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ROYAL ARCH MASONS ELECT OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR: 3 EXALTED

At a regular convention, held last Monday night, Highlands Chapter No. 42, Royal Arch Masons, elected officers for the coming year as follows: G. W. Adams, high priest; George F. Smith, king; T. H. Lander, scribe; H. M. Wiggins, treasurer; John J. Janour, secretary.

Much business of importance was transacted, not the least of which was amending the by-laws so that hereafter but one convention will be held monthly, instead of two, as heretofore. After regular routine business was finished and election of officers held, work was succeeded in the Royal Arch and a lodge of Most Excellent Master opened and that degree conferred upon Herman J. Myers. The lodge of Most Excellent Masters was then closed and work in the Royal Arch resumed, when J. V. Chapman, A. E. Conley and Herman J. Myers were exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason. The attendance was large and the convention an interesting and enthusiastic one.

Installation of officers will be held at the next regular convention, Monday, Jan. 10, 1922, at which time the names of appointive officers will be announced.

Highlands Chapter was constituted about two years ago and during the last year of its existence made the most rapid growth of any chapter in the state. It has grown steadily ever since it was constituted and there have been but few convocations when there was not work to do in some of the degrees. The convocations during the coming year will be held but once a month, instead of twice, and it is confidently expected that a greater interest than ever will be taken in the work.

DIRECTORS WEST BANKING COMPANY HOLD MEETING

Tuesday night we noticed that the banking room of the B. F. West Banking Company was brilliantly lighted and stopped to ascertain the cause. We found that it was merely a meeting of the directors, who decide there once each month to discuss the affairs of the institution and decide upon ways and means to better the service they are to render to the public. One of the directors happened to see us "rubbing" through the window and he called in to discuss advertising with them. They fully realize the value of publicity and decided to have a large advertising campaign in the Pilot that would not only attract attention to the facilities they were offering but would prove really interesting to the readers. You are advised to watch for these which will start with our next issue.

The directors of the B. F. West Banking Company meet the next Tuesday night of each month and in matters that will prove of benefit to the community to discuss, to meet with them, and to give their (if they happen to be users of the bank) and talk things over.

SCRAP THE UNFAIR MAPS OF FLORIDA. AUTO MEET SLOGAN

"Scrap the unfair maps of Florida," seemed to be the order of sentiment for the All-Florida conference of highway and automobile boosters meeting here last night, and sponsored by the Jacksonville Automobile Club.

Senator William Igou of Eustis, after listening to the discussion, proposed the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved that this All-Florida conference call on the state road department to furnish new maps of Florida showing the roads completed and those under construction; that those be furnished to chambers of commerce, automobile associations as the official map of Florida, to be distributed throughout the country."

A committee of five from Tampa, Miami, Pensacola, Jacksonville and Orlando, with F. O. Miller of Jacksonville as chairman will be appointed to put this resolution into immediate effect.

The southeastern road conference, representing seven southern states, will meet in Jacksonville Jan. 5 and 6, and this convention was extensively discussed at the meeting and every effort will be made to make it one of the largest and most successful highway gatherings ever held in the southeast.

The All-Florida conference, which was somewhat hurriedly called by the Jacksonville Automobile Club to immediately correct misleading highway information regarding highways leading into Florida as well as highways in Florida, was held here, with representatives from every section of the state.

Kicked by a Ford
B. B. Andrews is carrying his arm in a sling, the result of an act of gallantry. "Pete" attempted to crank a cranky Ford for a lady Monday morning, when the cantankerous thing kicked, dislocating his arm.

How to Save Fuel
Up in the Great Lakes region they are planning a road that will save fuel. Yes, drive on to Florida sunshine, and you will find a royal welcome.—Times-Union.

Only eight more days between now and Christmas.

RELIEF CORPS WOMAN'S CLUB DOING GOOD WORK

The work being done by the relief corps of the Woman's Club of Avon Park is indeed a creditable one. The ladies of this corps have gone about their charitable work without any "flair or feathers," but with the result that a number of families in need of assistance have been helped, without any publicity being given and with a quantity of goods and clothing that have been assisted. Many a little child, whose mother has been out of employment, has been furnished with comfortable clothing and in more than one case a larger help has been given from the doors of those who had not the means of providing the common necessities of life. There are not many such families in Avon Park or our environs, but as in the case in nearly every town, there are some of the ladies have taken the trouble to ascertain the names and provide assistance, when assistance was needed.

Our charitably inclined people can rest assured that any donations made to the relief corps of the Woman's Club will be properly made and that, for humanity's sake, if you have anything you can donate, either in cash or in kind, please send it to the Western Union clock installed in Avon Park. The relief corps will do the rest.

WESTERN UNION CLOCKS TO BE INSTALLED HERE

For some time past the resident manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company has been working with our merchants to have a system of Western Union clocks installed in Avon Park. In order to secure this service it requires fifteen contracts and our local manager had succeeded in securing nearly enough signatures to guarantee the service.

Monday morning G. E. Combs of Jacksonville, relief manager for the Western Union of the Western Union of our merchants and secured sufficient contracts to guarantee the service. These clocks are automatically regulated every hour in the day by direct connection with Washington. They will also prove another step in placing Avon Park in the city class as to the best places of the city can boast of having this service.

MRS. TIPPETTS HONORED BY AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS

Mrs. Katherine B. Tippetts, owner the Belmont hotel at St. Petersburg and president of the Florida Audubon Society, has received notice of her election to membership in the American Ornithologists Union, which has its headquarters in Philadelphia.

It is considered a great honor in the world of scientists to be made a member of this organization, as its membership includes only those who have made a name in their particular line of work.

Mrs. Tippetts attained the honor through her efforts in putting Florida on the map in reference to its wild bird life. She has been successful in having state laws passed to protect the birds and gained state-wide prominence in her successful efforts to have Pinellas county made a sanctuary for plumage birds and other members of the bird family.

The official publication of the American Ornithologists Union is the Auk, a magazine published quarterly in Lancaster, Pa.

Mayor's Court

Mayor Sapp's court twice Tuesday and once Wednesday, hearing charges of violations of the traffic laws. In most instances the cases were dismissed, it being found that there was no ordinance covering the specific charges made. In two instances, where violating the speed limit was charged and the defendants pleaded guilty, the minimum fine was assessed. Mayor Sapp is loath to fine anyone for an infraction of the ordinances and hopes that the citizens will observe the ordinances regulating motor vehicles.

DAY OF HOLDING BAND CONCERTS WILL BE CHANGED

Beginning next week the evening for holding open-air and concert bands will be changed from Thursday to Tuesday evening. This change is made because of the fact that the best pictures for the Capitol theatre are scheduled for Thursday nights. The band, in giving its open-air concerts, does not desire to interfere with any other amusements or meetings and Tuesday night seems to be the most available for this purpose.

The band is progressing finely and the concerts that have been rendered have been pleasing and entertaining. The band is practicing diligently and are playing a class of music that would be a credit to the best of the organizations. Knight has again been retained as instructor and will have charge of the new instruments, while Joe Lander will have charge of the instruction on the brass instruments.

Splendid Entertainment

Provided for the evening of splendid entertainment at the Brickell auditorium Tuesday night, under the auspices of the American Legion. The auditorium was well filled and Professor LeBerge proved himself to be an exceptional entertainer. He is a splendid musician, a clever impersonator and introduces much novel and unique musical features on stringed instruments of his own invention. In the afternoon he conducted the children's school of laughter. Both the afternoon and evening's entertainments were far beyond the expectations of the audiences.

MAYOR ASKS CO-OPERATION OF THE PUBLIC

Mayor Sapp takes this method of appealing to the citizens of Avon Park to co-operate in the enforcement of the traffic ordinances. He asks that the owners of motor vehicles, especially those with the traffic regulations. The crossing at Main street and Lake avenue is a dangerous place and we are urged to request to keep well within the eight mile per hour limit.

The curve at the south end of Lake avenue is also dangerous and we are urged to drive carefully around this curve.

Mayor Sapp says he has never lived in a town where there were so many so well obeyed as in Avon Park and he feels sure that the people will help to maintain this enviable record.

BRYAN DECLARES INTENTION OF GROWING UP WITH STATE

Just as William Jennings Bryan became Nebraska's most outstanding figure, may he be expected to become one of Florida's stalwarts for, by his own declaration of purpose at the Jacksonville small animal show and in his report, he declared his intention of "growing up with the state."

"I am in Florida to stay. I am here to interest myself in everything that is going on in the state, to give my voice when it can be raised to a good purpose and to take my place in the state as it is working and building for a better state," Mr. Bryan said.

While he has recently come to Florida on a permanent basis, transferring his citizenship here, he has been a Floridian at heart for ten years. For during this time he has not lived in Nebraska, my only home being anything but a permanent nature being in Miami, and he declared Florida as a Florida citizen and he declared for me."—Fort Pierce News-Tribune.

In the Days of Old

The Pilot is in receipt of a fraternal letter from M. Crosby, dated Pittsboro, Pa., replying to a comment on the 26-year-old advertisement and after referring to some interesting items of his early days in Avon Park, he says: "This dreary winter I find myself longing for your balmy air and am wondering if I may not again find excursions there to plant groves. In fact, a number of my friends are even now contemplating investments there."

REV. W. A. FISCHER GOES TO GROVELAND

The Rev. W. A. Fischer, who returned from conference Orlando last Tuesday, informs us that he has been assigned to the pastorate at Groveland and that the Rev. C. E. Gettifer of Haines City has been assigned to this pastorate. The latter will occupy the pulpit at the Methodist church Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. Fischer will move to Groveland today (Friday) and Rev. Fischer will occupy the pulpit at that place Sunday.

The Rev. W. A. Fischer has had charge of this pastorate for the last three years and through his efforts a splendid church organization has been built up and a handsome church edifice erected. He has worked diligently and received the loyal support of the members of his congregation. All will be glad to hear that he has to leave Avon Park.

Building New Bungalows

Two new bungalows are being erected on Pleasant street, one by Mr. and Mrs. Deman Landis of Chicago and the other just opposite by Mr. B. Woodruff. Mrs. Landis is Mr. Woodruff's daughter and she and her husband have decided to make their home with Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff for a short time and will continue to live until their new home is completed. Other new bungalows will be erected in the same neighborhood, and it is expected that the arrangements are completed. The bungalows now going up will make a fine addition to the city, as well as to that portion of the city.

SIGHT-SEEING TRI

Last week J. Scott Buchanan of Lake Byrd Lodge, accompanied by W. E. Franz, William B. Nelson and Mr. Woodruff, went on a sight-seeing trip to Fort Pierce, covering the 229 miles in nine hours. While going and returning they saw some things that were not to be seen in the city. The trip resolved itself into a sight-seeing tour, as both Mr. and Mrs. Franz and Nelson had visions of deer and alligators as the trusty Ford whizzed along over the Kissimmee prairie, but the experienced ones of the party claim the imagination was caused by the unusual scenery. The trip and seeing a portion of the state seldom seen by northern visitors. They also saw some things that were not to be seen in the city. They turned back fully realizing that Avon Park and the Ridge section is one of the best places in the United States and feeling that their holdings will rapidly increase in value and that the chances are one of the best fellows in the state.

Bagged Wild Turkey

Monday evening Marion T. Whidden and family drove into the woods for a little outing, taking along fishing tackle and a shotgun. They were out for a small time and in the morning Marion happened to remember that wild turkeys formerly used to be in that vicinity. He is a couple of "cypels" that would have fooled the wisest old bird in Florida and he was sure that he was close at hand and a turkey flew from a nearby tree and was brought down by a well-directed shot. It proved to be a fine specimen.

Ripe Strawberries

The first ripe strawberries grown in Avon Park this season that we have heard of were picked this week by Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Francis, from a small acreage on Lake avenue. Mrs. Francis had been told that strawberries would grow on this yellow citrus sand and desert soil, so for herself, with the result that she was well pleased to see as fine berries as they ever saw.

Florida Fruit and Sunshine

Florida fruits are saved a lot of worry, for everybody knows that a box of Florida fruit makes one of the most acceptable Christmas presents anywhere. "Send a box home if you are away and it will take some of the sunshine with it."—Times-Union.

Doesn't Grow Here

Pensilvania is the only thing that won't grow in the state of Florida. Knockers who come to knock remain to boost.—Times-Union.

JOIN THE "GOOD FELLOW" CLUB AND MAKE SOME POOR FAMILY HAPPY

CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS SHOULD LEAD THE AD

There is only one more week in which the Christmas shoppers can do their trading. The merchants of this town are displaying a variety of holiday goods that should appeal to the most particular buyer. Before making your purchases, you should consult the advertising columns of this paper and ascertain what merchants are inviting your patronage and have placed on the shelves and counters attractive lines from which to make your selections.

This is the season of year when we remember the birth of Christ, brother, sister, wife, children, once relatives and friends by giving to them tokens of love and esteem. As we remember the individuals, we should also remember the merchants who are helping to support our churches. As we remember the individuals, we should also remember the merchants who are helping to support our churches. As we remember the individuals, we should also remember the merchants who are helping to support our churches.

When we lay stress upon the importance of patronizing our merchants, we do not mean that we do not want a dollar should be spent in it, nor do we mean that we do not want a dollar should be spent in it, nor do we mean that we do not want a dollar should be spent in it.

ENTHUSIASTIC VISITOR AT LAKE BYRD LODGE

Among the many enthusiastic visitors who have stopped at Lake Byrd Lodge this winter, we believe Mrs. F. B. Sheaffer of Pittsburgh is in the class. She has been here for several days, enjoying the scenery and the excellent fishing and hunting in Lakewood. Mrs. Sheaffer has been here for several days, enjoying the scenery and the excellent fishing and hunting in Lakewood. Mrs. Sheaffer has been here for several days, enjoying the scenery and the excellent fishing and hunting in Lakewood.

SOUTH FLORIDA FAIR AND

The first advance message from Tampa, giving publicity to the great South Florida Fair and Gasparilla festival, is that the fair will be held Feb. 2-11 as the dates for the 1922 fair. Tampa is expecting a great turnout of people to the fair and wide preparations are being made and will be announced later. Twenty-five counties in the state are represented, showing the tropical and agricultural products of South Florida and its wonderful resources.

Avon Park Gets Publicity

The Florida Christian Advocate, published at Lakeland, in its issue of Dec. 8, gave to its readers a very pretty picture of the handsome new Methodist church of Avon Park. The church is a beautiful building and a picture of the pastor, the Rev. W. A. Fischer, is also included. The church is a beautiful building and a picture of the pastor, the Rev. W. A. Fischer, is also included.

Large Tropical Yams

The display window at the W. R. England Company's store is the center of attraction this week, it being so appropriately decorated with two tropical yams, one weighing fifteen and the other twelve pounds. They were both grown in the same hill by Byron Sheekley on his farm near Avon Park. The two yams are over three feet long. To make the window more attractive, the yams are surrounded with all the utensils and tools necessary in the cultivation of the vegetable.

LEIGH CHAPTER, ORDER EASTERN STAR, ELECTS OFFICERS

At the annual election of officers, held at the Chapter No. 42, Order Eastern Star, last Friday night the following officers were elected for the coming year: Worthy matron, Mammie Lander; worthy patron, T. H. Lander; associate matron, Mrs. J. S. Francis; secretary, Mrs. Cora Canfield; treasurer, Mrs. Maude Sargent; conductress, Mrs. Florence Killebrew. The officers will be installed at the next regular meeting, which will be held on Friday evening, Dec. 30.

Leigh Chapter, Order Eastern Star

Leigh Chapter, Order Eastern Star, is in a flourishing condition and during the last year has enjoyed a splendid growth. Much interest is displayed in the meetings and the ladies usually make them all the more interesting and entertaining by serving a delicious luncheon.

Notice to Knights Templar

A regular convocation of Holyrood Commandery, U. D., will be held next Monday night, Dec. 19. All Knights Templar are requested to be present. There will be a social hour in the Red Cross and a Maltese degrees, followed by a banquet.

Although it is rather late in the season, it is not too late to make a good Christmas dinner. The Christmas spirit is the spirit of many who may be unfortunate in this season, some of our charitable ladies are forming a movement called the "Good Fellow Club" and a most meritorious movement it is, too. The idea is to make a good Christmas dinner to some poor family. The idea is to make a good Christmas dinner to some poor family. The idea is to make a good Christmas dinner to some poor family.

The idea is for every "Good Fellow" to make up a Christmas dinner for one family, place same in a basket and leave it at the office of the Corporate Security Company, Friday, Dec. 22, before 2 o'clock p. m. Fifty baskets are needed and we fully believe the "Good Fellow" will do the rest. The committee will attend to the distributing of the baskets and see that every basket goes to the home of some needy family. The committee is composed of Mrs. D. A. Pearson, Mrs. G. W. Adams, Mrs. T. H. Lander, Mrs. F. B. Sheaffer, Mrs. J. S. Francis, Mrs. Cora Canfield, Mrs. Maude Sargent, Mrs. Florence Killebrew, Mrs. Byron Sheekley, Mrs. J. S. Francis, Mrs. Cora Canfield, Mrs. Maude Sargent, Mrs. Florence Killebrew, Mrs. Byron Sheekley.

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MICHIGAN PARTY GREATLY IMPRESSED WITH AVON PARK

Monday morning we received a pleasant call from M. L. Dille, Charles C. Dille and Albert Shank of Detroit, Michigan. These young men have been in the state several days, enjoying the scenery and the excellent fishing and hunting in Lakewood. They are very much impressed with the scenery and the excellent fishing and hunting in Lakewood. They are very much impressed with the scenery and the excellent fishing and hunting in Lakewood.

BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

Work on the Baptist parsonage is moving along nicely. It is hoped that the house will be completed in time for the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Sheaffer. The house will be completed in time for the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Sheaffer. The house will be completed in time for the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Sheaffer.

Avon Park Publicity

"The fact that the home is going up all over town is evidence of our steady and substantial growth," declared Mr. A. J. Dille, who has previously declared that there was no "boom" in the state. The fact that the home is going up all over town is evidence of our steady and substantial growth. The fact that the home is going up all over town is evidence of our steady and substantial growth.

AN OPPORTUNE TIME

Now is the opportune time for those contemplating investment in Florida to act. Property values will never be any lower and before the winter travel sets in is the time to make your selection.

IF YOU HAVE PROPERTY FOR SALE

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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY GOOD ROADS LEAGUE

Sebring, Fla., Dec. 9, 1921.
Regular monthly meeting of Highlands County Good Roads League was held at the county court room in Sebring, with Vice-President E. J. Etheredge and Directors Mark W. Lane and C. F. Saunders present, all other vice-presidents and directors being absent.

Meeting was called to order by H. O. Sebring, president. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Secretary Rignold reported on communication received from Charles A. Browne, state highway engineer, relative to right-of-way of state road No. 8 in Highlands county. H. O. Sebring stated that the amount of \$22.15, covering expenses of trip to Tallahassee to meet with state road department, was paid and secretary was instructed to pay same.

T. V. Conway and M. W. Lane, members of the committee on lateral road building, reported on same for their districts.

H. J. Etheredge reported on results obtained by him on state road No. 8 at a meeting of the state road department held in Tallahassee Nov. 21. Mr. Etheredge advised those present that Highlands county would receive positive results at the January meeting of the state road department.

After being no further business, on motion the league adjourned to the next regular meeting date, which is today, Jan. 15, 1922.

IRA RIGDON, Secretary.

SANFORD WHITEWAY DIMMED WHILE KLU KLUX MARCHES

About 8:30 o'clock one night last week the white way of Sanford was suddenly dimmed and down the thoroughfare came the ghostly clad ranks of the Klu Klux Klan. A single knight with flaming torch was in the van and the peering eyes of the multitude of white-robed hooded men on either side of the torch-bearer were directed toward the warning message of the grim order: "We were here yesterday. We are here today. We will be here tomorrow."

The first line in ranks of two, filed on through the dimmed streets to disappear into the shrouding darkness and those who might have followed were cautioned by a halting which read: "Don't follow us!" Other warnings borne by the silent legion were read as follows: "Sheriff and officers do your duty! Judges and juries do your duty! Law-abiding citizens work White supremacy!"—Orlando Sentinel.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

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

Sebring Real Estate Company to A. L. Butler, \$10; Lots 2, 3 and 4, block F, of the ninth addition to Sebring.

Henry G. Allison to public, plat: Allison's subdivision of lots 3 and 4 of block 58, in Sebring; platted into four lots.

Max Wild to George Mostris, lease: Center room of the Max Wild building in Avon Park for the term of five years.

Sebring Real Estate Company to Everett S. Rice, \$10 and other consideration; Lot 13, block 85 of sixth addition to Sebring.

First Trust Company of Milwaukee to Frederick D. Underwood, \$1; Lot 5, block 47, section 22, Avon Park.

Frederick D. Underwood and wife to heirs of Almira H. Woodruff, \$1; Lot 5, block 47, section 22, Avon Park.

James Allan Woodruff and wife to William Dart, \$1 and other consideration; Lot 5, block 47, section 22, Avon Park.

Articles of incorporation of Highlands Security, Abstract & Title Co. Capital stock, \$50,000. Incorporators, J. H. Garst, E. L. Hains and F. T. Haskins. Officers for first year, H. O. Sebring, president; J. L. Ivey, vice-president; F. T. Haskins, secretary-treasurer.

Articles of incorporation of Groves Development Company. Incorporators, J. H. Garst, H. O. Sebring and F. M. Young. Officers for first year, J. H. Garst, president; H. O. Sebring, vice-president; F. M. Young, secretary-treasurer. Stock is represented by different classes of membership, depending on the class or nature of grove.

Sebring Real Estate Company to F. S. Bee, \$1,800; Lot 6, block 50 of second addition to Sebring.

J. H. Gunn and wife to D. R. Gaines, \$1 and other consideration; Lot 5, block 9, section 25, Avon Park.

Consolidated Land Company to Kissimmee Island Cattle Company, lease: Large tract of land in township 33, range 30; township 33, range 31; township 34, range 30; township 34, range 31; township 35, range 30; township 35, range 31; township 35, range 32, for a period of five years for grazing purposes only.

James W. Snell and wife to Temple Hogan, \$4; 10 acres in NW 1/4 of NW 1/4, section 15, township 39, range 29.

Hans Anderson and wife to W. F. Hendry and wife, \$700; SW 1/4 of NW 1/4, section 13, township 39, range 29.

H. O. Sebring and wife to Charles F. Weigle, \$575; Lot 11, block H, in section 25, township 34, range 28, Lake Jackson boulevard.

C. B. Dean to L. W. Taylor and wife, \$100; Lots 7 and 8, block C, Krommiller's subdivision, Avon Park. M. H. Sullivan to Alice J. Hirschler, \$50; NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of NW 1/4, section 16, township 34, range 29.

Alice J. Hirschler and husband to Thomas Peart, \$10; Farm No. 13, section 16, township 34, range 29.

Clara Van Der Schouw to Thomas A. Peart, \$500; Farm No. 14, section 16, township 34, range 29.

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We will pay \$100 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of parties shooting inspectors from our high-tension wire poles. Florida Ice and Power Company—Advertisement.

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Steam Laundry. D. T. Lockett, phone 39, old postoffice building.—Adv.
Lakeland Telegram informs us that the first shipment of strawberries from Italy was netted the grower \$1 a quart f. o. b. shipping platform.

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Mother's Department
Meets Second and Fourth Friday of Each Month, School Auditorium

Holyrood Commandery, U. D.
Regular convocate the third Monday in each month, 8 o'clock p. m., in Masonic Temple. All 511 Knights invited.
N. T. SMITH, E. C.
M. W. LANCE, Recorder

Highlands Chapter No. 42, R. A. M.
Convocations every second and fourth Monday in Masonic Temple, 7:30 p. m.
Visiting companions cordially welcomed.

R. C. PETERSEN, High Priest
J. J. JAMOUR, Secretary
Poinciana Lodge No. 227, F. & A. M.

Stated Communication first and third Fridays of each month at 7:30 p. m., in Masonic Temple. Visitors welcome.

T. H. LANDER, W. M.
J. J. JAMOUR, Secretary
Leigh Chapter No. 85, O. E. S.

Avon Park, Florida
Regular meetings
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in each month, 7:30 p. m.
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W. M.
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"Publicity for Florida should be pushed now if at any time during our history. We stand bragg and shining in our prosperity—a lighthouse in a storm of hard times and poverty."

The above is a quotation from an editorial in the Florida Grower. And if Florida had hunted throughout the state for a motto to serve the state during this winter, no better one, doubtless, could have been found. For the state is wonderfully favored. It is probably the one unscarred spot on the financial map. Practically without bank and mercantile failures, having a small cotton crop to depend on, with citrus crops about to be marketed and with prices at a good figure, with a season opening when a million people will seek the sunshine and orange blossoms of the south while the north is locked in the grip of ice—in sober fact prosperity is "bright and shining" and the people have a thousand items for which to be glad.

It is good to see the industrial conditions of the north and east working out their salvation—but it is also good to see Florida with few such conditions to work out. We are glad to see the cotton states slowly straighten up—but we are glad that we have never been bent with the burden of poverty. We rejoice to see the western states remain—but we have wandered only slightly off the firm base of regular living.

It is not surprising to see other states look with envious eyes on us, and Florida people should look about them and see what an amazing number of things they have to make them happy as kings.

A narrow and constricted view always makes for pessimism. There are no people in the state whose hearts are heavy, who are looking at things broadly. "God is in His Heaven and all is well with the world"—particularly in Florida.

Can Hunt in Own Voting Precinct Attorney General Buford has rendered an opinion that under the law of Florida a man can hunt in his own voting precinct without a license. There seems to be some confusion on this point and he was asked for an opinion. The danger is that a man is liable to stray off his reservation.

To break a cold take 665. Adv.

RATE INCREASE SHOULD BE CUT DECLARES BURR

"To fully restore the nation to prosperity the business of the country should be relieved of the entire increase in transportation rates imposed in August, 1920, by the interstate commerce commission," R. Hudson Burr, chairman of the Florida railroad commission, declared before the convention of the Florida Real Estate Association held in Miami recently.

Mr. Burr said that not only would the nation be better off if the increases were removed but that the carriers themselves would be benefited. If railroad labor expects any degree to retain a place in public confidence the time has come for it to show that it is willing to take less for its services, he said, in commenting upon the need for reduction.

Bell Weevil Costs Huge Sum The cotton bell weevil now practically covers the entire cotton growing area of the United States. It has been moving from the Rio Grande in Texas for thirty years, at an average of sixty miles a year, until it is now in Virginia, the most northerly state in which cotton is grown. It has cost the south countless millions of dollars. The federal government and the various states have spent vast sums to head it off without effect. The danger from insects is one of the menaces of the nation. The Florida plant board is doing all it can to protect our state from insect pests.

Birds Destroy Insects There are many species of birds, such as the meadow lark, the killdeer, plover, quail, flicker, ground sparrow and others, that spend most or all of their time on or near the ground. There they seek the insects or weed seeds to be found in such location. Many kinds of insects drop from the trees and winter on the ground. If birds abound the insects are destroyed by the birds, otherwise the pests increase un molested and do great damage.

Plague of Ants A plague of ants is threatening vegetables in Paraguay, South America. They are very voracious, spread rapidly and work ceaselessly, except on cold days. The government is doing all it can to exterminate them.

Notice to Hunters

The pastures of the Southern Cattle Ranch in Okcechohee County, Florida, have been posted according to the Florida Statutes and anyone found hunting therein will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Be a "Good Fellow."

Help make it a Merry Christmas for the poor.

C. E. Lanier returned Saturday from a business trip to Atlanta, Ga.

Mark W. Lance and E. C. Graner were visitors in Lake Wales Sunday.

William G. Overton was a business visitor in Tampa the latter part of last week.

H. G. Crano and Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Massot were visitors in Wauchula and Zolfo Sunday.

E. R. Spinks of Rockford, Ill., arrived in Avon Park a few days ago to spend the winter. He is a nephew of E. P. Spinks.

Mrs. J. E. Schinner and her two little sons went to Avon Park Monday to spend the week visiting friends.

Panta Goods Herndon, who was attending conference at Orlando.

George L. Crews, I. D. Roberts and M. J. Mumman went to White Haven Saturday, where they took the civil service examination for postmaster.

G. E. Combs of Jacksonville, relief manager for the Western Union Telegraph Company, was here for part of the week, looking after company business.

O. K. Cole, who has charge of the reclamation of a large tract of valuable land in the southeastern part of the county, was a business visitor here Monday.

Last week E. T. Boyd either lost or left somewhere a basket containing some tools. Finder will confer a favor on Mr. Boyd by either leaving with him or at the Pilot office.

C. A. Jamour, who has been located in St. Petersburg for several months, returned to Avon Park Monday and will remain here indefinitely. At home friends here who will welcome his return.

It isn't our intention to mention any personal items, but last week we did fail to mention that among the prominent visitors to Avon Park were Attorney L. P. Barlowe of Wauchula and M. A. Wilson of Fort Meade.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Behn of Pittsburgh, Pa., are here to spend the winter with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Heim. They arrived Thursday last week and during the week they have already been here have completely fallen in love with Avon Park.

Judge D. V. Rouse returned Saturday from a stay of several weeks in Albuquerque, N. M., where he was called by the serious condition of Mrs. Rouse, who underwent an operation soon after her husband arrived. The operation was successful and Mrs. Rouse's condition has since improved as to permit of his returning home. The judge informs us that his wife's general condition has improved since she went to New Mexico and that the physicians in charge of the case state that in all probability she will be well enough to return here to live. This will indeed be good news to the friends of Judge and Mrs. Rouse, of whom they have many in Avon Park.

Strawberries will be ripe Dec. 20. You can have this kind of 1200 cans, a growing garden, oranges, grapefruit, figs, a boat and five-room furnished bungalow on lake for \$300 for season. E. D. Putney.

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FACTS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF AVON PARK

This space is being paid for by a group of public spirited men of Avon Park who wish to advertise the opportunities of our town in a truthful manner.

FACT NUMBER THREE

Notwithstanding marked increase in real estate values, there are still good bargains to be obtained in business and residential property.

Avon Park in six years will have a population of 5,000. This is just the place to invest in all classes of property.

Information Cheerfully Furnished

Board of Trade, Avon Park, Florida

HIGHLANDS COUNTY PILOT

PENNSYLVANIA MAN IS

AMAZED AT WONDERFUL

GROWTH OF AVON PARK

W. E. Franz of Freedom, Pa., near Pittsburgh, and one of the first purchasers in the original development of the Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers Association, Section Seventeen, spent a week at Lake Boyd Lodge.

Mr. Franz is the fortunate owner of one five-acre grove in Section Seventeen, situated at Lake Boyd Lodge.

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CLASSIFIED ADS.

Hereafter we will run no classified or want ads in the local columns of this paper. They will be placed under one heading and our readers will know where to look for classified ads of every description.

Wanted—Young blacksmithing horse shoeing, wagon and repair work; ready for business; satisfaction guaranteed; shop just north of the building works. The Highlands Blacksmith and Wagon Shop, J. E. Boynton, manager.

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BUDGET FOR 1922
The federal budget for the fiscal year 1922, the first to be completed, is estimated at \$2,227,000,000, a decrease of \$42,000,000 from the actual outlay for the fiscal year 1921, and a decrease of \$1,000,000,000 from the actual outlay for the fiscal year 1920. The estimated receipts for 1922 are \$2,227,000,000, leaving an estimated deficit of \$42,000,000. In making the budget for congress

the president's "message" are provided for the relatively easy adjustment of the discrepancy between income and outgo without added tax. As an example he recommends legislation directing the reduction of the naval supply account by \$100,000,000. The appropriations asked of congress for the various federal departments and agencies for 1922 total \$2,227,000,000, exclusive of postoffice department. This represents a reduction of \$122,000,000 from the original estimate as presented to the budget bureau. It is stated, but is approxi-

mately \$27,000,000 more than the appropriations for this fiscal year. Examining the \$200,000,000 excess of the appropriations in 1922 over the appropriations asked for, budget bureau officials explain that some of the funds actually to be paid out will be carried over in continuing appropriations and by other means. They say that appropriations for a given year do not accurately reflect actual needs for that year, pointing out that while the appropriations for this fiscal year were \$219,500,000, the estimated actual outlay will exceed this sum by approximately \$70,000,000.

The total estimated expenditures for 1922, approximately \$2,300,000,000, is to pay for past wars and to keep up the fighting arms of the government, leaving only about \$600,000,000 for the peace-time pursuits of the federal government. The estimate for the army and the navy is \$1,000,000,000, a reduction of \$50,000,000 as compared with the fiscal year 1921. The navy estimate of \$417,000,000, is explained, does not take into account any possible reductions that might be brought about as a result of the arms conference, the total including funds for continuing work on the ships of the 1916 program, a point of which would be scrapped under the proposal made to the conference by the American government.

Accompanying the budget as sent to congress is a detailed report from President General Dawes as to the operation of the budget bureau since its establishment five months ago and some general comments as to the necessity of continuing its efficient operation. The report of the budget bureau by congress, General Dawes says, "It is to be expected that since the preliminary estimates have been made under pressure by the executive for proper retrenchment, where consistent with economy, it will not be necessary, as in the past, for congress to make radical cuts upon the estimates of the budget with any uncertainty as to what will be the result as to the fiscal condition. The president of the United States, when he sends the budget to congress is presumed to send it without the reduction in expenditures, which can be effected without due impairment of governmental business processes, in the preparation of the budget he had at work an authorized agency in the bureau and only in ascertaining the reasonableness of desired appropriations, but in continually imposing pressure upon the departments for a reduction in the estimates wherever proper and possible."

General Dawes says he feels that the estimate for expenditures for 1922, upon which the budget is based, will not be increased except appropriations initiated by congress or by the executive as a result of emergency or unforeseen conditions arising after the preparation of the budget. Retaining his recommendation that congress immediately repeal all outstanding continuing appropriations and "revolving funds," General Dawes says the method of appropriating money heretofore followed "has resulted in a confusion of things under which it is almost impossible for either the executive, congress or the secretary of the treasury to have before them a true picture of the fiscal condition of the government at any particular time."

"The whole habit of making continuing appropriations to which the government has been committed in the past," he adds, "is only an encouragement to a lack of scrutiny of public work by the head of the department under which it is carried on, and an encouragement to shiftlessness and carelessness on the part of the subordinates more directly concerned in it. This system of preparing the budget will confine the attention of the executive of congress and of the public to the one great important question, to-wit, the relation of the money actually to be spent by the government to the money actually to be received by the government in any given year, all its outstanding obligations and indefinite commitments, projects, and enterprises considered. This will enable congress, with more intelligence, to determine at any time both the ability of the government to engage in additional projects to be initiated by congress outside of the budgetary provisions."

Likewise the federal government to a business corporation, General Dawes points to these "faults" which he says existed: "The president of the corporation (president of the United States) gave practically no attention to its ordinary business. The administrative vice-presidents (members of the cabinet) were allowed to run their several departments as if each separate department was an independent authority in all matters of routine business. Because of lack of any unified business plan, no system existed for making purchases or in selling material at business prices under a unified policy."

No balance sheet of the corporation as a whole was ever prepared. The treasurer kept no accurate account of the contingent obligations of the various federal departments, thus resulting in money being drawn from him continuously in excess of the estimated annual running expenses. The corporation, in effect, seldom reconsidered an unwise project entered into by any department. The administrative heads of the departments were selected as a rule with little reference to their business qualifications and were compelled to rely largely upon the advice of subordinates "wedded to the theory of the right of independent operations of the department."

Outlining the work of the various coordinating agencies established by presidential order "to rectify faults in the routine business of the government," General Dawes says: "They involve no transfer of authority of which has been fixed otherwise by statute. They involve the delegation of no questions of policy save that of economy and efficiency. They are merely agents by which unified methods of business can be imposed by the chief executive. They are created simply to give the president of the United States the same agencies of contact and transmission of authority as he has in any private organization. They involve no material addition to the expense of governmental administration. They are non-partisan, being composed of men already in the government service. They are in effect simply a re-grouping under an executive leadership of certain of the present employees of the government of such experience, contact and relation to its routine business as enables them to make possible the application of common-sense business methods. It cannot be too often reiterated that his was inevitable and upon his continued assumption of his responsibility as its business head, the minute he relaxes his attitude of attention to this duty there will be felt

the natural pull of the departments and establishments toward the old system of complete independence and decentralization."

General Dawes concluded his report with this statement: "In making this report the director of the budget will state that his conception of the bureau is limited to administration alone in mind."

standing which he had with the president at the time of his appointment. His purpose in making this announcement at this time is to emphasize the fact that his recommendations are made in an impersonal way, with fundamental business principles and their proper preservation in their application to governmental business administration alone in mind."

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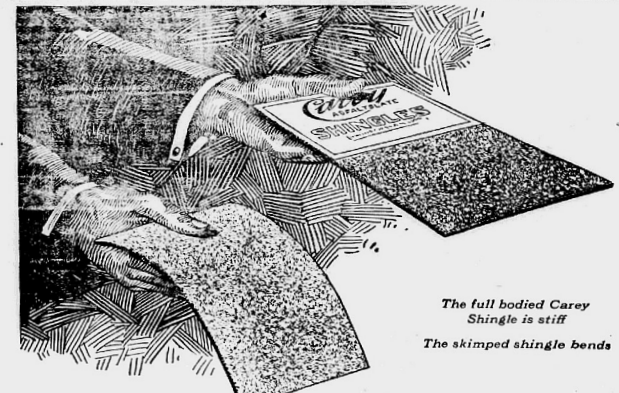
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To break a cold take 666.—Adv.

362 Days of Sunshine

Miss Elizabeth Williams arrived in Melbourne from Ohio the evening of Nov. 30, 1920, and beginning Dec. 1 she kept an account of the days on which the sun shown until Dec. 1 of this year. During this period covering 365 days there were only three days that old Sol did not put in an appearance, even for a short time. These days were Oct. 23, 24 and 25. Truly Florida is the sunshine state.—Melbourne Times.

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During a recent annual visit of the commissioners representing grove owners and stockholders and after a complete investigation of the different developments of the company, officials invited the various representatives, including W. E. Franz, O. G. Ferguson, G. K. Klein, William B. Nelson and A. W. Jones, to meet at the office of the company, where several hours were spent in explaining every detail of the business. Many questions were asked and answered to the complete satisfaction of all present, for it was evident that the officials were handling the affairs of the corporation in the best possible manner, as well as giving every investor a full return for his money.

One of the many good clauses of the company's contract with the purchaser is that covering the personal inspection each year at the company's expense. There have been six yearly visits made, without the slightest criticism, proving that the Pittsburgh-Florida Company must have lived up to its part of the contract.

BETWEEN ONE-QUARTER AND HALF MILLION SAVED

The reduction in freight rates to be made effective within the next week, will mean a saving to Polk county citrus growers of between \$200,000 and \$400,000, estimate men familiar with the situation.

Reckoning the saving at 10 cents the box, the output at considerably over 2,000,000 boxes their lowest estimate a quarter of a million and according to C. H. Walker it will probably be considerably more.

Lacking houses throughout the county are again over and although movement is comparatively slow now, it will probably be in full swing by the end of the week. Christmas packing will continue until about the middle of December.—Bartow Record.

Investigate Cost of Education

With a fund of \$170,000 at their disposal, a committee consisting of nine prominent educators, appointed by the American Council of Education will soon begin an inquiry into the educational problems of the United States. The cost of education has always been considered of first importance, but owing to lack of funds the council has been unable to investigate in this direction before.—Florida Advocate.

Government 4 1/2 liberty bonds advanced 8 to 20 points in the New York bond market Dec. 1, following the announcement by a banking house that it had been advised that government bonds were exempt from taxation under the new tax law. Victory bonds were not affected. Which gives capitalists an opportunity to tie up their money where it will escape taxation. The proletariat cannot do this, as it has no money to invest in these securities.

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Nut Bowls	\$4.75 to \$7.50
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Greek Currant Crop

The 1921-22 currant crop of Greece has been estimated at approximately 275,000,000 pounds, as compared with 190,000,000 pounds last year, reports the American consul at Kalamata. The currant season in Greece begins on Sept. 1. The United Kingdom, the United States and Germany are usually the chief markets for Grecian currants.

Must Read Daily Papers

The students at West Point are now required to read two daily papers each day to keep posted on current events. After the reading the teachers quiz the students. This plan should be adopted by schools everywhere.

Honey in Cuba

The average annual production of honey in Cuba is estimated at 25,000 to 30,000 barrels of fifty gallons each or 15,000,000 to 16,000,000 pounds. Annual production in the United States is placed around 25,000,000 pounds. Very little honey is consumed in Cuba and therefore beekeepers in that island have to find a market in foreign countries. The United States has been a good buyer of this honey. Most of it is extracted or strained before shipment. Cuba is also the largest producer of sugar in the world, and it is no better situated for making sugar and honey than Florida.

Rub-My-Tism for Rheumatism.

A FLORIDA FACT

Moses Folson in Florida Metropolis

At one time, away back in the early days before white men cut any figure in the world, Florida abounded in huge animal life, the mastodon, elephant, saber-tooth tiger and other like huge and dangerous beasts, as shown by fossil remains found in many sections of the state, and their bones are now to be seen in college collections, in historical museums at St. Augustine, Gainesville and other places, and at the office of the state geologist at Tallahassee. Remains of the primitive horse have also been found; a little fellow, about the size of the sheep. The horse, as we now know him, was not found in America when the white man came, he brought that now essential animal from Europe. Turned loose it multiplied and the Indians soon made use of it, and was long the principal source of wealth for the red man. Wild horses are still found in parts of the west. The wood buffalo at one time was found in our woods, but he moved west before the white man, and on the great plains existed in vast numbers. Hunted for its hide, it has become extinct as a wild range animal and now found only in the city zoo or on a few large farms, where its existence is maintained for show purposes.

The wild animal life of Florida is now somewhat limited in variety, attractive to hunters, who may want exciting sport. Our wild animals include the bear, deer, raccoons or coons for short, opossums and rabbits. The first two are found in the deep woods or swampy sections, but the latter are more neighborly and often found near the towns. The coon is a cheerfully persistent animal, and no amount of hunting will drive it from its favorite haunts. Night hunting of the coon is a favorite sport. One of the small and peculiar animals of the lizard family is the chameleon, which cannot be considered as game or of having any known use or value. It is mentioned in the Bible, and its peculiarity is its ability to change color. It can often be bought in the curio stores with a chain attached.

Some of the following animals are under the protection of the game law; bear, coon, opossum and rabbits. The deer is the only important animal under protection. While big wild animals are scarce in Florida, we have more kinds of big fish than any other state.

One Kind of Criminal

Is it any credit to a man to boast of the number of quail, mocking birds, meadow larks and other birds he may have killed on a hunting trip? To kill a song bird is criminal, indeed to kill any of the small birds, useful to man in destroying insects so destructive to farm crops, is an offense that should bring a sentence in jail.

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This is a representative government, and the fathers when they founded it thought that 30,000 people were enough to entitle them to a number of congresses. The census of 1890 showed that we had something over 5,000,000 population, and the congress raised its representatives to 105, making one member to about 37,000 of population. Today we have a member to every 211,000 or thereabout; that is a member of congress now represents between five and six times as many people as in 1891.

The Airplane in Mexico

Air, land, service for mail and passengers has been established in Mexico between the city of Mexico and Vera Cruz and Tampico. The service is to be extended between many other cities. The Mexicans are not so slow after all.

New German Dye

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Just stop and think of how good it would make you feel to get such a joy-box for Christmas and then just imagine how happy one of our poor little homeless kiddies would feel.

In addition to joy-boxes we have two other great needs. They are equally important. One is more money for our homeless children. The other is more money to keep our great work going. We plead urgently for both.

Won't you make your own Christmas happy by sending us a check or money order right now before you forget or take one of our homeless youngsters in and give it a good home, or send us or get up a Christmas joy-box or barrel for our big family of little unfortunates. Please do.

The Children's Home Society of Florida, "Florida's greatest charity," state headquarters, 428 St. James building, Jacksonville, Fla. Judge A. H. Baker, president; E. V. Corington, treasurer; Marcus C. Page, state superintendent.

A TEACHERS' CLUB

Announcement that a teachers' club is to be formed in Tampa as part of, and to affiliate with, the federation of women's clubs of the state is interesting. There is no more important body of women in any city than these who are engaged in teaching the children. It is amazing that they have not before now been made to see the benefits to accrue from organization, and the betterments they will be able to get for the community.

Let it be a club of teachers only. State or county school officials have no place, except through courtesy of the teachers themselves in this club. The reason so many teachers' organizations have been mere forms is that they have let in school authorities, state and county, who have dominated them while maybe not intending to, because the teacher has been naturally a timid person afraid of the school board, the trustees, and her state department of education.

There is a wonderful work ahead for this club of women school teachers; there are looks and hours and conditions and buildings and health, all to be bettered by them; and with the co-operative strength of federation of women's clubs behind them they will be able to accomplish great things.—Tampa Tribune.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of January, A. D. 1921, we will apply to the Honorable Cary A. Hardee, at his office in Tallahassee, Florida, for Letters Patent amending the charter of Scenic Highlands Development Company, in accordance with the following resolution adopted at a meeting of the stockholders of said company duly notified, called and held at the office of said company, at Avon Park, Florida, on Saturday, the 26th day of November, A. D. 1921, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Resolved, that said corporation shall be and it is hereby authorized to create and issue Preferred Capital Stock in accordance with the laws pertaining thereto.

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(Seal) By C. A. Skipper, President.
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LEGAL NOTICE

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

Mrs. J. W. Pullen, joined by her husband, J. W. Pullen, Complainant, vs. H. L. Turner and wife, Mary Pullen Turner, and P. Wofford Cole, defendants. Bill to Foreclose Mortgage.

To the defendants herein, H. L. Turner, Mary Pullen Turner and P. Wofford Cole:

It appearing by the affidavit of complainant's solicitor filed in this cause that you and each of you are residents of a state other than the State of Florida, and that your place of residence is Atlanta, Georgia; that you are over the age of twenty-one years and that there is no person in the State of Florida service of a subpoena upon whom would bind you or either of you, and relief being sought against you and each of you in said cause by the complainant;

This is, therefore, to require you and each of you to be and appear to the said Bill of Complaint at the

office of the Clerk of the above styled Court at Sebring, Florida, on or before the 2nd day of January, A. D. 1922, and in default of such appearance you are notified that the allegations in said Bill of Complaint will be taken as confessed by you and each of you.

It is further ordered that this order be published in the Highlands County, a newspaper of general circulation, published in Highlands County, Florida, for a period of four consecutive weeks next preceding the said appearance day.

Given under my hand and seal at Sebring, Florida, this 14th day of November, A. D. 1921.

(Seal) C. F. SAUNDERS,
Circuit Court of Highlands County Florida.

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HOW GOVERNMENT CROP REPORTS ARE MADE UP

The time is 2:14 p. m.; the place, the United States department of agriculture, Washington, D. C. In an anteroom several men are standing around a table, each with one hand upon it holding a large sheet of paper. The quarter hour strikes. There is a race for the door. A moment more and telegraph wires into virtually every city and town in the United States are singing with the message of estimated crop conditions. At the last meeting of the general assembly of the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome, made up of delegates from the principal countries of the world, it was freely conceded that the United States department of agriculture has developed the most complete and accurate system of agricultural statistics ever devised. The work of crop estimating is so systematized and safeguarded that no one in or out of the department can know what a given crop report will be until the estimate is completed a few minutes before its release, and in that short interval locked doors and disconnected telephones prevent anyone from obtaining advance information.

There are approximately 220,000 voluntary crop reporters located in all parts of the United States. A trained statistician or field agent is also placed in each state or group of similar states and supervises the work of gathering statistics in the territory under his charge. At the end of each month each field agent tabulates the crop information received from his reporters, averages and summarizes the data, and reports the result to the department of agriculture at Washington.

Local reporters in every township, or other small civil unit in every county in the United States, report direct to the department every month crop conditions under their observation. Each county, also, is represented by a county reporter who reports his personal observations, the reports of neighbors and others, and information received by interviews and over the telephone.

The monthly reports cover acreage, condition, yield, total production, stocks on farms, progress of farm work, wages, supply or deficiency of farm labor, fertilizers and seeds. These reports are made for about sixty crops which represent about 95 per cent of the total agricultural production of the United States.

The reports of field agents on the special crops are mailed direct to the secretary of agriculture in special envelopes. The reports from other mail in the Washington postoffice and are delivered by messenger to the secretary or his first assistant who places them, with the seals unbroken, in a safe, to which no one has the key. The reports remain locked in the safe until the morning of crop report day. The returns on speculative crops are filed directly by reporters and sent direct to the bureau of markets and crop esti-

mates and are tabulated on separate sheets for each crop.

On the evening before reports are made by all telephones are disconnected. The next morning all doors are locked and guards are stationed at the outer doors to prevent anyone entering or leaving when the crop reporting hour is in session. The sealed reports of field agents and crop specialists in the custody of the secretary are turned over to the chief of the bureau, and the crop reporting board begins its work. The board is composed of the associate chief of bureau of markets and crop estimates, three of his most experienced assistants and usually one or more field agents.

Each member of the board is supplied with a separate sheet for each crop. On the sheets are shown for each state, in parallel columns, the estimates of the crop specialists and state field agents, the average of returns from the county reporter, the average of returns from the township or local reports, and the average of returns from special reports. Together with the report for the previous year and the ten-year average for the same month. The chairman of the board reads the comments of the field agents and crop specialists, the reports of the weather bureau for each state, and such other data as may be available.

With this information before him, each member proceeds, independently and without consultation with other members, to make his individual estimates of the crop condition for each state. The chairman then lists the individual estimates in parallel columns and reads them. They are discussed by the board and a single figure is adopted for the crop report. This figure is not an average of the figures of the individual members of the board, but a figure upon which all the individuals agree after hearing what factors influenced each member in forming his judgment. As a general rule, there is surprising unanimity of judgment and little difficulty is had in reconciling differences.

As fast as the figures are determined by the board, they are turned over to a force of expert computers, who tabulate the figures and make numerical estimates of yield per acre for each state and into United States totals.

The report is then summarized and a sufficient number of copies run off for immediate distribution to the press. Shortly before the time set for issuance of the report, the secretary or acting secretary is admitted to the board room, reviews the work of the board and approves the report. Exactly at the minute set in advance by the secretary, the report is released to representatives of the press associations and telegraph companies in waiting in another part of the building and is at once flashed over the country by wire for publication in daily newspapers. At the same time a telegraphic report is sent to the office of each state field agent, who issues a state report for papers in his own state. An hour later man-

uscript is forwarded to the government printing office for publication in the Monthly Crop Reporter, which goes to all the voluntary reporters of the department.

Since the inception of the crop estimating work by the United States department of agriculture there has been but one instance where an employee made an attempt to furnish advance crop information to special interests. That employee was prosecuted. Any officer or employee who gives out any information in advance of publication, or who speculates in any produce of the soil, is subject, under a criminal statute, to a fine of \$10,000 or imprisonment for ten years or both. An officer or employee who knowingly compiles or issues any false statistics, is subject to a fine of \$5,000 or imprisonment for five years or both.

PROMINENT COAL OPERATOR HAD TO "BE SHOWN"

A. W. Jones, a prominent coal operator and engineer of Pittsburgh, Pa., paid Lake Byrd Lodge a visit last week. Of all the grove owners who have come to Florida to look over their investments, it could be truthfully said that Mr. Jones was the one who insisted on "being shown" at every point, and in justice to the Pittsburgh-Florida Company, with whom Mr. Jones has an investment, we are glad to say that the company's officers were able to prove by records and work accomplished that their contract is a guaranteed protection to each grove owner and that the company's policy and plans show proof of the best care and highest scientific grove culture. Mr. Jones is also a stockholder in the Pittsburgh-Florida Company and investigated the record of the company to his entire satisfaction and expressed his pleasure, not only with his grove holdings, but with the company's management. He was particularly glad to explain and show every detail connected with the business.

John D. Lacks Gasoline John D. Lacks, a little girl in Cleveland to a ride in his car, and after she had comfortably seated herself, he asked her: "Where would you like to go?"

"Oh, I don't care," the little miss replied. "Where do you want to go?" "I," Mr. Rockefeller replied with a twinkle in his eyes, "I want to go to heaven."

Oranges from Japan A dispatch from Seattle on Nov. 20, noted the arrival there of 4,700 boxes of oranges from Japan with other and larger shipments on the way. The oranges sold at \$2.25 a box. Reports from San Francisco announced the arrival there of 6,250 cases of butter and 1,250 cases of eggs from Australia.

ERLE WIRT WAS ELECTED POTENTATE EGYPT TEMPLE

One of the biggest delegations ever attending the Masonic elections held at Tampa, was present at the temple Thursday night when Erle L. Wirt was given the office of potentate of Egypt Temple, and the local crowd expressed great satisfaction at the outcome of the meeting. The Tampa Tribune writes of the election: "Erle L. Wirt of Bartow was elected potentate of Egypt Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at the annual election of officers held last night at the temple, fully six hundred Shriners taking part in the election. B. Marion Reed was chosen chief Rabbah and Ernest C. Harris, assistant Rabbah. The other new officers are: High priest, Penn Dawson; oriental guide, W. W. Chase, Lakeland; treasurer, R. J. McManis; recorder, C. M. Davis; first ceremonial master, (Grand Canon), second ceremonial master, S. D. Harris, St. Petersburg; marshal, R. T. Joughin; captain of guard, S. A. Johnson, Orlando; outer guard, Judge Cary B. Fish, Bradenton; director, J. W. Broadbent; scribe, Dr. H. O. Snow; orator, D. M. Cook; trustees of benefit fund, Ellis Gibson, Bartow and Frank H. Thompson, Lakeland.

"The total membership of Egypt Temple, one of the three temples in Florida, now stands at 1,000 representing the Shrineros of twenty Florida counties."—Bartow Record.

Big Business A Waterman came on to spend his vacation at Loblolly Cove, near Rockport. He had never seen the ocean before. The first morning of his arrival he appeared at the little fish house and general store kept by a native named Haskins, and announced that he wanted two pairs full of sea water, which the storekeeper obligingly dipped up for him from his wharf, it being high tide.

"How much?" the Waterman asked. "Hush, you've never overheard a bargain, replied.

"Ten cents." The new arrival paid it cheerfully, and that afternoon he turned up again with his pals.

"My doctor out home told me to bathe in sea water twice a day," he explained; then, observing the distant beach line at low tide, he added: "Gosh! You've had a big business today haven't you, mister?"—"Everybody's Magazine."

Wood a Valuable Crop The United States forestry service estimates that there are 200,000,000 cords of farm wood lots owned by the individual farmers of the nation. Wood lot products now rank in value as one of the fastest three or four principal farm crops of the country. The yield of these farm wood lots can be immensely increased by better methods. Fires annually destroy millions of dollars' worth of wood suitable for fuel.

666 quickly relieves a cold.—Adv.

Why There Are So Many Renters

The United States census bureau reports that in October, 1921, there were upward of 12,000,000 families in this country living in rented houses, that number being about one-half of all the families residing in the United States. In comment, a critical writer says that a factor contributing to the unprecedented shortage of the various classes of family living quarters available for rent may be attributed largely to the enormous investments in automobiles, their original cost and maintenance. The wave of extravagance now prevailing and the disregard for becoming the owner of a home will ultimately pass, the renter the better, and the communitarian will be benefited by a change from the citizens driving a passenger automobile for pleasure to the dignified, permanent, contented home owner. The moving picture shows also are drawing heavily upon the family savings fund, with a tendency to exclude thoughts of our ability to purchase a house and lot for the family.

First Carload Pecans

A carload of pecans, the first shipment of so many as far as is known in the state was made from Muncie, Mo., on Dec. 8. It went to St. Louis. Monticello is also the town that ships watermelon seed by the carload and supplies most of the seed stores of the United States. The output of 1921 is estimated at a quarter of a million pounds.

Horses and Mules

Data compiled by the Horse Association of America indicates that there are more than 13,000,000 horses and mules in the United States, 7,000,000 of which are on farms and more than 2,000,000 in cities. For short delivery service it is shown that horse-drawn vehicles are much cheaper to operate than motor cars.

The Road Hog

The chauffeur doesn't own the car, but he thinks he owns the road.—Times-Union.



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