

### BONDING FIRM MUST PAY FOR LAX OFFICIAL

### Supreme Court Rules in Okeechobee Case

TALLAHASSEE, Nov. 13.—(Associated Press)—The supreme court today ruled that a bonding company is liable when a county commissioner fails to exercise his best efforts to protect the county's funds.

The opinion was in a case brought against the Detroit Fidelity & Insurance company by Doyle E. Carlton, while governor, for the benefit and use of Okeechobee county.

The suit was to collect \$2000 surety bond which the company executed for W. W. Potter as a county commissioner of Okeechobee county. Carlton contended Potter was guilty of "violation of his official duty" in connection with security for a deposit of \$500,000 funds from an Okeechobee county road bond issue.

Proceeds from the bond issue were deposited in the People's Bank of Okeechobee and re-deposited in the Florida National bank of Jacksonville. Government bonds totaling \$300,000 were put in collateral and agreement was made that as withdrawals were made from the fund, corresponding withdrawals of collateral security could be made by the bank.

Carlton charged that Potter and other county commissioners approved withdrawal of securities in excess of the amount necessary to protect deposits, and that when the People's bank of Okeechobee closed June 5, 1929, there remained only \$10,000 of security for the deposit then totaling \$91,361 and that the county lost the balance. A lower court held the bonding company was not liable.

### Tax Payment With Bonds Halted at St. Petersburg

CLEARWATER, Nov. 13.—(Special.)—A temporary order enjoining the city of St. Petersburg from accepting bonds or interest coupons in settlement of 1931 taxes was issued by Circuit Judge T. Frank Hobson today upon petition of Edward Walker, St. Petersburg taxpayer.

The petition set up that bond payment of delinquent taxes, as contemplated by the city council, would be illegal, unfair to property owners who have already paid in cash, and detrimental to the city in that it would "encourage non-payment of taxes."

### Woman Routs Prowler With Shotgun Blast

BRADENTON, Nov. 13.—(Special.)—Hearing someone attempting to force a window of a rear room at her home in Palmetto last night while her husband was absent, Mrs. L. T. Pollard fired with a shotgun, shooting a hole through the upper part of the window.

Investigation showed the screen had been out and the window unlatched.

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### Red Cross Cooperates With Jobless in Making Clothing

The Tampa Red Cross is cooperating with the Hillsborough County Emergency Relief council by providing cloth, donated by the government, to be made into clothing at the council's sewing rooms. With the Red Cross annual roll call under way, the garments are on display at Red Cross headquarters, Florida avenue and Madison street.

The exhibit includes dresses and house frocks, shirts, children's clothing, underwear, and neatly made baby clothes. There are some ready-made clothing in the display, including sweaters for men, women and children, and overalls. Quilts and blankets, some made at the sewing rooms, have been among the more popular items during the past week.

Three Sewing Rooms  
Three sewing rooms are operated by the council, each employing about 40 women, mostly for two days a week. In this way the government cloth provides clothing for the needy and the making of the articles provides jobs for unemployed women.

Every part of the cloth is used, as

### New Home Owners Loan Corporation Head Gets Busy

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—(A.P.)—Acting vigorously along four fronts, John H. Fahy, new chairman of the home owners loan corporation, sought today to revitalize the corporation's activities.

Fahy announced at his first press conference that he was:

1. Acting to free about a billion dollars in mortgages in closed banks of 10 states to enable the banks to pay out that much to depositors and ease the position of the mortgagors.
2. Taking steps to organize bond dealers throughout the nation in an effort to strengthen the market for the corporation's bonds.
3. Accelerating the organization of federal building and loan associations in counties which have few facilities of this kind at present.
4. Warning "chiselers" that they would get no home mortgages money.

Fahy became chairman of the corporation and of the federal home loan bank board today, succeeding William F. Stevenson of South Carolina, who remains a board member.

### Orange Personal Tax Roll Assailed In Supreme Court

TALLAHASSEE, Nov. 13.—(A.P.)—The state supreme court tonight had under consideration an attack on the validity of Orange county's personal property tax assessment roll.

Attorneys for E. S. Hackney, who instituted the proceedings, claimed the roll was invalid because the tax assessor allowed exemptions on the basis of assessed valuation instead of actual valuation. State law provides assessment on 50 percent valuation of personal property, and allows exemption of \$500.

Hackney sought to enjoin collection of taxes on hotel furniture he owns in Orlando, but attorneys said the entire personal property assessment roll was under fire.

The court also had under consideration a habeas corpus action brought by Alphonse Gomez against Sheriff W. C. Spencer of Hillsborough county. Gomez was arrested in connection with a shooting at a Tampa election precinct in 1928. His attorneys claimed he could not now be prosecuted because of the statute of limitations. The state asserted information against Gomez was filed within the required time.

### Would Bar Schedule Compensation Rating

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—(A.P.)—The national council on compensation insurance notified its member companies today that it is filing a proposal with state authorities and independent boards and bureaus of regulated states to eliminate schedule rating in workmen's compensation risks.

Simultaneously it announced that schedule rating will cease on Dec. 31 in the jurisdiction of Louisiana, under its local administrative bureaus. The ruling also becomes effective in Arkansas, Florida, Mississippi and South Carolina where employers' liability laws still prevail.

### Marriage of Girl, 11, To Man, 67, Annulled

OKLAHOMA CITY, Nov. 13.—(A.P.)—Dorothy Halsell, 11-year-old bride, today was granted an annulment of her marriage to T. J. Halsell, 67-year-old farmer. She now is in a children's home here.

She was married to Halsell several months ago in Tulsa at the same time her father, J. E. Taylor, who since has died, was married to Halsell's 15-year-old daughter.

### Winter Haven Gets Increasing Number Of Tourist Queries

WINTER HAVEN, Nov. 13.—(Special.)—Recent reports from the state chamber of commerce that the tourist season in Florida is at least 30 days ahead of last year were substantiated by J. B. Guthrie, secretary of the local chamber, in a report to the board of governors of the organization. In his monthly report, Guthrie said the number of inquiries from out of the state regarding quarters here this winter and the total of tourists already reporting at chamber headquarters were equal to the number up to Dec. 15 last year. He said the Florida exhibit at the world's fair had brought many inquiries.

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Given to Needy  
The clothing is distributed by the relief council, only to persons who have been investigated so the relief workers will know the clothing is going to those who really need it. Tampa's larger groups of employees, such as the city and county employees and those of the public utilities, are being solicited for the annual roll call through workers within their organizations. Workers will carry the drive throughout the city and reports will be made before Thursday. The final drive will be made from stands at public downtown places, Nov. 23, 24 and 25 by members of the Junior League, Catholic Women's council, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Jewish women's organization and the Tampa Woman's club.

### 'Startling' Number Of Dysentery Cases Reported in U. S.

CHICAGO, Nov. 13.—(A.P.)—Dr. Herman M. Bundesen, president of the Chicago board of health, today announced a questionnaire sent to all parts of the United States, indicated what he described as a startling number of cases of amoebic dysentery.

Dr. Bundesen first disclosed the spread of the disease last week with the announcement that dysentery traced to Chicago hotels and restaurants, was responsible for the deaths of 15 persons, among them Texas Gulman, and the illness of some hundred others.

"Thousands of individuals apparently have the disorder without any recognition of it," he said in a statement. "Not only are the lives of these persons at stake, but there is danger of them spreading the disease to others."

He asserted that the existence of the disease is a public health problem of a much greater magnitude than has been recognized by health officers and the medical profession.

### Carlton Contract For Land Purchase In 1931 Held Valid

TALLAHASSEE, Nov. 13.—(A.P.)—A contract which Governor Carlton and his cabinet made in 1931 to purchase a block of land in Tallahassee from State Senator W. C. Hodges was held valid by the supreme court today in a decision reversing the Leon county circuit court.

The original transaction popped into the spotlight when John E. Mathews, of Jacksonville, member of the house of representatives brought injunction proceedings to prevent Governor Carlton and his cabinet, comprising the board of commissioners of state institutions, going through with the contract.

At that time records laid before the court showed payment of \$8000 had been made on the original contract agreement of \$21,000. The property, under terms of the contract, was to be used as a site for the state chemical laboratory.

Reversing the lower court's decree against the contract, the supreme court held statutes provide for a state chemist, and that the governor is required to provide a suitable laboratory and equipment, paying for them out of treasury funds not otherwise appropriated, which in turn must be repaid out of funds from the inspection fund of the department of agriculture, under which the state chemist works.

Authority also extends to the purchase of necessary lands upon which the state laboratory would be located, the court said.

### R. F. C. Repaid More Than It Made in Loans

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—(A.P.)—The Reconstruction corporation repaid more money in repayments during the last three months than it lent to aid business and agriculture.

A summary of the corporation's report for the third quarter ended Sept. 30 disclosed today that it had disbursed \$237,730,451 and received repayments totaling \$238,186,400.

On that date also the corporation had nearly a half million dollars less outstanding than on June 30.

From the time of its formation Feb. 2, 1932 the corporation has disbursed \$2,696,497,767 out of authorizations totaling \$3,344,556,363.

### Farm Strikers Throw Kerosene on Milk Cans

MADISON, Wis., Nov. 13.—(A.P.)—Dane county officers today said, farm strikers were using a new weapon, glass fruit jars filled with kerosene. Deputies arrested two youths on charges of hurling the kerosene containers, bringing to a dozen the number of pickets apprehended here.

Tossed among milk cans, the jars break and minute traces of kerosene on can covers spoil many gallons of milk, the officers said.

### Compromise Indicated In Mary McCormic Suit

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 13.—(A.P.)—Lawyers for Mary McCormic, opera star, and Prince Serge Malvart hinted today a compromise will be reached in their marital litigation. She sued for separate maintenance. In his answer, Prince Serge sought outright divorce.

Neither singer nor prince appeared in court when Miss McCormic's case was called. They announced through counsel that an agreement probably will be reached and that one or the other of the suits may be allowed to go by default.

### Writes Songs



MISS EDRIE HIGGINS  
Of Tarpon Springs, whose songs "Green Corn Dance" and "My Eden of Dreams" were featured on programs of Chief Shee Noo, Indian singer, at the Century of Progress Exposition at Chicago.

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### State Building And Loan Session Opens at Leesburg

LEESBURG, Nov. 13.—(Special.)—The annual convention of the League of Florida Building & Loan associations opened here today to continue through tomorrow. Speakers at today's session included A. C. Blount of Pensacola, president of the state organization; John H. Randolph, field organizer of the federal home loan bank; Winston Salem, N. C.; State Senator Walter W. Rose, Orlando; Thomas W. Ellett, executive vice president of the home loan bank, Winston-Salem, and Hershel O. Moats, Orlando, attorney.

C. W. Loveland, Palatka, will report tomorrow morning as national committeeman and also for the legislative committee. Other speakers will include Mrs. Annie Leight Sessions, Mrs. E. M. Miller of Jacksonville; M. W. Ashton, New Smyrna, and C. W. Campbell, West Palm Beach.

The report of the nominating committee will be followed by the annual election and selection of the meeting place for next year.

### \$879,500 Asked by State for Relief Of Transient Idle

TALLAHASSEE, Nov. 13.—(A.P.)—Florida wants at least \$879,500 for relief work among transient jobless in the next six months. Application has gone to the federal emergency relief administration for this amount, along with a requisition for \$550,000 worth of surplus commodities to be distributed to persons on federal relief rolls.

These amounts are sought in addition to the \$1,250,000 monthly allotment already being made to the state for relief activities.

There are, according to a recent survey, 14,000 transient jobless in Florida without a place to call home, and it was estimated that with the advent of cooler weather this figure was being increased at the rate of 200 daily. Today's application for \$550,000 worth of surplus commodities is in addition to previous allocations of pork, flour and other products.

### Bartow To Vote Dec. 5 On City Commissioners

BARTOW, Nov. 13.—(Special.)—Two seats on the city commission are to be filled at an election Dec. 5. L. G. Bruce, incumbent mayor-commissioner, will seek re-election and petitions for others have been circulated.

Nov. 20 is the final date for filing petitions with the city clerk and Nov. 29 is the final date for registration. Few have registered thus far, according to the city clerk.

### COURT ENDS IN ONE DAY

BRADENTON, Nov. 13.—(Special.)—County court completed its fall term in one day today. Four pleas of guilty were received and the only trial resulted in a conviction. Judge W. H. Tucker presided and Prosecutor George Hitchcock represented the state.

### Police Chief Put On Hot Spot by Sun Bath Query

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 13.—(A.P.)—The St. Petersburg sun bathing society has Police Chief R. H. Noel and the city legal department in a quandary.

"It is perfectly proper for male sun bathers to appear on city beaches clad only in bathing trunks. Is that not so?" Col. Harry L. Landsman, president of the society, asked the unsuspecting chief.

"Certainly," replied the official. "Then what action would be taken

in this day and age of equal rights for women sun bathers would appear in the same costume?"

"I'll have to ask the lawyers for an answer to that," the surprised officer parried.

The lawyers haven't decided yet.

MAN INJURED IN CRASH  
LAKELAND, Nov. 13.—(Special.)—An automobile collision here today resulted in Arthur Fuller suffering a fractured leg and his daughter, Mrs. Lois Vetter, a school teacher, being shaken up. The Fuller car and a machine belonging to John E. Ballenger, ran together. A negro chauffeur was driving the Ballenger machine. Police were unable to place responsibility.

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