

ELY HALSEY, WINTER RESIDENT OF WAUCHULA, DIES

Special to The Tribune—WAUCHULA, Dec. 15.—Ely Halsey, aged, 71, wealthy Winter tourist,

died last night of heart trouble. His home is in Newark, N. J., where the body is to be shipped. He has one son at Livingston, N. J. Two companions, Charles E. Young, and Jack McDonald, were with him at the time of his death. He had been a visitor here for six winters, and the three had been companions for twenty or more years.

THE WEEK AT SARASOTA

Special to The Tribune—SARASOTA, Dec. 15.—One year ago the sales of documentary stamps totaled \$232,937. This November the total was \$215,283, showing ten times increase in realty sale— or from \$232,000 to \$2,320,000. As documentary stamps are not placed on papers for deeds, such as contracts and bonds for deeds, the full total of real estate transactions are not made a matter of record.

Among the sales made the past week were the small islands, south of Siesta bridge, owned by A. B. Edwards purchased by a syndicate for \$144,000. These islands will be seawalled and connected by ornamental bridges, after a plan devised by Ann Cassidy who transferred his thoughts in oil to a large canvas 430 feet long.

Bernard Dempsy sold 140 acres on the Fruitville road to a New York syndicate for \$270,000. Mr. Dempsy now has to his credit \$1,000,000 of sales in the past six months.

Clay Peterson, of Jacksonville, purchased 100 acres of property this week, adding \$47,000 additional to his extensive holdings in Sarasota. The Illinois Investment Co., of Jacksonville, purchased through the Burns Realty Co., the corner of 12th Street and Banana Avenue for \$25,000. They will erect there a 20,000 apartment house.

A. C. Williams of Arcadia; Clark Warren, of Chicago; and others have made large purchases of land properties. Dr. C. F. Strimfeld of Chicago, has arrived to make this his permanent home, and will become a considerable factor in Sarasota's future growth. He has purchased 40 acres east of the Coast Line depot which he will develop at once.

Dr. Strimfeld has been coming to Sarasota for many years and after a thorough survey of the state believes Sarasota has the greatest possibilities. "We will have here," he said, "a city of 35,000 people within five years."

Mr. P. Schivone, Chicago developer, has started work on the Siesta bridge. No property will be offered for sale until the property is fully developed. Among the plans are a \$1,000,000 hotel, with apartments and shops adjoining. Later, a publicly owned garage has arrived and is now at his desk in the Mira Mar salesroom. \$250,000 will be expended on paving, dredging and beautification of the property.

Henry Lausner has employed Mike Vogel as publicity director of his enterprises. Hudson Park and Poma Park, where great development is going on.

The Siesta Beach properties will have a fine golf course and club house work on both now under way. Property is being offered for sale. Andrew McAnish has his plans ready for construction the first of the year of the most beautiful bathing pavilion, restaurant and amusement resort in the state. This will be constructed on Siesta beach. The drawing of this great structure will be released within a few days.

Don E. Krug, Jr., of Chicago, in the development of the site for a new subdivision on the Tamiami Trail, south of Sarasota. Holland and Ponsand, Inc., of Daytona, have purchased 10 acres on the Sarasota road near Onco where they will expend \$40,000 on a burial ground to serve Sarasota, Manatee, Bradenton and Palmetto. They have just completed a similar cemetery at Daytona.

More than 1,000 men are employed

in the great development going on north of Sarasota, from the city limits to the Manatee county line. Many square miles are being cleared, miles of boulevard being built and dredges are pumping sand behind seawalls. By the first of the year all this territory four miles long and a mile or more wide will be converted into home sites.

Sarasota is building with feverish haste. While hundreds of dwellings are in course of construction, four barracks hotels were started during the week. Demand for rooms is so insistent that these make-shift structures seem the only solution. They are being made comfortable and livable.

The office building for offices of the Burns Construction Company and John Ringling enterprises is being erected on Banana Avenue near 7th street. Apartments will be available on the second floor. The style will be Spanish and fit in with the other structures in that desirable residential and business section.

Lew D. and Loyal D. French and Leo P. Moquin, of New York City, have taken over the development of La Linda Terrace and promise thirty new homes completed by Jan. 15. These homes have been identified with development work in New York City, Akron, Ohio and Chicago, and they stand out with a bang, promising a finished home per day.

McKim, Meade and White, winners of the \$100,000 Chicago Tribune prize in international competition for the most beautiful plan, have paid Sarasota the compliment of advising they will arrive soon to investigate the needs of Sarasota in its \$3,000,000 hotel enterprise.

Ten new homes were started in Greer's addition to Sarasota during the week. This addition is on the Fruitville road, four miles from Sarasota.

Work is well under way on the Neomata bathing pavilion and tower on the Venice beach. This is one of the most pretentious buildings on the west coast and will be the playground of the masses of Villa Nolaplan and the residents of the White City.

Building contractors state that ten houses in the new section are under construction, and that by January first 400 will be under course of construction.

The Seaboard railway has leased the offices now occupied by the Burns Construction Co., and will establish an uptown ticket office, although the Seaboard depot is in the heart of the city.

The Illinois Manufacturing Co. has incorporated to manufacture and sell building supplies and will erect a \$25,000 plant at once on Central Avenue.

Mrs. H. C. Talley, of Amulston, Ala., has opened a ladies' ready-to-wear shop on the second story porch of the Vitrous hotel, which has been enclosed with glass windows to serve as a sun room. The shop during the day has been closed and converted into an office.

Last Saturday the corner stone of the new nine-story Lord building was laid with appropriate services. The brick work is well up to the second story and the roof is being poured. With the cement flooring and roof completed the brick work will progress rapidly from now on.

The Postal Telegraph company opened its offices Wednesday giving Sarasota the benefit of the two competing telegraph companies.

John Nolan, city planning expert, has given his plans for a general plan for the city, which encompasses a \$20,000,000 program for civic betterment. This comprehensive map and specifications were approved by a large audience of taxpayers assembled to listen to his talk, illustrated with stereoscopic slides.

The Sarasota postoffice is literally swamped with mail, fully ten times greater than the last year. Expedient postal clerks will report for duty December 16 to relieve the congestion.

From two to ten large 24-passenger motor buses arrive in Sarasota daily loaded with "prospects" from all parts of the state, many of whom remain here or purchase property from the development companies, operating the large hotel.

John L. Walker, of Hamilton, O., was awarded the contract for extension and a sanitary sewer system for Sarasota.

The county has called for bids on a \$700,000 road work and also the sale of bonds to cover this work.

The singing show band will begin its 100-day concert program Tuesday from the bandstand of the Mira Mar park. The band shall be erected within a few weeks on the parkway along the bay.

Frank H. Galpin has been elected President of the Realtors Association and Chas. C. Gandy secretary.

John McGraw has announced from New York the dates of open exhibition games in which the Giants will participate next spring, March 11, Miami; March 12, Palm Beach; March 21, Sarasota; March 22, Tampa; April 5, Birmingham; April 7 and 8, Augusta; April 9 and 10, Washington; April 11 and 12, New York. The Giants will train in Sarasota, and they and the newspaper men will be housed in the new Sarasota hotel.

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