desire to "get even" with certain interests at Arcadia as anything else. They also state the probability that Mr. Gilchrist saw in county division an excellent political patronage in the future.

There are others who harken back to the ex-governor's former records, and express the opinion that he is a "wet" candidate. Just what Mr. Gilchrist's attitude is at present they declare does not matter much as he was opposed to prohibition before it was placed on the statute books of state and nation.

There is still another element who express a preference for neither Trammell or Gilchrist. They, like many others in the state, supported Mr. Bryan, are going to give the position to a man above mere politics. These people believe that between Senator Trammell and Mr. Gilchrist in this race there is little to write little to choose, except for the fact that Mr. Trammell, during his six years' tenure of office, has made a particularly significant showing. They also add that his political excellence over Mr. Gilchrist, so decidedly manifest at the last election, makes him the more powerful of the two at Washington among the nation's best.

At any rate, the anti-Gilchrist's are in the minority, and the former governor will no doubt receive a great demonstration here on May 26. And some declare that from indications all over the county Mr. Gilchrist could well afford to pass Highlands by for more unfavorable ones where the voters are more numerous, with the assurance that he will carry in this portion of South Florida by a handsome majority.

WOW! OUCH! BLUIE!

Capt. Percy Gearing's rough and ready regulars went down to inglorious defeat Thursday afternoon before the onslaughts of nine rookies and old timers to the soulful strain of 15 to 4. The rookies and old timers were led by Col. Fairfax T. Haskins, who acted as master of ceremonies by occupying the pitcher's mound. The colonel, without any previous workout whatever, had the regulars looking silly on more occasions than one, when his lobbings took uncanny twists and other contortions. After the third inning, his old battery mate, P. J. Ripperger, went behind the bat for the remainder of the game, and held 'em up a la Killifer.

The regulars were weakened by the loss of Durrance, Capwell and Vogelson, who played with the opposing outfit. Ingle and Jaeger did the hurling for the regulars, but neither was inclined to put out to any great extent by reason of perfectly rotten support.

Features of the game were the hitting of "Farmer" Jones for the regulars and the fielding of Holliday for the rookies.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS CONFER FOUR DEGREES

[Highlands County Pilot]

Monday night Highlands Chapter No. 42, R. A. M., held its regular convocation, conferring the mark master and past master degrees upon A. B. Davis of Lake Stearns and William C. Stals of Palmdale, after which these two candidates and V. R. Huss of this place were received and acknowledged most excellent masters and expert in the work of degree of Royal Arch Masons. There was a large attendance of members from Avon Park, as well as some from Frostproof and the towns South and a few visitors.

After conferring the mark master degree the members and visitors retired to the dining below, where the ladies had prepared a splendid banquet, as is their custom when anything out of the ordinary in Masonic work is staged. The tables, as usual, were appropriately decorated and the refreshments of salad, boiled ham, pickled beets, sandwiches, jellies, coffee, ice cream and cake, followed by cigars, were thoroughly enjoyed, and appreciated by those in attendance.

Owing to press of business and many other engagements and to the fact that some of the regular officers of Highlands chapter were out of the city, the official visitation and inspection of the chapter by Erle Witt of Bartow, inspection officer for this jurisdiction, was deferred until some future date.

FLORIDA LEADS IN THE PER CAPITAL INCREASE OF BANK DEPOSITS

A Southern Crate Manufacturers Association bulletin dated May 4, says:

"Florida has recently experienced the largest per capita increase in bank deposits of any state in the Union, according to J. S. Chase of Orlando. 'This is due,' said Mr. Chase, 'to the shipment during the last seven months of 52,646 carloads of fruit and vegetables, an average of 250 cars a day or one every five minutes. The income has been $7,375,000 a month, $240,833 a day or $10,000 a minute.' Florida, therefore, should not be in the dumps, in view of these figures.

"The forest service of the department of agriculture has announced the sale to California Fruit Growers Exchange of one billion feet of timber in the Lassen National Forest, California. It will bring into the federal treasury more than $3,000,000 revenue. The average price received is $3.33 per thousand feet on the stump. Only 70 per cent of the timber will be removed; the balance, 30 per cent of young and thrifty trees, will be held as a basis for future growth. To reduce the fire danger, brush and debris will be piled and burned.

Plans provide for a perpetual yield, essential to the conduct of the California fruit industry. One hundred million feet, or 30 per cent of the total pine box lumber output of the state, are annually used by the Fruit Growers Exchange for this purpose.

"The cut of pine timber in Florida for lumber, ties and crate material during the last year has denuded approximately 40,000 acres, equivalent to the area of Washington county. The amount of timber which has been destroyed by fire cannot be estimated, but its potential value totals large."

Double the Egg Production

Dr. N. W. Sanborn says there is no insect enemy of poultry that is more annoying and bloodthirsty than mites. He has been said that if the poultry raisers of Florida kept this one insect down the egg production of the state would be almost doubled. If you have trouble with your poultry write to Dr. Sanborn, Gainesville, Fla., for information. He is the poultry specialist of the State Agricultural College and his services are free to the public.

GRADUATION EXERCISES OF THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

The class graduating from the eighth grade held its exercises at Tuscawilla Park, Friday night, May 5. The program, given entirely by the members of the class, was well selected and most entertaining to all. The children showed good training in their songs and plays, while the three in the special numbers gave evidence of talent in their lines. Their teacher, Miss Blanch Horrell, deserves the credit she received for the success of the evening. The certificates were presented by Mr. Wakefield, who make a short talk about the work they had done and urged all to continue their studies in the high school. Following is the program of the evening:

Song—"Flow, Flow"—Class.

Play—"No Girls Admitted." Cast of characters: School boys—Robert, Miles Baker; Harold, Wilburn North; Everett, Roderick Bailey; Maurice, Owen Godwin. School girls—Dorothy, Ruth Butts; Christine, Cora Boyd; Louise, Miranda Anderson; Grace, Minnie Mansfield. Scene 1—In the school room. Piano solo, "Minuet a l'Antico," Mildred Young. Scene 2—In the living room of Harold and Dorothy. Scene 3—At Maurice's home. Violin solo, "Gypsies' Dance," Jane Binger.

Play—"On the Threshold." Cast of characters: Graduates—Bob, Marston Coker; Nell, Virginia Lopp; Dora, Maud McGinnis. Ignorance, George Adams; Envy, Owen Godwin; Pleasure, Rodwyn Eastwood; Father Time, Earl Mansfield; Opportunity, Mildred Young; Wisdom, Jane Binger; Happiness, Edna Capwell; Matrimony, Prema Wells.

Reading—"Kentucky Philosophy"—Maud McGinnis.

Presentation of diplomas.

Song—"Straight Ahead"—Class.

Piano accompanist, Ruth Butts.

The Classes of '22

Baccalaureate sermon for the Sebring high school, by Elder J. H. Moore, delivered in the Brethren chapel, corner of Oak and Pine streets, Sunday evening, April 30.

Dr. Merrill, pastor of the M. E. church, having offered the opening prayer, the choir sang:

In this address my purpose is to reach the people of the community as well as the students in school.

For the occasion I have three texts. The first will be found in Gen. 1:26, "Let us make man."

The second is found up in a little story: A half dozen small boys were playing in the water and mud at the street side. Their clothes, hands and faces gave evidence of what they were doing. A young lady happening upon the scene, was amazed when she noticed boys from the best families in the group. Addressing them she said: "Well, I would just like to know what boys are good for anyhow?" Tipping his hat one bright little fellow said: "Miss, I can tell you what boys are good for." "Well, what," said the lady. "They are good to make men out of," came the quick reply. So the lady went on her way realizing that she had met a young philosopher. "Boys are good to make men out of."

My third text takes me back to a banquet table in Chicago, possibly thirty years ago, when a hundred or more business men discussed the matter of filling the places of the worn-out men, who had made the city what it was. One speaker finally said: "I tell you what we are going to do. We are going out into the country and bring in boys from the farm to manage our city and her industries." This he said in view of the fact that most of the men who did most for Chicago were once farm boys.

So my subject for the present occasion is making men, making them out of the boys on the streets as well as those from the farms.

Addressing his Son and the Holy Spirit, God said: "Let us make man."

After he had created the heavens and the earth.

After he had made the stars and had made the sun.

After he had made the planets. Their moons and their rings.

After he had set them spinning on their axis and around the sun.

Had separated the waters and the land upon the earth.

After He had caused the upheaval of the mountains.

Formed the hills, the valleys and the plains.

Had made the lakes and the rivers.

Had carpeted the earth with living green.

Had formed the great timber belts and planted the flowers.

Had made the fish and reptiles of the waters.

Had made the fowls of the air.

Had created the animals of the forests, hills and the plains.

After all these things.

Then it was that he said:

"Let us make man."

Let him be the crowning piece of creation.

Let us make him in our image.

Just a little lower than the angels.

But higher than the animal creation. Let us make him so he can think and reason from cause to effect.

Let us give him a mind so he can solve his problems.

Let us breathe into him the breath of life.

And give him a soul that shall live on and on.

Let us make him to feel that he is the offspring of God and that he is related to Deity.

Then let us form for him the woman.

To be his comrade and steadfast companion in all the affairs of life.

Let us give them dominion over every living creature.

Let us turn the forests, the plains and the mines over to them.

Let us give them the freedom of the seas and by and by the freedom of the air.

And turn over to them the keys that will ultimately help them to unlock the treasure vaults of nature so they will know what and where they are, and to understand the things about them.

Thus God made the man and the woman and turned the world over to them to make the best of it.

From that day to this empires have risen and fallen.

Kingdoms have come and gone.

Cities have sprung into existence and disappeared.

Wars and pestilences have swept the earth.

Earthquakes and famines have devasted vast regions.

But the great army of boys and girls have marched on in unbroken ranks.

Out of these boys and girls the making of men and women has been the one steady unending business the world over.

Compared with this everything else on earth has been secondary.

The boy and the girl—the man and the woman—has been the crowning act of all human efforts.

That is why we have the home, the state and the nation.

That is why we have the towns and the cities.

The farms and the flocks.

The church and the Sunday school. That is why we have our schools, colleges and universities.

That is why we are running ten thousand printing presses.

That is why we are building railroads, establishing industries, tunneling the mountains and covering the land with a network of wires.

That is why we are dotting the oceans with vessels and turning night into day with our electric plants.

It is all done for the boy and the girl.

In fact, this old world, with all of her industries and enterprises, is being run in the interest of our boys and girls.

We may differ about our religion. We may almost fight over our politics.

But when it comes to educating and preparing the boy and the girl for the duties and responsibilities of life we pull together.

I am glad for a school system that will permit the poor boy to have an equal chance with the rich boy.

The plan is to give every boy and every girl a square deal.

An equal chance.

I am proud of a country where the boy, playing by the street side, may be cleaned up, educated and prepared for a business man, for a senator, a governor, or even a president.

From the street side to the White House is not an impossibility.

We talk of the values placed on our groves, lands, homes, business, banks and bonds.

You never think of setting a value, in dollars and cents, on your boys and girls.

They are the greatest assets in any community.

The value in dollars and cents cuts no figure.

You talk of bonding your town and county for roads, streets, water and light.

But the greatest thing for which you can ever issue bonds is for your boys and girls.

For their schooling and for their training.

A few days ago I noticed a statement a little like this:

"If you would succeed, bite off more than you can chew, then chew it."

For the boys and girls it might be fine to tax and bond for more than you can pay, then pay it.

But to you more directly, young men and young women:

The past has been a nervous one. There are not books enough to tell the story of nearly six milleniums. But most of that which has been accomplished has not been a credit to the race.

Still wonderful progress along various lines has been made during the last few hundred years.

Some of us have lived long enough to see most of this progress.

We have, however, seen civilization ebb and flow like the ocean tides.

Only recently we saw the great nations of the earth in a state of convulsion—in a death grapple.

Only slowly are we emerging from the awful condition.

Still I feel confident that we are entering a better period.

You young people are entering this period in its very beginning.

The open door to make yourselves felt is right before you.

The world is getting a new vision and you have been elected to fall in with this vision. It is the new world vision that is going to be the making of you.

On meeting the Master, on the way to Damascus, Paul had a vision that made of him the great missionary of the age.

Luther had a vision, then came the reformation with all of its world-wide history. A thousand or more books have been written just because of that far-reaching vision.

Columbus had a vision and America came upon the map with her marvelous influence for a better world.

Copernicus had a vision and this world soon found her place in the solar system, and now we know that our globe is only one of a number of neighbors revolving around the sun.

Washington, Jefferson and others had visions and the land of liberty came upon the scene.

Lincoln had a vision and all the states stood solid four square.

Fulton had his vision and now steam enables mankind to plow the waters of every ocean and turns a billion wheels.

Edison had his vision and night has been turned into day and another billion wheels are whirling.

Bell had his vision and the people are talking to each other from ocean to ocean.

Others have their visions and the air is full of sermons, orations and the melody of songs, for those who are prepared to listen.

The old world is getting tired of wars and the devastations of military strife.

Men and women of all classes are looking forward to the time when nations, like neighbors, can live side by side in peace, live and let live.

It will fall to your lot to help make and perfect those conditions.

As I look upon it, you are entering a marvelous period, when men and women will be at their best in making a better world, and a better church.

Side by side, as educated men and educated women, you will be permitted to work.

Man working principally alone in government has never been able to make the world and society what they should be.

In fact he has made a failure.

I like what Lady Astor said a few days ago.

As a Virginia girl she married Lord Astor, a British nobleman, and won the first seat in the house of commons ever held by a woman. After an absence of eight years she returned to her home town, and in a speech to her old neighbors, among other things said: "One sect cannot govern alone." She believes that one reason why civilization has so sadly failed is because it has had a one-sided government. Man alone has been attempting to run everything, church and state.

You are to work side by side in making people happy, in making life more secure.

And in helping the nations to work out their destinies in peace and prosperity.

You are not yet fully ready for your great work.

Your real preparation has just begun.

The hard climbing is yet ahead of you.

But I want to encourage you to meet your obstacles like men and women.

Struggle but never flinch.

There is a crown ahead for every boy and girl who will win it.

But as you go on in life don't forget your home. You will never know how much your parents have toiled and sacrificed that you might be amply equipped for the great responsibilities of life.

Do not forget your hard working teachers.

Do not forget nor neglect your church and Sunday school. Fortunate is the young man or young woman who is securely anchored to his or her church, and under no circumstances neglect your bible.

And wherever you journey, in this or other lands, remember the stars and stripes, the flag of freedom, that has made success possible for you.

And now trusting and believing that you will do your best, your full duty, and make the best of the opportunities before you, I am commending you to the love of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

MEMORIES

[Martha Swank]

Our eyes wonder listlessly westward,
Lake Jackson's in her best array,
For the sun is slowly sinking
On this most perfect May day.

With pen, but slightly uplifted,
The daylight is fading fast,
And our thoughts come crowding, crowding,
Of the last four years just passed.

When we think of the year we were freshmen,
Everything was so strange and new;
We knew nothing of algebra or Latin,
Nor the tasks we had to pursue.

The following year we were sophomores,
Many exciting spots had we
And the freshmen we scrapped with mostly,
We were presumptious, you see.

In advancement one step further,
Toward the top of the knowledge tree,
We were juniors, each willing and ready
To accomplish our work, we'll agree.

As our thoughts return to the present,
We're seniors, four years' work is done,
Much study and hard work's been our lot,
Still we've also had plenty of fun.

A pause: Now tell me just where would we be,
Dear schoolmates, classmates and all,
If it had not been for our teachers,
Kink, patient, though firm through it all.

We could have accomplished but little,
Our work a deal of vexations,
But whether studies, play or banquets,
Our teachers could answer all questions.

At last our canoe has been anchored
On the brink of life's mysterious sea,
We think of the vocations before us,
Now what and where will we be?

Though some of us now shall separate,
These memories shall not leave the heart:
Wherever we go, what ever we do,
We'll remember with thanks as we part.

CLASS HISTORY

[By Mary Estes]

The freshman class of 1918-19 entered the Sebring high school with an enrollment of ten—Floyd Schumacher, Gerald Bee, Junior Sebring, John Warren, Leona Whitehouse, Tippie Mahon, Dorothy Delaney, Birdie Prescott, Helen Moyer and Mary Estes.

We felt very big indeed when we were allowed to help compose the cast for the high school play, "If I Had a Million," which was successfully carried off under the direction of Miss Powell, who was possessed with a load of patience, which on the night of the final rehearsal was turned into deepest despair. But we all known that a bum rehearsal makes a good show. So we felt worth a million when it was over with.

We can truthfully say that our sophomore year was somewhat of a struggle, not only for the high school but also for the teachers. For a short time Prof. McCulley was the only teacher; then came Mr. Carl with his poetic qualities. It would be safe to state that the less dignified members of this class got in some good exercise during study periods, jumping the rope attached to the new curtain. However, the majority of the class was very studious.

At the beginning of the junior year the class roll numbered seven (four boys leaving us to join the senior class)—Mary Cornelia Saunders, Ellen Heacock, Mearle Young, Helen Moyer, Mary Estes, Guy Miller and Eugene Sebring. The faculty during this year was Prof. Wakefield, Miss Taylor and Mr. Davis. We will long remember the happy times we had during the year, especially the night of the sophomore-senior Valentine party, and the junior-senior banquet.

We began our final year with thirteen in the class. The new members being Willye Taylor, Martha Swank, Alfred Varena, Charlotte Varena and Kenneth Johnson. We were glad to have with us again Mr. Wakefield and Miss Taylor and Mr. Masters.

And now that we have come to the close of our senior year, this lucky class of thirteen dignified seniors will stop and recall the happiest days of our lives. The party given for us by the sophomores, and the banquet given by the juniors on April 14. We regret that we cannot remain longer but nevertheless we shall always look back on our high school days with fond memories of our teachers and classmates. Best wishes and good luck for the future classes of the Sebring high school is the wish of the class of '22.

PROPHECY AND INSIGNIA

[By Mary Cornelia Saunders]

Kind friends, when we think that this is the last time in our lives possibly, that we as a class, shall meet in this dear old chapel, where we have come throughout the year to receive new inspiration and strength for each day's duty, we are made to feel more fully our attachment to it, and when we realize that soon after another daybreak we shall leave our school home and shall be scattered far and wide, "a feeling of sadness comes o'er us that our souls cannot resist."

But though we're borne in life's swift stream, we'll ne'er forget old S. H. S. and the happy days we've spent here.

And if the passing years bring renown to us, fall the laurels sweet, we'll come dear school and bowing down, we'll place it at thy worthy feet.

But 'er the final curtain falls upon our sojourn in these halls of learning, before we greet our teachers and our classmates, too, before we make our bow and say "Adieu," let us take an inventory of our class, noting the abilities and accomplishments of each one and their prospects for the future.

The inventory is as follows: Our class of thirteen represents ten states—Montana, Maryland, Ohio, Kentucky, Alabama, Indiana and Pennsylvania furnish one, two were born in Missouri and three in Georgia. The other one hails from Florida.

The total age of the class is 188 years, 4 months and 6 days. This makes our class birthday upon Jan. 29, 1534. It will take 1,467 pounds of precious metals on one side of the scales to balance the class. Hence the average weight of the class is 112 11-13 pounds. From the total height, 70 feet, the average height is found to be 5 feet 6 inches.

For a class of our size and circumstances, our personal appearance is nothing short of dazzling and far from being monotonous, for some are beautiful, some are pretty, some are tall, some are short, some are fat and some are skinny. But "variety is the spice of life" and naturally we make a "lively" bunch.

There are in our class three real brunettes and three decided blondes, the rest range all the way between the two extremes.

Alfred, by the way things look and smell at the present is going to follow his naturai bent and be a barber, with a special advertising agency for hair shampoos, guaranteed to give the hair a curl that won't comb out and a smell that wont wash out. We hereby present him with this tiny token and wish him success. Present, hair tonic.

The class as a rule can keep their brains in a state of equilibrium no matter the circumstances, though some of the girls have to be very careful that they don't get one ear half larger than the other, or they would certainly think lopsidedly.

Only one of our number wears glasses. That's strange, isn't it? But you see Ava did enough studying to make up for the rest of us, so we don't need them.

Ava has many accomplishments, but she has not yet decided whether she will go "west" or be a doctor and saw bones and slice flesh. Whatever she does we know she will reach the top of the ladder of success. So here's to you Ava (but please don't be reckless with that) and experiment with any of the class of '22. Present, butcher-knife.

Another well-known member of our illustrious bank is Willye Tdylor. Her hobby, a mystery to us, is studying, and we often find her engaged in this wearisome pastime. Willye is very particular and then, too, she is too good for any mere man. So, as we picture her choosing for her life work the noble occupation of teaching the young idea how to shoot, we present her with these tokens of our love and best wishes. Ruler, book and specs.

Then there is Mary Estes and Helen Moyer, known as the "giggling twins," whose chief delight is chewing gum and tormenting Mr. Masters.

Helen, when asked what she is going to be when she gets old, replied: "An old lady." Helen is very studious, she pores constantly over the Red Book, the Motion Picture Magazine, etc. She starred in "The Dutch Detective," and we think that some day Helen (the green-eyed vamp) will be our favorite movie actress. Alarm clock and Red Book.

"Boo," the bashful, is noted for her softness of speech, especially in reciting. "Still water runs deep," and I cannot fathom the depths of those still brown eyes, which surprise you sometimes by a sudden flash and sparkle of mischief. "Boo" is a most surprising young lady and it really isn't much telling what she may be—probably a lady of leisure as she always takes her time (particularly in coming to school in the morning).

Charlotte will be, we think, in fact is, the business lady of our class. Charlotte can count money like a clock counts time. As checks are her hobby we will write one for her now. Present, a check.

When Kenneth came into our class all the girls took innoculation, because around town he is a heart-smasher of the first degree. His angelic countenance is a slanderous misrepresentation of his fickle heart. We prophecy that Kenneth will follow in the footsteps of his father, be a real estate man and sell lot—of sand. Present, bottle of sand.

Janie, the jolly, is the blue-eyed baby of our class. She has many talents, but by the way she tortures a piano we think she will be a music teacher. She can make the old thing groan, giggle and talk. Present, baby piano.

Then there's Mearle! Mearle's ingenuity makes it hard to tell about her. Her chief pleasure is arguing, her most delightful occupation is drawing and her usual pastime is

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