

Connors Would Give State Proposed Toll Road

Developer Asks Sanction Of Legislature For Road Linking Miami and Tampa

Sixty mile stretch connecting West Palm Beach and Okeechobee through Everglades will be given state when paid for, it is asserted

Legislative action on the proposal to build and operate a toll road sixty miles in length, from West Palm Beach to Okeechobee City, via Canal Point and Pahokee, which would ultimately be given to the state, was asked Tuesday when bill asking permission from the State of Florida to operate this highway will be introduced at the instance of W. G. Connors, multi-millionaire newspaper publisher of Buffalo, N. Y., and West Palm Beach.

Mr. Connors proposes to build this highway, to be known as Connors' Highway, and operate it as a toll road until it pays for itself. At that time that the highway has paid for the cost of construction he proposes to present it to the state of Florida, or provided the state would purchase it at any time, he will sell it at the cost of construction and 6 per cent interest on the amount he advanced it. The tolls to be charged for use of the highway will be one cent per mile.

The details of this monster project which will, provided permission is granted by the legislature, open up a section where 5,000 persons will be served, were explained to a Tribune reporter last night by W. R. Gray, cashier of the Bank of Okeechobee City; Thomas M. Conely, mayor of Okeechobee City and W. G. Stovall, prominent real estate dealer of Okeechobee City. The party had been in St. Petersburg in attendance at the Florida State Bankers' Association convention, and spent last night in Tampa enroute to Okeechobee City.

Tampa to West Palm Beach in seven hours will be possible with the completion of the road. It now takes two days to make the trip, but the short cut will make East Coast and West Coast neighbors.

The expenditure involved in the proposed construction of the toll road will probably be in the neighborhood of one or two millions of dollars. About sixty miles of new road is involved.

Contract Awarded
Contract for the construction of the highway was awarded by Mr. Connors Thursday to Tom M. Bryan, contractor who is building the cross state highway. The contract calls for the completion of the road in eight months, or \$1,000 per day. Mr. Stovall stated, will be paid for every day that the road is completed before Dec. 1. Work will begin at once.

The road will follow a line along the South bank of the West Palm Beach canal, the line of the Florida Sugar Products Co., to the East shore of Lake Okeechobee, and along the shore of the lake to Okeechobee City.

A twenty-four foot mill will be made along the canal. The road will be rocked to a depth of eight feet and one-half feet, and will be eighteen feet wide. The lake front road from Canal Point to Okeechobee City and from Canal Point to Pahokee will be rocked to a depth of nine inches, and will also be eighteen feet wide.

Mr. Connors has purchased four locomotives, eighty miles of narrow gauge rail, two steam shovels and five drag line dredges to be used in constructing the highway. A dummy railway will haul rock from the lake where the dredges will bring up the deposits of excellent building material and place it upon the bank. Barges have also been purchased. These barges will enter the slips along the shore and dump the rock where needed.

East Coast Extension
The Florida East Coast Railway is building a railroad from Okeechobee City to Miami. This company now has a line from New Smyrna Beach to Okeechobee City. The Connors' Highway will parallel this railroad to Canal Point. Mr. Stovall declared last night.

The section through which the highway will go is considered of the finest quality muck-land.

If all the plans of Mr. Connors go through as he expects, it will be possible through the use of this highway, to go from Tampa to West Palm Beach in seven hours time. It now takes forty two days to make the trip. The highway will connect with the Highlands county road, the

completion of which is assured by the sale of a recently voted bond issue. It is proposed to charge a toll of one cent per mile for the use of the road. Mr. Connors is offering to bear the entire expense of putting in this complete road.

About two months ago Mr. Connors bought the entire tract of Okeechobee City. He is planning to make a real city of the little place. He will give this town an asphalt road to the outside and make arrangements for a city planner to come to Okeechobee City to map out beautiful streets. He is also planning the erection of a palatial home in Okeechobee City.

Mr. Connors is through M. J. Carmichael of Palm Beach county, promises to sell the road to the state at any time, he will sell it to make the purchase for an actual cost of construction. He states that he is anxious to give this section the road in order that he may have an outlet, which it is now without.

Butler Aids Movement
TALLAHASSEE, April 14.—Gifts of million dollar roads as memorials, were offered to the legislature in Florida or elsewhere, W. J. Connors proposed to build 50 miles of road, 18 feet wide leading to and from the lake and the shore of Lake Okeechobee. He therefore not without its measure of interest.

Mr. Connors is, however, requesting that the legislature permit him to charge a toll on the road and has made arrangements for the construction of the highway. He will do so, M. J. Carmichael of Palm Beach county is his legislative representative and his engineer, the Hon. George C. Butler of Palm Beach, arrived Friday morning to work in the interest of the movement.

KLAN INJUNCTION TO BE REACHED IN TWO WEEKS, AT EARLIEST
ATLANTA, Ga., April 14.—The injunction against W. H. Evans, Imperial Wizard, and others, involving control of the Ku Klux Klan, was put in effect by the federal court in the Fulton County Superior Court. It is said that the case will not be reached before two weeks at the earliest.

Meanwhile, the affairs of the Klan are being conducted as they were prior to April 2, when Emperor Simmons filed injunction proceedings, except that a committee consisting of Imperial Wizard Evans, Emperor Simmons and J. M. George, marshal of the national court, are in control under order of the court.

PRESIDENT OF CANTON COLLEGE WARNS U. S. OF JAPAN'S CRUISERS
NEW YORK, April 14.—The cruiser strength of the Japanese navy, counting the battle cruisers in commission and those under construction, exceed the combined cruiser strength of the American and British navies, Dr. Charles Keyser Edmunds, president of the Canton College, declared in an address before the foreign policy association today.

Japan, he declared, welcomed the opportunity to capital ship in Washington armament conference, because it would prevent the United States or England interfering with any action by her against China.

Other speakers back from Russia, China and Japan said the Far Eastern situation was a dangerous one with explosive elements that might lead to serious consequences within the near future.

Real Acquisition To Auto Row Here

Former Tampan to Push Durant and Star Sales Here



Photo by Blakelock-Kilworth
Sam Bennett

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Tampa's automobile row made an important acquisition last week with the arrival of Sam Bennett, a former Tampa resident from Jacksonville.

Mr. Bennett is a former resident of Jacksonville, Fla., and is now in Tampa to push Durant and Star automobiles.

Prior to his going to Jacksonville, Mr. Bennett was a resident of Tampa, his residence covering a period of 17 years and he therefore has countless friends who will welcome his return to active business in this section.

At the outbreak of the war Mr. Bennett answered the call to service and it was after the conclusion of the big service that he entered the automobile business at Jacksonville, and since that time he has been considered an "automobile row" of that city.

Mr. Bennett was reported killed in action on several occasions during the regular calendar of the war, here who will doubtless be glad to know that he is still very much on the job.

PAN-AMERICAN PRESS SENDS GREETINGS TO PRESIDENT HARDING

AMBASSADOR TO CHILE PRAISES NEWS ASSOCIATIONS

Rejoices That South America Subscribes to Freedom of Expression

SANTIAGO, April 14.—(By The Associated Press)—The menu of the luncheon which the American ambassador, William M. Collier, gave today to the correspondents attending the Pan-American conference, was a photograph of President Harding at work composing the message to the Latin American republics.

The ambassador said: "I rejoice that the nations of South America are taking the news service of the press associations of my country, the great news gathering agencies are independent of any government control, enjoying no official subsidies, yet having ample capital and splendid facilities."

NEW YORK HARBOR BARS LINER CHASING
NEW YORK, April 14.—New York's harbor's most popular game has been banned by steamship officials. No longer will speedily tug chase outgoing liners to prevent belated passengers from missing their trips to Europe. The force of this decision was brought home today to A. W. Peck New York business man who was left standing on the pier as the Atlantic steamer from her berth. Peck had been saying goodbye to friends and he declared no one called before about the ship and the officials of the line refused to send him down the bay in a tug, however.

Mr. Peck's baggage was in his stateroom. He will sail on the Mauritania next week.

SULPHUR SPRINGS

B. H. RUSSELL, REPRESENTATIVE

Joseph Smith who recently disposed of the Arcade barber shop, accompanied by his wife, left a few days ago for their old home at Williamsport, Pa.

J. W. Mullens, contractor, was awarded contracts this week for three new cottages to be built in Sulphur Springs within the next ninety days.

The warm weather brought out another record-breaking crowd to Sulphur Springs amusement park Sunday afternoon and night.

Mr. and Mrs. George Whitney celebrated their seventh wedding anniversary at their home at No. 237 Elm street Monday night.

The committee on entertainment is arranging an elaborate program for the musical and vaudeville entertainment to be given at the Civic Club hall on Tuesday evening, April 23. An invitation is extended to the public to attend.

The cottage on North Park avenue of William McBates, a motorman for the Tampa Electric company, was destroyed by fire on Saturday night. Mrs. McBates and her infant child who were asleep in the front room, and the only child of the house at the time, had a narrow escape. She was aroused by the windows of the kitchen.

A huge pile of the cans is all that is left to designate the "Tumble Inn" in the northeast part of town. Frank Willis of Seminole Heights, in attempting to catch a street car, was almost to leave Sulphur Springs station last night when he was struck by a motorcycle as he was running across Nebraska avenue and quite seriously injured.

Miss Ruth Steward, wife of Sulphur Springs' popular Girl Scouts, went to Deland yesterday morning on a two day visit to her sister, Mrs. Corlene Harris of Deland Park was spending the past week in Sulphur Springs, the guest of Miss Irene Bassitt.

Work is soon to be commenced on grading and constructing new gutters.

Oscar Dalgren of Locust avenue, who has been laid up with a broken hip the past week, as a result of being thrown from a motorcycle on Pine street, is slowly recovering.

The "Knockers Club" met in regular session last afternoon with all members present. Loney Demont left on the Dixie Flyer Friday night for Moultrie, Ga. The east end of the park dance pavilion now resembles King Tut's tomb, having been enclosed with hit or miss signs.

Group No. 26 Boy Scouts of this place returned yesterday from a hike to Tarpon Springs where they were camped for a few days.

Lawrence Moore of Ipecac avenue left on Wednesday night for Birmingham, Ala., where he will remain until fall.

The Sulphur Springs fifth grade boys of the public school have organized a ball team and are ready to challenge neighboring towns. A ball team of the Sulphur Springs High School, Mrs. E. S. Baughman of St. Petersburg, was the guest of her brother Major Marsh and family on east Bird street the first of the week.

George D. Norton and family now occupy their handsome six room cottage on Pine street and River Cove avenue, which is modern in every respect.

Jack McCoy who has been a resident of Sulphur Springs for the past two years, left with his family on Tuesday for Oklawaha, Fla., where they will make their future home.

Twenty young people were pleasantly entertained at the home of Mrs. Miley at her home on Church and Spring streets Monday night.

A large number of the members of the Sulphur Springs Cristal Union attended the B. Y. P. U. celebration meeting at the Palm-avenue Baptist church, Tampa, Friday night. Frank and took part in the program.

Mrs. W. P. Riddon died at the home of her son, Thomas D. Riddon, Sulphur Springs Thursday afternoon. She deceased was 78 years old. The remains were taken to her former home at Sanderson, Fla., for burial. A husband, two sons and three daughters are left to mourn her departure.

See the Girl with The Purple Mask
Tampa Bay Casino April 19th and 20th



ORLANDO FACES ANOTHER MURDER, BUT IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE AN ARREST

Papa Swan Becomes Peeved When Caretaker Removes Eggs Which Failed to Hatch, Accuses Mother Swan and Resorts to Blood-Curdling Murder

ORLANDO, April 14.—Orlando today faced another murder. It was the kind one often reads about and the civil authorities are perplexed just what to do about it.

Away back in 1911, a prominent citizen of this city, Englishman Papa Swan, with two beautiful swans, a black and white pair, the black pair failed to hatch, and the white pair raised several little babies.

Papa Swan is very proud of his little white swans and he is guarding them, has been sent out by the thousands by admiring tourists. Today it happened in this manner: Mamma Swan as is usual in the late winter, did not agree and began the process of hatching them but some reason they failed to hatch.

When the eggs were removed the eggs and upon discovery of their disappearance this morning Papa Swan was very angry and charged his frow with doing away with her incubated brood. Chasing Mrs. Swan he saw her down and she was seen to fasten his beak on her neck.

With the exception of one or two isolated points MOON dealers throughout the country are enjoying except in a few instances, business now, and it looks as if there will be a shortage of the popular makes of cars in May or June, if not sooner.

BALLANTYNE'S WIFE RAPIDLY RECOVERS
SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, April 14.—The widow of Benjamin F. Ballantyne former bank teller, who was shot and killed at his home here last Monday, is rapidly recovering from the nervous shock which has complicated her treatment.

Detectives and investigators in the case have sought for several days to interview Mrs. Ballantyne, but physicians forbade it, asserting she was ill to undergo questioning.

GOMPERTS SAYS PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM BEST BUT SHOULD IMPROVE
NEW YORK, April 14.—Although the American public education system is the best in the world, said a paper read for Samuel Gomperts by Matthew Walk, vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, before the convention of the workers' education bureau today, it is still necessary for carrying knowledge to adults in the industrial world.

"We must reach those who were unable in their youth to acquire that education they now need," Mr. Gomperts said, "and we are in a conflict with no established schools or colleges. We supplement them. We want to do what they did not have the opportunity to do, to do for those who could not attend them but who now want and must have advanced education."

BALTIMORE JUDGE DIES
MONTONA, France, April 14.—(By The Associated Press)—Somerville Parkway, Tuek, 74, of Annapolis, Md., died here today.

CUT FLOWERS AND PLANTS, PHONE 91-812.

TAXES?

Editor Hinman of the "Chicago Examiner" speaking about taxes recently, said that office holders and dependents included more than 15,000,000 people in this country, all supported or carried along by taxpayers.

He further showed how ten cents out of every dollar earned by us goes directly or indirectly for federal taxes, and in addition ten or twelve cents more of every dollar goes for state, city and county taxes.

22 cents of every dollar earned going for taxes which really means working more than one whole day a week for the government.

With the average man these taxes are not so obvious nevertheless he pays them. It behooves every man or woman with money to invest to place their funds in investments that will bring adequate returns and have every advantage of safety.

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