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Charlotte county. Popu-
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Charlotte County to Vote on Proposed \$200,000 Bond Issue for Road No. 5

PRELIMINARY DETAILS NOW BEING ARRANGED

Tired of Delays, Commissioners Will
Call Election for Bonds to
Build Road No. Five

Just as soon as they can complete the necessary preliminary details, the Board of County Commissioners will call an election to determine if the people of Charlotte county wish to issue bonds in the amount of \$200,000 for the purpose of building this county's portion of State Road Number Five. This was decided at the regular December session of the board early this week, a preliminary resolution, declaring this to be the intention of the commissioners, being passed by unanimous vote of the full board. This resolution must be published for four consecutive weeks before the holding of the election, and it would have appeared in this issue of the Herald were it not for the fact that the commissioners and attorney are proceeding with extreme care so that there will be no possibility of having to hold another election on account of some trivial technicality.

It is the plan of the commissioners, as it is understood by the writer, to proceed with the necessary legal preliminaries and in the meantime secure plans and specifications upon which estimates for roads of several widths may be based and have this information available in time to give it to the voters before the election is held, and in order to do this, it appears, it will be necessary for the county to engage the services of a competent road engineer. They plan to proceed, as near as possible, in accordance with the instructions of Chief Engineer Cooke of the Road Department, so that the county will receive full credit from the department for whatever work the county does in accordance with state specifications.

At the meeting Tuesday, before the preliminary resolution was passed, Mr. Whitten spoke at length in favor of limiting the proposed bond issue to \$180,000, saying that, in his judgement, that amount would be ample to build the road in accordance with the directions of Mr. Cooke. The new commissioners, who will soon take their seats, were invited to express their views, and both Mr. Swinney and Mr. Smith responded by advocating an issue of \$200,000, they taking the view that it would be better to have a little too much money than be a little short, and it was pointed out that if this amount should be more than needed to build the road, the surplus could be used in retiring some of the bonds immediately.

Col. Hancock, the board's attorney, read the resolution which he had been instructed to prepare to notify the people of the proposed action of the commissioners. Mr. Whitten moved to amend it by striking out \$200,000 and inserting \$180,000. While his motion was not seconded, it caused a renewal of the discussion which continued for about an hour, and finally ended by the resolution being adopted by unanimous vote of the board as read. The attorney was instructed to give the resolution careful study to make sure of its being in strict legal form, and report to a meeting of the board tomorrow (Saturday) morning.

Hunters Have Fine Success

During the past week, local sportsmen have had splendid luck. Several parties were out in the woods, some spending only a day, while others camped two or three days. Amongst the bags of game taken, the following may be mentioned: Hugh Mobley, Paul Rasch and Leck Lewis bagged one deer and one turkey. On another trip, Hugh Mobley and Jess Morgan got one deer. Coe Allen and Paul Rasch, for one day's hunt, were rewarded with two turkeys. W. E. Mobley and A. R. Slacum brought in one deer and two turkeys. J. H. Lipscomb, J. G. Cooper and J. T. Rose killed two deer and two turkeys. Some of the sportsmen who wanted quail got all they desired. Many went out for quail only and returned with good bags.

Ft. Meade Shipping Vegetables

Cucumbers, egg plant, and other vegetables are being shipped from Ft. Meade now, and large shipments are expected to be sent out in the next few weeks.

Wins Highest Scout Honor



In impressive ceremonies, Wm. Cannon, of Los Angeles, Calif., has been awarded highest scout honors, the National medal of Honor. Despite a terrific tide and high waves, he plunged into the sea at Honolulu last year, saving two women from drowning. Shown here, he is wearing his medal.

'Twas a False Alarm and Hugh's Tying Henry Now

Hunters Supposed to be Lost Found
Asleep in Bed at Camp by
Rescue Party

Hugh Mobley, Leck Lewis and Paul Rasch went out in Hugh's Ford twenty miles from town, hunting on Thanksgiving day. Hugh and Paul soon struck the trail of a turkey and followed it into a swamp a long ways from their camp, whereby they were unable to reach camp before night. Meantime, Leck had gone off following some pig-tracks, which he mistook for those of several deer, and did not get back to camp till sunset. Not finding his companions there, he supposed that they were lost in the wilderness, and he jumped in the car and hurried to town to get aid in finding his companions. On returning to the camp, the rescue party found Hugh and Paul fast asleep at the camp.

Next morning, Hugh tied his Ford to a pine tree to prevent Leck from running off with it and leaving him and Paul twenty miles from town in a trackless wilderness. They did not report what game they got; and it is well that they did not, for their host of friends would have clamored for a division of the spoils.

Fords Collide

A collision between Fords on Marian avenue near the Methodist church, Saturday night, resulted in considerable damage to both cars, but no injury to the drivers, who were the only occupants. One car belonged to C. Potter Lucas and the other to Mr. Stevens of Acline. The exact cause of the accident was not ascertained.

As Lake county is only assessed at \$10,000,000 the citrus crop represents 25 percent of the assessment. With vegetables, lumber, naval stores, kaolin and other resources from the soil Lake county will produce 100 percent of its total investment this year.

COMMISSIONERS HOLD BUSY TWO-DAY SESSION

Bonds of New County Officials Ap-
proved; Cement Gun Here and
Will be Put to Work Soon

The county commissioners met in regular monthly session Monday, all the members being present. After the usual preliminaries, the following business was transacted:

The bond of Charles F. Johnson as notary public was approved. By consent of the state comptroller, \$1,000.00 was ordered transferred from the fine and forfeiture to the general fund.

J. D. Frierson was allowed ten dollars for immediate relief and was placed on the county pension list at five dollars per month.

Bonds of county officers elected were approved as follows: A. F. Dewey, collector, \$7,000.00; W. E. Bell, superintendent of schools, \$1,000.00; J. H. Lipscomb, sheriff, \$3,000.00; S. F. J. Trabue, county judge, \$1,000.00; John Hagan, assessor, \$1,000.00; J. T. Swinney, county commissioner, \$2,000.00; W. E. Mobley, and T. S. Knight, members of the school board, \$2,000.00 each.

The matter of bonding for roads coming up for discussion, the board's attorney was directed to prepare the necessary preliminary resolution and present it at Tuesday's session.

The request of the Boca Grande Investment Company to redeem at the face value of the certificates their lands, which were sold in 1921 for the taxes of 1920, was granted.

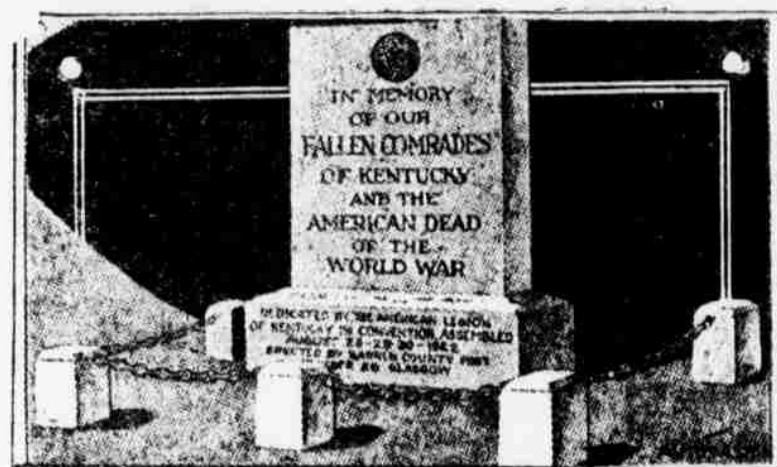
The clerk read a contract offered by the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company granting the board, under certain conditions, the right to deepen the ditch along the east side of the company's road near Acline, the object being to drain the nearby lands which are subject to overflow from heavy rains. The contract was referred to the board's attorney for his advice, which was given Tuesday afternoon. Upon discussion, it developed that the railroad's offer was not what the board wanted, which was and is the placing under the road-bed of a culvert to carry the surplus water to the ditch on the opposite side, which would provide the drainage desired. No decision, however, was reached, and the matter was laid over for attention at the next meeting.

J. E. Skipper, cashier of the Fidelity Trust Company, appeared before the board and stated that the bonding company represented by him asked that the old bonds of the county officers be canceled before issuing new bonds for the officers elected in November. This was agreed to, and the security company is to send the new bonds direct to Tallahassee to avoid any delay in the officers settling their commissions.

Notice was given that the cement gun shipped from Allentown, Pa., had arrived and that the freight charge amounted to \$191.23, which was ordered paid. There was much discussion about engaging an expert engineer to supervise the operation of the gun in making repairs on the Charlotte Harbor bridge, but no decision was reached.

The clerk read a communication from thirty taxpayers of Solana, in which they complained of the content (Continued on last page)

Sky the Limit for This Soldiers' Memorial



In the rotunda of the Mammoth Cave, Ky., is this memorial, which can reach to the sky—and still will be uncompleted. Visitors to the cave will bring stones from every State in the union to lay on it.

Caloosahatchee Bridge Plans Are O.K'd by Gov't

Young Men Draw Fines for Disturbing Church Services

H. J. Johnson, Jr., a well known young man of Fort Oden, was brought before County Judge Trabue, Monday, charged with having been drunk and disorderly on Sunday and with having disturbed public worship in the Baptist church by keeping the cut-out of his car running in front of the church during evening services. He entered a plea of guilty to both charges and was assessed a fine of \$25.00 and costs in each case. Louie Randall and Harold Thomas, companions of Johnson in his car at the time of the offence, were arrested and, on being arraigned, pleaded guilty and had to pay each \$25.00. They claimed they were neither drunk or disorderly, but were merely in bad company.

Opens Abstract Office

M. G. Harrison has purchased from the Florida Trust & Banking Co., of Arcadia, their abstract books relating to Charlotte county and has opened an abstract office in the Smith building, Marian avenue and Taylor street. Mr. Harrison is originally from Missouri, where he had eight years' experience in the abstract business, but was engaged in business in Arcadia with one of the abstract companies there for about two years and a half. He owns property in Charlotte county on the Minkka river.

Upsets Car

John Hagan, Jr., just after dinner Friday, in trying to avoid a flock of chickens in the street, made such an abrupt turn that he ran the car into the curb and completely upset it. The accident happened near the intersection of Marian avenue and Nesbit street. John escaped injury, but Clyde Wade, who was riding with him, received a painful cut over his left eye.

Visitors May Register

A book has been placed in the vestibule of the Presbyterian church for convenience of the tourists who are invited to register their names, their home address, and town and address. An opportunity is given every Sabbath and Wednesday evening to register.

Croesus, King of Lydia, from 546 to 546 B. C., is known as the richest monarch of ancient times.

Lands a Big 'Silver King'

Ninety-Eight Pounds "Silver King"
Caught Off Punta Gorda Point
Near Crow Key

The first tarpon of the season was caught Tuesday afternoon, off Punta Gorda point near Crow Key, eight miles below town, by Carl L. Davis, a visitor from Toledo, Ohio, who, with Mrs. Davis, arrived a few days ago and secured rooms in the Chadwick Apartments on Sullivan street and are taking their meals at the Travelers' hotel. The beautiful fish, which weighed 98 3/4 pounds, was taken with rod and reel equipped with a Wilson spoon. Its fight lasted for over an hour. Mr. Davis is having John R. Jack, the expert taxidermist, mount his prize.

SARASOTA-ARCADIA BUS SERVICE STARTS SUNDAY

Daily Round Trip Service to be Given
by Way of Englewood and
Punta Gorda

Establishment of bus service between Arcadia and Sarasota by way of Englewood and Punta Gorda is announced by W. B. Rusher, of Sarasota, who will put the first bus in service next Sunday. His line is to be known as the Yellow Bus line and trips are to be made daily after next Sunday.

According to Mr. Rusher, who made an inspection of the roads a few days ago, the bus will leave Sarasota at 6:30 a. m. each day, arriving in Arcadia at 12:30 p. m. The return trip will start at 1 p. m.

Mr. Rusher says he believes the bus line will fill a long-felt need of both Arcadia and Sarasota, for a quick and easy means of communication. The bus used will seat twelve persons.

This service will, no doubt, be of great convenience to the people of Murdock, McCall, Gasparilla and other points on the islands and along the coast in reaching Punta Gorda, for notwithstanding the fact that these points are not far removed, the trip is an inconvenient one, at present.

FIRST MEETING OF TOURIST CLUB WAS WELL ATTENDED

Thirty-five Present; Plans Being
Made for a Good Time During
This Winter

The first meeting of the Punta Gorda Tourist Club, Tuesday evening, was well attended, thirty-five being present, and the interest manifested indicates that the club will be fully as large this year as last, which was a banner year. Both old and new faces were in evidence and new members were admitted.

In the absence of president McAfee, Mrs. Goldie, vice president conducted the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting, last April, showed that the club is in good financial condition.

The chairman appointed committees which will arrange music and entertainment for the regular meeting next Tuesday evening, at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. D'Arcy kindly offered the use of her home to the music committee for Thursday evening, when and where that part of the program will be arranged.

All tourists wintering in Punta Gorda and vicinity are cordially invited to become members of the club, and visitors are always welcomed at meetings of the club. The invitation is also extended to citizens of Punta Gorda to join or meet with the club and enjoy the programs of music and entertainment, which are a feature of weekly meetings.

This year, members of the club, remembering the pleasant times they spent here, brought friends with them to enjoy the delightful climate and Punta Gorda hospitality.

George Yobst's House Burned
According to the Fort Myers Tropical News, George Yobst's house, in the Marlboro section of Charlotte county, was destroyed by fire last week. The loss is about \$500. According to the News, the house caught from woods fires, but neighbors claim to know who is responsible, but haven't any proof. The barn and outhouses were saved.

Ancient Article of Commerce
Ginger is mentioned in the ancient Roman traffic lists and was introduced into the Island of Jamaica from the East Indies by the Spaniards.

Fifty Thousand Dollars For a Strawberry Plant



Frank E. Beatty, of Three Rivers, Michigan, has set a record price for strawberry plants. He paid Harry Rockhill, of Conrad, Ia., \$50,000 for an everbearing plant which has taken fourteen years to develop. The berries grown on this plant are gigantic. Mr. Beatty has named it the Rockhill berry.