

COUNTY HAPPENINGS

A BUNCH OF INTERESTING ITEMS FROM CORRESPONDENTS—EVENTS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY—EFFICIENT REPORTERS FOR THE HERALD

ELDER SPRINGS
 Rev. Hureadin delivered two fine sermons at Ebenezer church Sunday to a full house.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McBride were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lord Sunday.

Mr. Wallace Wheeler has rented the springs and will oversee his farm for a season.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Y. Bryan, daughter Miss Gladys and Miss Parker of Tennessee attended church here on Sunday.

Mr. Brown of Barberville and Mr. Williams of Jacksonville have contracted for a lot of cypress in this section and are getting it out for Uncle Sam. They have the first auto log cart used in this section and it has proved a curiosity.

Mrs. Etta Hester was visiting old friends in this neighborhood this week.

Everybody and his best girl went to Mid Winter Fair in Orlando.

Orlando will strut after entertaining so many Seminole citizens.

Mr. and Mrs. Overstreet and Mr. and Mrs. Pain of Lockhart were guests of Mrs. J. M. Wynn Sunday.

Minton Yynn entertained a number of friends Saturday night in honor of his sixteenth birthday. Dainty refreshments were served.

Mrs. A. J. Gibbons of Center Hill spent a pleasant week with Mrs. M. M. Lord.

Miss Mabel Tyner also came home Sunday from a pleasant visit with their cousin at Wayside, Ga.

Sparks from a brush fire burned down some tool houses and sheds for hay Saturday on the J. E. Lundquist home place and only the prompt work of his wife and nearby neighbors saved the barn from burning. As it was, about a ton of hay, some tools and a pile of fence posts were cleaned up.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Sjoblom of Knoxville, Tenn., paid a short visit at the home of her brother, H. G. Lundquist. Harry Sjoblom of Orlando brought them up in his car and the next day took them to Holly Hill, where they will take the train for home. They were called to attend the funeral of Mrs. Peterson in Orlando. Mrs. Sjoblom had but just returned from a visit near Jacksonville to see one of her boys in the camp.

Rev. DeBrower and wife were out from Sanford and gave a very good sermon on the brighter side of the world outlook, taking as his theme, "My father worketh hitherto and I work." Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kent kindly brought them out, calling later with them at the home of Mrs. DeForest.

Mrs. Eriscon and children have recovered from an attack of what the boys in the camps have agreed to name the "liberty measles."

A large field of cotton is being planted we understand on the Theo. Miller place and another on the Peterson field will be put in by Chas. Kaniner.

There was quite a little celebration at the home of Hilmer Lundquist Sunday, the 19th, this being the 81st birthday of their father, Mr. L. T. Lundquist who resides with them. Seventeen were present. All tried to make it a pleasant day for the old gentleman. There was a fine birthday cake and a pretty arrangement of 81 candles, of which one will be sent to each of his children and grandchildren.

LONGWOD PICK UPS
 Mr. and Mrs. McLaughan and Mrs. Dexter of Hamilton, Canada were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Healey on Thursday.

Mr. Clouser of Bloomfield, Pa., was here visiting his cousin, Mrs. F. J. Neimyer.

Mr. and Miss Dunbar motored to Sanford Tuesday.

Miss Maud Entzinger has been visiting friends in Sanford.

Ed. Neimyer of Palatka was the guest of his brother, F. J. Neimyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlise Hartley and Esther Hartley of Groveland and Nancy Hartley of Orlando spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hartley.

Mr. McWorkman of Indianapolis and nephew, Joe Phipps of Tampa are camping on Greenwood Lake.

F. J. Neimyer and J. A. Brislone took their share of blue ribbons at the fair for fine poultry.

Wilber Waita who has enlisted in the navy has received his call and will leave Saturday to report for duty.

Mrs. L. J. Hunt and children of Ovidio are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen.

GENEVA NOTES
 John L. Jones and sister, Mrs. Boudine, who have been members of the Morris household this winter have left to visit other points in Florida before returning to New York.

J. H. Huddleston spent last Saturday and Sunday with home folks.

Mrs. Will Brown has as her guest her niece, Miss Joiner from Bradenton.

Little Pauline Moran has been on the sick list this week.

C. F. Harrison's new home is nearing completion.

Several car loads of folks from Sanford came out last Tuesday night and organized an auxiliary to the Board of Trade. Every good man in Geneva should join this.


The Misses Georgia and Blanche Pattishall spent the week end with their father and mother.

Floods in Brazil.
 The native inhabitants of Brazil have lately been suffering from the disastrous effects of the flooding of the Amazon, whose relentless waters have submerged the countryside for hundreds of miles around. At regular intervals this mighty river overflows its banks, and a famous traveler estimated that no fewer than 5,000,000 natives have lost their lives during the last five centuries through these terrible floods.

At Sunday School.
 "Give an account of Balram," said the teacher. "Balram was a prophet who lived a long way off," replied the student. "After a while he went out for a rille on his donkey, and he got very angry with the donkey and bit him, and a voice from heaven said, 'You must not bit the donkey; it is holy ground.'"

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UPSALA AND GRAPEVILLE
 Rev. Ericson will preach at Ethel again this Sunday.

We all appreciate the work that is being done, grading up the road in much needed places by the convicts.

Roy Lee, wife and baby visited at the home of his brother, Jesse and wife last Sunday.

Miss Letson's father from Oklawaha paid her a short visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Hilmer Lundquist.

Emil Magnuson is at home for a few days recuperating from a spell of grippe.

Mr. Tyner's baby boy has been sick with a cold, too.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Fry came up from Windermere Sunday bringing Eunice Tyner home, as the parking is through for awhile. They spent the day at the home of T. O. Tyner.

WEKIWA AND ETHEL ITEMS
 Mrs. Frank Boyd is sick with the measles.

Some of our young people had a pleasant trip to the beach the first of the week.

John Welburn who has been working for R. J. Griffin left Monday for his home at Enigma, Ga.

UPPER SEMINOLE ROLL OF HONOR
 Navy
 Karl Schultz, Sherman Routh, Collier Brown, Oliver Murrell, Ned Chittenden, Roy Chittenden, Ralph Routhillat, Allan Jones, Morris Spencer, Hugh White, Oscar Rouse, C. J. Lawton, James Purvis, William Hartley, Wallace Liptord, W. C. Temple

Forrest Gatchel, Ed. Cameron, Lyman Baker, E. S. Ward, Robert Deane, Tenny Deane, F. F. Roper.

Army
 John Murrell, Kenneth Murrell, Leslie Hill, Seth Woodruff, Stanley Walker, Dr. Ralph Stevens, Joe Chittenden, Oscar Spear, Bruce Anderson, Ernest Gregory, Fred Mason, George McLaughlin, Harold Washburn, Albert Fry, James Estridge, George Huff, Thomas Sullivan, W. A. Pattishall, Meade Fox, Ingram Guerry, Henry Byrd, Osborne Williams, Vail Lovell, Martin Temple, Robert Robinson, Arthur Diekings, John Lee, J. AS. tafford, Andrew Aulin, John Cater Lawton, Alfred M. Beck, Herbert Fuller, Joe Lewis, Arthur Lewis, Melville C. Tyler, J. F. Coates, Ernest Gormley, Walter Radford, Corbett Hutchinson, Sam Pevehouse, Harry Carlson, C. E. Hunter, Wilson Miller, Harold Long James Weaver Norman Baker, Ernest C. Morris, Ike House, T. M. Hill, Harry Rabun, Guy Stafford, Lewtie Oglesby, Densler Stafford, T. O. Gillis, Willie O. Goolsby, Harold Holiday, C. R. Peabody, Robert Merriweather, Robert Routh, Stafford LeFils, Grover LeFils, Paul Dooley, E. L. Mott, Frank Campbell, William Hartley, Floyd Washburn, Oscar DuBose, Edwin L. Dinkle.

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Letters From Soldier Boys

Some Are "Over There" Some Are Over Here

Porterfield Writes Again Norfolk, Va., Feb. 19, 1918.

Dear Mr. Editor—If you will remember I wrote you a little some time ago. The same time telling you that, if you cared to you could publish it. I had a letter from home a few days ago saying that you had published it and as I missed the waste basket I will make another effort.

I am on "liberty" tonight and am in the Y. M. C. A. at Norfolk where I have a nice place to write, and right here I wish to speak a word of praise for the Y. M. C. A. You people back home can never realize just what the Y. M. C. A. and the Red Cross means to the boys of the service. Like many others I used to think that it was a "foolish way to waste perfectly good American money." Right here let me say that I never could have been mistaken any more. They have to take the place of the home you have left, and while they could never do that they can and have done a great many things for the comfort, pleasure and entertainment for the boys of the service.

"It's our home"—Now! you see, we are always welcome here; it's not where we used to be; No! It's not home but you feel so very, very near.

That's meant for poetry, do you get me?

Well, that's all I am going to say for the Y. M. C. A. tonight except that at this very minute there are at least 500 sailors in this building and I'll wager that there isn't one of them that wouldn't say what I have and maybe more.

Now I will start with what I really started to tell about—"The Life of a Sailor," so far as I have been.

First, I would like to tell you that we line up for everything. For mixer, chow (breakfast, dinner and supper); small stores (clothing); canteen (store); swimming, liberty, and everything else both great and small. Why, I had forgotten, there is doctors' inspection once each day. When he comes around, looks in

your mouth. Why! as he walks down the line you can see mouths flying open one at a time and (I don't mean half open but wide enough so that if you should take the diameter and multiply it by 3, 14 16 you would still like a little of having the right answer.

Every sailor has to qualify in swimming at the pool in water made lighter than water (How's that?). If he can stay on top four minutes without going down he is qualified. If he can't swim, then he has got to take lessons until he can.

I qualified the first time, but it isn't easy. Four minutes seems like a cinch but you would be fooled if you tried it here. I didn't have any to spare. They claim if you can swim four minutes here in this water that you can stay on top about four hours in salt water. However, I don't care to try it.

Next I will tell you about what we call "putting one over on the mess attendants." If they have something for chow that happens to appeal to your taste and they are not offering seconds (this is what you would call the second helping), instead of carrying your old plate back we just get a clean one and they don't know but what it's your first. Now, I am not saying that we don't get enough to eat for we most certainly do, but I was only explaining the way to get an extra piece of pie, roll, apple, orange or such. You understand, don't you? All right then, I just didn't want you or some one else to get the wrong idea.

We are all fat. Most every boy is heavier than when they left home.

Here is something else. We get up by the bugle and electric light mornings at 5 o'clock. Dress, bathe, lash our hammocks or air them, which ever the case may be, sweep up and fall in for chow at 5:30 a. m. At 6:30 we muster. At 7:30 all curtains on all bungalows must be rolled up. At 8:00 we fall in for drill. At 10:00 we come in from drill. At 10:45 we fall in for chow and we are out again in the afternoon at 1:00 for drill and back at 3:00. At 5:00 we fall in for chow

and muster at 6:30 and at 9:00 o'clock it's taps and you had better be in your hammocks and shut up and go to sleep.

Sunday's we get up at the usual time, 5:00 o'clock. That's fierce for a fellow that has been snoozing until at least 8:00 o'clock on Sundays at home. Just the same you get up at 5:00, go to church at 8:00 and the rest of the day is yours unless you happen to be on guard for a couple of hours.

The most of this time is mostly used in writing letters home and to some other fellow's home that happens to have a good looking sister. Well, so much for that.

I had almost forgotten, we very often have fire drills and when the call is made you have got to throw what you have down and fall in "Double Quick Time" and run for about a mile. It makes no difference when or where you are at. If you are shaving with one side of your face shaved and the other not, throw down your razor and run, run boy, run; rain or shine, hail or snow, night or day, you had better hump. Not many nights ago I was sleeping quiet and peacefully, forgetful of the fact that I was even in the navy, when I heard that awful fire whistle and right behind it the bugler (if you ever heard a bugler blow the fire call you won't forget it soon). Well, I did the only logical thing there was to do, I fell out. You see it wouldn't be so bad if you didn't know it was a joke and just (it seems to you) a put up job to make you fall out of a good warm place with your eyes not yet hardly open, snatch on your clothes at about two jerks, get out, fall in, count off and run like the duce for about a mile. If you don't do this you get on report and from there to the Brig (Guard House) is only a very easy step. It's bread and water then with two square meals a week say for ten days. No I haven't been there yet and I am going to try awful hard to keep from ever going there, "believe me."

Well, my company is leaving here for Jamestown, Va., Tuesday, so I understand, and when we are through there we will go aboard some vessel to sail or rather steam the "briny deep." I don't care how soon either. We all want to see active service. I just know I will like it.

Somewhere in America there is a great Super Dreadnaught, the Mississippi and I have seen her, although she isn't here now, but to

see her with your own eyes is to see something wonderful in power, strength and beauty, I mean brute beauty, for instance you have heard people make this remark that such a fellow has a fine "bull dog." Oh, he is a beauty. Well, that man meant he was a beauty for what he stood for. So are some of Uncle Sam's battleships. The Mississippi is a beauty for what she stands for—strength, destructive power and endurance. A terror of its kind.

Well I'm tired of writing tonight so will stop. Will write more when I get to Jamestown and get settled down, before I go aboard ship anyway. If you care to you may publish this letter and I would like to have a copy sent me of this edition.

Best wishes to you, Seminole and the "Land of Flowers."

A Navy Boy.
(Carl W. Porterfield),
U. S. Naval Training Station,
Company 120, Norfolk, Va.

LETTER FROM VAIL LOVELL

Now Lieutenant In Flying Corps In France

The following letter from Lieut. Vail Lovell, a Sanford boy now flying in France will prove interesting: "Somewhere in France," Jan. 10, 1918.

I hope that you are having better luck with your mail than I am with mine. It has been four weeks since I have had any kind of mail, only a letter referring to previous letters and packages which I have not received. I guess that you would like to hear about how and what I am doing. Bad weather has held up the work of flying. In about three weeks I expect to fly alone and a few weeks later I should be able to pass the Brevet tests. My instructor speaks no English and I no French but we get along fine. We are the first Americans at this school and are trying to make a good impression. We stay in French barracks and eat with them as well, though, we have a combination French and American mess. Our instructions and tests are entirely French, which makes it interesting.

We are all keen to excel the records of the French students in their own school and as a result we are complimented by both American and French officers. We surely have much to learn, as we are years behind in the flying business. There are six men in my room. Two Floridians, two Texans, one North Carolinian and one New Yorker. The detachment on the whole is something like it in composition, though there are no other Florida boys. I have had a lot of extra work acting as flight commander. We have beds in our rooms with sheets and have to keep everything in West Point style for inspection all the time, for our American officer who is a West Pointer.

The cold spell is broken now, which suits me better personally but it interferes with flying until settled conditions prevail. The way I dress for the usual work is two suits of heavy underwear, the regular woolen uniform, three or four pairs of socks, four sweaters, an extra woolen undershirt, a leather flying coat and leather flying breeches and fur lined shoes. On my head I wear two knitted woolen helmets, goggles and a stiff leather helmet. On my altitude flights I will add to this as necessity requires and opportunity provides. You will see that I am still interested in the arrival of the extra knitted goods.

With much love.
-Vail.

Great Mangrove Swamps.
Mindoro, one of the larger islands of the Philippine group, is a province by itself and contains 3,983 square miles. It is distant from Manila a little more than 100 miles. Along the shores of this island are more than 30,000 acres of mangrove swamps; with large trees in practically virgin growth, conservatively estimated to yield 50,000 tons of bark readily convertible into approximately 17,000 tons of pitch. Just why this growth should have remained untouched for so long is not explained.

Monks Carved Church Seats.
Church seats carved by monks are to be seen within the walls of the ancient church at Clodock on the borders of Monmouthshire. The edifice was built some eight centuries ago and for many years it had interesting relations with Lanthony Abbey while it was the monks of the adjacent monastery that did much of the beautiful carving within its walls. The fine tower is now so dilapidated that it must be speedily restored if it is to be saved from ruin.

Largest Poisonous Reptile.
The Surucucu, known as the bush-master, is the largest poisonous reptile in the world, and is fortunately rare and found only in the depths of the jungle and swamps, where man rarely penetrates. It attains a length of twelve to fifteen feet; the color of its body is rose, or rather yellowish pink, with brown patterns and tints of purple. Its bite is almost always fatal. Its fangs are an inch long and as much as ten ounces of venom have been extracted.

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