

OKEECHOBEE

(Special to The Herald)

Okeechobee, Fla., Nov. 17.—The news of the signing of the armistice by the Germans came over the wires early Monday morning. A long blast of the ice plant whistle aroused the people and the telephone and telegraph wires soon got hot. As soon as the report was confirmed at Washington by authoritative sources, Mayor Austin ordered all business houses closed and the schools were suspended for the day. A big parade was formed at nine o'clock a. m. headed by the school children with a drummer and bugler in front. After a parade lasting about an hour, the line came to a halt in front of the post office, where patriotic songs were sung and the pledge to the flag was repeated by the school children. After a rousing speech by Judge J. E. Lovvorn, the crowd dispersed. At four p. m. the Okeechobee home guards' exhibition drill was held in the drill park. The largest crowd that ever attended one of these drills was present, and the guards made a splendid showing. At seven o'clock the big celebration took place in Flagler park. Several enthusiastic speeches were made. The speakers were Judge Geo. F. Parker, Col. H. E. Hamrick, Dr. C. T. Bennett, Dr. J. C. DuBose, and Dr. William, state superintendent of Baptist Sunday schools. Judge Lovvorn introduced the speakers and made a brief talk at the close. The singing was led by a choir formed of the high school students and teachers. The home guards then sent out a patrol to bring the kaiser. He was brought forward and, among the shouts of the crowd, was burned in effigy. Each person had been requested to bring a fagot or stick of wood to add to the bonfire. While the choir sang "We'll burn Kaiser Bill in a place where all can see," the line was formed and as each person passed by he added his bit to the fire that was burning the greatest enemy of civilization.

Misses Hilda and Ella Koegel have

returned from a visit to their home in Gothe.

Dr. G. T. Bennett and Miss Hazel Bennett returned last week from a visit to relatives in Cocoa.

Mrs. W. H. Terrell is recovering from a very severe attack of influenza followed by malarial fever.

Drs. C. H. and Anna Darrow are spending their vacation in Jacksonville.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Lozier, of Ft. Lauderdale, spent several days here this week. Mr. Lozier was looking after trucking interests in the farming region on the lake.