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ORDER EASTERN STAR AND MASONIC LODGES JOINTLY INSTALL OFFICERS

Friday night of last week the ladies of Leigh Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, and the members of Poinciana Lodge No. 227, F. & A. M., held a joint meeting for the purpose of installing the officers elected and appointed to serve during the ensuing year. The ceremony was semi-public, the families of the members of each organization being invited.

The Masonic hall had been beautifully decorated for the occasion, a background of palms at the stations of the officers setting off the beautiful decorations advantageously. The windows of the spacious lodge room were draped with oak leaves and moss and in the center of the room, where the altar is placed, the four pillars around the altar were entwined with a southern smilax, radiating from a cluster in the center and over the altar. At the stations of the various officers were placed baskets of cut flowers—roses and ping hibiscus—while vases and baskets filled with beautiful flowers, such as are obtainable nowhere else except in Florida at this season of year were placed in appropriate places about the room, lovely potted ferns blending and harmonizing the colors. The arrangement and scheme showed the work of a master hand in decorating and brought forth many exclamations of delight and surprise from those gathered to witness the ceremonies.

Eastern Star

The Order of Eastern Star held the first installation ceremonies, with Past Worthy Patron E. O. Williams as installing officer. The officers installed were: Mrs. T. H. Lander, worthy matron; T. H. Lander, worthy patron; Mrs. Norton T. Smith, associate patron; Mrs. Albert Ellison, conductress; Mrs. James Luxton, associate conductress; Mrs. A. W. Sargent, treasurer; Mrs. D. F. Canfield, secretary; Mrs. E. O. Williams, chaplain; Mrs. Philip Leigh, marshal; Mrs. G. W. Adams, warder; Mrs. J. S. Francis, Ada; Mrs. D. B. Farnell, Ruth; Mrs. H. F. R. Reck, Esther; Mrs. George F. Smith, Martha; Mrs. Charles H. Shepherd, Electa; H. D. Myers, sentinel. The ladies were all dressed in white and we'll venture to say that not in all Florida could a more attractive body of ladies be gotten together.

Masons

At the close of the Eastern Star ceremony the officers of Poinciana Lodge No. 227, F. & A. M., were installed by Past Master T. H. Lander as follows: C. Victor Smith, worshipful master; Mark W. Lance, senior warden; John H. Hood, junior warden; J. V. Chapman, treasurer; J. J. Jamour, secretary; W. R. England, senior deacon; Fred M. Smith, junior deacon; the Rev. C. E. Gutteridge, chaplain; C. A. Jamour, senior steward; J. D. McEwen, junior steward; S. F. Tucker, tyler.

After installation of officers a splendid luncheon, consisting of various kinds of sandwiches, doughnuts and coffee was served.

Both the Order of Eastern Star and the Masonic organization have had a successful year, gaining largely in membership, and the year 1922 enters with bright prospects. Both organizations have considerable amount of work ahead.

CHRISTMAS AT THE AVON PARK POSTOFFICE

Christmas holidays always make a postoffice a busy place and Mrs. Reeves, the postmistress, says Avon Park was no exception to the rule, this Christmas having handled the largest amount of mail and packages ever handled in this office. Early people began mailing and receiving packages and from twenty-five to fifty bags of mail were handled each day, the highest being fifty one day. From 500 to 1,000 packages were handled daily, the highest number handled any one day was 1,000. This did not include 10,000 first-class packages handled during the week. Usually this office receives more than double the amount of mail that is dispatched, but this season and equal amount was dispatched, showing that the population of Avon Park has materially increased. Besides handling all this mail, eleven bags containing 11,000 special sales catalogs were handled by the office force. Packages were handled containing everything from a diamond ring to a stuffed cat. A fruit cake arrived, all crumbled up in the sack, so someone was disappointed. Over 100 packages of fruit were mailed.

Mrs. Reeves and her assistants, Mrs. Pearl Spink, Miss Thelma Clark, A. W. Sargent and Miss Helen Smith, were faithful in their efforts to accommodate all, having worked from 7:30 to 12 at night. Two boxes of candy were received by them, one containing "Merry Christmas to the postmistress and assistants in appreciation of courtesies extended during the year." In an envelope mailed at Terra Ceia, Fla., addressed to the general postmistress of Avon Park, was a dollar bill and Christmas greetings. These little tokens were highly appreciated.

INSTALLATION ROYAL ARCH MASON OFFICERS

Next Monday night Highlands Chapter No. 42, Royal Arch Masons, will install its officers for the ensuing year. In addition, there will be work in the most excellent master and Royal Arch degrees. A full attendance is desired.

A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION REGARDING NAMING THE PARK

As we expected when we suggested naming our new park in honor of the founder of Avon Park, there is considerable difference of opinion among our citizens. Some of them can see no reason for giving the park any name whatever, simply designating it as "the park." Others favor giving it a name, but object to the name being in honor of any person now living. A number of names have been suggested, among them "Verona," "Shakespeare," "Central," "Lotela," "Community," "City," and others.

We, personally, are not advocating any particular name, believing that the name should be left to the majority of the citizens, but we do believe the park should have an appropriate name. When this town was platted there were four parcels of land deeded to the town for park purposes, we are informed. Such being the case, the new park should be named, in order to distinguish it from the other four recorded on the town plat. Of the names suggested, we believe "Verona" is the most euphonious. In order to get the matter settled, the Pilot is going to offer a year's subscription to the one suggesting a name that is adopted by a majority vote, the vote to be taken at some future time, when there is a large gathering of our citizens. Send in your suggestions.

FISHERMEN LAND SOME BIG ONES AT ISTOKPOGA

Thursday of last week D. F. Canfield, J. S. Buchanan and J. E. Martindall went to Istokpoga creek on a fishing expendition. Messrs. Canfield and Buchanan are enthusiastic local fishermen and Mr. Martindall, who hails from Columbus, O., and is a guest at Lake Byrd Lodge, had been hearing some of Mr. Buchanan's fish tales, and like a Missourian, wanted to be "shown." When conditions are right, Istokpoga creek is an ideal place to convince the skeptical that Florida is the fisherman's paradise and when these fishermen reached the creek, conditions seemed to be about right, for the big ones began biting and smashing their tackle, breaking ordinary silk lines and heavy new cotton ones with but little effort. The party succeeded in landing a number of big-mouthed bass, two of which tipped the scales at 8½ pounds each, after they had been out of the water several hours. Mr. Martindall will have some true fish yarns to spin when he returns to his home in the Buckeye State, which will undoubtedly create a desire on the part of his friends to visit this wonderful land of sunshine and enjoy the attractions he has been enjoying since coming to Lake Byrd Lodge.

TANGERINES NET GROWERS $6.75 A BOX

N. G. Langford, manager of the Exchange packing house, informs us that he recently shipped a mixed car of tangerines and grapefruit, the tangerines netting the growers $6.75 a box. In the car were 286 boxes of tangerines and 74 boxes of grapefruit. The 286 boxes of tangerines brought in returns of $1,877.42 f.o.b. Avon Park, while the grapefruit netted $2.50 a box f.o.b. This is not as high a price as we have known tangerines to bring this year, yet it is a good price and well worth mentioning.

Camping Party Leaves

A jolly trio from Rochester, N. Y., who had been camping on the shores of Lake Lotela for the last two weeks, left Tuesday to continue their tour of Florida. The members of the party were Frank List, John Myers and Frank Behnke. They are making an automobile tour of the state, stopping where the country suits them and in addition to enjoying the fine winter climate, put in their time fishing and rambling around. The young men were pleased with Avon Park and think the Scenic Highlands the most wonderful part of the state they have visited. They are friends of H. E. Coy, the latter coming from Rochester to Avon Park.

Christmas Dinner at Hotel Avon

A sumptuous Christmas dinner was served at the Hotel Avon by Manager J. D. McEwen and among those who took advantage of the opportunity were: Willard M. Bacon, Jr., of Jacksonville; Mrs. W. G. Parsons, Cambridge, Mass.; Mrs. J. E. Berch, Willimantic, Conn.; A. C. England, Washington, D. C.; W. H. Brand, Detroit; H. C. Garner, Sebring; Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Donaldson, Miss Viola Isley, J. V. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Marshall, Miss Sadie Myers, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. England, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Stanton, George F. Kellogg, D. V. Rouse, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. R. Reck and Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Todd.

Ford Touring Car Burned

Saturday night Joe Lander's Ford touring car was burned, nothing remaining but the iron work. Joe had met the night train and taken his father, the Rev. D. L. Lander, to the home of T. H. Lander, then driven home and parked his car in the yard. During the night he awoke and discovered that his car was on fire, but too late to save it. The fire was supposed to have been caused by leaving the key in the switch.

STARTING THE NEW YEAR IN SPLENDID CONDITION

We are informed by the Rev. J. Thomas Murrish that the Church of the Redeemer (Episcopal) is starting the New Year in splendid financial circumstance. Although the membership is small, there being a total enrollment of but about thirty, they are starting the year 1922 with money in the treasury an dthe church out of debt. This is indeed a good showing. Dr. Murrish also states that his congregations have been increasing and that more interest is being taken in the church. For a community the size of Avon Park, all the churches are a decided credit to the town and the memberships.

Indiana Folk Enjoy Florida Dinner

Christmas day a number of the members of the Indiana Club gathered at the home of L. C. Hunt on the edge of Avon Park and greatly enjoyed a picnic in the grove. There were thirty-nine on hand to enjoy the splendid Florida menu, and many more would have been present had the picnic been made known to all in time. These winter visitors have a club in Indiana that they have named "Tamiana," and each year they have a great time at their annual picnic in their home state. Among those present Christmas day were Mr. and Mrs. James M. Wilson and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wright, Mr. and Miss McGinnis, R. L. Drake, Joe McGrew, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hinton and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Russell and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Parks and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. White and daughter, Thomas Russell, Miss Lucy Davis, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Starkey and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis West and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hunt and children.

Attacked by Wildcats

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sikes spent Friday and Saturday in Okeechobee City, returning Sunday. Mr. Sikes brought back with him a couple of stalks of cane measuring more than 14 feet in length and told that while in the cane patch he was attacked by three wildcats. He fired at them with his pistol, wounding one and driving them off, but the cane was growing so thickly he could not follow. It is seldom that wildcats will attack a human being, and the only way in which we can account for the attack upon Mr. Sikes is the probability that the cats were "full of cane juice."

Attend This Supper

The Masonic ladies will give a supper in the Masonic Temple Friday evening, Jan. 20. The proceeds will be used toward paying for the lot purchased, just south of the temple, and it is hoped the supper will be liberally patronized. Everyone knows what kind of a supper the Masonic ladies serve and that not only will it be an appetizing one, but that there will be plenty to eat. Help the ladies in their cause. See next week's Pilot for further announcement.

December Weather

Following are the temperatures and the amount of rainfall during the month of December, as recorded by William King, United States weather observer at Avon Park:

Mean maximum	78.32
Mean minimum	57.00
Maximum	85.00
Minimum	14.00
Rainfall, inches	0.92

PROMINENT NIMRODS TAKE UNSUCCESSFUL HUNT

A newspaper seldom gets a line on an unsuccessful hunting expedition. It is always the successful crowd that tips off the editor. It has just leaked out that the most unsuccessful hunt of the season was staged by Judge D. V. Rouse, J. D. McEwen and Elmer Cason, just before the season closed. These sports left Avon Park early one morning last week, going direct to the prairies near Lake Istokpoga and faithfully hunted all day, watching all night and the second day, and started home about dark. If they had had two more birds they would have brought three home. Things went well for a short time only and soon a soft spot was struck and it was get out and push. Soft spots became numerous and soon the car began to play false. "Mack" got out and began to crank and the crank slipped and punctured the radiator and started a leak; "Mack" cut his hand badly on the license plate and troubles came thicker and faster until finally the lights went out at midnight and sometime before Avon Park folk started for Sunday school the unsuccessful crowd drove quietly into Avon Park.

MRS. J. S. BUCHANAN AND MRS. A. V. ANDERSON ENTERTAINED TUESDAY

One of the most delightful social events staged at Lake Byrd Lodge since that now celebrated hostelry was thrown open to the public was the card party given by Mrs. J. S. Buchanan and Mrs. A. V. Anderson last Tuesday afternoon. Both ladies are noted for their gracious hospitality and the large number of guests responding to the invitations sent out spent one of the most enjoyable afternoons of their lives, under surroundings that are as unique as beautiful. The Christmas decorations of the Lodge were still in evidence and the rustic beauty of the place added to the enjoyment of those who gathered around the twelve tables of five hundred to enjoy a social afternoon and compete for the handsome prizes offered to the most skillful players. The first prize was a handsome leather vanity case, which was won by Mrs. W. A. Marshall, and the second a guest napkin ring, won by Mrs. C. S. Donaldson.

An appetizing luncheon of fruit salad, crackers, ice cream, cake, coffee and candy was served and the favors were lingerie rosettes in pastel shades. The hostesses were assisted by the Misses Chinn, Margaret Bell, Ruth Bass, Myrtle Jack, Ruth Hare, Sadie Myers and Roberta Bass.

The guests were: Mrs. W. M. Reck, Mrs. Ida Potter Brick, Mrs. Charles Everett Lanier, Mrs. Emma J. Lesure, Mrs. R. H. Stodden, Mrs. F. M. Smith, Mrs. Henry Stevenson, Mrs. A. McKee Elwell, Mrs. DeForest Canfield, Mrs. Ethel Murrish Jenks, Mrs. L. H. Park, Mrs. N. H. Trent, Mrs. John D. Raab, Miss Bessie Kellogg, Mrs. Norton T. Smith, Mrs. A. C. West, Mrs. S. Y. Hartt, Mrs. W. A. Roberts, Mrs. Charles A. Shepherd, Mrs. C. W. Lewis, Mrs. R. W. Swearingen, Mrs. Harry L. Donough, Mrs. John A. Caldwell, Mrs. W. A. Marshall, Mrs. J. D. McEwen, Mrs. Henry Thiem, Mrs. Harry A. Winters, Mrs. C. S. Donaldson, Mrs. Herbert F. R. Reck, Mrs. Carlos Skipper, Mrs. E. G. Todd, Mrs. T. H. Lander, Mrs. E. W. Hartt and Mrs. H. E. Godwin.

G. W. ADAMS, PRESIDENT AND W. A. MARSHALL, VICE-PRESIDENT B. OF T.

The Board of Trade of Avon Park held its annual meeting Tuesday night in the Brickell auditorium, a large number of ladies and others interested in the welfare of our little city being present. The program was opened by a couple of selections by the Avon Park band, after which President George F. Kellogg stated the objects of the meeting and in a pleasing manner mentioned some of the accomplishments of the board of trade during the year just passed. He then announced that election of officers for the coming year was in order and stated that there were two tickets in the field—one placed in nomination by the nominating committee and the other by members of the board. The nominating committee's ticket carried the names of R. I. Harris for president, A. V. Anderson for vice-president, W. A. Marshall, G. W. Adams and G. A. Stebbins for members of the board of governors, while the names on the other ticket, in the same order, were G. W. Adams, W. A. Marshall, J. S. Francis, G. A. Stebbins and H. F. R. Reck.

Messrs. Harris and Anderson withdrew their names a nd there being no opposition the following officers for the ensuing year were unanimously elected: G. W. Adams, president; W. A. Marshall, vice-president; J. S. Francis, G. A. Stebbins and H. F. R. Reck, members board of governors. Mr. Adams responded to a call for "speech," pledging himself to put forth every effort to accomplish something for the good of the community during his term, and asked for the undivided support of the membership in making the year 1922 a successful one from every standpoint. He then called upon W. M. Reck to make a few remarks of appreciation of the services rendered in the past by George F. Kellogg, the retiring president, who had been president of the organization ever since its incipiency. Mr. Reck spoke fluently of the untiring work of Mr. Kellogg, the time he had unselfishly devoted to the interests of the town and the money he had donated for various purposes in connection with the work of the board. He also asked for the appointment of a committee composed of G. W. Adams, T. H. Lander and C. E. Lanier to draft resolutions thanking Mr. Kellogg for his untiring labor, the resolutions to be spread upon the mintes and published in the newspaper.

Delegates to the Associated Boards of Trade meetings were then elected as follows: George F. Kellogg, Mark W. Lance and George W. Adams.

The business of the meeting having been completed, a motion to adjourn prevailed, but the audience was informed that the band would remain and furnish music and those who desired to avail themselves of the privilege were welcome to remain and dance and otherwise enjoy themselves.

It was gratifying to note the number of ladies present, as well as gentlemen who were not members of the board, showing that interest in the organization is alive and that the ladies are willing to co-operate in making its activities successful.

Immediately after the close of the meeting the board of governors held a meeting in the office of Norton T. Smith and elected Mr. Smith as secretary of the board. Mr. Smith will have all correspondence on file, together with copies of his replies, to which every real estate dealer or other interested person will have access daily. The new board of governors decided to at once put on a drive for membership and the slogan adopted is: "A hundred members in thirty days." If you are interested in the welfare of the town you will be one of the first to join if you are not already a member, and if you are, then one of the first to pay annual dues.

An advertising booklet, setting forth the advantages to be found in Avon Park, will soon be ready for distribution. Watch the columns of the Pilot each week for board of trade notes.

LARGE SUMS OF MONEY AVAILABLE FOR FINANCING THE CATTLE INDUSTRY

Of late C. E. Lanier has been making a number of trips to Atlanta, Ga. Sunday night he returned from another trip to that city and Monday in an interview with the writer he explained that in his conference with members of the war finance board he learned that the members of that board were very enthusiastic over the cattle industry of Florida and that they would make special efforts in financing that industry in this state.

Under a recent act of congress several millions of dollars have been appropriated for the purpose of financing agricultural pursuits. Much of this money will be distributed throughout Georgia and Florida to finance the cattle industry, which government officials have investigated and which they believe there is opportunity in Florida to make it of national importance. In fact, they are so favorably impressed with conditions existing in our state that they are very enthusiastic over the outlook. A large majority of the money set aside for the purpose of financing the cattle industry will be handled through the South Florida Cattle Loan Company, of which T. L. Wilson of Bartow is president and C. E. Lanier of our city one of the directors. These gentlemen can see no reason why the cattle industry, through government co-operation, should not be greatly advanced and become one of the most important industries of the nation. Money in large sums is available and when certain conditions laid down by the government are complied with the cattlemen of South Florida can put themselves in shape to carry on the industry successfully and profitably. Two of the conditions are as follows:

1. All cattle on which loans are predicated shall be confined in ample pasture or ranges owned, leased or otherwise controlled by the borrower, in such a manner that the herd or herds may be conveniently inspected at any time. Such enclosed pastures or ranges to have adequate water supply for the cattle and sufficient dipping vats for tick eradication purposes.

2. That loans be made only on cattle in tick-free areas, or in counties which have voted in favor of tick eradication; this provision being necessary in order that cattle on which loans are made may have access to the market before maturity of the loans.

At a recent meeting of the board of county commissioners of Highlands county it was decided to enforce the compulsory dipping law enacted four years ago, as applied to old DeSoto county. This will necessitate, if Highlands county cattle are to have access to the markets, the fencing out of those counties which do not enforce the law or to which the law does not apply. The Penn-Florida and Bridges Cattle Companies have vast pasturages on the west side of Highlands county, the majority of which is well fenced. These companies purpose to build six more miles of fence within the next ninety days and when this is completed they will have fenced considerable more than one-half the west side of the county.

It naturally follows that if the people of Highlands county are to receive the benefit of the moneys available from government sources, the remaining unfenced portion of the county must be fenced and that at an early date. The eastern boundary of the county is amply provided for and we understand that Glades county is operating under the same law as Highlands, which would obviate the necessity of fencing the southern portion.

It has been suggested that instead of fencing the public highways, or placing across them cattle guards, over which automobiles might pass and a gate for vehicles, these highways be left open, but are of the opinion this plan would not work, for cattle in the other counties would soon find these openings and then all the dipping we might do would not eradicate the ticks, for they would be brought in from other counties. We believe cattle guards should be placed across the public highways and gates provided. If there is no law providing a penalty for leaving such gates open, then such a law should be passed by the next legislature and the penalty fixed for its violation be so heavy that those using the gates would not fail to close them.

Highlands county has hundreds of thousands of acres of good pasture landse that are unfit for other purposes. With the money behind them to finance their business on a large scale, the cattlemen of this county could make this the most important industry in the county, without the other industries deteriorating a penny. The cattle industry, operated on a large scale in this county, with markets opened as they would be as soon as this is declared a tick-free county, would bring hundreds of thousands of dollars into the county, which could and would be used in developing our other resources, therefore it benooves every citizen to use his or her influence in bringing about conditions that will favor the cattle industry.

PROMINENT WASHINGTON DIVINE IS GREATLY IMPRESSED WITH THE CITY

The Rev. Dr. Lucius Clark, who with Mrs. Clark has been making his first tour of Florida, spent several days in our city last week. Dr. Clark is a prominent citizen of Washington, D. C., where for years he has been the president of the federation of churches and is noted for his activities in everything pertaining to the moral and civic interests of the nation's capital.

Dr. Clark was much impressed with Avon Park and stated to several citizens that this seemed to be the best-organized and most promising community of any he and Mrs. Clark had visited in Florida. They expect to invest in the near future in some of the well-known developments here, being particularly impressed with Hillcrest.

Many of our citizens may not be aware of the unusual quality of people our various developments are interesting in Avon Park. Sooner or later many of these people will become residents of our city for at least a part of each year and will prove potent factors in the upbuilding of our favored community. Many of our investors are men of national reputation and large means and the very fact that they have chosen Avon Park as a place for investment and a winter or permanent home will cause many of their friends to do likewise.

WOMAN'S CLUB PROGRAM FOR THIS AFTERNOON

This Friday afternoon the Woman's Club of Avon Park holds its regular meeting at 3 o'clock and an unusually interesting program has been arranged. This meeting is open to the public and every citizen interested in the progress of our little city will be welcomed and is urged to attend. Program:

Music—"America."

"Current Events"—Mrs. W. M. Reck.

Symposium—"What I Would Like to See Done in Avon Park This Year."

"Civics"—Mayor D. L. Sapp.

"Aesthetic"—L. H. Park.

"Education"—County Superintendent W. A. Marshall.

"Recreation"—Mrs. T. H. Lander.

Vocal—Miss Louise Cloud.

"Our School"—Mrs. Ethel Jenks.

"The Church"—Rev. Ed S. Barnes.

"Social"—Mrs. W. M. Reck.

Violin solo—Mrs. R. D. Knight.

"Hygiene and Sanitation"—Dr. J. L. Cloud.

"Co-operation"—Mrs. Mae Waldron, president.

Duet—Misses Myrtle Conoley and Pearl Shankel.

Hostesses—Mrs. Fred Stevens and Mrs. B. A. Pearson.

Members of the club are requested to meet at 2:30. Program begins at 3 o'clock sharp.

TAX ON TRANSPORTATION WAS REMOVED ON JAN. 1

Passengers and shippers this year will realize substantial reduction in the amount paid for freight and passenger transportation on account of the removal of the tax on transportation, effective Jan. 1.

Under the provisions of the new revenue law it is estimated that the elimination of this tax will result in a saving to passengers and shippers using the Atlantic Coast Line railroad of approximately $2,200,000 annually. This estimate covers a saving to passengers of $1,100,000 and to shippers of freight of $1,100,000, based on freight and passenger revenues for the current year.

Instructions have been issued to agents and others concerned providing that no tax on freight or passenger transportation furnished on or after Jan. 1, 1922, will be charged.

The assessing and collection of this transportation tax for the government has required each railroad to act as a government tax collector and to make a strict accounting for all the money collected and turned over to the government. No benefit whatsoever has accrued to the railroad companies from the collection of this tax.

TWO CARLSTROM FLYERS DIE WHEN PLANE FALLS

Falling in a burning airplane about noon Wednesday of last week, Lieut. S. H. Davis and Lieut. William Christopher Sinclair were killed and their bodies were burned almost beyond recognition. The accident occurred about five miles southeast of Carlstrom field and was witnessed by civilians, who notified officers of the field.

Planes were sent out in search of the wreckage and the burned machine and bodies were found and returned to the post. The time of the accident was fixed by the wrist watches of the two victims, which had stopped at 11:42 o'clock. The cause of the accident was not determined.

"Acequaintance Social"

The members of the Methodist church will give an "acquaintance social" at the church next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock for the new pastor, the Rev. C. E. Gutteredge, and family. All friends of the congregation and the pastors of other churches cordially invited to be present. Music, reading, speeches and a social time will be the program of the evening.

Bishop Mann Coming

The Rev. J. Thomas Murrish informs us that Bishop Cameron Mann will make a visitation to the Church of the Redeemer (Episcopal) some time next week, but was unable to give us the exact date of his coming.

SAYS MUST NOT OVERLOAD GRAPEFRUIT WITH SUGAR

"The intense culture of the grapefruit brings to us in mid-winter a large golden sphere of delicious, thirst-quenching, pure fruit juice, that owing to its delicate tart flavor is most acceptable during the cold winter months," says Mrs. M. A. Wilson, culinary expert of the Philadelphia Public Ledger, who continues:

"Many persons are under the impression that acid fruits are harmful; particularly is this true, so it seems, during the winter months, as they claim these fruits thin down the blood.

"This is entirely wrong—the tart grapefruit juice becomes neutralized into an alkaline product during the process of digestion, purifying the blood stream and cleansing the digestive tract.

"Do not make the mistake of overloading this delicious fruit with sugar. Try reaming out the juice like an orange or lemon and drinking it without sugar."

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.

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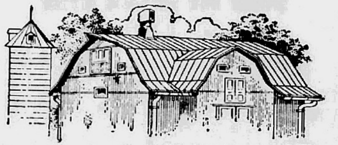

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GETTING RID OF HARMFUL THINGS THAT WORRY THE FLESH AND SPIRIT

[Plant City Courier]

Why is it that when there is gravel in your shoe, or something sharp sticking into you somewhere in your clothing, you will remove it as soon as you can, but when something happens which troubles your mind, when you have made some blunder, some bad mistake, which has terribly humiliated you, instead of removing it from your memory, you keep it there?

Haven't you already suffered enough? Hasn't this thing pained you enough? Hasn't it taken enough out of your life? Hasn't it wasted enough of your energy, or your life force, which might have been turned to better account? Do you realize how it is devitalizing and negativing your whole system? You cannot create while your whole system is negative, and whatever pains, whatever worries you or makes you anxious, whatever arouses in you fear, jealousy or envy, is injuring you. All these things make your mind negative, and you cannot create when your mind is in that condition. You must get rid of these enemies which are torturing you and prematurely ageing you.

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Make up your mind that the most precious thing in the world to you are your energy, your vitality, your brain matter, because of them come all the worth-while things in life. Why, your pride ought to keep you from such a fatal exhibition of weakness and inefficiency as you show when you worry, fret and stew.

If men could only once see the fearful havoc, the wearing, rasping and grinding out of the delicate life bearings caused by the worrying, fretting habit, they could never again be induced to indulge in it. I have seen a strong man so completely exhausted in a few days by the waste of vitality, the shrinkage of brain power, caused by the poison of fear, worry and anxiety, that you would think he had actually been suffering from some malignant disease.

What would you think of a man who, because he had lost a cow, should go and kill his horse? It is an absurd suggestion, isn't it? Yet such a proceeding would be more sensible than for you or anyone else, because of some misfortune or loss, to throw away much precious brain capital vitality capital in worrying and fretting over it.

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I know a business man who wastes enough mental ability in worrying over little losses to enable him to earn twice as much as he has lost, if he would only utilize that which he wasted in doing things that are worth while. If you should lose your pocketbook with a hundred dollars in it, you certainly would not throw away another hundred dollars and yet you may throw away five hundred dollars' worth of brain energy and vitality, mourning over the loss of a hundred dollars.

I recently saw these words in a New York publication and they haunted me: "Whatever happens to us in life, it doesn't matter really." Go back over your life. The worst thing that has ever happened to you, except downright disgrace, because of a criminal act, doesn't matter much. Your failure in business, perhaps, didn't matter much. Through it have you not gained in wisdom which infinitely more than compensate you for your loss?

You may have made an unfortunate marriage and your home life be far from happy, your business may have turned out badly, but these things are not really half as bad as they might have been, and you probably have profited by them in many ways.

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Resolve at the very outset of your career, that no matter what happens to you in the way of failure, disappointment, hardship, bitter experience, it shall not mar nor spoil your peace of mind or your chance in life. Resolve that there is one thing you will protect, as you protect your honor, and that is your peace of mind.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT INTERNAL REVENUE

From now on taxpayers will not be advised of their privilege of filing a claim for the refund of taxes which have been paid in excess of amounts legally due, but instead will receive a certificate of over-assessment and a check in correction of the error, or if an assessment is outstanding against the taxpayer for income or excess profits tax, the over-payment will be applied as a credit against the assessment and the balance immediately refunded. This will be of distinct financial advantage to both the taxpayer and the government. It will do away with the necessity for the taxpayer filing a claim for refund, and will greatly reduce the amount of work to be done by the bureau in the adjustment of claims.—Kissimmee Valley Gazette.

Where Are the 'Gators?

Many people up north who really should know better still believe that there are about as many alligators, crocodiles and venomous snakes in Florida as there are mosquitoes in a New Jersey swamp. They seem to think it is about as safe to walk about unarmed as it would be to play tag with a man-eating lion in an African jungle. The truth is, of course, that dangerous reptiles are rapidly becoming extinct in all parts of the "Sunshine State." There may be a few of them remaining in some of the more remote regions of the Everglades, but in practically all other sections they have disappeared entirely. The march of progress has made it almost impossible for them to exist. They have been ruthlessly exterminated and the swamps in which they used to breed have been drained and placed under cultivation.—Palm Beach Post.

Prize Turnip

Mrs. O. P. Warnicke has a prize turnip on display at the Cash and Carry Grocery, which was grown in her garden at Brooksville, it weighing 4 pounds and 10 ounces, and measuring 22½ inches.

Rub-My-Tism, a pain killer.—Adv.

EDUCATIONAL COURSES FOR FLORIDA PEOPLE OFFERED FREE BY THE UNIVERSITY

When times are hard a person's opportunity to find a position that pays rests largely upon school training and previous experience. At present hundreds of citizens ranging in age from 13 to 65 are fitting themselves for better positions by getting more education at home through the general extension division of the University of Florida.

Until the first of February the general extension division offers scholarships to all citizens, regardless of age or previous school advantages, who feel the need of more education. These scholarships cover the common school branches, not only for boys and girls who cannot go to school, but men and women who want more education. All papers are handled confidentially and citizens who feel the need of more education can get it in this way without embarrassment or loss of time.

In the same way high school courses are given to those who desire them. Review courses are offered to teachers in preparation for state or special teachers' certificates, and civil service courses are given which will assist the student seeking a government position. The reading courses covering every phase of agriculture will be found of great value to busy young people and men and women on the farm everywhere.

RIGHT AND DUTIES OF NEWSPAPERS

Volumes have been written about the power of the press and, doubtless volumes will continue to be written to the end of time. But Judge Fisher of the circuit court at Chicago, in the decision in which he ruled in favor of the Chicago Tribune in a libel suit brought against it in the name of the city of Chicago, but in reality by a political gang in the city, which resented the fearless exposure of the weakness by the defendant paper, crowded within the limits of his decision some thoughts that come home with great force to the mind of the true newspaper man. Here is one of unusual power:

"The press has become the eyes and ears of the world, and to a great extent, brings humanity in contact with all its parts. It is the spokesman of the weak and the appeal of the suffering. It holds up for review the acts of our officials and of those men in high places who have it in their power to advance peace or endanger it. It is the force which unifies public sentiment. But for it, the acts of public benefactors would go unnoticed, imposters would continue undismayed and public office would be the rich reward of the unscrupulous demagogue."

And a little later Judge Fisher expressed in clear-cut fashion a principle that lies deep in the mind of every editor worthy of the name. It is that a newspaper which makes it a practice to mislead or misinform its readers cannot prosper. Said Judge Fisher:

"It cannot long indulge in falsehoods, however, without losing that confidence from which alone come its power, its prestige and its reward.—Holyoke (Mass.) Transcript.

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FLORIDA'S 1921 RECORD

Jacksonville Times-Union

Florida's record for 1921 is now ended. Unblushingly, and without boasting, may we say that it is a record of which all may be proud, those permanently residing here and those from afar, who have interest and pleasure in the state's forward movement and in its contribution to the satisfaction of all who admire progress and advancement.

True, Florida, in common with other sections of the country, has felt the hand of depression which, however, has not fallen so heavily upon our people as upon those of other states, those not blessed with so many advantages that contribute to the welfare and happiness of people and of communities, advantages that Florida has in baundance and that give generously to its prosperity even in periods of general business depression.

It is eminently in order that all of us should take at least mental note of the record that the state has written for the year, note of only slightly interrupted progress, in a few instances, but of uninterrupted progress in many others. Thus we find ourselves at the ending of another year with brighter, clearer, strengthened vision with which to look forward to the year that lies ahead of us. Also, we find ourselves in possession of broadened minds, of a greater spirit of tolerance, and possessed of nobler desire and purpose to go on from one achievement to another, not altogether as individuals selfishly inclined, but as a state hoping for and working for better things, for more worthy accomplishments that shall be for the benefit of all who call Florida home and for those whose longings and aspirations are to cast their lot with us.

Great and worthy accomplishments stand in Florida's record of 1921. First and foremost and of utmost importance toward future achievements, is the evident spirit of more hearty co-operation on the part of all the people of Florida, city, county and community co-operation and in the broader field that embraces all the state. Without this spirit, manifested and operating generally, Florida can not hope, as a state, to arrive at that point of worthy distinction that is made possible through sincere, hearty co-operation—not cooperation sectionally only but statewide. This spirit, going with the work that has been done in 1921 will, if continued and intensified through 1922 make possible achievements far greater than any that as yet have been placed in the record of Florida's preceding years.

We have only to look about and see what Florida has accomplished and then resolve, each and every one of us, that throughout the year 1922 greater efforts shall be made to cooperate with others, whether in one section of Florida or another, to do the things that need to be done to make Florida what, as a state, it should be. Hearty(practical co-operation will do it, will make of this commonwealth a wonderland of progress and achievement.

Florida's record for 1921 is practically completed. What has been done stands. Where there has been error there can be atonement by striving to do better in the coming year, to forget the animosities, the jealousies and the bickerings and go forward with strengthened courage and purposeful resolve to improve on the past, to the end that the coming year and those to follow will furnish records unsurpassed, eith[illegible] by Florida or any other state.

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Plant Juice for Fish Bait

Late in the dry season, when the rivers are low in the heart of Africa, the Wwari, who inhabit the central Soudan, set out on prolonged fishing expeditions. The natives who live on the banks of the rivers are proficient fishermen, taking great pride in their work, but the village Gwari are not very sporting in their methods. They go out for the final results rather than for the pleasure of the sport. They pour the juice of locust tree pods into the pools, to which the streams have shrunk, and this causes the fish to leap out of the water. Wildly they leap, flopping out on the dry river bottom as often as not, but the excited natives do not wait for the fish to catch themselves. They lean over the shallow water, finding great delight in snatching the leaping fish as they flash from the river. This custom of using the "jump juice" seems to have been handed down from time immemorial among these strange Africans.

[illegible]ction in Freight Rates

A reduction in freight rates on grapefruit amounting to approximately $150 per car, became effective Dec. 21, according to W. C. Elgin, general agent for the Union Pacific System, with headquarters in Atlanta. The reduction applies to points in the Pacific northwest, Mr. Elgin said. It is 50 cents per 100 pounds.

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CANADA WILL HAVE A SPLENDID EXHIBIT AT SOUTH FLORIDA FAIR

When visitors to the South Florida Fair line up in front of the Canadian exhibit the coming February they will realize the international importance of Florida's greatest fair, because they will find, representing Canada, a most "beautiful, attractive and interesting exhibit—better than any that has ever been placed anywhere."

The above quotation is from a letter received by General Manager P. T. Streider of the South Florida Fair from W. J. White, inspector of United States agencies for the Canadian government. Mr. White and his son, E. H. White, had charge of the Canadian exhibit at the fair here last February, and will be in charge of the exhibit again the coming February.

Canada will have several times as much exhibit space at the coming fair than it had at the 1921 exhibition. A considerable part of the exhibit has arrived already, and Mr. White writes that a force of men will be here early next month to begin preparing the booths for the display of Canada's products.

Writing of Canada's display here, Mr. White says:

"It will comprise products of field, mine, forest, with animal and bird life typically displayed in such a manner as to give to the visitor, in a unique way, some knowledge of what lies in the hinterland of the northland country, bringing back to many of them, doubtless, the days, when in their younger years they trod the fields, breasted the northern rivers in their canoe, blazed their way through almost impassable woods, placing their traps, or sighting their guns on the elusive elk, or the cunning bear, or to those, like Ike Walton, who preferred casting the fly to bait the wary trout or muskallogne.

"Anyway, it is going to be an exhibition—a show—that will interest the visitor and well repay him for a hundred or two hundreds miles of travel to see it alone, irrespective of the hundreds of other attractions that the fair board is putting on for the thousands of visitors who will doubtless be attracted through the fame of your efforts to have something to please."

Doesn't Want to Miss a Copy

Joe Overly writes us from Murray, Ky., as follows: "Find enclosed check for $1, for which extend my subscription another six months. I do not want to miss a single copy. This leaves us well as usual and having a fine winter. The ground has not been frozen much—just the clean land—no snow at all. Best wishes to the Pilot and all of Avon Park."

Spraying Tests

A northern manufacturing concern has forwarded a quantity of hydrogen-cayanide to Orlando for the purpose of conducting tests in spraying fruit trees with the chemical solution. Other companies are conducting similar tests with various other solutions. Results of the tests will be announced from time to time.

RAILROADS DECLARE LARGE DIVIDENDS

Frequently traveling representatives of the various railroads are heard to state that railroads are hard pressed and are not making a reasonable return upon the investment. Such propaganda is usually with the view of securing sympathy of some producers who are inclined to complain against exorbitant transportation charges, which are now extracted from the public. Quite often pleas are made for the public to bear with the "poor" carriers and be patient until they can recouperate from the tremendous loss due to federal control. There was a very interesting item on the front page of the Chicago Tribune Dec. 2, entitled "C. B. & Q. to Pay 20 Per Cent Dividends." The article states that on the Burlington's $130,692,220 capital stock there was to be declared a cash dividend aggregating 20 per cent or $34,138,440. It has only been a short time ago that the L. & N. was prohibited from "cutting a melon" in almost equal proportion to that of the C. B. & Q. It would appear that at least some of the carriers are making in excess of 5½ per cent, which was the dividend the interstate commerce commission attempted to bring about through the last 33 1-3 per cent increase. Fruit and vegetable growers are getting returns which do not cover cost of production, yet carriers continue to extract rates in many instances in excess of the amount allowed growers for production. Such conditions cannot continue indefinitely. — Manatee River Journal.

TAIL CAN'S ALWAYS WAG THE CANINE

Those Tallahassee chaps let no grass grow under their feet when it came to tearing down and getting ready to build onto the old capitol. They were evidently afraid of the threatened injunction from Ocala and believed that the early bird catches the worm. Just such tactics is going to result in keeping up the fight for capital removal if it doesn't divide the state. For years the political junta of the state has trampled rough-shod over the southern end of the peninsula. They have refused a reapportionment as the constitution guarantees. They have grabbed everything worth while that was in sight and refused to be half fair. South Florida is waking up and this plea about a great Florida, one and inseparable, will fail to hold water much longer. If they would keep within the law, reapportion the state on a fair basis and be men instead of politicians, the matter might be settled, but if they keep acting the hog they will find a ring in their snout before they live many years. The tail can't always wag the canine.—The Florida Chief.

Elimination of Tax Will Save Money

The public will save approximately $1,500,000 a month as a result of the elimination of the war tax on express shipments, according to George C. Taylor, president of the American Railway Express Company.

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TELEPHONE No. 29

Have you broken any of those New Year resolutions?

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Now that the year 1922 has been ushered in it is time to begin thinking about the June primaries.

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Watch out for the itinerant advertising solicitor. His schemes are not worth a jitney to anyone but himself.

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It's an easy matter for those who never had a child in their lives to tell the mothers how to raise their children.

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Too bad that when we have a man like Cary A. Hardee in the governor's chair, we cannot keep him there more than one term.

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Some people will donate to the itinerant preacher and never give a dollar for the support of their home churches. We wonder why.

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The open season for deer and turkey passed with the closing of the old year, as far as Highlands county is concerned. Now the quail will have to suffer more than ever.

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If you failed to make a resolution to pay your debts, as far as possible, early in the year, you did not anticipate doing your part toward making the year 1922 more prosperous.

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Times-Union in commenting on an item appearing in the Pilot regarding our Avon Park horseshoe pitchers, says: "Next thing we know horseshoe pitchers will be drawing as big salaries as baseball pitchers."

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Citrus growing is the principle industry in and around Avon Park, yet there are thousands of acres of as good trucking land as lies out of doors in this immediate vicinity awaiting development.

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We hope every man, woman and child in Avon Park resolved to do their trading at home this year. Such a resolution well kept would make Avon Park more prosperous than it ever has been before.

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We are informed that the road from Frostproof south is now in splendid condition. Come right along, Mr. and Mrs. Tourist. A cordial welcome, a splendid climate, good accommodations and plenty of amusement await you in Avon Park.

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If the president of the United States lets it become known that he is eating Florida oranges in preference to those coming from California, the demand for Florida fruit will not only swell the growers' bank accounts to large proportions, but will increase the price of grove properties.

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Because of our announcement that hereafter we would run no paid advertisements among the locals, but place them in a classified column, the Florida Times-Union says: "Thus passes one of the sacred customs of the country newspaper office, viz: Sandwiching paid advertising readers among the locals and personals mixt."

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If our exchanges are to be believed, all Florida is merely a crust over a seething caldron of oil. We confess that we are a little pessimistic and think that most of the oil here exists either in the minds of get-rich-quick promoters or is in the tanks of the Standard Oil Company. Anyway, it would be a good plan to let those with "money to burn" do the prospecting.

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Many so-called Christians might well emulate the example of a Jew in Arcadia. The proprietor of the Boston Store in that place presented each child of the Baptist Orphanage of that place with a new pair of shoes as a Christmas greeting. The children were invited to the store, treated with as much courtesy as cash customers, and allowed to select shoes according to their own fancies, from the entire stock. We congratulate Arcadia upon having for one of her citizens and business men a man of such charitable inclinations and Christian principles.

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Tampa Tribune: "The S. A. L. announces special 'sleepers' for the college girls when they go back to Tallahassee. From the story of conductors who have had charge of these college girls' specials before, there will de darned little sleeping done en root!" But who the devil would want to sleep with a bunch of such jolly and attractive girls as attend college at Tallahassee aboard the sleeper? We know John McWhorter wouldn't and there are one or two other country editors we know who are in the same class. Now, Thorn, this doesn't apply to you or any of the balance of the "beauties" on exhibition at Lakeland.

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Thorn of the Kissimmee Valley Gazette last week "tapped his thought tank" and drew therefrom the following: "The St. Petersburg Times is now proposing that the new cross-state road through the counties of Pinellas, Hillsborough, Polk, Highlands, Okeechobee, St. Lucie, Palm Beach, Broward and Dade pass some resolutions to induce the state road department to push that route through to completion at an early moment—and that paper feels confident the department will do as suggested. If the completion depends upon that organization for the making of the highway—I know I'll be dead long before the road is completed!" The department would undoubtedly build all the needed roads in the state were the funds available—or at least begin building them. With no money on hand, however, and eight trunk highways to build, it appears that something will have to be done by the communities desiring these roads if they expect to get them within the next decade or two.

WHY SUCH SELFISHNESS?

We have been informed that the town council of Frostproof has declined to permit the town of Avon Park to erect an arch at the junction of the public highway leading to Fort Meade and Avon Park, informing the traveling public as to the location of Avon Park.

The reason for denying Avon Park this privilege is hard to explain. Such an arch would in no wise detract travel from Frostproog, for the largest portion of the travel passes through that town before reaching the Fort Meade road. If the council of Frostproof fears that what little travel coming from the other way would be detracted from their town, it would be an easy matter to have the arch so placed that the location of Frostproof, as well as of Avon Park, would be made known.

People visiting the Scenic Highlands would be benefited by such an arch, as many who come in automobiles, desiring to visit Avon Park and Sebring, take the wrong road at this junction and find themselves in Fort Meade instead of the place they had intended to visit. The natural inclination is to follow the asphalt and many motorists are of the opinion that the road to Avon Park and Sebring is asphalted all the way, hence the mistake many of them make.

Some members of the council, we are informed, favored granting such permission, but were overruled by the majority. Such an action is not only selfish, but will prove detrimental to the town of Frostproof itself. Every town on the Scenic Highlands should work unselfishly to promote the interests of all and Frostproof had nothing at all to lose by granting permission for Avon Park to erect an arch there directing the way to this place.

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"Because it has been found that the deadly anthrax may be contracted through the use of shaving brushes made from horse hair, the New York state department of health has prohibited the manufacture or sale of such brushes in that state," says the Tampa Citizen. Every state should enact a similar law.

CENSORING THE NEWSPAPERS

When a few years ago it was proposed to vigorously censor the newspapers of the country and things even went so far that one or two or half a dozen violent anti-republic publications were slapped on the wrist and told to be nice there was a howl in many quarters. The freedom of the press must be retained, was declared from the housetops, and proponents of censorship and surveillance were frowned upon almost everywhere. But with peace the reformers of the world took a new swing into position and after having been forced into the background by the emergencies of war for a time, they appear to have swelled up with their own importance during the quiet period, and then marched forward to forcibly graft wings upon the people whether the operation was enjoyed or not.

Since the public mind was recalled from the war drives and the like the reformers have studied the stars for suggestions and quickly begun to declare against smoking and dancing and card playing and smiling and walking, talking, eating, drinking, thinking—in any way except the reformers' ways—and now they are proposing that the newspapers be forbidden to print anything that might lead to betting.

The joy killers, some well paid and sleek and others who follow the profession of "reforming" for the happiness they gain by the invasion of others' rights, and interference with other people's business, have already railroaded a bill through the national house of representatives, which, in part, says:

"No newspaper, postcard, letter, circular or other written or printed matter containing information, or statements, by way of advice or suggestions, purporting to give the odds at which bets or wagers are being laid or wagered, upon the outcome or result of any horse race, prize fight, or other contest of speed, strength or skill, or setting forth the bets or wagers made, or offered to be made, or the sums of money won or lost upon the outcome or result of said contests by reason of such bets or wagers, or which sets forth suggestions as to the odds at which bets or wagers should or may be made or laid, shall be deposited in or carried by the mails of the United States, or be delivered by any postmaster or letter carrier, and such matter is hereby declared to be non-mailable, and any person who deposits or causes to be deposited, or shall send or cause to be sent, any such thing to be conveyed or delivered by mail, shall be fined not more than $5,000, or imprisoned not more than five years, or both such fine and imprisonment."

Congress would do well to get rid of the many and vicious lobbies now working in Washington, for the like of the bill mentioned is sapping the liberties of the press and with the press the people. The newspapers cannot print a news story a day without offering a chance for the violation of the regulation suggested. If the news is to be prohibited merely because it does not please the tastes of a few cranks newspapers might just as well be prohibited. Newspapers do not encourage gambling, but one-half the population could not prevent the other half from it, no matter what regulations were made.—Florida Times-Union.

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HOMEY PHILOSOPHY FOR 1921

"What is human conduct but the daily and hourly sale of our souls for trifles"—the foregoing is published broadcast as an epigram by the "clever" Bernard Shaw. A lie! Human people in the mass do not hourly, or daily, or even weekly, or yet even monthly, sell their souls. Because the human person loves comfort and entertainment and solaces himself sometimes with regrettable little vices and falls into error that flesh is heir to, it does not mean that he sells his soul. The soul is not so easily sold. And mark you, the soul that was made by God is not as easily lost as some people might imagine, either.—Lakeland Advertiser.

THE EXCHANGE EDITOR

Every now and then we hear some man, who thinks in terms of his own business and knows nothing of the difficult trade of making a newspaper, remark as he sees an editor scissoring matter out of the papers. "What a soft snap that man has? He ain't got a thing to do but sit down and read the papers and then cut any old thing out of them to print in his own paper."

Alas, for the conceit of ignorance! The "exchange editor" on a newspaper—the man who uses the scissors—requires years of training, wide and varied reading and sound discriminating judgment before he is equal to his task, and no work on the paper is more important than his. Here is something from the last issue of the Business Printer that may shed a little light on the subject:

"Some people ignorant of what good editing is, imagine the getting up of selected matter to be the easiest work in the world to do, whereas it is the nicest work done on any paper. If they see the editor with scissors in hand, they are sure to say: 'Eh, that's the way you get up original matter, eh?' accompanying their new and witty remark with an idiotic wink or smile.

"The facts are that the interest, the variety and usefulness of a newspaper depends in no small degree upon the selected matter, and a few men are capable of the articles they select. A sensible editor desires a considerable quantity of selected matter, because he knows that one mind cannot make so good a paper as five or six."—Gadsden County Times.

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SOAP FOR FOUL MOUTHS

A group of college lads have banded themselves together in the interests of clean minds and clean speech. To promote these worthy ambitions they propose to resort to a very old-fashioned remedy when foul or vulgar language betrays that all is not clean within. The violator of the cleanly code must chew soap. The details are interesting. For example:

Penalty for swearing: Chew one piece of soap one-half inch square ten times per vile word.

Penalty for vulgarisms, such as unclean stories: Chew one piece of soap one inch square vigorously twenty-five times.

Fun will be made of that society and fun will be made in it, but good will come of it, just the same. Profanity and unclean speech have become woefully common among people of all ages and classes in the last few years. The boys who have decided that the dirty mouth shall be scoured are setting a good example not only for their associates, but for their elders.—Sanford Herald.

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—Your blacksmithing, horse shoeing, wagon and repair work; now ready for business; satisfaction guaranteed; shop just north of the bottling works. The Highlands Blacksmith and Wagon Shop, J. E. Boynton, manager. 1-tf

FOR RENT

For Rent — Furnished cottage, 5 rooms, lake front; boat, garden, strawberries, grapefruit, oranges included, for $300 for six months. E. D. Putney.

For Rent—Two three-room suites for light housekeeping; furnished or unfurnished. Inquire at the Elite Shop, Brickell building.

FOR SALE

For Sale — Fresh milch cow with calf by side; also set of hypodermic needles for vaccinating hogs. Phone 383, Avon Park. 7tf

For Sale — Eggs from pure-bred, prize-winning stock; $1.50 per cetting of 15 eggs. Brown Leghorns, White Leghorns, Rhode Island Reds, Anconas and Silver-laced Wyandottes. Roswell Cutler, Avon Park. 7tf

For Sale—Oakland Six touring car in good condition; bargain for cash or would trade for good citrus land. S. P. Durrance, Avon Park. 3tf

For Sale—On easy terms, new six-room bungalow; close in; would consider well-located tract of 10 or 20 acres of citrus land as first payment. Address HX, care Pilot.—Advertisement. 32tf

MISCELLANEOUS

Lost — Pair of gold-rimmed spectacles; either on the street or in one of the stores. Finder please notify Mrs. J. B. Rogers.

Seeds—Big new Spring Catalog; a revelation for the beginner and a reference book for the practical trucker. Send name and address today for your copy, which will soon be ready. Kilgore Seed Company, Plant City, Fla. 12-2-5t

Strawberries will be ripe Dec. 20. You can have this bed of 1,200 plants, a growing garden, oranges, grapefruit, fuel, a boat and five-room furnished bungalow on lake for $300 for season. E. D. Putney.

Rhode Island Reds, Underhill strain, highest American pens, at recent Vineland contest. Cockerels, $3 each; pullets, $2 and $3; eggs for hatching, 7c each. Caroline Putney.

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From a Pleased Reader

Frank Elliott of Morton, N. Y., in renewing his subscription to the Pilot says: "Enclosed find check for $2 for one year's subscription to the Pilot. I do not mean to miss any of your good papers. Wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year, I remain, Yours very truly.

"FRANK ELLIOTT."

Population of France

The official result of the general census of 1921 gives the population of France, including Alsace-Lorraine, as 39,402,739, of which 1,440,449 are foreigners. The population in 1911 was 39,664,392, including 1,132,696 foreigners.

A Revival of Reno

Divorces granted in Philadelphia last year totalled 2,291, the highest number ever recorded, but the number of new suits begun was only 2,332, the lowest since 1918. More than two-thirds of those seeking divorces were wives.

Pity the Sewer Rats

One hundred cases of whiskey, representing the "bag" of illicit goods seized by the police of Tampa Tuesday night of last week and turned over to the federal officials, were poured into the waste pipes at the federal building last Friday. It was the largest seizure in Tampa of "wet" goods since the enforcement was begun.

Remind your friends and neighbors that The Pilot should be in every household in Avon Park. If they are not subscribers they should be.—Ad

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Melville Bass and Parke Anderson visited St. Petersburg last week.

Mayor A. E. Lawrence of Sebring was a business visitor in Avon Park Saturday.

L. H. Warner of Washington, D. C., was a guest at the Hotel Avon during the holidays.

Ernest Dub, wife and mother, were looking Avon Park over last week, while making a tour of Florida.

Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Clark of Washington, D. C., were guests in Avon Park the latter part of last week.

Miss Charlotte Cunningham of St. Petersburg was an interesting visitor during the holidays of Miss Carolyn Park.

Mrs. Cyril Baldwin departed Thursday of last week for Atlanta, Ga., where she will receive further treatment to her eyes.

Among the Sebring folk visiting Avon Park holiday week were H. H. H. Halliday, P. V. Lane, D. T. Lane, Jr., and H. M. Griffin.

Cyril Baldwin spent Friday of last week in Arcadia, transacting business. He was accompanied home by his mother, Mrs. C. E. Baldwin, who will remain here two or three weeks.

Mrs. L. H. Park, Miss Carolyn and Lee Park, Gordon Skipper and Miss Ruth Hare made up a crowd that visited St. Petersburg the latter part of last week.

W. F. Coachman and a party of six spent a part of last Saturday at the Hotel Avon, while on their way to Horseshoe Ranch on an inspection trip. They were delighted with Avon Park and the splendid service at the Avon.

Thursday of last week Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Lander entertained at dinner Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Peddy, son and daughter of Lakeland and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Peddy and three sons, Eldredge, Roscoe and Willard, of Sandersville, Ga.

Miss Barrett, dean of the girls of Rollins College at Winter Park, was the charming holiday guest of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Caldwell. During her stay here Miss Barrett was graciously entertained by Mr. and Mrs. John D. Raab.

Mrs. M. E. Warden, Detroit; Miss A. S. Dart, St. Louis; Miss C. R. Arnold, Buffalo, N. Y., and H. L. Osburne of New York City, representing the "Ask Mr. Foster" service, visited the Hotel Avon last week and made a thorough inspection.

Attorney M. C. Whitehurst spent New Year's day with his wife and baby in Wauchula. The baby is a recent addition to the family, having arrived Dec. 24—just in time to be deemed a splendid Christmas gift. It is a bouncing boy and weighed 10½ pounds.

A number of the younger set of Avon Park gathered at the Hotel Avon Friday night and had a most enjoyable dance. Manager McEwen arranged the spacious dining room and opened the hotel to the jolly crowd and they enjoyed every minute until midnight.

L. D. and W. A. Roberts returned Sunday night from Lee county, where they and a couple of friends from Fort Meade had been hunting for a week. Leslie says they had a great time and secured all the deer and turkey the law allows, which means that they killed at least five turkey and two deer—gobblers and bucks. But then, there are no does or hen turkeys in Lee county.

Judge D. V. Rouse and J. S. Francis spent the week at Dover, guests of Judge Rouse's parents.

Penn-Carol Hotel, American and European plan. Rates reasonable, excellent service, modern conveniences, hot and cold baths.—Adv.

The Rev. David L. Lander of Kissimmee arrived in Avon Park Saturday to spend a few days with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Lander.

In celebration of New Year's the banks, stores and postoffice were closed Monday, the postoffice being open long enough for people to get their mail.

Dr. W. C. Touchton motored to Tampa Wednesday, taking a patient there for an operation. He was accompanied by R. L. Harris and N. H. Trent.

Mrs. E. W. Green and charming daughter, Miss Sallie, of Fairburn, Ga., mother and sister of Mrs. W. C. Touchton, arrived in Avon Park Tuesday night and will spend about a month with Dr. and Mrs. Touchton.

W. S. Rawlings and family of Rectortown, Va., arrived at Avon Park recently and are arranging to spend a long vacation at Lake Byrd Lodge. Mr. Rawlings is a successful farmer in his home state, as well as being a large stockholder and grove owner with the Pittsburgh-Florida Company.

Mrs. L. D. Roberts returned Sunday night from LaBelle, where she had been visiting relatives while Leslie was hunting in Lee county. Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Roberts entertained at dinner the Rev. Ed S. Barnes and mother and Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Mascott, the meat courses consisting of venison brought back by Mr. Roberts.

Hoover Zook and son DeWitt of Washington, D. C., were recent interested visitors at Avon Park. While here they enjoyed the pleasure and comforts of Lake Byrd Lodge. Mr. Zook was extremely pleased with his grove holdings in the Pittsburgh-Florida Company and promises to visit our locality again soon.

Messrs. S. P. Durrance and C. P. Anderson are leaving town this week on a business trip to the company's offices at Washington, D. C. and Pittsburgh, Pa. The many grove owners and stockholders of the corporation have often expressed a desire to meet Mr. Durrance in the north and this will be their opportunity. As Sam has never been very far from the "wilds" it is hoped by his many local friends that the bright lights will not be too dazzling for him.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Green of Washington, D. C., were recent visitors at Lake Byrd Lodge. Mr. Green is a physical director in one of the high schools of Washington and owns and operates successfully a summer camp for boys in Minnesota, besides being a stockholder and grove owner with the Pittsburgh-Florida Company. While here Mr. Green made a thorough investigation of his holdings and returned home more than delighted with his investment at Avon Park.

John Stock of Interlachen, who had been here with his brother, the Rev. Benj. Stock, for ten days, left Tuesday for Jacksonville. He was accompanied as far as Haines City by Roswell Cutler. Mr. Stock had recently undergone an operation and went to Jacksonville for further treatment. From there he will return to his home. When he arrived in Avon Park he weighed 130 pounds and in ten days, under the careful nursing of his brother, gained ten pounds. He is much enthused over Avon Park and our wonderful climate.

B. W. Flood of Frostproof was a business visitor here Saturday.

The Standard Garage solicits your patronage. Satisfaction guaranteed. —Adv.

J. E. Glover has been transacting business in Tampa the greater part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cobia of Sebring were attending the Baptist church services here Sunday.

Harry Crews, a substantial orange grower of the Bareah section, was a business visitor in Avon Park Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Smith returned Monday from Green Springs, where they had been spending several days.

Ray Gamble, a prominent young real estate dealer of Sebring, was transacting business here last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis West and daughter Reba and J. M. Wilson and granddaughter Genevieve spent Sunday in Bartow.

Regular convocation of Highlands Chapter No. 42, Royal Arch Masons, next Monday night. Work in Royal Arch degree.

The Rev. and Mrs. Ed S. Barnes have moved into the new pastorium just completed on their lot east of the Baptist church.

Mrs. L. H. Park, daughter Carolyn and son Lee and Miss Ruth Hare, returned last Friday night from an enjoyable visit in St. Petersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Willis and son of Bradentown spent a few days here last week, guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Marsh, returning to their home Friday.

Miss Dot Wilcox, who is taking a nurse's course in a hospital in Orlando, returned to that city Wednesday, after having spent a few days here with her parents.

Mrs. J. S. Francis spent New Year's day in Wauchula, the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. S. Reese, who returned to Avon Park with Mrs. Francis Monday, spending a part of the day here.

Lee Crews returned to Atlanta, Ga., Saturday, after spending the holidays here with his parents. He goes to complete his senior year in the Southern College of Pharmacy, where he is a student.

The family of the Rev. C. E. Gutteridge have arrived in Avon Park to join Mr. Gutteridge and are occupying one of the dwelling houses recently remodeled by the city. The people of Avon Park extend to them a hearty welcome.

Mark Lance and Tom Caldwell and the Misses Ellie Harris, Vera McGinnis, Beasley Palmer, Beatrice Bass and Myrtle Durrance spent Thursday afternoon of last week in Sebring, enjoying a boat ride on Lake Jackson and a picnic luncheon at Caravasios Point, Capt. and Mrs. R. C. Pringle taking them over in the captain's launch, Safety First.

Rev. and Mrs. David L. Lander are once more residents of Kissimmee, and are occupying their fine home at 316 Church street. For a full year Mr. Lander has been occupying the pulpit of the Presbyterian church at Starke, and had hoped to round out a full half-century in ministerial work—but too strenuous work forced him to cease after forty-seven years had passed. He will now "throw off the harness" and take his needed rest.—Kissimmee Valley Gazette.

Automobile owners are assured of satisfactory work at the Standard Garage.—Adv.

Rub - My - Tism for Rheumatism.—

Mrs. Charles Edwards and daughter and sister spent the week-end in Okeechobee City visiting relatives.

Mrs. Maury Crews of Orlando is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Barnhill, this week.

G. L. Crews and family spent last Friday at Crewsville, the guests of Mr. Crews' brother, E. E. Crews.

Charles Pabor, Jr., returned last Friday from New York City, where he has been employed for several months.

G. A. Stebbins, Will Drawdy and E. D. Boston went to Osceola county Tuesday on a hunting expedition. They expect to return today laden with game.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Webster of Utica, N. Y., who are spending the winter in DeLand, motored to Avon Park Tuesday to spend a few days with Mr. Webster's mother, Mrs. L. F. Webster.

THE WASTEFUL AMERICANS

Tampa Times

The American people have always seemed to live on the principle of "Eat, Drink and Be Merry for Tomorrow Ye Die." It was probably the very prodigality and supposed inexhaustibility of our resources that initiated and fostered their condition of mind. The pioneers of America were not as a rule, spendthrifts. The Puritans were men of austre and simple virtues, who were more regardful of their religious duties than they were of guads and jewels. In the beginning they were not extravagant and wasteful. They could not have been if they had wished to. It was not in their nature or training, in the old country or in the new. When they came to America it was only by the strictest economy and the most careful prudence that they were able to carry on from one season to the next.

But as their descendants were gradually removed from the necessity of stern and even parsimonious economy, as the accumulation of a competence became simpler and easier, and they came into a full realization of the magnificent resources of the country to which they had come; as they looked on the millions of acres of forests, the growth of centuries; on the mountain ranges filled with valuable minerals and metals; on the illimitable water power, flowing "unvexed to the sea"; as they saw all these things and a great many more, their sentiments underwent a great change. They decided that the resources of the country to which a benign Providence had led them, were inexhaustible, and from parsimonious economists, they became the most prodigal wasters the world has ever seen.

In less than a century and a half they have swept the "inexhaustible" forests from the face of the earth with no effort at replacement, and the end is already in sight. Now, at this late hour, faced with a timber famine, we are talking of conservation and reforestation. We discovered natural gas and wasted millions of feet in flaming torches of no possible utility except for advertising purposes. We acted on the impossible and senseless supposition that the supply could never be exhausted, but a few months showed us the error and great manufacturing establishments which had been founded on the false supposition of inexhaustibility were compelled to resort to other sources of power or close down.

We squandered all the magnificent resources with which nature has endowed us in the same reckless, improvident way. After us the deluge might be our motto, so indifferent to the future are we. Even the farmers are infected with the same improvidence and extravagance. They skim the cream off a farm, and instead of trying to maintain or restore its fertility, they "go west" to fresh fields and new pastures and repeat the skimming process. New England is full of abandoned farms, and many in the rich prairie states have been turned over to renters by their owners.

But of late years a spirit of conservation is being cultivated. We are beginning to realize that none of our resources are inexhaustible. The end of our timber is in sight and the statisticians are figuring on the time when it will be exhausted. There are no longer millions of acres of fertile land to be had for the asking. We are beginning to plant forest trees to eke out our timber in years to come, and we are irrigating the dry lands and draining the wet ones to furnish homes for posterity. Necessity is bringing us back to reason and common sense. And it's time.

SOME THINGS BOYS AND GIRLS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THEIR TEETH

You know, of course, that we have different implements which we use at the table when taking our meals. We use the knife for cutting our meat; the fork for carrying meat or similar foods into the mouth; soup we eat with a spoon; for pudding or other similar foods, we use a teaspoon. Now, if you stand in front of a mirror and look at your teeth, you will notice a very interesting feature. You will notice that your teeth are not all shaped alike but as the implements I just spoke about, the teeth are of different shapes and forms. First look at the front teeth, four down below and four up above. You will observe that they have sharp edges like knives. We call these teeth incisors, meaning to cut, or cutters. We use these teeth to cut off or bite off pieces of food when the chunk happens to be too large for the mouth. On each side of the four cutting teeth there are three sharp pointed teeth. When we eat food like meat which is rather tough and cannot be cut through by the incisors, we generally pass it on to our side pointed teeth and tear it up. These sharp pointed teeth at the side are the tearing teeth and they are called cuspids (meaning a point). Back of these tearing teeth there are what we call the molars or grinders—these have square shaped surfaces, and you will notice that there are grooves in the center and sharp ridges on the sides. These teeth are for the purpose of crushing and grinding the food into a fine mash.

Now, another thought occurs to me while I am speaking of this similarity between the teeth and the implements we use at the meal table. Suppose we ate dinner last evening with a set of these implements and they were then left unwashed and uncleaned? Is there any boy or girl in this room who would be willing to use those same knives and forks for breakfast without first cleaning them?. I am sure there is not! Yet that is exactly what takes place in our mouth if, after eating our dinner at night, we go to bed without cleaning our teeth and thus leave particles of food sticking to, and around, and between the teeth in the mouth, and then in the morning we eat breakfast with those same dirty teeth. This is certainly a very unclean habit. The proper thing to do is to brush your teeth the last thing before you go to bed so that you go to sleep with a perfectly clean mouth; also upon arising in the morning, brush your teeth once again. Then clean your teeth after every meal in order that when you come to the table for the next meal you will not mix up the old, and probably decayed, food which has remained between your teeth with the new and fresh food you are going to eat.

I want to give you another illustration. Suppose our knife were nicked; suppose there were a hole in the spoon; or, suppose there were a prong or two missing from the fork. You will agree that it would be very hard to eat with such implements. In the same manner, if your front teeth are chipped—if there are holes in them; if pieces of your tearing side-teeth are missing; if parts of your grinding teeth in the back of your mouth have broken off through decay, you can at once understand how hard it would be to chew your food thoroughly.

Those of you who have traveled on a railroad train may have had the opportunity to observe the fireman with a pickax breaking up the chunks of coal before he threw them into the fire-box of the engine. The fireman knows that unless the coal is broken up into small pieces the fire will not burn very good and, of course, there will not be enough steam with which to run the train fast. In exactly the same manner, if you swallow big chunks of food, your stomach cannot digest them and not enough good nourishment is produced by the body to work with. Therefore instead of being strong and healthy you will be weak, pale and sickly and you will not be able to study well nor to play hard.

As I said before from the point of mere cleanliness, the teeth should be brushed after every meal. They also ought to be brushed for the purpose of preventing decay. I have already told you that decayed teeth interfere with the chewing of your food and, consequently, with your health.

You all know what vinegar is. Vinegar can be made from apples. It can be made from bread and water. A piece of bread put in some water and placed in a warm room for a certain number of hours will sour and form vinegar just exactly like the vinegar which your mother buys in the store. Now, if you take a piece of chalk and throw it into vinegar, you will be surprised to see that after a short time nothing will remain of the chalk. It will dissolve and disappear just like a piece of sugar does in your coffee. This can be done not only with chalk, but with teeth. I have many a time taken a tooth and thrown it into vinegar and after a short time there was nothing left of it. The same process takes place in our mouths. Particles of food—bread, pie and cake—that we eat, are left between and around the teeth. They become mixed with saliva and after a few hours turn sour. In other words a small quantity of vinegar is formed and this vinegar dissolves the enamel of the teeth. The enamel, by the way, is a hard veneer or covering which protects the inside of the tooth from decay, but once the enamel is dissolved decay starts right away and a hole or cavity begins to form in the tooth.—Dr. M. D. K. Bremner, Chicago, in Dental Facts.

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WE THANK THEM FOR THEIR LOYALTY AND WISH TO ASSURE THEM THAT IN THE FUTURE, AS IN THE PAST, WE SHALL PUT FORTH EVERY EFFORT TO MERIT THEIR CONTINUED CONFIDENCE AND PATRONAGE.

WITH THE BEGINNING OF ANOTHER YEAR'S BUSINESS WE WISH TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE SHALL CONTINUE TO SERVE YOU TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY. IF WE MAKE AN ERROR WE WILL GLADLY CORRECT IT. IF WE TURN OUT AN UNSATISFACTORY PIECE OF WORK, WE WILL MAKE IT GOOD. WE AIM TO GIVE

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Out of the package came a small red printed slip which preached this sermon amid the smoke of the cigarettes it accompanied:

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Avon Park

INCOME TAXPAYERS URGED TO COMPILE 1921 ACCOUNTS

"With the approach of the period for filing income tax returns, Jan. 1 to March 15, 1922, taxpayers are advised to lose no time in the compilation of their accounts for the year 1921," says S. T. Gerow, internal revenue collector for Florida. "A new and important provision of the revenue act of 1921 is that every person whose gross income for 1921 was $5,000 or over shall file a return, regardless of the amount of net income upon which the tax is assessed. Returns are required of every single person whose net income was $1,000 or over and every married person living with husband or wife whose net income was $2,000 or over. Widows and widowers and persons separated or divorced from husband or wife, are regarded as single persons.

"Net income is gross income, less certain deductions for business expenses, taxes, etc. Gross income includes practically all income received by the taxpayer during the year, in the case of the wage earner; salaries, wages, bonuses and commissions; in the case of professional men, all amounts received for professional service; in the case of farmers all profits from the sale of farm products, and rental or sale of land.

Necessary Mentions

"In the making of an income tax return for the year 1921, every taxpayer should present to himself the following questions:

"What were your profits from your business, trade, profession or vocation?

"Did you receive any interest on bank deposits?

"Have you any property from which you received rent?

"Did you receive any income in the form of dividend or interest stocks or bonds.

"Did you receive any bonuses during the year?

"Did you make any profit on the sale of stocks, bonds or other property, real or personal?

"Did you act as a broker in any transaction from which you received commissions?

"Are you interested in any partnership firm from which you receive any income?

"Have you any income from royalties or patents?

"Have you any minor children who are working?

"Do you appropriate, or have the right to appropriate, the earnings of such children? If so, the amount must be included in the return of income.

"Has your wife any income from any source whatsoever? If so, it must be included in your return or reported in a separate return of income.

"Did you receive any directors' fees or trustees' fees in the course of the year?

"Do you hold any office in a benefit society from which you receive income?

Answers Imperative

"Answers to all of these questions are necessary to determine whether a person has an income sufficiently large to require that a return be filed, and may be the means of avoiding the heavy penalties imposed for failure to do so within the time prescribed."

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

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

Flint Lumber Company to Avon Manufacturing Company: 10 acres on the shore of Lake Lena in Sec. 27, Twp. 33, range 28; $1 and other considerations.

L. C. Costine and wife to M. M. Drawdy: S½ of lot 6, block 9, Sec. 21, Twp. 33, range 28, Avon Park; $1.

DeSoto Holding Company to L. C. Costine: Lot 6, block 9, Sec. 21, Twp. 33, range 28, Avon Park; $1 and other considerations.

E. L. Hainz and A. Q. Heacock to Jerome Tonkin: Lot 1, block 84, fourth addition to Sebring; $10.

Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers Association to Maud W. Park: S½ of grove 119, Lake Wood Villa, in Sec. 5, Twp. 33, range 28; $1,000.

Charles Pollard to Atlantic Coast Line Railroad: Right of way through NW¼ of SE¼ Sec. 4, Twp. 35, range 29; $1.

Robert C. Pringle and wife to Maude Manley: Lots 7 and 8, block 38, Sebring; $1 and other considerations.

Helen A. B. Michener, executrix, to Harvey B. Ream: Part of lot 3, block 34, Sebring; $1.

Harvey B. Ream to Gilbert S. Hodn: S½ of W½ of lot 3, block 34, Sebring; $2,000.

Beulah B. Brooks and husband to DeSoto Realty & Investment Company: Lots 1 and 2, block 3, Sec. 14, Twp. 33, range 28, Avon Park; $1 and other considerations.

L. C. Costine and wife to M. M. Drawdy: N½ of lot 6, block 9, Sec. 21, Twp. 33, range 28; $1 and other considerations.

Cora C. Canfield and husband to B. E. and F. E. Warren: Lots 22 and 23, block 5, Lake Denton Development Company's resurvey, Avon Park; $150.

W. J. Durrance and wife to F. E. Warren: Lot 21, block 5, Denton & Harris' subdivision, Avon Park; $75.

THIS MOONSHINER WAS BELIEVER IN PUBLICITY

The following was found pasted upon a bottle of real "corn likker" secured in North Carolina, and the label is now stored in the Washington archives:

"Pure mountain korn likker. Bottled in a barn. Made in the backwoods of the mountains of Western North Carolina by an old-time blockader that don't give a dam for laws and prohibition. Retailed on the Asheville market by all the high-class bootleggers for five bones per pint and worth every cent of it. Guaranteed to be strong enough to make you drunk as the devil in ten minutes and mean enough to make a baby bull frog spit in a whale's face. Shake well and get ready to have a fit before drinking."

One Hundred Dollars Reward

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

New Postmaster for Punta Gorda

Leon Everett Mizell has been appointed postmaster at Punta Gorda. He is 28 years old and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Mizell, who are well known throughout old DeSoto county.

To break a cold take 666.—Adv.

Eat More Bread and Better Bread

REGULAR SIZE 8c 20-OUNCE SEALED 10c
RYE BREAD 10c WHOLE WHEAT 10c
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YOUR CHECKING ACCOUNTS,

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FOR YOUR CHILDREN

You Can Save Money

OUR steadily increasing business has enabled us to buy direct from the manufacturer instead of the local jobber. By doing this we obtain discounts that we are glad to pass on to our customers.

Watch our window each week and you will be assured of real bargains.

Come in and investigate our 1922 prices; you will find that we are in line with all the cities.

Yours for better service,

Avon Park Drug Co.

THE REXALL STORE

Benefiting the Merchants

The transient advertising solicitor is experiencing hard sledding in Lakeland. Not a day passes without some one making a round of the stores with some sort of publicity stunt to sell as hotel registers, telephone lists, blotters and such like. But when confronted with the request to produce the chamber of commerce permit there is great indignation and always the outburst of righteous wrath with the exclamation: "Are you letting the chamber of commerce do your thinking?" That is timeworn and out of date. Anyway, the advertising committee of the chamber of commerce has saved Lakeland merchants hundreds of dollars during the last three or four weeks.—Lakeland Telegram.

Vocational Training University

The selection of Camp Johnston at Jacksonville as the site for the vocational training university to be established by the veterans' bureau, is understood to be practically decided upon by Director Forbes. While the bureau officials are non-committal, they are understood to believe that unless some last minute changes in plans are made, the institution will be placed at Jacksonville. It is believed the university will be put into operation as early as possible, with several hundred students and will be expanded as the needs of that section arise. The university will be along the lines of Camp Sherman, which recently opened with 500 students, and has a capacity as high as 5,000 former service men.

Patronize Home Industry

Many tramp preachers and self-styled evangelists have come down from the north and are trying to save us "Crackers" from hell at so much per soul and thus relieve the home preachers of the job. If this scribe is to be saved by these ecclestiastical tramps, his case is hopeless, but he is willing to take his chances with the home preachers. At any rate, he believes in patronizing home industry, both religious and commercial.—Punta Gorda Herald.

Senator Penrose Dead

United States Senator Boies Penrose, one of the leading republicans of the nation, died at Washington Saturday from an attack of heart failure. The senator was sitting beside his bed, when he suddenly fell off a chair to the floor. His personal physician, Dr. Roy Adams, was in the room with him and when the doctor reached his side, the senator was dead.

Orange Seed Necklaces

A Florida woman is said to make lovely necklaces from orange and grapefruit seeds. This places the orange in the class with the famous pig of the packers, no part of which is wasted but the "squeal." All the other parts of the fruit have a use—the pulp and juice for eating, the peel for candying or flavoring and the white inner rind for pectin extract to help in the jellying of other fruits. The necklaces of seeds are doubtless very ornamental.—Chicago Tribune.

GASPARILLA CARNIVAL TO BE THE BEST ONE YET

Officials of Ye Mystic Krewe Gasparilla, who are preparing for the annual descent of the pirate horde upon Tampa during fair week, as a part of the South Florida Fair and Gasparilla Carnival, are enthusiastic over the outlook for the finest entertainment of the kind ever offered to visitors to that city.

The Gasparilla Carnival dates back some twenty years, and long ago became a rival of New Orleans' Mardi Gras. The pirates come up to the city from a rendezvous down the bay, aboard their ship, and their coming is announced by a mimic cannonade of the city. The rakish craft enters the mouth of the Hillsborough and takes its way along that watercourse to the Tampa Bay dock, fantastically arrayed pirates all the while disporting themselves in the rigging of the sailing craft which bears the krewe here. The mayor of the town surrenders the city with due formality, to the captain of the pirates, as they debark from the ship. This ceremonial over, the krewe marches through the city in triumphant display of their might. Follows the banquet of the kreme. A day later the new king and queen are crowned at the annual ball of Ye Mystic Krewe, which is the greatest social event of the year in Florida and attended by notable persons from all parts of this state and other states.

Rapid Transit

"What do you think of American speed?" a newspaper correspondent asked a member of the French delegation. "Does it live up to its reputation?" "Ah—yes!" was the answer. "Eet iss all eet iss said to be. Ze prayer of Mistaire Abernathy, for censtance, opening ze conference. Eet was printed and geeven out een advance, so zat it reached ze newspapers eeven before eet reeched God!"

666 cures Bilious Fever.—Adv.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Gainesville, Fla., Dec. 31, 1921.

Notice is hereby given that William W. Sherertz, of Avon Park, Fla., who, on November 23, 1916, made Homestead Entry No. 015049, for E½ of NE¼ and E½ of SE¼, Section 28, Township 33 South, Range 29 East, Tallahassee Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Clerk Circuit Court, at Sebring, Fla., on the 11th day of February, 1922.

Claimant names as witnesses:
D. K. Waldron of Avon Park, Fla.
John W. Foley of Avon Park, Fla.
Bert H. Starkey of Avon Park, Fla.
Elmer M. Blum of Avon Park, Fla.

ROBT. W. DAVIS,
Jan6-13-20-27Feb3 Register.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the B. F. West Banking Company will be held at the said company's office in Avon Park, Florida, Thursday, January 12, 1922, at 7 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing officers and transacting such other business as may legally come before the meeting. M. T. WHIDDEN,
Dec30-Jan6 Secretary.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO SELL MINOR'S LAND

In Court of County Judge, State of Florida, Highlands County.

In re estate of Joe West, Horace West, Henry West, Eunice West, Mattie West, Bessie West, Claudie West, Minors.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, that T. C. West, as guardian of above named minors, will, on the 30th day of January, A. D. 1922, apply to the Honorable D. V. Rouse, County Judge in and for said county, at his office in Sebring, in said county, at 10 o'clock a. m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, for authority to sell, at public sale, the following described real estate, in said county, to-wit: Northwest quarter of southeast quarter Section 18, Township 18 south, Range 21 East.

Which application will be based upon the petition for sale now on file in said court.

Dated December 16, A. D. 1921.
T. C. WEST,
Dec30-Jan7-14-21-28 Guardian.

NOTICE STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Corporate Securities Company will be held at its office in Avon Park, Florida, on Tuesday, January 10, 1922, at 11 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing directors and for the transaction of such other business as may legally come before said meeting. C. E. LANIER,
Secretary.

LEGAL NOTICE

In the Justice Court in and for District No. 1, Highlands County, Florida.
C. S. English vs. Bob Hood.

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an execution issued out of the above court, in that certain cause wherein C. S. English is plaintiff and Bob Hood is defendant, I have levied upon and will offer for sale at public auction during the legal hours of sale, one sewing machine. Said sale to be held in front of the First National Bank building, Avon Park, Florida, on the 16th day of January, A. D. 1922. L. M. MARSH,
Constable District No. 1, Highlands County, Florida.
Dec24-31-Jan7-14

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Avon Park will be held at the office of said bank in Avon Park, Florida, Tuesday, Jan. 10, 1922, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing directors and for the transaction of such other business as may legally come before said meeting. J. V. CHAPMAN,
Cashier.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that on the 10th 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.

SCENIC HIGHLANDS DEVELOPMENT COMPANY
(Seal) By C. A. Skipper, President.
C. E. Lanier, Secretary.
Dec9-16-23-30-Jan6

A Bargain Grove

Just outside town limits of Avon Park, on Dixie Highway; fine 10-acre grove; oranges, tangerines, grapefruit; part 12 years old. Biggest bargain on the Ridge. Reasonable cash payment, balance easy terms.

ADDRESS GROVE, CARE PILOT, Avon Park, Fla.

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LOOK BETTER FIT BETTER WEAR LONGER

Cleaning, Pressing, Altering and Repairing. Old clothes made to look like new.

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Florida Property Is Increasing in Value Every Day

Particularly is this true of property on the Scenic Highlands and in and adjacent to Avon Park. Our city is growing rapidly, new buildings being started nearly every day. Of course this adds to the value of all property, whether in the city or adjacent thereto.

"HILLCREST"

is close to the city limits of Avon Park. Its groves are increasing in value every day. The trees are growing nicely and show a healthy appearance, making an investment with the Scenic Highlands Development Company an attractive one. In fact, one has but to see the young groves, note the painstaking care being given the trees, consider the location and then ascertain what grove properties are selling for all around us, to become convinced that "HILLCREST" is a gilt-edge proposition.

WE COURT INVESTIGATION

Scenic Highlands Development Company
Avon Park, Florida

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THE UNIVERSAL CAR

"THE FORD TOURING CAR"

HERE is the greatest motor car in all the world. Great because there is more of it in use than of any other car in the world. Great because that in our demand for a million and a quarter Ford cars this year fully 50 per cent of that demand is for the Touring Car. Surely every Ford touring car is a car of great service. You see it wherever you go, day or night, shine or rain, summer or winter—the ever-faithful Ford Touring Car is delivering service and satisfaction, pleasure and economy, in a larger measure than falls to the lot of any other one piece of mechanism in the world.

We can now deliver Ford cars to you with reasonable promptness. Leave your orders without delay, if you would be wise. The prudent man carries his umbrella when it is dry, because any fool can carry one when it rains!

Never forget that right hand to every Ford Touring Car is that ever-dependable and universal "Ford After-Service." Here we are, with the genuine made Ford parts, Ford mechanics, and Ford equipment, to give service to Ford cars instantly, so that your car is never out of commission.

Highlands Motor Company
Member A. A. A. Avon Park, Florida

BANKING ACCOUNT FREE!

To the first two school girls and the first two school boys turning into the B. F. West Banking Company the following essay with the blanks correctly filled, making the article read smoothly, we will give them each a bank account deposit of $1.00.

The blanks represent the sir name of prominent people of Avon Park.

On the way down to Avon.................from the north recently, I was caught in some heavy................, but nothing like a................ did we have. I expect to spend the................here. I like the people, because they are................speaking people and a majority of them are................people. Of course, one of the first persons I met here was the................. He kindly said he................show me a place to stop................in the................of the town................ to coming here I traveled through the................woolly................ a good deal, but like this section best of all. Have seen only a few ....here; find most of the land high-and-dry. Made a trip out in the country and saw some splendid................near the shores of beautiful lakes, and wondered if a fisherman could not catch some fine ....in these waters. And while out in the country I thought once or twice I saw a deer................into a cluster of bushes. I came back and made a tour of the town and noticed several residences fit for a................to occupy.

B. F. West Banking Company

Avon Park - - - Florida

BUILDING AN IDEAL MODERN COUNTRY HOME

A short time ago, while returning from a hunt, we stopped at the home of William A. (Arbuckle) Smith on Arbuckle lake, for a drink of water. Mr. Smith greeted us cordially and invited us to "look around and see what we thought of his place." Although we had a blister the size of a half dollar on one of our heels, we accepted the invitation and were not sorry, for what Mr. Smith is doing without the aid of fertilizer and handicapped because of lack of labor, was a revelation. His land is rich hammock land, upon which he grows general farm crops, sweet potatoes and sugar cane being his specialties. He uses no fertilizer whatever, yet has one of the healthiest looking sweet potato fields we have ever seen. The vines cover the ground in tangled masses and underneath the tubers are so plentiful as to almost burst the ground. Orange trees laden with fruit and showing as healthy a color as any you can find in the citrus belt are also growing without fertilizer of any kind and vegetables of every variety grow prolifically on this soil. Mr. Smith is gradually getting all his land cleared and in the course of time will have a model farm.

In his work Mr. Smith has not neglected home comforts. He has erected a fine cement block house, which is lighted with an acetylene lighting plant, and a windmill in close proximity supplies the water for household use without the labor of pumping by hand. His yard contains many varieties of flowering plants and shrubs, presenting an attractive appearance to those who pass that way. The William (Arbuckle) Smith home is but a sample of what can be done in this country if one is industrious and uses a little common sense.

First Convention

The first convention of the Florida State League of Women Voters will be held in Jacksonville Jan. 26, 27 and 28, with headquarters at the Seminole Hotel. The board of directors of the league will meet in a morning and afternoon session Thursday, Jan. 26. The formal opening of this convention will take place that evening. The closing session will be held Saturday, Jan. 28. An interesting program is being prepared and will be announced later. Mrs. Georgia Huntley, New St. James Hotel, Jacksonville, is chairman of the hospitality committee.

It All Depends

At a meeting of the Medical Society of Washington recently the question came up whether it was right for the older doctors to hold all the offices and run everything. Dr. Shute argued that there was no place to draw the line between a young man and an old one; men are like autos, he said, and their condition at a given time all depends on how they have been used. Another doctor made the comment that "a woman is as young as she looks, while a man is young as long as he looks."—The Pathfinder.

666 cures Malarial Fever.—Adv.

METHODIST CHURCH

Good services on New Year's day. The offering in the Sunday school, over $20, was for the church building fund. During the morning service Dr. Gutteridge installed the officers of the church for the present year. The ceremony was simple, but very impressive.

A reecption service for new members will be held next Sunday at the morning worship hour. Those wishing to join with us will present their certificates of membership to the pastor. We shall be glad also to receive any on profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Savior. "Come with us and we will do thee good, for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel."

We had three enjoyable prayer meetings the first of the week. They were well attended and we had a gracious time. You will be welcome at any of the services.

A meeting of the stewards is called for Thursday evening at 7:30. The presence of every member of the board is desired.

Dr. J. P. Hilburn, presiding elder of the Orlando district, will be here to hold the first quarterly conference of this circuit on Jan. 15. Dr. Hilburn needs no introduction to the people of Avon Park. He is well known as a strong preacher and a splendid presiding officer.

PROMINENT WASHINGTONIAN TREBLES HIS INVESTMENTS

One of the pleasing holiday visitors to Avon Park was Louis B. Warner, a prominent attorney of the nation's capital. This was Mr. Warner's second visit to Avon Park and he thinks the improvements on every hand most noteworthy. On his previous trip he invested in Hillcrest property and was so pleased with his investment that this time he more than trebled his holdings. Mr. Warner, like so many others, is looking forward to the time when he can spend at least half his time with us. He has thoroughly "done" Florida and California, but likes Florida best and Avon Park best of all. The Pilot knows Mr. Warner has made no mistake in investing heavily here, for Avon Park's growth has only really just begun. As our grove developments increase and the groves come into bearing, our population is bound to increase and with the increased population will come increased business and increased property values.

Tampa Milk Prices Cut

The operators of the larger dairies that supply the Tampa homes have reduced the price of milk to 18 cents a quart or 10 cents a pint, the reduction taking effect Jan. 1. This is a reduction of 2 cents on quarts and 1 cent on pints. Jacksonville dairymen reduced the price Jan. 1 to 16 cents a quart.

If your car needs fixing, take it to the Standard Garage. No matter what make, the work will be promptly and satisfactorily done.—Adv.

Rub-My-Tism, a pain killer.—Adv.

BOARD OF TRADE NOTES

One hundred members in thirty days.

This is your board of trade and we want your help. If you have a plan, a vision or a kick, tell it to the secretary.

The annual dues for 1922 are now due. Kindly hand or mail yours to the secretary. We need the money.

The tourist season is now on and we wish to entertain as many at Avon Park as possible. If you have a vacant house, a furnished suite, a room that you will rent, or if you will take a paying guest into your family circle, let the secretary know so that he can pass the good news along.

At the next regular meeting of the board of trade two proposed amendments to the present charter will be introduced. One will provide for increasing the board of governors from five to seven and the other to change the method of nominating and electing the officers, to make it more popular and democratic. Think it over and be ready to express your opinion.

FEE SYSTEM HIT HARD BY LAST LEGISLATURE

Saturday marked the last day of grace for elective county officers whose earnings on a fee basis have hitherto been permitted to mount unchecked. Legislation enacted at the last session of the state lawmakers became effective Jan. 1, which makes the maximum income of these elective county officers $6,000, with the exception of Duval county, where they will be permitted to receive $7,000. Duval is the only county in the state to come under the provision for an increased maximum income where the population is 100,000 or more.

As an example of the effect on the official incomes it is estimated that the tax assessor for this county will suffer a loss of $15,000 annually, the tax collector $10,000, and the clerk of the circuit court $5,000.

Under the provisions of the legislation the officials involved will receive all the fees collected up to a stipulated amount and thereafter a graduated percentage until the maximum amount is reached.

Enjoyable Dance

The American Legion dance held Thursday night of last week in the Brickell building was one of the enjoyable affairs of the holiday season. Many of the students, home for the holidays, were present and added much pleasure to the dance. A number of the young folk were up from Sebring and the dance was largely attended and highly enjoyed. The feature of the evening was the old-fashioned "Paul Jones," which opened up all the mirth of the gathering.

Extra copies of The Pilot are on sale at the Avon Park Drug Company's store.—Advertisement. vertisement.

Three-room cottage, $12.50 per month. E. D. Putney.

Have You Guessed Yet?

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VOLUME III. NO. 8. AVON PARK, FLORIDA, FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 1922 $2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE

HIGHLANDS COUNTY EXPERIENCED FIRST TRAGEDY FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The first tragedy to occur in Highlands county happened at J. E. Glover's sawmill, southeast of town, about 1 o'clock Friday afternoon, when L. C. Costine was stabbed and fatally wounded by Frank Preston, an employe at the mill.

We are informed that Preston, who was firing the boiler and whose duty it was to blow the whistle for starting and quitting work, neglected to blow the whistle in time as a consequence the men worked fifteen minutes overtime. He complained to the foreman about working overtime and was informed that it was his own fault, as he was the one to blow the whistle at quitting time and that he kept the time himself. Preston, however, appeared to be in an ugly mood and resigned his job, demanding pay for the time he had put in. He was informed that Saturday was pay day and that he would be paid off then. After some further words, he went to his home.

Mr. Costine, who is head sawyer at the mill, informed the foreman that he had some money and that if Preston wanted to quit he would pay him off, in order that they might secure the house in which Preston lived and have a house for some one to take his place. In this the foreman acquiesced and Mr. Costine went to Preston's house and told the latter that if he would vacate the premises he would pay him what was coming to him. It is alleged that Preston then said with an oath, "I'll give you what's coming to you now," and then slashed Mr. Costine across the stomach with a sharp knife.

The victim called for assistance and Mr. Thomas, the foreman, hastened to his aid, finding him holding his intestines, which were protruding from the wound. Costine stated that "Frank cut me." Preston then approached and it is said wanted to compromise the matter with his victim, who stated that the "only compromise possible was for him (Preston) to pay the funeral expenses and look after the family." Preston then made his escape.

Dr. W. C. Touchton was immediately summoned and upon arriving on the scene recognized the fact that the only possible chance to save the injured man's life was through an operation which could not be performed here. He rendered first aid and had Mr. Costine taken to Gordon Keller hospital, Tampa, the Hinton Reo speed truck being used for that purpose. Dr. Touchton was accompanied to Tampa by Dr. D. D. Crews. After reaching the hospital Mr. Costine lived but a short time.

The remains were returned to Avon Park for burial, the funeral taking place Sunday afternoon, the Rev. Ed S. Barnes officiating, interment being made in the Avon Park cemetery.

Deceased leaves a wife and six children, the youngest of whom is a babe about six weeks old, all of whom have the deepest sympathy of the entire community.

Mr. Costine was a hard-working, honest, conscientious man and held the respect of all who knew him. The entire community is indignant over the affair, the report being that there was absolutely no provocation on the part of Mr. Costine.

For some reason, probably due to the excitement and attention necessary to give the wounded man, the authorities were not notified until several hours after the tragedy. Deputies Hancock and Cash immediately went to work on the case and by dark they had tracked Preston to within a short distance of where they supposed he was hiding, but owing to the darkness nothing further could be done that night. The authorities at surrounding towns were given a description of Preston and instructed to keep a sharp lookout for him. Saturday morning Deputy Hancock was again on the job bright and early and succeeded in tracing Preston to Fort Meade. Sunday morning Deputy Hancock received a message from Sheriff Logan of Polk county that Preston had given himself up and was lodged in jail at Bartow.

Deputy Hancock is deserving of no little praise for the manner in which he handled the case and had he been notified promptly after the deplorable affair happened there is little doubt but that he would have secured his man within a few hours. Preston, who had worked with Mr. Hancock and knew him well, probably gave himself up, knowing that the latter would sooner or later capture him.

Your Help Is Needed

Some of the ladies of Avon Park have organized a committee and are circulating petitions asking for contributions with which to assist the family of L. C. Costine, who was the victim of the tragedy occurring Friday of last week. Mr. Costine left a family consisting of his wife and six children, the youngest of which is a babe six weeks old, in destitute circumstances and the ladies are endeavoring to raise a fund with which to assist them. They will see that all moneys subscribed are properly handled and that the benefit goes where it is intended it should go. Avon Park people are charitably inclined and this is an instance where they should immediately respond to the appeal. In case you are not visited by a member of the committee, you can leave your contribution with R. C. Epperson, at the Park Mercantile Company's store, or with J. H. McClelland.

MR. AND MRS. HENRY STEVENSON ENTERTAINED AT LILYDALE FARM

Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stevenson, assisted by their son, M. W. Lance, gave a delightful 6 o'clock dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Markley of Lakeland, who drove over to spend the day with them. The Stevensons are splendid entertainers, always making their guests feel at home, and Lilydale Farm is one of the beauty spots of this section which never loses its charm to visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Markley have spent much of their time in travel and their interesting descriptions of countries they had visited, particularly Old Mexico, was very entertaining to the assemblage. The dinner was a replica of those appetizing dinners prepared by Mrs. Stevenson and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Markley of Lakeland, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Williams and grandson and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Adams. After partaking of the splendid dinner the guests, with the exception of Mr. Adams, who was obliged to leave to keep an appointment, remained until about 10 o'clock, enjoying social conversation.

PILOT INSTALLS MORE MODERN MACHINERY

In order to facilitate work and give its patrons the advantage of every advantage to be obtained from the use of modern machinery, the Pilot last week installed another labor-saving machine in the way of a Miller saw trimmer. It is electrically driven, as is all the machinery used in our plant, and is for the purpose of cutting and trimming linotype slugs to any desired measure, mitering borders, trimming cuts, etc. It will enable us to turn out more work in less time and to much better advantage than heretofore. It is the purpose of this company to continually add to the plant until eventually we will be able to handle any and all classes of color work, booklets, etc., and keep the money at home that is now being sent to large cities for a class of work that cannot be successfully handled in the majority of printing establishments outside of the large cities.

RECEPTION AT METHODIST CHURCH TUESDAY NIGHT

A reception was tendered the Rev. C. E. Gutteridge and family at the Methodist church Tuesday night, quite a large number of the members of the Methodist church and others assembling to welcome the new Methodist minister and his wife to Avon Park. It was really a "get acquainted" meeting and the objects of the meeting were accomplished in a manner which left no doubt in the minds of the Rev. and Mrs. Gutteridge as to their welcome in Avon Park.

The ministers of the Baptist, Episcopal and Congregational churches were present and the Rev. Ed S. Barnes delivered a short, but timely address of welcome, which was feelingly responded to by the Rev. Gutteridge. Miss Louise Cloud favored the assemblage with a delightful solo and the children of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stringfellow rendered two entertaining songs.

Refreshments of doughnuts and chocolate were served.

Suggests Name for Park

Some of our people are responding to the invitation to suggest a name for our new park and the Woman's Club has also taken the matter under advisement. This week we received a communication on the subject from the Rev. C. E. Gutteridge, pastor of the Methodist church, who says: "With reference to a name for our park, allow me to suggest the name 'Central Park' as being very appropriate. It is definite, descriptive and void of any of the objectionable feature that often are attached to personal names for public properties." Who will be the next to offer a suggestion?

Gave Shower for Bride

Mrs. C. E. Lanier, famed for her ability to entertain, gave a miscellaneous shower Saturday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Floyd Johnson, a recent bride of Avon Park. It was one of the most largely attended social affairs of the season, and Mrs. Johnson was the recipient of a large and varied selection of gifts. The Lanier home on Verona avenue was attractively decorated and those attending were royally entertained.

Regular Band Concerts

The general public is reminded that open-air band concerts will be given in the park every Tuesday evening. Our band is highly proficient and the concerts are of a high class. Not only are the people of Avon Park and the surrounding country invited, but a cordial invitation is extended to the people of Sebring to come and enjoy them.

Lake county "puts it all over" other counties in the state in this respect: When the "chill tonic," "tobacco," 'coffee" and other advertiser nails its signs on the trees, fences, etc., some one follows up and takes it down.

The Park Mercantile Company is advertising a special sale of fall merchandise, commencing today.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS INSTALL OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

At the regular convocation of Highlands Chapter No. 42, Royal Arch Masons, held Monday night, the following officers were installed for the ensuing year: G. W. Adams, high priest; George F. Smith, king; T. H. Lander, scribe; H. D. Myers, principal sojourner; Herbert F. R. Reck, Royal Arch captain; Fred M. Smith, master of the third veil; E. O. Williams, master of the second veil; C. A. Jamour, master of the first veil; H. M. Wiggins, treasurer; J. J. Jamous, secretary; S. F. Tucker, sentinel. Past High Priest W. M. Reck was the installing officer, performing the ceremony in a most impressive manner. He was ably assisted by Norton T. Smith, who acted as master of ceremonies.

After the installation ceremony had been completed labor in the Royal Arch was suspended and a lodge of Mark Masters opened for the purpose of advancing to that degree Carlos E. Skipper of this place and W. T. Barton of Sebring, who also received the Past Master degree.

There was a large attendance and if the interest displayed in the first convocation of the new year is continued throughout the year Highlands Chapter will set a new mark in Masonic history in Avon Park. The secretary's report showed the chapter to be in a healthy financial condition, with a membership of seventy-five, which was increased Monday night by the admission of the Rev. C. E. Gutteridge by affiliation. A class of four is now ready to be received and acknowledged Most Excellent Masters and be exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason. A special meeting was called for Thursday night, Jan. 12, for the purpose of work in these degrees.

THE MIGHTY HAAG SHOW HERE THURSDAY, JAN. 19

One hundred and fifty people, 116 head of horses and ponies, traveling overland in 40 conveyances, wagons and trucks, one camel, three elephants and ten cages of living wild animals and everything that goes to make up a first-class show, worth going miles to witness.

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

Evangelist Allen Walker will speak at the Avon Park Seventh Day Adventist church Friday evening, Jan. 13, on "Present Truth for Perilous Times"; also Saturday morning at 10:30 on "What the Coming Kingdom Will Be." Everybody invited.

ATTEND THE SUPPER AT THE MASONIC TEMPLE NEXT FRIDAY EVENING

One week from today, next Friday evening, Jan. 20, the Masonic ladies of Avon Park will give a supper at the Masonic Temple from 5 to 8 o'clock. This supper is for the general public and everyone in Avon Park is cordially invited to be "among those present." The proceeds from the supper will be used for the purpose of purchasing the vacant lot just south of the Temple building, the ladies having secured an option on the lot some time ago. Avon Park is the recognized headquarters for Masonry on the Scenic Highlands and all our people should manifest an interest in the welfare and prosperity of the Masonic organization. It means much for our little city and in more ways than one is a contributing factor in its development. It is an organization that greatly assists in maintaining harmony and to it is due in a large degree the splendid moral atmosphere with which we are surrounded.

The Masonic Temple Association owns a property which is a credit to Avon Park and as the ladies have contracted to purchase the lot above mentioned, in order that more building space may be acquired for future years, the citizens in general should lend a helping hand and assist them in their endeavor. They are not asking for contributions, but are raising the money in the manner above stated, giving the public value received.

The fame of the ladies for the suppers they serve is wide spread and on this occasion they will put forth an extra effort to please and satisfy those who patronize the supper. This means a bountiful supply of appetizing viands, well cooked and served in a most pleasing manner. It means that you will get more for your money than you even anticipate. It is hoped that the tables will be filled from the time supper is announced until the last morsel of food is consumed and that the cashier will be kept busy counting the money.

Remember the date—Friday evening, Jan. 20—and go to the Temple with good appetites, prepared to enjoy a meal that is sure to please.

KILLED TWO DEER IN OSCEOLA COUNTY

A party of hunters from Avon Park spending part of last week in Osceola county was composed of G. A. Stebbins, Will Drawdy and E. D. Boston. They returned Saturday morning with the report that they had thoroughly enjoyed the hunt and had succeeded in bagging two deer. They were a little reticent as to which member or members of the party made the bills, but stated that "they got 'em." Several parties from Avon Park have visited Osceola county this season and all have been successful in bagging a deer or two.

Mrs. Charles H. Whitaker of St. Petersburg and Washington, D. C., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. Stevenson at Lilydale Farm. She will return Sunday, accompanied as far as Lakeland by Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson.

TIMELY TOPICS DISCUSSED AT LAST MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S CLUB

At the meeting of the Woman's Club held last Friday afternoon, a letter written by the president and signed by all the members and friends of the club who were present, was sent to Col. William Bryce Thompson, chairman of the committee on public opinion for the advisory committee of the conference for the limitation of armaments, whose offices are New Navy Building No. 6, Washington, D. C. The letter read: "Dear Colonel Thompson: We, the members and friends of the Woman's Club of Avon Park, Fla., wish to express our opinion on the scrapping of battleships, submarines, poison gas machines, bomb dropping airplanes and all other devices of war. We wish them abolished, never again to be used. Count us in on any measure that will make our boys and girls good citizens, but against everything that will destroy them."

At the same meeting the question of naming the new park was brought before the club and its committee on parks, streets and cemetery, consisting of Mrs. Philip Leigh, Mrs. John Rogers, Mrs. Charles Lanier, Mrs. W. M. Reck and Mrs. George W. Adams, was requested to bring the matter before the public for decision.

A splendid discussion of the question "What I Should Like to See Done in Avon Park," was led by Mayor Sapp. The mayor asked for the paving of more streets, including those of the quarters of the negro population, that sanitary conditions be improved by the use of septic tanks at each home, that town affairs be administered as economically as consistent with public health and pledged his full co-operation with the Woman's Club to make Avon Park the best town on the Scenic Highlands.

Mrs. T. H. Lander followed with a plea for better facilities for recreation on the school grounds. A physical instructor and more apparatus is badly needed for the better development of the school children.

Mrs. Ethel Jenks made a strong plea for outdoor toilets for the primary grades and better sanitary conditions in the school house. She drew attention to the fact that the school law does not provide authority for a teacher to dismiss a pupil who comes to school suffering from any contagious disease, thus infecting all the other pupils coming in contact with him. Cases of whooping cough, sore eyes, sore throat, etc., are very infectious and pupils suffering from the same should be quarantined until recovery is complete. She cited the under-nourished school child who has no lunch and either goes hungry or steals the lunch of other children. She plead for a glass of milk for each child at noon, in order to help them physically. Also there are no maps in the school, nor globes, all of which are necessary to give a correct idea of the earth's shape and surface. Nearly all of the equipment for an accredited high school is lacking. So much needs to be done to make the schools reach the standard that Avon Park schools should have.

Mrs. W. M. Reck gave some splendid ideas for the community house that is needed for the boys' and girls' social life. She stated in her talk on "The Social Needs of Avon Park" that she would like to see satisfied the desires of the young people for clean, wholesome amusements, under the right kind of supervision. She expressed the hope that the citizens of Avon Park will think earnestly about providing this community house and that it may shortly be realized.

Dr. J. L. Cloud in his talk on "Hygiene and Sanitation of the Town" as he would like to see it, said that we have some ordinances that should be enforced and cited the one for the protection from flies of fruits and vegetables exposed for sale. He asked for an ordinance prohibiting spitting on sidewalks and thus in a large measure prevent the menace from tuberculosis and other germ diseases.

The child welfare division of the Woman's Club meets today (Friday). The subject will be "The Baby," preceded by a short talk on "Maternal Mortality." All mothers are invited to attend this meeting.

Jan. 20 the Hon. A. E. Lawrence of Sebring will speak before the Woman's Club at the school auditorium at 8 p. m. on "Women in Politics." Everyone is invited to hear him. Mr. Lawrence is well versed and a fluent speaker and any subject handled by him is never tiresome.

TOWN COUNCIL TRANSACTED MUCH BUSINESS AT THE REGULAR MEETING

TWO SUGGESTIONS FOR PUTTING OUR CITY ON THE MAP IN BIG LETTERS

We are always ready and willing to place before our readers for their consideration any suggestions made which if adopted may prove beneficial to the city or its people. Such suggestions may or may not be considered practicable, but as a rule they lead to other suggestions that can be profitably carried out.

A few days ago one of our subscribers, who has the interests of the city at heart suggested to us that it would be a good idea to advocate through the columns of the Pilot a study of Shakesperian literature, with a view to organizing a Shakesperian club and next winter putting on a series of home-talent Shakesperian plays.

Next to the Bible, Shakespeare's writings are the oldest of which we have knowledge (and we must confess to a limited acquaintance with them). Shakesperian plays, wherever produced, always create a widespread interest and we feel sure that if the talent of Avon Park were to study his writings and decide to produce some of the plays an interest would be created here which would extend far beyond the confines of Avon Park. It would soon become known to those who visit Florida each winter for their annual winter's outing and to escape the rigors of northern winters that such plays were being creditably produced here and the result would be an influx of many visitors we do not now have.

The other suggestion, made by the same gentleman, was that the ladies and girls of Avon Park take up the work of manufacturing fancy articles, souvenirs, etc., from the raw materials to be found here in profusion. In this connection he mentioned the making of various articles from pine needles, sawgrass, palmetto leaves and roots, orange seeds, bright-colored berries, etc. We have some ladies in the Park who are talented along these lines and no doubt those who would care to engage in the work could receive instructions from these ladies. Baskets, handkerchiefs and stationery boxes, hats, fans, beads and various other articles could be made during the summer months, furnishing pleasant and profitable employment for our ladies and girls who have plenty of time and when once started in the work, would become intensely interested in the same.

The gentleman making the suggestion stated that he would not only guarantee to find a ready market for all such work as was creditably done, but that he would be willing to finance any who required financing before their work was marketed. He was positive that he could find a ready market for such articles at good prices and that not only would those engaging in the work profit financially, but they would be instrumental in advertising our city.

There are thousands of people who are continually looking for 'something different' in the way of Florida souvenirs and the number of different articles that could be made here from the raw materials that are at our very doors is large. It is thought that it is well worth serious consideration and we believe the ladies of the Woman's Club are the proper ones to take the matter up with individuals.

If these suggestions meet with the approbation of a number of our citizens, the Pilot will take pleasure in giving publicity to either or both projects. We have a large number of readers in northern states and these subscribers hand their papers to neighbors and friends when they have finished reading them, thus any undertaking of the kind mentioned would receive widespread publicity.

Think over both suggestions.

BOARD OF TRADE NOTES

"One hundred members in thirty days."

The officers of the Board of Trade are: G. W. Adams, president; W. A. Marshall, vice-president; G. A. Stebbins, J. S. Francis and H. F. R. Reck, governors; Norton T. Smith, secretary.

The board of governors will hold regular meetings on the first and third Tuesday evenings of each month in the office of the secretary, at which meetings they will discuss any and all questions of public interest brought to their attention. The chairmen of the various committees are urged to meet with them. If you have any plan or suggestion that will help make a bigger, better city, attend these meetings and you will be given a careful hearing.

One hundred members at $5 each will provide a fund of $500. This will make it possible for the board to undertake some much-needed and constructive work at once. Be one of the one hundred.

The board of governors pledges itself that not a dollar of the funds will be used for junketing trips, but will be expended in a manner that will bring about immediate and permanent benefits.

Be ready to greet the solicitor with a smile and a check. Or, better still, hand your dues to the secretary or your application for membership, with a check for $5.

The board of governors of the Board of Trade is contemplating two general meetings of the membership and citizens during the winter, for the discussion of such plans as may be brought before them and the enlightenment of the membership as to what is being done. The first meeting will be held some time in February.

The town council met in regular session Wednesday, Jan. 4, with Mayor Sapp, C. E. Lanier, president, and J. S. Francis, A. E. Conoley and M. T. Whitman, members, present.

Minutes of the December meeting were read and approved and reports from the mayor, marshal, collector and street committees received and accepted. There was no report from the light committee, but the sanitary committee reported that there had been some complaint as to sanitary conditions.

The finance committee reported the following bills, which were audited and ordered paid when funds were available:

C. R. Ginn, lumber	$ 35.56
First National Bank, rent	45.00
R. I. Harris, equity in park lots	600.00
Home Electric Company	7.00
I. W. Phillips & Co. (time warrant)	307.29
H. & W. B. Drew Co., mdse	27.88
J. E. Glover, lumber	120.14
A. & P. Hardware Co., mdse	15.35
First Trust & Savings Co., insurance	12.24
J. A. Lander, night watchman	40.00
Paul Pickard, night watchman	16.67
Smith - McGinnis-Stebbins Co., paint, etc.	241.02
First National Bank, pay roll	88.30
First National Bank, pay roll	145.25
Fred G. Burton, payment and interest on warrant	140.00
Fred G. Burton, balance on warrant (time warrant)	400.00
Fred Uhl	9.00
W. Y. Durham, labor	37.40
L. M. Marsh, salary	65.00
L. E. Wolff, painting	49.80
J. E. Johnson, painting	33.75
Florida Ice & Power Co., Dec. bill	142.00

A motion prevailed that the rental charges for the three houses owned by the municipality (acquired through transfers of property in securing park) be made as follows: For the house known as the parsonage, $25 per month; for the other two houses, $20 each per month.

A communication was read from Ralph P. Stodden, owner of lots 15 and 18, block 48, asking for a reduction of taxes, which was refused on the ground that his assessment was not out of proportion with adjacent property.

The clerk was instructed to notify Attorneys Burton and Bartow that the office of town attorney had been declared vacant and requesting them to return all data in their possession belonging to the town, including delinquent tax list and duplicate receipts.

A petition was read requesting the removal of the band stand to a location one block west of where is now stands. No action was taken.

The offer of R. I. Harris to sell his interests in lots 22 and 23, block 58, to the town for the sum of $1,600 was read and upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was decided to accept the offer, payable $1,000 cash and the balance in three months at 8 per cent interest.

The Avon Building Company submitted a proposition to purchase an undivided half interest in the east 35 feet of lots 19 and 20, block 58, for $1,600, payable $1,000 cash, the remainder in three months with interest at the rate of 8 per cent, which will enable the town to take care of its obligation to R. I. Harris.

The council then adjourned to meet at the call of the president.

Methodist Church

Thursday night of last week friends of the church gathered at the home of Mrs. Pearson and from there proceeded to the parsonage, which they bombarded and took by assault. The bombardment consisted of packages of all kinds, meant for the parsonage larder and kitchen. To say that the inmates were surprised is to put it very mildly. A short speech of presentation was made by Mrs. Stevens, with a response by the pastor. "Many happy returns of the day" seemed to be the sentime of the evening. Dr. J. P. Hilburn, presiding elder of the Orlando district, will conduct divine worship next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Dr. Hilburn is well and favorably known to the people of Avon Park, this being the fourth year he has had charge of the district of which we form a part. The business session of the first quarterly conference will be held at 3 o'clock in the church, at which all official members will be expected, and to which all members of the congregation and friends are invited. Evening service at 7:30, conducted by the pastor.

Fine Pineapple

Monday morning E. W. Hartt presented us with a fine specimen of smooth cayenne pineapple, grown on the farm of S. Y. Hartt & Son on Lake Letta. The pineapple weighed 5¼ pounds and was as delicious as any we have ever tasted. Messrs. Hartt & Son have a pinery of 500 plants, from which they have been supplying the local market for some time. Next week we shall take up the subject of pineapple growing, believing the industry can be profitably revived in this section.

MEETING OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

A meeting of the board of county commission of Highlands county was held at their room in Sebring, Monday, Jan. 2, at 9 a. m. Present: William King, chairman, and commissioners W. W. Williams, John E. Graham, A. M. McAulay. The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

In re county printing: At the last meeting it was ordered that bids for county printing be received at this meeting, but upon investigation it was found that the present agreement was entered into for a year and that same will not expire until after May 23, 1922.

Cyril Baldwin, tax assessor, discussed the matter of valuations with the board.

It was moved and carried that a time warrant be drawn in favor of Cyril Baldwin, tax assessor, for the sum of $200, and that he be paid $175 monthly to be charged against his salary as assessor. The warrant this day drawn for $200 to be payable on or before May 1, 1922, with 6 per cent interest until paid.

Came W. B. Leatherman, who stated to the board that on account of having to travel a great deal, he desired a license to carry fire arms as provided by the laws of this state and having filed the necessary application and having executed the necessary bond, conditioned according to law, together with C. W. Rogers and J. L. Johnson, as his sureties, it was ordered that said license be granted.

The board then adjourned until 1:30 p. m., this date.

Came R. E. Jones before the board and presented his affidavit showing that he is the owner of NE¼ of NW¼ and N½ of NE¼ of Sec. 21, Twp. 33, R. 29, and that same is assessed on tax rolls at $5 per acre and that adjacent lands are assessed at $2.50 per acre and that his lands are assessed as improved land and that same is unimproved, it is therefore ordered that his assessment be reduced from $600 to $300 and that the tax collector be allowed a credit in his settlement with same.

The claim of Mrs. G. W. North for nursing Mrs. J. W. Mercer for two weeks was presented to the board. It was moved and carried that said claim be rejected and the clerk be authorized to return the same with the explanation that this service was not authorized by this board and that the county is in no way responsible for the same.

Came C. W. Rogers and W. B. Leatherman and made affidavit that they are the owners of lot 3, block 76, located in the town of Sebring and that said lot is assessed as improved property for the year 1921 in the sum of $100 and that the same is unimproved. It is therefore ordered that the valuation be reduced to $50 and that the tax collector be allowed a credit for same in his settlement.

Came Worth C. Peacock, surveyor for Highlands county, and produced his bond as such, in the sum of $1,000, conditioned according to law, with Royal Indemnity Company as sureties, which is approved by the board.

The board then adjourned until Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1922, at 9 a. m.

Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1922.

Board of county commissioners met in their room at Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1922, at 9 a. m., pursuant to adjournment. Present: William King, chairman, and the following commissioners: John E. Graham, Perry Etheredge, A. M. McAulay, W. W. Williams.

Came W. M. Griffin, sheriff, and presented receipt from the Bank of Sebring to the credit of fines and forfeitures, amounting to $244.77.

Came D. F. Canfield, tax collector, and presented his report for December collections, which is as follows:

General fund	$ 231.07
Fine and forfeiture	92.43
Road and bridge No. 1	73.94
Road and bridge No. 2	73.94
Road and bridge No. 3	73.94
Road and bridge No. 4	73.94
Road and bridge No. 5	73.93
General school	462.10
Widow's pension	11.55
Total county tax	$1,166.84
Sub-school Dist. 1	$ 27.36
Sub-school Dist. 3	66.60
Sub-school Dist. 12	7.51
Sub-school Dist. 13	3.34
Sub-school Dist. 15	6.74
Sub-school Dist. 27	.72
Sub-school Dist. 25	.76
Sub-school Dist. 37	37.40
Sub-school Dist. 39	5.23
Total sub-school districts	$ 156.66
School Bond Dist. 1	$ 19.75
School Bond Dist. 3	101.47
School bond Dist. 37	51.97
Total school bonds	$ 173.19
Maintenance	
Old Dist. No. 4	$ 19.59
Old Dist. No. 5	182.15
Total road maintenance	$ 201.74
Road Bonds, Old	
Dist. No. 4	$ 47.02
Dist. No. 5	728.63
Dist. No. 6	54.70
Total road bonds	$ 830.35
Drainage	$ 126.72
Total county collections	$2,655.50
Total license to general fund	$ 152.00
Total poll taxes to general fund	186.00
Grand total county collections	$2,993.50

Amounts represent amount paid after deducting discounts.

R. N. Miller presented a claim for license refund on double license, which was allowed payable at the February term, 1922; amount $30.47.

This being the date to make up the jury list for 1922, the following names were placed in the jury box as provided by section 2772: Sam Shepard, E. E. Thompson, L. M. Marsh, D. A. Frizzell, W. C. Albritton, W. L. Smith, J. H. McClelland, J. W. Fraser, M. H. Summeralls, P. M. Stivender, T. J. McGinnis, J. W. Foley, G. R. Mathis, C. V. Sherman, J. W. Meredith, C. G. Edwards, J. M. Hogan, Bryan Shocket, Henry D. Myers, C. S. Donaldson, Chas. Hendry, D. G. Skipper, D. T. Lockett, S. P. Durrance, W. E. Hendry, W. O. Speer, Curtis Langford, Harry Dilley, M. A. Millar, B. H. Starkey, John Luke, E. N. Dickinson, J. H. Peeples, B. Stock, Phil Lacey, J. V. Chapman, B. L. Cline, R. H. Stodden, M. W. Lance, J. A. Caldwell, Hugh Cassell, Henry Stevenson, D. A. Luke, F. E. Crews, B. S. Johnson, Victor C. Smith, T. H. Lander, H. G. Crapo, Willie Williams, Otto Skipper, C. E. Lanier, Harry R. Cutler, Doc Pierce, G. H. Spink, Chas. Krause, D. C. Cash, Clifford Pierce, Ed. Smith, R. W. Kingsley, C. A. Clark, Sid Pierce, N. T. Smith, H. M. Kingsley, G. L. Crews, E. D. Boston, S. F. Smith, G. F. Kellogg, A. E. Conoley, Jas. Boyer, Clayton Smith, B. H. James, B. Butler, Jesse R. Bennett, H. F. R. Reck, T. R. Johnson, H. E. Coye, D. W. Hope, G. W. Adams, W. M. Reck, E. D. Jewett, Gus Hoffman, H. A. Wiggins, W. A. Roberts, J. Hollingsworth, R. J. Hanson, A. C. West, Frank C. Ray, E. W. Hartt, L. L. Henderson, W. H. Woodruff, Ed. Prescott, S. Y. Hartt, A. F. Frasier, A. E. West, J. O. Park, Lee Hogan, A. B. Davis, J. H. White, J. H. White, J. A. Pollard, H. B. Hill, J. H. Driggers, E. O. Williams, R. C. Peterson, Floyd Hoggaboom, T. R. Carlton, R. T. Whitnall, W. H. Prior, Chas. H. Harris, E. A. Bowers, O. E. Wolff, F. S. Prior, B. H. Hinckley, John B. Peden, J. A. Welch, M. F. Crews, J. B. Bunch, George H. Wolfe, Chas. Pabor, W. T. Hall, J. F. Butler, M. T. Whidden, C. M. Ott, John Hood, Chas. Beasley, E. R. West, W. E. Nance, Walter Hart, B. E. Alderson, F. E. Wray, C. D. Nolan, John S. Glass, L. P. Austin, H. T. Wray, W. O. McGeer, C. R. Ginn, H. E. Rives, Max Wild, H. P. Maddox, M. H. Gribble, Prescott Kleve, F. Uhl, R. A. Maddox, R. D. Gaylard, A. J. Herman, Jos. Vileatis, W. Matchett, H. E. Godwin, Andrews Gravers, N. H. Trent, C. B. Means, Fred J. Gray, Tom Crews, J. W. Tuten, J. L. Masters, George D. Godwin, Wm. L. Smith, S. F. Tucker, W. M. McGibboney, W. A. Fisher, R. A. Elliott, G. A. True, James Stripling, W. A. Taylor, W. H. Boney, A. M. Stout, Charley Williams, D. S. Stutsman, Orrin Howard, E. G. Skiff, H. O. Sebring, Dan Worth, J. F. Sanger, Lewis Taylor, P. A. Ruhl, Travis Parnell, J. Rawsthorne, H. N. Martin, S. H. Price, Chas. Weigel, M. G. Norman, Geo. Pollard, W. I. Moyer, T. Whitehouse, Henry Krause, Chas. Shaefer, H. Hinsley, W. W. Wright, J. A. Killeen, Sr., Isaac Dottery, B. A. Cope, R. B. Fulton, W. G. Knott, C. C. Cobb, G. H. Bethea, S. E. Capwell, H. Parnell, G. C. Albritton, W. B. Zachary, H. A. Landis, E. W. Kelsey, P. L. Vinson, P. A. Correll, Geo. Jaeger, W. M. Pickard, Tom Dimberline, F. E. Myers, Gid Yaeger, D. S. Masters, John A. Taylor, J. L. Johnson, E. S. Rice, Jesse Gearing, Morris Floyd, Sam Dimberline, E. L. Hainz, J. B. Brown, W. Z. Dalgety, Sam Degering, F. C. Walter, C. J. West, W. M. Bixler, C. O'Berry, R. W. O'Berry, J. L. Walkup, J. W. Keisling, D. W. Hope, John deGraffenreid, W. C. Posl, Sam Platt, R. J. McMurray, Art Young, J. H. Moore, F. B. Tauchen, J. A. Killeen, Jr., G. E. Sebring, E. W. Harshman, S. L. McClanahan, B. W. Fields, G. V. Hudson, Frank Brown, Henry Floto, N. F. Pollard, G. G. Couch, James Carlton, J. A. Tomlin, U. B. Shumard, F. S. Bee, Jesse Vaughn, N. C. Cash, A. Varena, L. T. Farmer, H. Allsop, J. E. Parker, Henry Pollard, W. M. Muff, A. E. Withers, J. H. Lopp, W. N. Kent, C. B. Jones, Ira Rigdon, J. H. Garst, H. S. Jones, G. H. Dalgety, L. D. Grimsley, J. C. Barrow, G. L. Cushion, Fred Yeager, Geo. G. Budd, J. C. Butler, J. W. Payne, C. A. Morrison, J. O. Yonce, Geo. Butler Tom Guy, J. P. Webster, Jud Twitty, C. C. Posey, John Eiland, R. D. McLain, Marion Pollard, P. G. Miller, Bayard Taylor, Tobias Stipes, W. M. Rogers, G. W. Gage, Harry McCorkle, W. F. Johnson, O. Hanson, G. N. Capwell, E. O. Douglas, Wm. Taylor, R. C. Shumard, W. R. Whidden, G. W. Durrance G. F. Bobb, J. L. Moore, C. F. Logue, D. E. Warren, Benj. Guy, Joab Edwards.

The following claims were allowed:

General fund—Mitchell Telephone Co., $3.30; Florida Office Supply Co., $2.31; G. F. Bobb, $15.31; C. F. Saunders, $127.85; York & Clawson, $8; H. S. Franklin, $10; Mitchell Electric Co., $51.08; Mitchell Electric Co., $4.25; Mollie Guess, $10; Mrs. Rosa Ellis, $10; Mrs. Ella Hargraves, $15; Sebring Light and Water Co., $13.35; A. E. Lawrence, $50; J. A. Farmer, $50; D. F. Canfield, $2.20; Wm. King, $10; L. L. Henderson, $50; W. W. Williams, $15; J. E. Graham, $8; Perry Etheredge, $5.20; A. M. McAulay, $12; H. & W. B. Drew Co., $17.11; T. J. Appleyard, $2.40; W. M. Griffin, $51.10.

Fines and forfeitures — Parnell Bros., $6.20; A. E. Lawrence, $50; W. M. Griffin, $238.18; G. F. Bobb, $1.50; Sebring Hardware Co., $6.43; D. C. Rouse, $40; Love Cash, $77; Ridgewood Market, $76.77.

Maintenance road and bridge district No. 5 (old district)—First Trust & Savings Co., $100; Sebring R. E. Co., $102.94; DeSoto City Groves Co., $90.23; Love & King, $41.33; W. C. Waldron, $10; W. C. Waldron, $10; W. C. Waldron, $5; W. C. Waldron, $12.50.

Road and Bridge District No. 1—Hart & Son, $78.75; Wm. King, $3.80.

Road and bridge district No. 2—Love & King, $41.33; Victor Collier, $4; Sam Williams, $2; T. V. Conway, $12; T. V. Conway, $54.37; Riley Shepard, $4; Geo. Whitehouse, $14.25; Tom Williams, $6; D. D. Mahan, $6 Jas. Carlten, $26.

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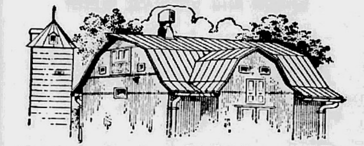

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