

News From All Florida

OKEECHOBEE PROSPERS

Construction Totals Pass \$1,000,000 Mark; Heavy Payrolls Are Forecast.

(HERALD SERVICE.) OKEECHOBEE, Fla., April 29.—This city is facing a prosperous summer with more than \$1,000,000 in new construction work under way within city limits, extensive lumbering, turpentine and fishing industries in full operation and hundreds of acres of rich muck and prairie lands being brought under cultivation by new settlers.

Among the larger tasks now under way are a new \$250,000 court house, \$165,000 high school building, new city electrical system, new telephone system and \$15,000 Baptist Church. Business, industrial and home construction work is in progress in many parts of the city.

Heavy payrolls throughout the summer and ample employment for skilled and unskilled labor are assured not only in the special, but in the lumbering and other industries. More than 1,000 men are employed by the St. Andrews Bay Lumber Company three miles east of the city, producing daily 200,000 feet of lumber.

Contracts have been let for 12 miles of paved streets to be completed before the opening of the winter season. Nine miles of the Eagle Bay drive connecting Okeechobee with Moore Haven is to be constructed this summer, according to W. W. Potter, chairman of the board of county commissioners.

Stores and other buildings are being occupied as rapidly as completed. The Freedman Building, although not yet completed, is being occupied by a large chain grocery, railway express office for the two railroads serving this city, a motor bus office and 16 other stores and offices, all of which have been rented.

With the completion of the new three-story high school building, now up to the third story, work will be started on a 12-story high school dormitory and a new city hall and fire department.

CHAIRMAN IS SELECTED

LAKE WORTH, Fla., April 29.—W. E. Jackson was appointed chairman of the entertainment committee for next week at the meeting of the local exchange club. L. W. Jennings, state vice president of the Exchange Club, will be a guest here at next week's meeting. Special attractions are being prepared, Jackson said, with the view of having a 100 per cent attendance. Louis B. Richard, secretary, succeeded Roy Bounds as secretary of the local club, the latter having temporarily left the city. H. A. Emerson and L. M. McGoff briefly addressed the club.

AT KEY WEST

KEY WEST, Fla., April 29.—Col. and Mrs. Hugh K. Taylor and daughter, Barbara, who have been visiting several weeks in Tampa, returned today for Williamsport, Fla., where Colonel Taylor is stationed. During their visit here they have been the guests of Mrs. Taylor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfredo Avila, 2350 S. street.

Mrs. G. Herbert Harris of Miami is visiting her mother, Mrs. Benjamin Lopez, Bahama street.

Roy Lewin of Grinnell street returned Monday from a visit to various cities on the West Coast of the state.

William Edgar, a former resident who is now residing in Homestead, was a visitor here this week.

Mrs. Paul Bennett and daughter, Mrs. Charles Williams, Jr., 316 Elizabeth street, left Thursday for Miami to visit the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Lett.

Madeline A. Pierce of Miami is here visiting relatives.

Harry Lowe returned Monday from a two weeks' visit in Tampa.

S. M. Goldsmith, who is connected with the local weather bureau, left Tuesday for Memphis, Tenn., to visit his father, who was reported ill.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Forster of Duval street were visitors this week in Jacksonville, Miami and other East Coast cities.

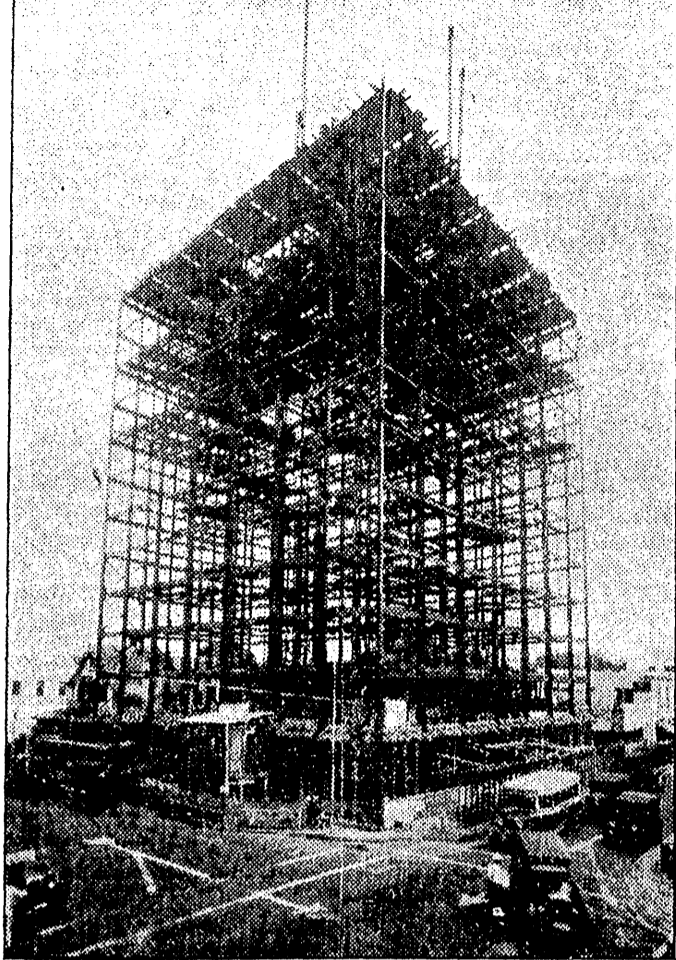
Anita Albary returned Monday from a visit with relatives in Miami. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bentley, who had been visiting here, returned Tuesday to Miami.

Braxton B. Warren of Baton street, returned Tuesday from a short visit in Miami.

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt C. Davis left Thursday for Charleston, S. C., where they will make their home. They were married Monday evening by Rev. Livingston Hunter, pastor of the First Methodist Church. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anselmo Baez, 702 Simonton street.

Mrs. Edmund Glendon of Coral Gables, was a visitor here this week. Harold Albary, who has been in the United States Navy the last eight years, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Albary, Granddunway street. Mrs. Godfrey Thompson attended the grand temple session of the Pythian Sisters held in Pensacola Wednesday and Thursday. She was a delegate from Justice Temple No. 7.

FRAMEWORK OF BUILDING ERECTED



The steel framework for the 14-story office building being erected by the George W. Harvey Company of Boston at West Palm Beach is virtually completed. The structure is being erected at the corner of Duval street and Olive avenue, on a site considered one of the best from a business standpoint, in the city. When completed, the building will cost approximately \$800,000.

STATE TO CANCEL DEBT

\$601,567 In Three Per Cent School Certificates, Authorized 25 Years Ago, Will Be Retired During October, 1926, According To John C. Luning, Treasurer.

(By Kenneth Ballinger, The Herald's City Correspondent.) TALLAHASSEE, Fla., April 29.—The last of Florida's so-called bonded indebtedness will be canceled in October of this year, according to a statement today by John C. Luning, state treasurer.

The indebtedness consists of \$601,567 in three per cent refunding bonds held by the state board of education and deliverable to the state. Mr. Luning recently has finished making arrangements to cancel the bonds. The sinking fund for retiring the bonds.

Back of this statement is the story of a legislative act framed by Mr. Luning and passed by the legislature of 1921, whereby the board of education bonds, the interest of which is paid for the schools of Florida, will be retired 24 years before they mature and the schools of the state during the next 24 years will be enriched by an added two and a half per cent interest on \$601,000 for 24 years.

These bonds originated in 1901 and 1903. The government paid the amount to the state school fund in 1901 as money due the state from the Indian wars. The state needed the money for its government then, and so gave the school fund bonds for that amount, bearing 3 per cent interest, with \$300,000 worth to be retired in 1926 and the remainder in 1927.

In 1921 an act of the legislature created a sinking fund commission, made up of the governor, the secretary of state, the attorney general, the state treasurer and the state superintendent of public instruction. The commission was put in charge of the retirement of the public indebtedness and this fund has been wholly recruited from the interest of public funds in banks. As this interest money comes in to the state treasurer, he has been reinvesting it in securities bearing 5 1/2 and 6 per cent interest.

So, in October, 1926, the commission will turn over to the state board of education securities equal to the bonds held by that board; the bonds will be retired with no tax levy, and the schools of Florida will receive during the 24 years at simple interest more than \$400,000, over and above what they would have had if the bonds had gone on to maturity before being retired.

That act provides further that any money entrusted to the commission over that needed to retire the bonds, shall be placed back in the general revenue fund. MELBOURNE WOMEN'S CLUB HOLDS MEETING MELBOURNE, Fla., April 29.—An interesting meeting of the Melbourne Women's Club was held at the Grand View Hotel. Mrs. Lena W. Lamb, vice president of Section 10, assisted by Mrs. Ernest Taylor of Eau Gallie, presided over the meeting. Others taking part in the program were Mrs. Eva Sweet, Mrs. W. Loring Hanscom, Mrs. E. V. Whitworth and Miss Jeanette Trowbridge of Melbourne Beach. An interesting and varied program was given, pertaining to club practice and instruction, a feature being a talk by Prof. A. C. Parkhurst, director of the Melbourne Casino, an authority on dietetics. He gave interesting facts about foods.

JUDGE'S SALARY FIXED

Melbourne Municipal Jurist Will Receive \$1,000 Yearly; Commission Meets.

(HERALD SERVICE.) MELBOURNE, Fla., April 29.—The Melbourne city commission, at a meeting held at the city hall last evening, passed an ordinance fixing the salary of the municipal judge at \$1,000 per annum and provided payment for clerk hire and other extra expenses that may be incurred in administering the affairs of the office. An ordinance providing a salary for the city attorney at \$1,800, and an additional one per cent for all bond issues that may be passed by the city was passed. F. W. Butler was reappointed city attorney.

An ordinance regarding the erection of electric signs also was adopted. In accordance with a resolution passed several weeks ago. The matter of appointment of a city clerk and chief of police and their salaries was discussed at this meeting. Action was deferred until next meeting, at which time it is expected an ordinance covering both will be adopted.

The city manager and engineer were instructed to proceed with plans and specifications for the improvement of the street paving program that has been under contemplation. The program will involve the expenditure of a large amount of money, thus giving to the city a payroll that will make for the good of the city other than from the advantages of the improvements that will result. Other appointments to be made are an electrical inspector, both of which will be announced soon.

AT LAKE WORTH

LAKE WORTH, Fla., April 29.—The Christian Endeavor Society of the Congregational Church, gave a party in the men's forum of the church, Monday evening. Music games and contests were enjoyed. Winners in the contests were Ralph Knapp and Benjamin Miller, Miss Catherine Coley, state extension worker, was present and in charge of the amusements. At the conclusion of the entertainment refreshments, music and waltzes were served by the hostess committee, Miss Elizabeth Everett, Miss Ida Slack and Miss Mahie Fulton. Those present were Miss Catherine Coley, Miss Maude Gurney, Miss Mable Fulton, Miss Ida Merrian, Miss Lucy Ellis, Miss Ruth B. Boynton, Miss Alice Robinson, Miss Marion Marrow, Miss Lillie Slack, Miss Catherine Slack, Miss Helen Flier, Miss Lane Flier, Miss Marjorie Hamilton, Miss Nancy Hunter, Miss Ida Slack and William Johnson, Charles Fulton, Ralph Knapp, George Boynton, William Miller and Benjamin Miller.

The meeting of the Lake Worth Sorosis Club, which was to have met at the home of Mrs. P. L. Tatum, Wednesday afternoon, was postponed until Friday afternoon, April 30. The postponement was made owing to the funeral services for H. W. Thruher, which were conducted Wednesday afternoon.

The weekly card party, sponsored by the Sacred Heart Altar Guild of the Catholic Church was well attended Wednesday evening. Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Fairchild and Mrs. Zimmerman were hostesses. St. Monica's Guild of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church will give a beach party Saturday evening. Supper will be served from 5 to 7:30 p. m.

The Rev. A. D. Castor left Tuesday for Orlando to attend the conference of the Episcopal Church. Rev. Mr. Castor will return to Lake Worth Friday.

Mrs. C. E. Lowe and Miss Phyllis Lowe left Tuesday morning for their home in El Paso, Texas. They will spend a few days in Vicksburg, Miss., where they will be met by C. E. Lowe who will accompany them on the remainder of their journey. Mrs. C. E. Lowe and Miss Phyllis came to Lake Worth last September and spent the winter here.

CHURCH LEAGUE TO MEET

LAKE WORTH, Fla., April 29.—The district convention of the Walters league of the Lutheran Church will be held in Vero Beach, Sunday, May 3. Delegates will be present from West Palm Beach, Tampa, Orlando and Delray. An interesting program is being prepared by members of the Vero Beach league.

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BOND ELECTION LOOMS

Engineers Report On New Smyrna-Daytona Beach Harbor Improvement.

(HERALD SERVICE.) NEW SMYRNA, Fla., April 29.—Following the report submitted by Col. G. A. Youngberg and J. M. Braxton, engineers, and the acceptance of that report by members of the New Smyrna-Daytona Beach port commission at the meeting held in Daytona Beach Monday, attorneys for the port commission, Sholtz & Green of Daytona Beach, have been instructed to prepare a call for a bond election.

The call for the bond election will be prepared on the basis of the report submitted by the engineers. Property owners in the Daytona Beach-New Smyrna Inlet district will be given the opportunity to vote on the question of issuing bonds to carry through the proposed opening of the inlet to deep draught vessels.

By the provisions of the special act the inlet district was created, the people of this district may vote bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for the purpose of opening and jetting the inlet and establishing a turning basin for harbor purposes.

The estimate of the engineers, after the completion of their survey, is that the entire project can be completed within the bond limit.

The recommendation of the engineers is that a channel through the inlet to, and including the turning basin be made 18 feet deep, which will be sufficient for the use of practically all coastwise steamers and will provide this section with one of the leading harbors along the East Coast of Florida.

VALET IMPERSONATED

VIENNA, April 29. (AP)—Numerous personages in Vienna are wondering whether a year ago they made blows and murmured pledges of loyalty to Emperor Francis Joseph during private audiences or paid honors to his body servant, Eugene Ketterl, who resembled the emperor. The story of the valet who impersonated the monarch has come to light in a suit brought by Ketterl and other personal attendants upon Francis Joseph against his heirs for standard-pensions. The suit has created a sensation.

WOMAN SEEKS \$125,000 FOR HUSBAND'S LOVE

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 29. (AP)—Seeking \$125,000 for loss of her husband's love after 32 years of wedded life, Mrs. Margaret Howard of Haverhill, Mass., has filed suit against Mrs. Elizabeth Philip, widow of Frank B. Philip, formerly head of a large lithographing company. Mrs. Howard, who says she is still the wife of John P. Howard despite a divorce which was obtained in Mexico, charges that Mrs. Philip obtained the decree to go to Mexico to obtain the divorce. Mrs. Howard charged that the Mexican divorce is illegal. Howard, a wealthy food manufacturer, has passed three score years and is a grandfather.

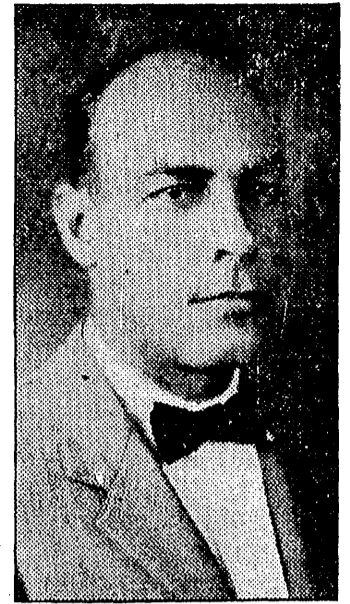
ARAB STOWAWAYS DIED ON TEMPERUOUS SEA

MARSEILLE, France, April 29. (AP)—The holds of the steamer Sidi Peruch, which arrived here after a tempestuous passage from Algiers, have given up 22 stowaway Arabs, of whom one was dead and 5 injured, 3 seriously.

EVIL PLAYERS DRIVE FORMER CABINET OFFICIAL TO PHILADELPHIA

NEW YORK, April 29.—William C. Redfield, Wilson's secretary of commerce, and family, have curtained themselves from the public eye, considerably because of evil plays. He notes that the public is turning to the movies and vaudeville.

DIRECTS POLICIES OF WEST PALM BEACH



Spencer T. Linnhart was named mayor of West Palm Beach following the reorganization of the city commission. He is a prominent business man of the city.

LOTTERY SYSTEM TO SELL LAND CHARGED

CHICAGO, April 29. (AP)—The Lea Savage Estates, whose use of the milk was forbidden today in an order issued at Washington by the postoffice department, is a Chicago company which has been selling land for two Florida development projects, principally in northern Illinois, postoffice inspectors said today.

Walter Johnson, postal inspector declared that the company sold lots at Palmdale Heights near Moore Haven on Lake Okeechobee, Fla., which were "practically" inaccessible because of water, and at Baldwin Heights, near Jacksonville, which were not valuable as city lots.

DELEGATES ARE SELECTED

OCALA, Fla., April 29.—The Rev. Charles Holbrook and Howard Sands, members of the Ocala Kiwanis Club, will represent the local club at Kiwanis International at Montreal on June 30 to 12 judging from reports emanating from over the state. The Florida delegation will be the largest in the history of Kiwanis.

FARMER GETS 15 YEARS

GRAYSON, Ky., April 29. (AP)—Jerry Bridgeman, "Scrutiny" urged, who was convicted of the murder of his wife, Nancy Gilley Sidham, by a charter county jury today and was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment.

REGION'S GROWTH TOLD

Pasco County C. of C. Official Tells of New Port Richey Section's Resources.

(HERALD SERVICE.) DADE CITY, Fla., April 29.—Carl Rerick, secretary of Pasco County Chamber of Commerce, recently told of the reasons visitors consider New Port Richey an attractive resort. He listed the natural beauty of the town and surrounding country, the winding river, substantial building of the year just passed, coming to the town of persons from the theatrical world, investments made by millionaires from New York and Chicago, the new hotel, theater and city hall and civic improvements. But he listed soil possibilities as the greatest factor in the prosperity and development of the section. The good soil is plentiful, markets are near and farms may be established in fertile lands within easy reach of New Port Richey.

There is plenty of sandy loam and muck, though not all of the soil in the vicinity is good for trucking. Vegetables can be raised, practically all of the list. It was thought that asparagus could not be raised in the state, but asparagus is found around New Port Richey and other places. It is his own family needs, and has some to give away and some to sell. Avocadoes, persimmons, mangoes, bananas, grapes and other fruits are grown there for home use, and should be grown for the local market as well. Cherry groves are found around New Port Richey and other places. The fruit is packed in Bilfers.

Because New Port Richey was isolated in the matter of shipping roads, the parcel of land, which was population in 1920 and 882 in 1925, farmers who tried trucking got discouraged and quit. This population has now grown to 1,429, and the building program is large. Possibilities in the line of supplying produce for the local market are unlimited. Fresh milk is under supply and there is practically no eggs or poultry produced.

One grocer in New Port Richey was paying 45 cents a dozen for eggs on April 24, while in Dade City the farmer was getting but 28 cents a dozen. Even an over-supply, hard to be visualized at this time, could be disposed of by the transportation means to the larger cities of the peninsula, St. Petersburg, Clearwater and Tampa.

TRUSTY WOUNDED AFTER STABBING 3

WASHVILLE, Tenn., April 29.—One woman is dying, a man and a baby boy are wounded as the result of a rampage by a maddened negro here today. The negro, Spencer Thomas, was a trusty at the Tennessee state prison farm when he was serving a 10-year sentence for murder, but today was unable to suppress growing resentment against a slight reprimand which he received yesterday for violating a prison rule.

While in the home of E. B. Holt, prison commissary, Thursday, he seized in huge knife, stabbed Mrs. Holt and attacked her four-year-old son. The boy was cut only in the face, but Mrs. Holt was believed to be dying.

As Thomas ran from the room, Martin Hopkins, a guard, attempted to stop him, but the enraged negro slashed at Hopkins with the knife, cutting him on the face. Thomas then set fire to the home of J. F. Neese, manager of the prison dairy, and ran towards the nearby woods. A bullet from the rifle of a guard stopped him just as he reached the edge of the grove. The bullet took effect in his shoulder, but the wound is not serious.

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