

FOLLOW HENRY FORD'S JUDGEMENT—INVEST IN HENDRY COUNTY

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COURT MOVES TO FT. MYERS RESULT OF TUESDAYS HEARING

Tuesdays Investigation In LaBelle Results in Change to Lee County for Probing Lynching Case

The special session of the grand jury called by Judge Whitehurst Tuesday in LaBelle resulted in changing the grand jury in the 12th Judicial Circuit, in connection with the lynching of the negro Henry Patterson.

A motion was made by the State supported by 28 affidavits for the change. The defendants' attorneys contended that the witnesses should be called and sworn and moved the court for recess until three o'clock P. M. in order that they might have time to meet this motion, which the court granted.

A crowded court room with many standing showed the intense interest this case is causing.

The object of the session was to determine if a fair and impartial grand jury could now be secured in Hendry County where the lynching occurred.

Joe Clark, city commissioner, the first witness called said that he thought it unfair to both sides to have the trial here.

"On what do you base your opinion?" queried Prosecuting Attorney Phillips.

Mr. Clark replied that the small population of the county (about 1,500) and the large number of men involved in the case made it a certainty that the matter had been generally discussed and opinions formed. It was further brought out as an opinion that the number of people here for and against the lynching was about equally divided.

"If a coroner's jury could be found to render a verdict with fairness and justice why not a grand jury?" persisted Attorney Phillips.

"Because the news of the crime had not been spread or talked over as it has now" was the reply.

Judge Richards, when asked if he believed it possible to secure a fair and impartial jury here for this case replied positively in the negative and when pressed as to how the coroner's jury and witnesses had fearlessly been able to do their duty replied, in substance, that the presence of the soldiers of the State militia here at the time had occasioned some respect for law and order.

Joseph Maslanka told of threats against his life and admitted that he now feared to testify since the soldiers were gone.

W. D. Blount told of threats against members of the coroners jury and held the opinion that it was not practical to attempt to secure a jury here now.

After witnesses had testified to fear of destruction of life and property Watts Lawler made an eloquent plea for the State of Florida and her citizenship.

C. C. Cochran who had stated before the coroner's jury that he was afraid to testify.

W. P. Gregory stated that he had had 30 years experience in selecting jurors and thought the highly impractical others referred to local feeling that justly was not considered in killing negroes.

BIG PEPPER YIELD HENDRY GROWER

S. S. Carraway of Felda is authority for the news that one acre of peppers on the J. N. Granger homestead in Felda yielded at one picking one hundred and seventy packed crates which were sold at approximately \$4 per crate. This is one of several pickings as the crop has been yielding about two pickings per month since Christmas. One of these former pickings equalled the present one and the price was higher. Further pickings could doubtless be had says Mr. Carraway but about June first the crops in Northern Florida and Southern Georgia begin yielding and shipping is usually brought to a close here in Southern Florida.

Illinois Invests in LaBelle

Fred G. Miner of Watsoka, Ill., was in LaBelle this week. He is so favorably impressed with the future possibilities and present outlook for LaBelle that he has invested extensively.

Two New Licenses Issued for Clewiston

That Clewiston has finished the pleasant stage of preparation and is ready for commercial growth is shown by a new furniture store soon to be built and the two licenses issued yesterday—one to W. H. Alexander for a cigar store and the other to Mrs. J. W. Scott for a 25-boarder capacity rooming house.

Choosing a jury and that if she were on trial she would not like a picked at random jury.

Clifford Richards, N. Blount, Dan Blount and Perry Hall were in favor of a Hendry county jury though the coroner's jury thought that a condition of practically civil war followed in the wake of the lynching affair.

Ed Yeomans and Steve Thomas as members of the coroner's jury that the presence of the state militia not necessary.

Joe Burnett and D. Fulghum thought coroner could obtain a grand jury readily and didn't know of prejudice that would make this impractical. All were asked of any undue excitement since the lynching had been noticed or prejudice expressed. D. Fulghum thought that most of the people here had noticed were afraid to talk or express themselves.

P. Moon when asked if it were practical to secure a grand jury thought it would and didn't know of prejudice that he had not a case with more than 10 people.

Paul Yeomans who is of the opinion that a fair jury could be secured and that this, the arrest of 17 men in a town, this size had created any prejudices especially.

Prosecuting Attorney Lawler presented a statement of the population of LaBelle according to the estimate of Carl Hill, et al, indicating a very large number than the 500 usually reported. The hearing being that amount so small a population with many charged with murder it would be difficult to secure an impartial jury. This being further augmented by the many intermarriages among the first settlers here.

Judge Whitehurst's Decision

The testimony in this case is conflicting and it certainly appears that much feeling has been manifested, said the judge in conclusion.

FELDA SCHOOL BOND ELECTION

In this issue will be found a notice of election for Felda school district, and in as much as a recent election was held in this district which resulted favorably for the issuance of bonds, there may be some inquiry as to why another election is necessary.

"To be frank about the matter," says the Hendry County News informant, "all men who do things make some mistakes, and it was found, after it was too late to modify, that the resolution calling the election was insufficient, and the publication of the notice was insufficient to give the board jurisdiction in the matter, and the bond attorneys refused to approve the proceedings when these basic things were wrong."

The error was discovered when the board employed Mr. B. Vance, an experienced bond man to act as fiscal agent for the board. In going over the proceedings, Mr. Vance pointed out the errors in advertising and procedure, and forwarded copies to a Chicago bond attorney for advice.

The bond attorney declined to approve bonds based on the proceedings as had, and it became necessary to begin over again.

A right start now having been made, the proper proceedings will be carried through as rapidly as possible, for the fall term.

Felda needs the school accommodations and comments on the errors already made will certainly avail nothing, but a full vote for the bonds on the day of election will help to sell the bonds and help to bring matters to an early and happy conclusion.

Convict Stockade Collier to House Road Workers

Dr. F. A. Haskaway, chairman of the state road board, has announced that the department has begun construction of a convict stockade, seven miles west of Everglades in Collier county for the housing of a force of state convicts. This force will have surface that stretch of sand road by state road No. 27. Popularly known as the Tamiami trail.

Failure of Dade county to sign the agreement recently submitted to the county commissioners by the chairman of the department is delaying the letting of a contract for the construction of an additional twelve miles of the road in that county.

"It is expected, however," said he, "that Dade county will not much longer be willing to assume the responsibility for this delay."—Tampa Telegraph.

Atlantic Coast Railway Gives First Daily Service to Hendry County

Hendry county daily train service on the Palmetto-Immokalee line.

The declared intention is also to establish an express office in LaBelle for the convenience of shippers who will now have a short haul to Goodno instead of the longer haul to Fort Myers.

Mr. Stanforth's family will join him soon making their home in Goodno.

CLEWISTON TO HAVE \$50,000 SCHOOL BLDG.

The Hendry County Board of Education met Tuesday in Supt. Pflume's office with B. Vance of Arcadia. The meeting was in connection with the \$50,000 bond issue for building a new school in Clewiston. The election was practically unanimous in favor of the bond issue of \$50,000 and the sale of Clewiston's bonds will be held July 17.

LaBelle's First Twins.

The first twins, two fine boys, for LaBelle and the young county of Hendry arrived bright and early Tuesday via the Stork Express at the home of their proud parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Shepard.

Benj. Johnson Drowned By Accident.

Benjamin Johnson of Blue Ball Fla., was accidentally drowned while bathing in the Caloosahatchee river near the Taylor camp Sunday evening.

Four or five boys witnessed the accident and King Mercer struggled heroically to save the drowning boy being severely scratched in his efforts to save the deceased who fought and struggled.

Just previous to going in the water Johnson made the remark that he came nearly drowning once, and though he could swim he seldom attempted it. Later he swam across the river and back and the game of "fish-tig" was begun. Suddenly Johnson went down as if in a hole beyond his depth and seemingly lost self-control.

Then the struggle began, King Mercer trying valiantly to save the drowning boy even going down with him twice and calling for help. The other boys failed to realize the seriousness of the matter and when the victim of the Caloosahatchee went down the third time he failed to come up again.

Diving and dymming for the boy followed without immediate result. The body was finally recovered with a motor hook 25 hours after the unfortunate affair. A coroner's inquest followed and the body was taken to Ft. Myers Monday night for burial, after all efforts to hear from his parents had failed.

St. Isaac's Cathedral in Moscow, which has been taken over by the Soviet government, cost nearly \$15,000,000 to build and is one of the renowned architectural works of the world.

HABEAS CORPUS TRIAL AT FT. MYERS RELEASES MEN PATTERSON LYNCING CASE

At Close of First Day's Hearing in Fort Myers Eight Men Are Freed Without Bail By Ruling of Judge Whitehurst

How to Ship Melons.

"Let Us Keep The Faith" Says E. B. O'Kelly, Agricultural and Industrial Agent, Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, To Hendry County Watermelon Growers.

It is assumed that all watermelon growers of Florida are more or less familiar with the discussion with the Georgia authorities during the past three seasons regarding bedding materials used in watermelon cars moving into and through the State of Georgia, Georgia objects, and I think rightfully, to the movement of materials into the state that are not infested on exposure to infestation of cattle fever ticks. The Federal, State and County governments combined have spent approximately five millions of dollars to free the State of Georgia from cattle fever ticks. To do so has been a struggle which nobody wants to see repeated, and it is only natural that the authorities who are charged with keeping Georgia tick-free feel it their solemn duty to use every safeguard necessary to prevent reinfestation. I think it will be agreed that they would be derelict in their duty to the people of Georgia if they should not do so. I venture to suggest that if the relative position of Florida and Georgia were reversed in (Continued on page 8.)

Others Released After Giving \$10,000 Bond Each

The lynching case came to a swift climax Thursday evening—so suddenly that seventeen men found themselves released—at last pro tem before hardly anyone realized what had happened.

All day long the evidence pro and con in the background case on writ of habeas corpus had been going on when Judge Whitehurst suddenly stopped proceedings while M. Braudens on the witness stand for the defendants. The Judge's instructions and decision could not all be heard, but he is reported to have said:

"I am convinced that if a grand jury should hear the evidence presented here today it would indict some of these men. Those I shall hold in bonds of \$10,000 each. The others may be released."

He then indicated that he was free from a list of defendants furnished by State Attorney S. Watts Lawler. Sheriff McLaughlin was instructed with regard to the bonds for the others and court adjourned.

No Charge Against Eight

According to State Attorney Lawler it is reported, there is now no charge pending against the eight men released outright although he held informants against them would be brought before the grand jury in an effort to have a verdict. Those held for bail still face the equivalent of first degree murder.

Nine of the men were held on bonds of \$10,000 each for action by the Lee county grand jury. In November the other eight were freed without bail.

Those released outright are Dick Curry, John Franklin, Coy Mercer, Raiford Edgington, Van Curry, Herbert Tillman, Lubbard Cochran and Jim Cross.

The bond freed on \$10,000 bail are Hford L. Reeves, Hans Smith, Leonard Howard, Eric Curry, Noyman Warriner, Stanley Sullivan, Norman Kellman, Dunn Cox and Colin Godbolt.



Senator Duncan U. Fletcher

Watermelon Stem Rot and How to Prevent

How to Prevent Watermelon Stem Rot

The time is near when again will be in evidence the familiar sight of long strings of care and train loads of succulent Florida watermelons speeding by fast freight to the north, east and west to satisfy the inherent, popular longing to feast again upon this incomparable delicacy. The time is already here when definite plans have or should have been made to do everything possible to get these melons to the consuming public in the pink of condition. It will be agreed I think that it is to the mutual advantage of growers, buyers, consumers and transportation agencies that this be done.

In the past watermelon shippers have experienced serious loss of melons while in transit or after arrival in the markets for a disease known as stem-end rot. Affected melons have been a total loss and where melons are infected with the disease carrying organisms and conditions are favorable for its development the decay rate infrequently reaches 25 percent or more by the time they reach the market.

We are told by the Federal and State agricultural authorities who have made an exhaustive study of this trouble that this disease is due to decay only when the skin of the melon has been broken or the stem cut stem. As melons are usually handled carefully so as not to skin them, it is believed that in the majority of cases this disease enters through decay which is caused by the action of the stem end rot which is caused by the action of the stem end rot which is caused by the action of the stem end rot.

New Garage For Bridge Street

R. M. Luckey and Effin brothers of Moore Haven are building a filling station and garage with display sales rooms for the DeLoe, Nash cars which they will sell in this territory. The new building is to be 40 by 38 feet with 68-foot driveway and filling station. It is made of LaBelle's DuPont cement blocks from the McGill factory.

New Abstract Office opens in La Belle

F. P. Lane of Tampa who recently bought the Joseph Maslanka property on Bridge street has brought his family to LaBelle to live.

Mr. Lane is preparing to open a first-class abstract office with all the information and service which companies wish work. The Robin system of abstracting will be used which is reported to have been successful in Tampa because of the rapidity and efficiency of its method.

What Ailed Her

"You came to fix this old tub in the kitchen."

"Oh, mamma! Here's the doctor to see the cook!"

Two Famous Inventors Meet

With attending the National Light Association's convention at Atlantic City, N. J., two famous inventors met for the first time—Robert W. D'Arco and Thomas Edison. Edison's electrical experts who are interested in perfecting the new electric light bulb picture and photograph into one unit.

NOTICE

The Hendry County News is in receipt of so many inquiries for back numbers of certain issues, that it is impossible to appear them all with the limited staff of a weekly newspaper. If we have the back numbers desired we will be glad to send them, but do not expect a letter explaining if you haven't.

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NEWS IN NEWS.
If anyone has—
Died
Divorced
Left town
Had a fire
Embezzled
Sold a farm
Been arrested
Bought a home
Committed a murder
Had a visit from the stork
That's news—telephone the Hendry County News.

COMMISSIONERS SESSION THURSDAY

Devils Garden To Have Road At Once—Court House Grounds Filled At Nominal Cost, Etc

Thursday being election day, the commissioners met and adjourned until Thursday for the regular monthly business. Commissioner Boisclair made a motion that Gov. Martin be requested to relieve the county of the expenses of the state militia who came to Hendry county during the recent lynching. Chairman Forrey thought this hardly necessary as he had written the governor personally concerning the matter. However, it was finally seconded by Magill and carried that the governor be officially approached on the subject.

Many Bills To Consider
Much of the time of the session was spent in figuring out mileage and approving the vast number of bills of expense accrued against Hendry county in connection with the lynching case.

New Road For Devils Garden
Report of the road viewers, recommended that a highway be built to Devils Garden beginning at section 16-43-33, thence south 16 miles, thence east five miles. Commissioner Boisclair moved that it be accepted and work begin as quickly as possible to open up this famous fertile wilderness of Hendry county. Notary public commission and bond of H. C. Jackson and Earl Smith read and approved.

Court House Grounds Filled Inexpensively
Chairman Forrey called attention to the declared intention of the commissioners to fill and raise the grounds immediately surrounding the new \$150,000 court house about one and one-half feet. Contractor Marshall has suggested that now is a good time for this while so much street work is being done in LaBelle with dirt to dispose of in leveling surfaces that instead of buying dirt for filling for this purpose, it could be procured now for the money having been decided that this course should be pursued.

Hendry's Taxes Raised
Tax Assessor Reeves notified the commissioners through a letter to County Clerk Hall that he had "raised the tax value of the county approximately one million dollars, much of it being subdivisions and that his books as assessor are now ready for inspection.

The South Florida Fair Association extended a cordial invitation to Hendry county to stage an exhibit at the next fair in Tampa.

Commissioner Thomas favored the idea providing sufficient time was given to prepare an exhibit worthy of the county.

Commissioner Magill moved that fair exhibit reservations be made now and by starting in time a creditable advertisement for Hendry county could be arranged. A letter from secretary Christie urged that an exhibit be made. He also tendered an interesting report of work done last year at the Tampa fair. Mr. Christie's report was accepted and a vote of thanks tendered for his efficient service to the county.

LaBelle Bridge Needs Fenders
It having been reported by a boat captain that fenders are needed on the LaBelle bridge across the Caloosahatchee, some discussion followed as to government recommendation. Motion was made by Commissioner Boisclair that County Engineer Caldwell investigate as to these requirements and that the fenders be provided.

Plot for Pine Crest a 20-acre subdivision near the Sam Lucky home was presented by Bud Howard and approved by the commissioners.

New Commissioners To Be Elected in July

Under the new city charter for LaBelle relating to the election of commissioners the first two members to be elected by lottery are J. O. Clark and Ray C. Hull. New officers will take their time on under the new charter, the election of the July election. No new candidates have been announced yet.

Florida's "Good Will" Train Has Unique Advertising Plan.

From Jacksonville to Maine And The Middle West, North South and West to Clasp Hands In Tour

The Pathe News Film Company will send a camera man on the Florida Good Will Train which leaves Jacksonville Tuesday afternoon, July 6, for the middle west and New England. The camera man will remain with the party through the fifteen days, making pictures of the party in the various cities and states visited, that will be of immeasurable publicity value to Florida. (Pathe Films are shown nightly in LaBelle at the LaBelle theatre.)

Reservations for the tour are coming in splendidly and there is no question but what the train will be filled with 180 of Florida's most enthusiastic citizens when it leaves the state on July 6.

The Good Will train will carry Florida's prize winning band, the West Palm Beach municipal band under the coaching and direction of Everett Allyn Moss. Arrangements have been completed to broadcast a program of Florida music from leading radio stations throughout the United States, including the famous western stations at Boston and Springfield. Cities and states are vying with each other in the entertainment to be accorded this Florida party.

The first stop will be at Asheville where the Asheville chamber of commerce has charge of the reception entertainment and sight seeing of the Florida Good Will party on Wednesday morning, July 8; while Wednesday afternoon and evening the party will be in the hands of the Knoxville chamber of commerce and the only glimpse of Tennessee will be given on this occasion.

Indianapolis has made elaborate plans for the entertainment of the party on Thursday, July 8, under the auspices of the Indianapolis Advertising Club, and some novel features are promised.

Friday, July 9 will be spent at Detroit, and the Floridians will be escorted throughout the city and welcomed by the Detroit chamber of commerce. A visit will be made to the Ford and Dodge automobile plants, Burroughs Adding Machine Company and other of the important industrial plants of this Michigan city.

Plans for the day in Cleveland are not yet completed.

The first Sunday will be spent at Buffalo and Niagara Falls. Our Florida Good Will party consists of the (Continued on Page 5)

Florida Girl Wins in Story Contest

Chicago, Ill., June 11.—Miss Iva Eklund, a junior in the high school at Ocala, took highest honors for the State of Florida in the third national most story contest, according to the announcement of winners by the National Live Stock and Meat Board, sponsor of the contest. First place for the entire southern district, of which Florida was a part, went to Miss Orelia Crawford of Haysville, Mo. Miss Crawford will receive one of four university scholarships plus a cash award of \$50.00. Miss Ardis Willson of El Paso, Tex., was declared national champion.

Winners in this annual contest were selected by a committee of judges composed of Dr. Louise Stanley, chief of the bureau of home economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture, chairman; Miss Margaret Todd, chairman of the department of home economics, University of Nebraska; and Miss Marie Sellers, home department editor of Florida Magazine. The committee has just completed its deliberations after perusing and grading 6,000 stories from 10,000 stories coming from every state. Comment of the judges was quite complimentary to the contestants.

FLORIDA CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE.

Tallahassee, Fla. June 7.—Whether the federal government has a right to penalize Florida for not having an inheritance tax probably will not be decided until next winter. Attorney General John B. Johnson returned Monday from Washington where he presented to the United States Supreme Court a petition asking permission to test the constitutionality of the federal inheritance tax law.

The court will soon recess through the summer until October and it is considered unlikely that Florida's case will be given any consideration until that time.

The attorney general, acting on a petition from the recent Florida Taxes inventory Congress in Palm Beach and under order from Governor Martin, prepared a brief for this state in which he argued that the federal (Continued on page 8.)

Baby Crop Slumps in Twenty-Six States

The stork seems to be solidifying on the job. According to the Census Bureau, reports from 26 out of 30 states show that the birth rate increased last year.

The death rate showed an increase in 16 states but for the whole country a slight decline was recorded. The easiest place in the world to die is Vermont with its death rate of 14.6 a thousand. Montana and North Dakota are at the other end of the list with a death rate of 7.1.

The Montana baby crop, however, the lowest of all—15.1, while North Carolina heads the procession with 28.8 a thousand.

The death rate among infants was generally higher in 1925 than in 1924. Highest, 80.4 a thousand in Maryland, 51.2 in Oregon—Labor.

Over Dar:
Old Colored Mammy: "Ise wants a ticket for Florence."

Ticket Agent (after ten minutes of weary thumping over the railroad guides): "Where the devil is Florence?"

Old Colored Mammy: "Settin' over dar on de bench."—Princeton Tiger.

U.S. SURVEY FINDS BUSINESS GOOD THRO' FLORIDA

Says Florida State Chamber of Commerce News Service To The Hendry County News.

Only ten "white" spots appeared on the nation's business map for the month of May, says the Florida State Chamber of Commerce, and the largest of them was Florida. "White" territory on the map denotes that business is good, shaded territory that it is fair and "black", that it is quiet.

All of northwestern Utah, is the Salt Lake City district, was white. The immediate Chicago territory, Illinois and about Gary, Ind., was white as was a small area about Akron, Ohio, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Elmira, N. Y. In the south there was a small white spot near Houston, Texas, another in the Birmingham district and a larger one extending northward from Augusta, Ga., through South Carolina and North Carolina to the Virginia line.

All of Florida east of the Chatahoochee river was white while that part of the state west of the stream (Continued on page 8.)

Florida Pays Millions of Dollars for Canned Goods.

Until Florida agriculture develops to the point where the state can feed itself, Floridians will continue to spend millions of dollars annually for canned goods says the Florida State Chamber of Commerce. The vegetables in these cans are produced elsewhere, canned in other states and shipped to Florida.

The hand Florida should play in this game, says the Chamber, is that of producing its own vegetables and canning them. W. H. Baxley, and E. B. McLeod, of Panama City, believe Florida offers the best opportunity in the country for the operation of canneries and they have backed their opinion by purchase of the property of the Chipley Packing Company, at Chipley, with a view to converting it into a canning plant. Baxley, who is an experienced canner operator, has announced that the work of converting the plant will begin immediately, and that it will be ready for operation in time to handle tons of the coming crop of sweet potatoes. Other vegetables and fruits will be handled in season.

HENDRY CITIZENS SHOW INTENSE INTEREST IN TUESDAY ELECTION

Tie For County Commissioner Between Stewart and Magill Holds Full Returns Until Monday When Committee Will Meet—General Election This Fall Will Probably Decide

At no election ever held in Hendry county has there been such intense interest shown or so strong a spirit of partisanship revealed. Personality and a cause were both reported occasions of adherence which called out every voter who had qualified and brought vehement protests from others who until recently had been indifferent to the voting responsibilities of citizenship.

The following are all the figures available as this goes to press. The tie for commissioner between Stewart and Magill and the slight possibility of one or two votes being yet received by mail will keep inviolate the seal of the ballot boxes until Monday—the last day as prescribed by law.

If these votes are not received, Commissioner Forrey, Judge Richards and another commissioner appointed by the chairman in the absence of Registrar Joe Clark will meet Monday in conference over the general election this fall. The following is an unofficial incomplete report:

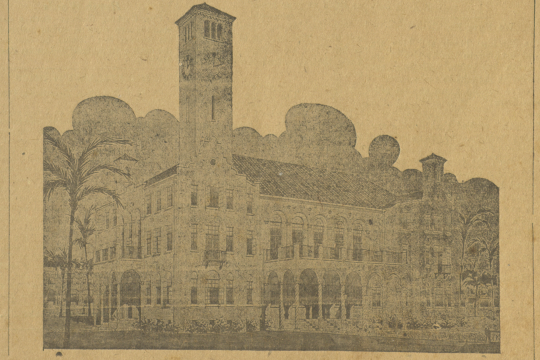
State Representative
Geo. Hendry—total 212 votes distributed as follows: Ft. Demard, 66; E. LaBelle 39; W. LaBelle 64; Felda 38; Clewiston 14.
J. R. Doty—total 113. Ft. Demard 27; E. LaBelle 35; W. LaBelle 39; Felda 14; Clewiston 4.
Fred Grossman—total 61. Ft. Demard 11; E. and W. LaBelle, not yet available; Felda 4; Clewiston 46.

For Commissioner
M. F. Boisclair—Ft. Demard district, 60 votes; Wm. Murray 56 votes; M. E. Forrey—W. LaBelle district, 51 votes; Perry Hill 41.

School Board
Ed O'Bannon won over Alice Bailey and F. S. Crews.

States Attorney Strayhorn won by good majority.
County Judge Richards polled the following votes as unofficially reported:

HENDRY COUNTY'S NEW \$150,000 COURT HOUSE READY FOR ROOF WITHIN ONE MONTH SAYS CONTRACTOR



Contractor J. T. Marshall of LaBelle who was in LaBelle this week on an inspection trip states that Manager Knight reports that the new court house will be ready for roofing within a month.

Hendry county's court house is a

new type in court house construction with Moorish columns, true arches and modified Spanish type of architecture. With its background and environment of stately palms and majestic oaks it promises to be a something of great credit to this young county.

The above cut is made from the original architect's drawing. Upon completion a photograph will be made which will show more of the surroundings.

plants sown now are being shipped to an experiment station in Mafre to be planted in that state within the next few days.

It is the opinion that the Everglades grown potatoes will do well in the original plant, each grown a step farther north, will be produced in less than one year.

LaBelle Freight Service Continues Inadequate.

Boat service via the Caloosahatchee river continues to serve LaBelle only about every three weeks. People in demand of getting their freight up from Ft. Myers are hauling by truck. L. M. Allen, freight agent, states that freight receipts via the Caloosahatchee would average \$5,000 to \$3,000 per month and over if regular service could be obtained, but that under the present unsatisfactory conditions shipments by boat are slowly dwindling away. Considerable freight is now coming by rail to Goodwin and is handled by truck from there to LaBelle.

The charter issued by the State of Florida to this boat line calls for a weekly trip and yet LaBelle citizens are sitting sunbily by and doing without a much needed service. The chamber of commerce succeeded in getting one or two extra trips but conditions have now relaxed to former inefficiency.

Work Started on Immokatee-LaBelle Road

Men Rapidly Conquering Swamp Stretches

Dredges and workmen moved over to the LaBelle-Immokatee highway and assurances is for the coming from the engineers in charge that the road will be open to travel in a short time. The grading machines, which had been at Alva has moved over to the county line near Immokatee and a standard road is being built through the much lands. There are 14 trucks hauling surface for the grade fill and the difficulty of crossing the swampy spaces is well in hand.

The new road between LaBelle and Immokatee, when completed, will connect the two towns with the Palm-Beach-Fort Myers highway.—Collier County News.

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As OTHERS SEE US
The following from Thursday's Tropical News will interest as an expression of opinion from Hendry county's nearest neighbor:

Hendry county voters turn down men prominent in recent case, Richards is defeated. Foreman of Coroner's jury and Representative Doty, also hit.

"Two figures prominent in the recent lynching investigation at LaBelle were defeated for office by the voters of Hendry county in Tuesday's primary."

County Judge W. C. Richards, who presided at the inquest last in his fight to gain the nomination for the office which he now holds, and F. H. Crews, foreman of the coroner's jury which issued warrants charging 17 men with first degree murder, was a poor third in a three-cornered race for member of the school board.

Judge Richards was defeated by W. N. Henderson who polled 183 votes to 113 for the present incumbent. In the school board contest Ed O'Bannon led with 105 votes with Alice Bailey polling 45 and Crews 16.

The lynching also was said to have been a factor in the defeat of Representative to George Hendry, Mr. Hendry polled 212 votes, Doty 114 and Fred Grossman received 61.

The lynching occurred in front of Mr. Doty's house and his wife was one of the State's witnesses at the balance corpus hearing here in which the 17 defendants sought their release on bonds.

As the existed last night in the race for member of the county commission from East LaBelle with the election clerks waiting for two mail votes which may decide the issue. The candidates are R. H. Magill and Sidney L. Stewart. In the other commissioner contest, M. S. Boisclair was defeated by Wm. Murray, 50 to 50.

Strayhorn carried the county for state's attorney with 119 votes to 56 for Horne and 58 for Degees. In three out of five precincts Fletcher led Carter 104 to 65.

Three Crops Potatoes from One Planting

According to the Florida State Chamber, A. W. Clow, of Hastings, in conducting an unusual experiment in agriculture. He is seeking to grow three crops of potatoes

from one planting of seed. Back in 1924, a man who assisted in growing a crop of potatoes in the Everglades early this year, came to Hastings in February with samples of that particular crop, which had been planted in October. In March the samples from the Everglades crop were planted here. They produced a prolific yield. Potatoes from the Hastings planting of the Ever-

glades samples now are being shipped to an experiment station in Mafre to be planted in that state within the next few days.

It is the opinion that the Everglades grown potatoes will do well in the original plant, each grown a step farther north, will be produced in less than one year.