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## BLOUNT BROTHERS,

### Commissioners' Meeting

The county commissioners met in regular session in Arcadia, on Monday, 7th inst. with Chairman W. G. Welles presiding, and Commissioners Whitten, Bullock and Whitehurst present.

It was moved and carried that the petition of Marian Horwitz O'Brien and 83 others, filed October 5th, asking that certain territory in Townships 41 and 42, South, be constituted into a special road and bridge district, be referred to a committee to report at present meeting of this Board. The chairman named Commissioner Whitten the said committee.

T. B. Harrison of Bowling Green, was committed to the County Farm.

Notary public bond of John A. Welch, with the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland as surety was approved.

The clerk reported the completion of his fiscal report and that Tallahassee officials had reported DeSoto county as being the first county in the state to file such report. Said report showed that the county had received \$4,545.00 interest on deposits. By reason of dispensing with trustees for bond funds, trustees' commissions as follows were saved:

McCall Road and Bridge District, \$18.14; Concrete Bridge No. 4, \$200.60; Punta Gorda Road and Bridge, \$399.81; Special Road and Bridge No. 1, \$386.41; Special Road and Bridge No. 5, \$655.03; Special Road and Bridge No. 4, \$2,118.39; Fort Ogden Drain, \$17.07; Punta Gorda Drain, \$35.95; Arcadia Drain, \$72.39; Zolfo Drain, \$428.48; Murdock Drain, \$455.38. Total Trustees Commissions saved, \$4,787.65.

Sheriff and tax collector presented their reports.

A report from Hon. Cade E. Shackelford, complimenting the DeSoto prison camps, was read and filed.

Tax Assessor Murphy presented the tax assessment roll for 1918, in triplicate. After being examined and compared by the board, same were accepted and approved.

### Tuesday, October 8th

Commissioner (Whitten moved that:

Whereas: The State Road Department is receiving all automobile taxes in the various counties, that they be requested to furnish sign posts as set out in the resolution of the said Florida State Automobile Association. Carried.

Provision was made to build a gap in the road to Carlstrom Field that was left out of the plan of the State Road Department.

The sum of \$100.00 was appropriated for prizes in the Boys' Pig Club contest, said amount to be spent under the supervision of County Agent Sessoms.

County Agent Sessoms presented his September report, showing that there are five demonstrators working in the county; 19 corn club boys; 27 pig club boys; 12 visits were made to pig club boys and 45 to farms; conferred with 41 farmers; distributed 56 bulletins; wrote 583 letters, inoculated 103 hogs; held 12 farmers'

meetings, and traveled by team and auto 680 miles.

The Clerk was instructed to issue E. V. Camp coupon form warrants in lieu of the regular form warrants held by said Camp, taking up and cancelling said regular form warrants.

Game warden's report was presented, showing three cases of violations of the law, in which fines and costs aggregating \$40.44 were levied.

Commissioner Whitten reported that the petition of the Mayor of Moore Haven and 83 others asking for the establishment of a special road and bridge district in the Moore Haven section, was in compliance with the law; whereupon, all the legal preliminaries were taken for the establishment of said district, and an election was ordered to be held in said district on Nov. 19th to decide the question of issuing \$90,000.00 of bonds for the purpose of building roads and bridges in said district.

Measures were adopted to build a draw-bridge over the 3-mile canal at Moore Haven.

It was moved by Commissioner Whitehurst, seconded by Commissioner Whitten, and carried, that the sum of \$1,000.00 be, and is hereby appropriated from the general funds of the county for the expenses of the County Council of National Defense.

A communication was read from the Farmers National Congress of the United States, requesting that delegates be appointed to said Congress, from DeSoto county, to attend the said Congress at Jacksonville, on Dec. 3rd, 4th and 5th. It is therefore requested that the farmers of DeSoto County who will volunteer to attend said congress at said time, will notify the board at its November meeting, and certificates of appointment as delegates will be given to them.

Upon motion of Commissioner Whitten, seconded by Commissioner Whitehurst, the clerk was instructed to draw warrants to E. V. Camp for \$10.00 per day from April 1st to September 16th, to the amount of \$1,405.00 to be paid from the fund of the Charlotte Harbor Road and Bridge District, for engineering expenses.

The Tax Collector presented his final report for the collection of 1918 taxes. Same was accepted and approved.

Board recessed until Oct. 17th.

### Hand the Flu a Lemon!

Spanish influenza doesn't like lemons. Lemons are said to be flu foes.

European people, who first suffered flu attacks, resorted to the lemon treatment. Italians took to lemons so readily that the municipal government of Rome has had to come to their aid by squelching the lemon speculators who hoarded these flu foes to boost the price.

Boston instituted the lemon cure when the epidemic hit Massachusetts. Other flu stricken localities have started taking the lemon treatment. Unaccountable barrels of hot lemonade have been drunken to drown the flu germs. This has caused a lemon shortage

America.

The lemon crop must be conserved. Don't waste a lemon. Save 'em for the flu fight. If you are not a flu victim deny yourself that glass of lemonade.

P. S.—Spanish flu victims have made liberal use of the onion, and many who have recovered from flu attacks have given credit to their frequent eating of onions, raw and cooked.—Palm Beach Post.—Limes are as good as lemons.

Brig. Gen. Charles Richards, medical corps, acting surgeon general of the United States army, has embodied the following twelve suggestions for avoiding influenza in a circular which has been sent to all military units throughout the country with a request that they be given the widest publicity:

1. Avoid needless crowding—influenza is a crowd disease.
2. Smother your coughs and sneezes; others do not want the germs which you would throw away.
3. Your nose, not your mouth, was made to breathe through—get the habit.
4. Remember the three C's—a clean mouth, clean skin and clean clothes.
5. Try to keep cool when you walk and warm when you ride and sleep.
6. Open the windows—always at home at night; at the office when practicable.
7. Food will win the war if you give it a chance; help by choosing and chewing your food well.
8. Your fate may be in your own hands; wash your hands before eating.
9. Don't let the waste products of digestion accumulate; drink a glass or two of water on getting up.
10. Don't use a napkin, towel, spoon, fork, glass or cup which has been used by another person and not washed.
11. Avoid tight shoes, tight clothes, tight gloves; seek to make nature your ally, not your prisoner.
12. When the air is pure, breathe all of it you can; breathe deeply.

### Misstatements Corrected

(Paid Advertisement)

To the Fair-Minded Voters of DeSoto County:

I am not a mud-slinger, but feel it my duty to correct some things that have started since I announced myself a candidate for County Commissioner from District No. 1, DeSoto County.

First, I have not had the pleasure of meeting the people throughout the county as I wish I could, but wish to give the people some information as to who I am and where I came from. I was born and reared in Henderson county, N. C. My father was also a native of that county and state. At the beginning of the Civil War, my father volunteered in the Southern Army and served throughout the war in Co. H, 25th N. C. Regiment. I have been living in DeSoto county about seven years.

Some time before the Primary election I was asked by some of the best men of Bowling Green to make the race for county commissioner for this district, No. 1, without being asked about my politics or what I thought of county division. In National politics I have always been a Republican. In the state, county and city, I have always stood for good government and have had the pleasure of voting for many good Democrats. I believe in fair play, and don't wish to misrepresent any one, and I will not stand and be silent while I am being put before the people by one of my opponents in the wrong light. I don't think the pot should call the kettle black.

Mr. Sauls, my Bowling Green opponent, says I am a Republican. This I have never denied in National politics, but I am a white one, and have my first time to meet with a crowd of negroes. This I will be able to prove before the campaign is over. Mr. Sauls says he is a Democrat. Let us see. Something over two years

ago he was in a debate at the city hall in Bowling Green with Mr. W. R. Minor, Mr. Sauls taking the side that the Wilson administration was a failure. Two years ago he was a delegate to the State Republican Convention at Palatka, Fla., and that convention had some black faces in it. He came back to Bowling Green and boasted on the streets of what a fine speech he heard a negro make in that meeting.

Honest, Voter, if you doubt my word, come talk with the people of Bowling Green. I can prove my statements.

He also made Kaiser Bill talks on the streets of Bowling Green, and I have stood there since murderous Germany and her allies began to destroy the innocent women and children of our country.

Enough about that, as I have a few more facts I wish to state to the people of the county. After the Primary Election, I asked the people of Bowling Green if they so desired to call another mass meeting, and if they wanted to put some one else in the field for Commissioner that I would come down. I was told by a large number to stay in the race. When I learned Mr. Sauls was in the race, I asked him to let us have a mass meeting in Bowling Green, and if the people wanted him or some one else, I would come down. This he refused to do.

I also offer to the people of DeSoto county that if I fail to carry Bowling Green and the district in which I am to serve, I will resign in favor of the man who does carry the commissioner's district. I mean by this, if I should be elected by votes outside of the district. Mr. W. T. Sauls states in his announcement that he fully realizes the importance of the office and the business qualifications of the man to fill the place. With four candidates in the field, he must think he is the only "IT."

I wish to state for myself, I have had business ability enough to get through the world so far, and can say I have always met my fellow-man on the square, and can say to the world I am not living off of something that justly belongs to some one else. I mean by this that from the cradle to the present, I owe no man a bill I don't pay when due or on demand. I wish I could see every voter in DeSoto county and make myself known to you.

One thing comes to my mind, that some one has started who is measuring other people by what could be done with them. It is circulated that Mr. J. G. Lewis and R. L. Croom were backing me as a candidate for Commissioner. I brand this as a malicious, known lie.

In the first place, Mr. Lewis and Mr. Croom are men above what was said to be their reasons for doing so, namely, that they could get the county convicts to work turpentine. All of which is false, and I wish to state I have promised no man or set of men any favor in any way if elected.

Respectfully,  
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