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Government

VOTE FOR

R. H. HANCOCK

Candidate for

SHERIFF

of

Highlands County

"Bob" Hancock has made good
since being appointed to the
Sheriff's office as succe-
sor to W. M. Griffin.

He is entitled to
a full term.

Vote for Hancock

SEBRING TO BUY TRADE BOARD SITE, PLANNING A CITY HALL

Florida's Primary System Is Far From Being As Complicated As Many People Believe

While there will be only two choices between A and B. But under conditions for a second choice vote in the second choice system the first

For the selection of county officials, there are such a large number of voters who are unacquainted with the primary system used in this state that the Messenger has been asked to ex-

The second choice system of voting was decided upon as a means of eliminating the old custom of holding two primaries in the second of which all but the two highest contestants for the

In explaining the second choice method of voting, it should be stated that it is not used in the United States only when there are three or more candidates in the field for the same office. A three-candidate example may be taken to illustrate the principle involved as follows:

Suppose that A, B and C are contestants for the same office. This would allow the voter both a first and a second choice in casting his ballot. Upon tabulation it is found that A received 100 first choice votes, B received 75 and C 50. As no candidate received a majority of the first choice

TAYLOR ANSWERS TO CHARGES
IN HIGHLANDS COUNTY PRISON

IN HIGHLANDS COUNTY PILOT

Declares Political Issue Made Him More Votes Than It Did Candidate George Adams—Scores Anonymous "Sebring Citizen"—Kids Triplett

Declaring himself for both the pub [I am taking advantage of him," he

[illegible]

paper to as so as to exclude the fly-by-night "foreign" class of papers, were set forth.

Mr. Taylor stressed his proposed amendment to the compulsory-publication law, which would require the "take the iron band" from around the neck of the county commissioners and board.

He scored his opponent severely for giving all the publicity he could to the "iron band" amendment.

The rain kept the crowd down but the speaker, from behind a podium in front of the bandstand gave him ample time at intervals, though the humidity was not a factor in the park and along the streets, apparently by had left political emotions home, and the rain did not seem to last more than minutes forced the listeners to scamper.

He declared that the publicity his speech had used—and he faulted a copy of the paper for not giving the broadcast to him (Taylor) more notes than any act of the campaign.

He began his quarrel with S. J. Triplett, and severely arraigned someone who had assigned Taylor to write an article of appreciation of G. W. Adams' candidacy. He charged that Triplett had been "a very poor seeker" and that he would be beaten.

He read a letter from Senator-to-be E. B. Taylor, who had been quoted as expressing opposition to both of the publicists.

Before beginning his address Dr. Taylor said that he was not going to stand with him, and either speak first and close or "follow me and I'll close."

He then turned to the speaker for shelter and compelled the speaker to shorten his address.

Letter From Taylor

Dear Sir:—I received your letter of 1922, regarding the Council Messenger, Seabrook, E. A.

"Dear Sir:—I received your letter present at Avon 1922 on last Sunday night and heard me read a letter from you in which you were vindicating me against the unwarranted assault of the Highland Council."

"I am sure you will do me the justice to read the letter and to realize that you may not have to rely entirely on your notes or your memory."

"I am sure you will be glad to forgive letter in which I shall be glad for you to use in connection with the Council."

"I don't want my opinion to this
the numerical superiority of the
the white race over the black."
The marriage licenses in High-
lands county since January
have been four every month.
February had the smallest number,
with only three being issued.

A further delving into the records
brought out the fact that a total of
100 marriages had been issued in
Highlands county since its organiza-
tion; the first being taken out July
1, 1902, and the last, Jan. 1, 1922.

Among the more interesting and sa-
tirical adventures were Henry Mc-
Gee and John Love, both of whom
were fined for collecting. It is due
to the effect that it was properly a love
affair, and not a business transaction,
that there was too much of a handicap to mar-

"Yours very truly,
JOHN A. TAYLOR."

DESOTO CITY GROVES CO.
"Sebring, Florida
"Desoto City, Florida
"Sebring, Florida
"Rev. John A. Taylor,
"Sebring, Florida.
"Dear Sir:—I hope that the let-
ter which I furnished the Sebring
White Citizens' Council with on
the proposed publicity bill, which
will be introduced in the next sessio-
n of the legislature, will be of some
service to you.

The official records of the last ses-
sion of the legislature show that
the bill was passed by a vote of
the provisions of said bill, and that
the same objections are in this new
bill.

tal happiness is not known. However, the couple has been together since Wednesday and not Friday, which good or may not have given the couple good luck.

The couple has been together since July of last year as compared to the more populous county of Hillsborough is not known. Hillsborough is the most populous county of which Tampa is the county seat, roughly estimated, a population of 100,000. Hillsborough is the second largest county in the state.

To match this county's record Hillsborough must have had 1,500 marriages within that period of time. Hillsborough has a population of five each day. It is extremely doubtful, judging by the daily statistics of the state, that if this average has been maintained.

last year.

The bill highly endorses a portion of the bill which will come with some mental reservations. I shall support it, but as it is not stands, and if it can not be amended.

"I have never told anyone that I was in favor of the proposed bill. I have only said that I was in favor of the provisions, and with some amendments, the bill can be made a good one.

"I understand that some of the citizens of Highlands county were present at the meeting held here last night. I am sure that you said I made the statement that it would cost the state six million dollars to pass this bill. I will come a law. In reply to this, you

WILL TAKE OVER THE BOARD'S EQUITY

MAKE \$4,000 ON DEAL
To Sell Later and Use Proceeds
With Bond Issue to
Build

Sebring is going to have a city hall. That much seems decided, and only the casual grinding of the wheels of time and expediency intervene. The Board of Trade will transfer to the city council at the council's next meeting its interest in the present site of the headquarters of the board, the women's clubs and the library, the city to assume about \$2,000 indebtedness against the property. The indebtedness is due immediately to the Sebring Real Estate Company, in fact

has been asked for more than a year. The city has twice agreed to withdraw its claim, but the board of directors has refused to give either the board or the city time to secure the proper title. The city has been asked to make a plan along the Circle. It fronts about 2 1/2 acres on the Circle, runs about 1,000 feet and is nearly 100 feet wide at the base. The property is conservatively valued at \$7,000, and is owned by the present plants its only cash value. It will be the factor of the indebtedness.

The board of Trade decided at Monday night's meeting to authorize the governing body to transfer the property without cost, with the idea that the city later sell the property. The board also decided to purchase two lots to build a city hall in the vicinity of Tusculwilla Park, where the

It is understood that the board and the present activities on the site will be allowed to remain until such a time as the new city hall is ready; and that all will be provided for in the new city hall.

Secretary A. Binger, of the board, and Col. A. E. Lawrence, president of the board, have been negotiating with friends of the board in the matter

and realizing that the board itself would not be able to handle the indebtedness decided to submit the proposition to the board.

The council is understood to be heartily in favor of the proposal. Arrangements have already been made to have the money available immediately as soon as the council ratifies

It is hardly probable that the question of a bond issue for the city hall will come up any time in the immediate future, that problem being some-

President Lee Johnson, of the council, who was present at the board meeting, stated that as he understood the position of the members of the

The Board of Trade proposition has

been a problem for more than a year. In April a year ago it was deemed impossible for the board to lift the debt and at that time a resolution was passed offering the city the property if it would lift the debt and

the proceeds towards building a city hall. Nothing has been done since then until Colonel Lawrence and Mr. Binger took the matter up several weeks ago upon the insistence of the citizens that something be done.

Plan Big Fourth of July
S. R. Hart, of the Hart Furniture Company, brought up the event.

Company, brought up the question of good roads and something doing for the Fourth of July. He wanted to combine the two into a big rally for roads at Sebring on the Fourth and a committee composed of Milton

Baker, Mr. Hart and Frank Manly was named to take the matter up with the merchants to see what they would do and then go before the city council to see if the solons can "finish" the preliminaries.

Should things come up like it is anticipated a big barbecue is proposed for the day and everybody will be invited. Speakers will be secured for the occasion and the entire coun-

**MIZPAH CLASS GIVES
FAREWELL TO PRESIDENT**

Mrs. E. P. Brown, president of the Mizpah Bible class of the Methodist church, was completely and pleasantly surprised last Monday night when she went into the home of Mrs. W.

Rogers on a seemingly trivial errand and found over thirty members of her class gathered there to say good-bye to her and wish her God-speed on her vacation trip. Mrs. Brown enjoyed every moment of the summer.

A program had been prepared by Mr. B. A. Cope and not a dull place was found during the evening. As a token of the esteem of the class a brooch

was presented to Mrs. Brown, who accepted with fitting words of thanks. Punch and home-made cake were served as refreshments for the evening.

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AVON PARK

J. A. Caldwell made a business trip to Bartow Tuesday.

J. H. Brown of Zolfo was a business visitor in Avon Park Monday.

Mrs. Carrie B. Rickey of Sebring was transacting business here Saturday.

T. J. Henderson and S. E. Roberts of Zolfo were business visitors here Monday.

Mrs. John W. Foley spent Wednesday and yesterday in Tampa visiting her daughter.

Mrs. C. A. Clark suffered from an attack of colic last week, but has fully recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott of Sebring were Avon Park visitors Tuesday and Wednesday.

C. A. Crows, tax assessor of DeSoto county, spent Monday and Tuesday in Avon Park.

A. J. Paddy and family of Lakeland were guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Lander Sunday.

Judge D. V. Rouse and W. A. Hatchell were transacting business in Tampa Tuesday afternoon.

Francis Shockley has completed his freshman year at the Gainesville university and returned home.

R. J. Harris spent Monday and Tuesday in Polk county, transacting business and visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Adams and family moved into the Nance house on South Verona avenue Monday.

Judge George W. Whitehurst was greeting friends and transacting business in Avon Park Wednesday.

W. R. England spent Friday and Saturday in Tampa and St. Petersburg, returning to Avon Park Sunday.

Mrs. P. J. Rippberger and children and Mrs. E. C. Wright of Sebring were visitors in Avon Park Sunday.

Arthur Greene, representing the Virginia Paper Company, was in Avon Park Monday looking after business interests.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Adams have rented the W. E. Nance residence on South Verona avenue and moved in Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Adams and P. H. Adams made an auto trip to Zephyrhills Sunday morning, returning in the evening.

Capt. W. W. Williams of Venice, county commissioner from district No. 1, was greeting friends in Avon Park Monday evening.

J. C. Curtiss and Fred Crews left Tuesday for Fort Valley, Ga., where they will remain until after the peach shipping season closes.

James D. Clardy of Sawanah county entertained some of our people Saturday by street speeches Saturday afternoon and evening.

Mrs. Bertha S. Smith went to Arcadia Monday, where she will spend four or five months, but will return to Avon Park to vote in the primary election June 6.

Mrs. C. N. Ott left yesterday morning for her former home in Missouri following receipt of a telegram telling of the serious illness of her father.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Lacey and family moved into the Congregational parsonage last week. They had been occupying Miss Jennie Waychoff's residence property, which the owner will now occupy herself.

T. L. Reed of Belzoni, Miss., is en route to Avon Park to look after his interests in our city. Mr. Reed is a contractor and builder.

I. B. Correll is slightly indisposed, but with a few days rest he will be all right and on the job at the Pie-Zel restaurant.

Joe Lander and Charlie Nichols will leave Saturday on a month's vacation, to be spent in California, where they will attend the Shriners' annual convention.

William M. Reck, after a three-weeks' visit with his family here, left last Friday for Pittsburgh and other points in the interest of the Hillcrest development.

Gilbert Freeman, who assumes charge of the Pilot today, returned to Tampa Wednesday evening to look after business matters and prepare to move to Avon Park.

Fred Crews, J. W. Mercer and wife, Paul Pickard and wife and Sam Altman of Arcadia left for Valley, Ga., Tuesday, where they expect to work, packing peaches.

Adjuster Wootley was in Avon Park last Thursday and adjusted the insurance on C. H. Shepherd's car, which was stolen a few weeks ago. Mr. Shepherd received 90 per cent of his insurance.

Miss Emma Byrd of Tampa, who recently spent a week here as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. England, passed through Avon Park Sunday with a party of friends on her return from a trip to Miami.

The Misses Roma and Myra Roberts and Annie Ginn, with C. R. Ginn, Jr., composed a jolly party according to Winter Haven Sunday, where they were joined by Miss Orff Bowden, the party going on to Max Beach, where they enjoyed a delicious lunch.

Charles A. Appleby of Washington, interested in the Lake Glanada development, spent a part of last week in Avon Park. Although all the fruit has been shipped from this region, he was enough to convince him that he was visiting at least one section of "The Garden of Eden."

Among the Sebringites who noticed in Avon Park yesterday were Art Clawson, H. F. Clawson, D. I. Moyer, Mrs. P. J. Rippberger, Mrs. E. C. Wright, Mrs. Lillian Boyd, Mrs. Carrie B. Rickey, Frank Manley, Dan M. Andrews, M. W. Baker, Col. C. G. Rowland, S. R. Hart, Col. A. E. Lawrence, Mrs. P. L. Vinton, Mrs. McLeod and Miss Bessie Saunders.

Mrs. W. J. Burts of Tarpon Springs and Mrs. W. R. Minor of Bowling Green, who had been spending several days in Avon Park on account of the illness of their father, B. F. West, returned to their homes Saturday.

W. R. England has disposed of his interests in the business of the W. R. England Hardware Company, H. B. Smith, the present manager, having acquired same. Mr. England's duties as auditor for the Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers Association are such that they require all his time.

D. F. Cardfield and O. E. Wolf, accompanied by W. M. Darr, T. H. Lander and C. E. Shipper, drove to Sanford Saturday to attend the Shrine ceremonial held in that city. Members of Jacksonville put on the work, taking about 100 novitiates across the hot sands. There were about 2,000 visitors in Sanford to enjoy the occasion.

Miss Nellie Farrior of Eau Claire, Minn., who had been manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company's office here for five months, resigned her position last week and is succeeded by Miss Mary Bryant. Miss Bryant is the daughter of G. L. Bryant and has for the past six years been in the employ of the Western Union at Okeechobee City. Miss Farrior has returned to her home in Eau Claire.

Ed. Detering brought his friend D. T. Conrad of Cleveland down to see the Sebring Highlands Development Company's groves at Hillcrest. During one tour of inspection they assisted in inspecting 180 oranges the size of a walnut from a 3-year-old tree. These trees are not allowed to start their growth by bearing before they are five years old, but the gentlemen were amazed at the possibilities this 3-year-old grove promised.

Lee Crews' many friends in Avon Park will be glad to learn that he has secured a splendid position with a pharmacy in Atlanta, although they will be disappointed because of his leaving him from returning to Avon Park as soon as they had expected him. Lee is a splendid young man and we congratulate him on the progress he is making.

May 11 Dr. and Mrs. Henry Timm celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage in their home in New York. They were showered with flowers, telegrams and letters from many directions, receiving, besides many beautiful gifts as reminders of occasion, perhaps the most prized of

these being a beautiful wrist watch presented to Mrs. Timm by the members of a small club to which she belongs. The many friends here in the land of sunshine and flowers send most hearty greetings to Dr. and Mrs. Timm on this joyous anniversary and trust that the future holds many more happy years for this unusually happy couple, who spread cheer and sunshine wherever they go and whose coming to Avon Park every fall is always anticipated with pleasure by their large circle of friends here.

J. A. Caldwell returned Sunday night from a two-weeks' trip to Washington, New York and other eastern cities. While in Washington he attended the convention of the Commercial Secretaries of the United States. Mr. Caldwell says that business conditions in the east are much better than for some time and that a general optimistic feeling prevails.

FAIRIES

"Do you believe in fairies?" asked Peter Pan, in the play. And all the audience, old and young, wildly waved their handkerchiefs and cheered, and the life of the fairy, doomed to die if they are incredulous, is saved.

Do you believe in immortality? That "though he die, yet shall he live." It is impossible for humans beings to believe otherwise. When Sir Arthur Conan Doyle sticks to assurances of immortality, or even urges his belief in the possibility of communion between the two planes, we listen with respectful attention. He is on ground where we wish to meet him.

But when he presents photographs of fairies—

When he talks of the materialization of spirits—

Who wants to see a photograph of a fairy? Who wants to see an apparition?

The essence of fairies is that they

must be seen with the eyes of the spirit, not those of the body. And so with our beloved dead.

Children, whose spiritual vision is not yet closed to the light that never shone on sea or land, come running sometimes to tell of their magic playmates. Grown-ups, if they are wise, will bridge the gap between fairies and superstition with that humor which is at once friendly and reverent.

Fairies are. They are swinging on the peach blossoms this very minute. And so one who has had the sudden, swift, joyful consciousness of a loved and shining presence, illuminating all life for a few moments with happiness, with ineffable courage and hope, doubts that sometimes, in great need, the dead return.

We know what happens when children stay up at night to see Santa Claus. Either they fall asleep, or Santa does not come. And fairies? And our dead?—Pensacola News.

So that he could return to his wife and enjoy her love again, Louis E. Dawson of Milwaukee, Wis., walked into a police station and confessed that he had forged checks worth \$200. He had signed his brother's name to the checks, he told police. Police of Springfield, Ill., were seeking him, he admitted.

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ADVERTISING YOUR TOWN

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From Florida Post

The town that prospers these days is the town that maintains a live chamber of commerce and also a live secretary. These towns, through their organization and secretary, advertise to the world that their town is a community worth investigating and the result is there are many conversions to the faith that that particular town is really worth living in.

Again, the towns that are now in the sun and the very ones that a cent money judiciously for printers' ink. For instance, how about Miami, St. Petersburg, Daytona, Orlando, Tampa and the Palm Beaches. Each of these towns have spent thousands of dollars in advertising their resources and advantages. They have told the world through the medium of printers' ink that their respective places are a wonder, a delight in which to reside.

We hear a great many remarks about California, of what she has and what she gets in the way of tourists and permanent settlers.

What did it?

Was it natural advantages that advertised themselves and needed no pushing?

Handy?

The state of California has spent over a million dollars a year advertising what a fine state it is in which to reside. Of the climate, of the fruits and of the vegetables to be had there. A friend of this paper in writing from San Diego says of the publicity work, as follows:

"For the past two years the business men of San Diego have raised a fund of \$100,000 annually to be used in advertising the city and its advantages, and you have, no doubt, seen some of the copy in the Literary Digest."

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 There is a black and tan dog in Jef-
 ferson City, Mo., determined to know
 the law, apparently, as the Democrat-
 Tribune of that city says he has man-
 aged to get into all his time the past winter in the
 supreme court buildings, only disap-
 pearing in the evenings to go home,
 evidently for food and a night's lodg-
 ing. Nobody knows who he belongs
 to, but he has managed to make a
 large circle of friends among the law-
 yers and others likely to help a fel-
 low out if he happens to get into a
 scrape.

Subscribe for the Messenger.

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 who is a "go-getter" and full of
 spirit and ambition, and absolutely
 honest. We want that boy. He
 will be the only boy agent on this
 town for the famous **MOVIE**
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 receive after school and other spare
 time. His pay will be worth his
 money if he besides his papers and
 free Movie Tickets. When he makes
 good, he will be promoted. If you
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 truly think you are the boy for the
 job, then apply by letter to Mr. E.
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R. H. HANCOCK

Candidate for Sheriff

TO THE PEOPLE OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY:

I ASK THAT YOU CONSIDER THE QUESTION WHETHER I SHALL SERVE YOU AS SHERIFF FOR THE BALANCE OF THE UN-EXPIRED TERM.

IT HAS LONG BEEN A DEMOCRATIC PRACTICE TO ELECT AN APPOINTED OFFICER WHO HAS MADE GOOD, AT LEAST FOR THE BALANCE OF THE TERM.

DURING THE TIME THAT I HAVE BEEN SHERIFF I HAVE DEVOTED ALL MY TIME TO THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE AND HAVE WORKED HARD TO TRY TO ESTABLISH AS GOOD COUNTY GOVERNMENT AS POSSIBLE.

I AM MAKING THE RACE UPON MY OWN MERITS AND AM MAKING NO CHARGES AGAINST ANY ONE.

ASSURING YOU THAT I APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN GIVEN TO ME, AND HOPING TO CONTINUE TO MERIT YOUR CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE, I AM,

RESPECTFULLY,

R. H. HANCOCK