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AGED CITIZEN FOULY MURDERED NEAR HIS HOME IN AVON PARK

A horrible murder was committed almost within the town limits of Avon Park either Thursday or Friday of last week. John D. West, an aged citizen of the town, being the victim.

Mr. West left his home near the crate mill Thursday morning, taking his shotgun and going into the woods, ostensibly for the purpose of shooting birds. When he failed to return a night his family became alarmed, and, fearing the old gentleman had become lost in the woods, instituted a searching party which searched the woods in the direction he was supposed to have gone all night without results. Friday his son, James West, came down from Frostproof to assist in the search, and late Friday afternoon he discovered the charred remains of his father lying in a thick scrub a little more than a quarter of a mile from his home, where the murderers had endeavored to conceal the evidence of their dastardly crime by attempting to burn the body. So thoroughly had they accomplished the work that only the charred torso and skull remained, the arms and legs having been entirely burned from the body and all the flesh from the skull. The only means of identifying the body was by a small portion of the clothing remaining on the back.

Sheriff Dishong was immediately notified and appeared upon the scene just as quickly as an auto could bring him. A coroner's jury composed of A. D. Roberts, A. M. McAuley, Oscar Wolff, L. A. Wolf, P. M. Stivenor and Burrell Williams was empaneled, but up to the hour of going to press no verdict had been rendered.

Sheriff Dishong, assisted by several deputies and Marshals Dickinson, threw out a dragnet and arrested several suspicious characters in the negro quarters, who are being held on suspicion of complicity in the crime.

In searching for the remains a moonshiner's still was discovered within thirty or forty yards from where the body was found and two others within 200 yards. The theory is advanced that Mr. West in wandering about the woods came upon the still, which was supposed to have been in operation at the time, and was murdered in order to cover up the lesser crime.

The surrounding country was excellently adapted to the lawless operations of moonshiners being a thick scrub which would rarely be visited by strangers.

Another theory advanced as to the cause of the murder was that Mr. West was known to carry a considerable sum of money upon his person and that he was murdered by some person or persons aware of this fact for the purpose of robbery.

Just how he came to his death is another mystery which is baffling the officers. Near the scene of the crime an empty rifle or pistol shell was picked up and later the gun Mr. West had carried into the woods was found in a thicket, the stock covered with blood. The theory that he was struck on the head and killed with his own gun is generally accepted as the manner in which the murder was committed.

Deceased came here with his

family from Bereah about a year ago and, while not well known to Avon Park citizens, was highly respected by those who did know him. He leaves a wife, son and daughter, who have the sympathy of the community.

The remains were taken to his old home in Bereah Saturday for burial.

Thursday Night, 8:00 O'clock
Last night the officers arrested Sam Simpson on suspicion of having knowledge of the crime and obtained the following testimony:

"Thursday morning, about 6 o'clock, Ed Castello came to the house and asked me to go to the branch with him. He had a rifle. I toted three buckets of water into a tub; went back to mill; left Ed at still. It was work time. Left Ed there. Stayed at mill until a little after train time—about 9 o'clock. Ed was at still when I got back to still; had fire under it; was running. Toted three more buckets of water; was there about thirty minutes. I came back to the mill again—about noon time. Ed Castello came to the mill and told me he had killed him a—of a—; wanted me to go with him down there. We went to the right of Holmes' house, where he had a rifle and some 'shine' hid in a bush. He got the rifle and some 'shine' in a catsup bottle. He said he was going on back and burn him up, and if I told it his lodge brothers would kill me. When we got there he (West) was lying on his face and on his knees, doubled up. His gun was in his left hand and had some blood on it. Then he (Castello) walked up to him and took the gun away and took two shells out of it and put them in his pocket. He took the gun and broke the stock over his knee and threw both pieces over in the briars. He took him then by the feet and laid him with his feet toward the branch and head up hill like. He went into his pocket and took a black book out with two silver shaps on; took the money out and a blue piece of paper—looked like a check. He tore the paper up and chucked the paper and pocketbook on Mr. West. He went in and got a piece of tobacco out of the pocket, and knife and match box, and threw them across the drain. He went down and got some brush and piled it up onto the old man. He had his rifle in his hands; went up and got some fire from the moonshine still and set the brush afire and then went and got some more bushes and one or two lightwood knots. He told me to 'Come on and let's go.' He went by the still; he kicked it over, took his trough and chucked it up to the right of the still in some thick palmettos. Then he left and came on up to the still.

"He gave me his gun just before we got to Anna Holmes' house. He told me to carry it up to my house and put it up there until night and he would come back after it. He came back that night and got the rifle and tried to get me to go back into the woods with him to bury the barrel of buck. I didn't go. A week before that I helped him carry a barrel down there. The keg in which you found the wheat in

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ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY AT FOREST LAWN

Every citizen of Avon Park is aware of the fact that when we compare our social life, our social activities, either in the form of friendly gatherings, affairs of state or get-together meetings with those of other Florida towns of similar size, Avon Park stands out in bold relief in about the same proportion as does the evening star with the lesser luminary bodies in the firmament.

During the last few months there have been many delightful functions in Avon Park which have been worthy of note and which have eclipsed former efforts along these lines, but none of them has surpassed the birthday and announcement party given at Forest Lawn, the beautiful home of E. G. Todd, on the shores of Lake Lotela, Tuesday evening, March 30, at which time the engagement of Miss Winifred Reck to Mr. E. G. Todd was announced.

According to the invitations, this delightful social affair was to have been simply an informal party, therefore one can well imagine the surprise of the assembled guests when the fact developed that it was to be an announcement party.

About thirty guests were present and early in the evening dancing was enjoyed, after which the guests assembled in the spacious parlors, profusely decorated by a master hand with palms, pink roses and pink candles, where the game of "fate" was played. Mrs. W. M. Reck presided over the "fate" chest and distributed the decrees of "fate" which foretold the futures of the guests. Notable among those received was an aeroplane by Miss Henrietta Farrington, a baby rattle by Miss Dorothy VanKleeck, a golf heart with two cooing doves by J. V. Chapman, garden tools by E. G. Todd, a tea set by Miss Lillian Diller, a jazz tie by Dr. Andrews, and last, but most important of all, the ring by Miss Winifred Reck, with which she announced her engagement to Mr. Todd.

After a wild war dance of joy, followed by hearty congratulations, delicious refreshments were served.

Miss Winifred Reck is the charming and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Reck. She is one of those sunny-dispositioned, sweet-tempered young ladies who immediately win the affections of those with whom they come in contact, and Mr. Todd is to be heartily congratulated upon having won the promise of such a jewel to become his bride.

Mr. Todd was a captain in the United States army in France, having served with distinction in the field artillery and participated in the hard fighting in the Argonne for a year, during which time he won his promotion from a second lieutenant to a captaincy. He is a substantial young man of sterling worth who, since becoming a citizen of Avon Park, has won the esteem and respect of all. He has identified himself permanently with us, having purchased the beautiful Coy place, Forest Lawn, just off the road, Forest Lawn where he and his accomplished bride will reside after the nuptial knot has been tied.

The Pilot joins with their

F. H. WILLIAMS FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Fitz Williams of Crewsville has announced his candidacy for the office of county commissioner from district No. 5. S. P. Durrance, the present commissioner, will not be a candidate for re-election.

F. H. Williams is one of the best-known citizens of the district and, in our opinion, would make a splendid commissioner performing the duties of his office impartially and in a business-like manner. Of his candidacy the Zolfo Springs Truth says:

"In the regular announcement column of this paper will be found the card of F. H. Williams of Crewsville, who announces for the office of commissioner of district No. 5, subject to the action of the primary of June 8.

"Sam Durrance of Avon Park, the present incumbent, will not be a candidate for re-election.

"Mr. Williams makes this announcement after being besieged and solicited by voters all over the district to make the race, who believe that it would be to the best interest of every one in the district that Mr. Williams seek the nomination, and the announcement was made after due consideration, realizing that to do the office justice he would be compelled to sacrifice his farming interests to some extent.

"Our roads just now are in a deplorable condition, and Mr. Williams promises, if elected that arrangements will be made whereby they can be repaired and put in first-class condition again.

"Mr. Williams is competent, is a conservative business man and a successful farmer, and we believe that, should he receive the nomination, the interests of the taxpayers of this district will be looked after in the same manner that Mr. Williams gives to his personal interests.

"He will appreciate your vote and influence. He expects to make a thorough canvass of the district before the primary."

Club Meeting Postponed

Owing to the fact that this is Good Friday, the next regular meeting of the Woman's Club will be held in the school auditorium Monday evening, April 5, beginning at 8 o'clock. There will be an interesting program led, perhaps, by Mrs. L. H. Adams. Watch bulletin board at postoffice for further announcement.

The Weather

Following were the average temperatures, including the amount of rainfall, during the month of March:

Mean maximum	78.71
Mean minimum	53.84
Maximum	91
Minimum	33
Rainfall	76.100

William King,
U. S. Observer.

Train Discontinued

The Atlantic Coast Line Tampa special was discontinued March 31. Three times daily service will be maintained between Jacksonville and Tampa.

Many friends in sincere congratulations and trusts that their future lives may be as beautiful as the roses (minus the thorns) for which Forest Lawn is famous.

AVON PARK'S LIGHT, ICE AND POWER SERVICE IS ABOMINABLE

DR. KNEEDLER GIVES HIS IMPRESSIONS

In company with Mr. Durrance I made inspection of the Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers' Association property and find that it comes up to every statement I have heard from the commissioners sent here. Section 17, in which I was particularly interested, is one of the groves in this neighborhood. It seems that other organizations use this property to demonstrate the possibilities of the land. Section 16 is also an excellent proposition; in fact, I think it lays better, so far as the land is concerned, than 17, and I am quite sure that the owners of 16 will be thoroughly pleased with their property when it is developed and as far advanced as the property in 17.

Lake Byrd is a wonderfully pretty body of water and surrounded with ideal bungalow sites, and when completed with the club house and rest rooms and a few cottages, will make it quite a desirable place for one to spend two or three months during the winter. I have not tried to catch any fish, but I understand that they are in the lake.

After inspecting the trees, especially the growth near the soil, I can in my judgment see they are equal to any in this part of the country. The soil of all these developments is particularly good for citrus fruit growing. It is necessary that the soil be of the golden sand, as I note, property adjoining a first-class grove will grow comparatively nothing, so it is always best to investigate property before buying. You may have a thousand acres alongside of an excellent grove of citrus fruit and not one foot of it worth anything at all. The territory for citrus fruit seems to be limited to a small area in Florida, largely including what is known as the Ridge, which extends from Haines City to Sebring. I believe the property is being largely taken over by grove owners and that available territory for citrus fruit is rapidly disappearing. The prices for this property are climbing upward to the sky.

Dr. G. C. Knedler.

FISHING AND CAMPING

PARTY ENJOYS OUTING

A jolly party of Avon Park and Sebring people filled their baskets last Monday and drove out to Arbuckle Lake to spend a couple of days fishing and camping. They were joined there by William Smith and family, who saw that they were supplied with plenty of fresh fish to eat. Of course, guns were carried along for "protection," and William Dart proved to be the marksman of the party, killing a medium-sized alligator, upon which Mr. Lesure spent the most of his time "getting the peeling off." Those enjoying the outing were: Mrs. J. P. Canfield, Mrs. DeForest Canfield, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Smith and little Mary Keller, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Lesure and mother, Mrs. H. Lesure, Mrs. Philip J. Leigh, Mr. and Mrs. Norton Smith of Avon Park, Mrs. Shaffer and daughter and Mrs. Carrie Rickey of Sebring.

Were all the invectives known to the human vocabulary at our command we would be without a sufficient number to express the disgust, indignation and resentment of our citizens over the abominable service the Florida Ice and Power Company is handing out to Avon Park. It is attempting to furnish light for our streets and residences with worn-out, antiquated machinery of insufficient capacity were it new, to carry the load. It is endeavoring to supply us with ice with a plant of insufficient capacity, which has been out of commission several days on account of a break in the machinery.

Avon Park business long ago outgrew the capacity of this so-called electric light and ice plant. The town is increasing in population probably more rapidly than any other town of its size in the state. Our business in all lines (except electrical lines) is increasing at a proportionate rate. Yet seemingly the Florida Ice and Power Company remains asleep at the switch and makes no effort to expand with the growth of the town or furnish us the service to which we are entitled and for which our citizens are willing to pay.

We have been told (unofficially) that the Florida Ice and Power Company's lines would be extended from Frostproof and that by May 1 we would be getting twenty-four-hour current and better service. May 1 is less than thirty days away, and if any effort has been made toward giving us better and continued service, no one in this neck of the woods has been able to discover it.

Some time ago we were informed that the company was endeavoring to secure the poles for extending its lines from Frostproof. It occurs to us that instead of endeavoring to secure them it is waiting for them to grow. And cypress poles do not grow to the required size, even in this fertile section, in thirty days. There are, however, plenty of good poles within a few miles of Avon Park that could be secured on short notice if the company went after them in earnest. We feel sure that the Flint Lumber Company, which has plenty of cypress, would make a special effort to get the required number of poles out for the Florida Ice and Power Company, if requested to do so.

We are not censuring the company for the repeated breakdowns at this plant, for with the present machinery they probably are unavoidable, but we do censure it for not making a greater effort to supply our needs.

Neither have we any fault to find with the local management. Tom Lawton is doing all he can to keep the plant in running order and give the best service possible.

The plant is simply inadequate to supply the demand, either for light, power or ice, and the quicker the company takes steps to remedy the matter the quicker will its income increase and a more friendly feeling exist among the people of Avon Park toward the Florida Ice and Power Company.

To the Owners of Groves in the Pittsburgh - Florida Fruit Growers Ass'n

Of Avon Park, Fla., and Pittsburgh, Pa.

TO those who have had the work of bringing your properties to the present state of perfection it is a great pleasure to know that our efforts have been successful and that your investment has very materially increased in value.

There are no better four-year-old groves in Florida than those of

Section 17

Their healthy condition has permitted them to develop a generous bloom this season, proving the value from a productive standpoint.

Section 16

CLEARING has practically been completed on Section 16, much of the ground plowed and the planting of trees has begun. Your grove will be set this season and our nursery stock is developing very well. A visit to our older development, Section 17, will show what you may expect in a few years.

Company's Plans Successful

The Company's plans of the past have been successful, those of the present meeting our expectations and our future plans are based on the experience we have obtained in our previous work.

Remember

our operations are co-operative and your success is also ours.



The Citrus Groves and By-Products Company

Of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Avon Park, Fla.

The sale of the first unit of one hundred and twenty (120) groves or six hundred (600) acres has been completed and active work has started on the clearing.

The saw mills will be operating promptly and the pine forest covering this wonderful land will be removed, preparing the way to plant groves in the Spring season of 1921.

A unit By-Product factory will be built on the Company's twenty (20) acres near the town, early in 1921. Careful investigation proves the wonderful possibilities for success and profit from the culls and lower grade fruit and this Company with its vast production will be guaranteed an ample supply of fruit.

The entire stock of the Company, \$350,000.00, has been subscribed by the grove owners in Sections 17, 16, Lakewood-Villa and the parent Company. The Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers Association has made the plan co-operative, allowing the grove owners to participate in the additional profits from the manufacturing of their fruit into the finished By-Products.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

See Stivender for real estate.

Local ads in The Pilot bring results.

Only two more days in which to register.

R. I. Harris made a business trip to Haines City Monday.

Cyril Baldwin and family were among our Saturday visitors from Arcadia.

Albert Raulerson, who is now located at Florida, spent the week-end in Avon Park.

Among the shoppers from out of town Saturday were Harry Crews and family of Bereah.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Yost of Pittsburgh, Pa., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Kuhlman.

Fred Collins and family of Sebring were among the Avon Park shoppers Friday afternoon.

Dink Skipper of Crewsville was transacting business and mingling with friends here Saturday.

Wanted—Young man, high school graduate, for general office work and timekeeping. Apply this office.

Austin Pierce and Miss Spindel of Fort Bassinger were among out-of-town visitors in the Park Saturday.

The Misses Beasley Palmer, Ethyl Marsh, Beatrice Bass, Joy Park and Vera McGinnis spent Sunday afternoon in Sebring.

Beasley Palmer, who is taking a business course in Tampa, spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Palmer.

Carlos Skipper of Sebring spent several days in Tampa this week consulting a specialist. He is experiencing some trouble with his neck and ears.

Ray Marsh has opened a pressing club business in the rear of the Simmons barber shop. He expects to locate in a front room as soon as he can secure one.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Kinney of Pittsburgh, Pa., who have grove interests here and have been registered at the Avon for a short time, departed for their home Monday.

The Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Fischer went to Tampa Monday afternoon to remain a few days. Mr. Fischer to see about securing a part of the material for the new Methodist church.

Mrs. Ralph Stoddard, who has been a guest of the Avon for several weeks, left Monday for her home in Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. Stoddard made many friends while here, who hope she will again be with us next winter.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hughes departed Saturday for Greenville, S. C., where Mr. Hughes will enter a hospital, having been in poor health for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes came here some time ago and purchased the R. I. Harris residence property west of the railroad.

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Their first meal of RAT-SNAP is their last. Kills in few minutes. Dries up the carcass. Rats killed with RAT-SNAP comes in cake form. Break into small pieces, leave where rats travel. No mixing with other food. Cats or dogs won't touch it. Safest, cleanest, surest rat and mice killer. Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by F. C. Rae, Avon Park Drug Co. Park Mercantile Co.

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Beautiful Sentiments Which, if Practiced in Daily Life, Would Soon Make Florida the Richest of All States.

(By Dr. William Fremont Blackman)

I believe in Florida, land of the open and fathomless sky, of lambent stars, of mountainous apalescent clouds, of soft, benignant airs, of incessant summer, of unstinted and vivifying sunshine, of responsive and fecund soil.

I believe in Florida, laved on every hand—cooled and warmed and cleansed and fed and decorated—by the azure and teaming waters of tropic seas, and by countless and sparkling lakes and streams.

I believe in Florida, land of wide-stretching and open woods, of limitless green prairies and glades, of dense and vine-hung hammocks, of mysterious bays and swamps, all in their various forms lovely and fruitful; the land of fragrant pine and mourning cypress, of moss-draped oak, of waxen magnolia, of comely palm, of regal poinciana, of flaming vine, and of shy and brilliant orchid.

I believe in Florida, land of the orange and pomelo and spicy kumquat, of peach and pear and persimmon and loquat, of pineapple and guava and mango and avocado; of corn and cotton and cane and cattle, and of whatever else is anywhere borne of trees or grown by the soil of the earth.

I believe in Florida, the home of creatures strange, curious and beautiful—the saurian monster, the gliding reptile, the dainty lizard, the aquatic manatee, the egret in snowy nuptial array, the roseate spoonbill, the exuberant mocking bird, the flame-like, flute-like cardinal, the woodpecker with ivory bill, and the humming bird with ruby throat, the painted butterfly sipping nectar in winter days.

I believe in Florida, land of romantic legion and adventurous history, of towns the most ancient and the newest, of swiftly-growing cities, of farms and orchards, and of wide and inviting solitudes still awaiting man's coming.

I believe in Florida, magnet and meeting place for men and women of the North and the South, the East and the West, and countries overseas, American all, one blended and indissoluble and free people. I believe in her eager boys and winsome girls, in her schools and colleges, in her churches of divers faiths, in her institutions of philanthropy and mercy, and in her press, the voice and the instructor of her common mind and will.

En fin, I believe in Florida, the commonwealth old yet young, unformed as yet, but palpitant with energy and faring forth into the future with high hope and swift step; and believing thus, I covenant with all her citizens of like mind to give myself to her service mind and heart and purse, to explore and develop her hidden resources, to celebrate her praises truthfully, to win worthy citizens for her void spaces, to till her fields, to keep pure her politics, to make more efficient her schools, to strengthen and unify her churches, to cleanse and sweeten her social life, and thus to make her in full fact what she is by human right and divine power, the queen of commonwealths.

Cyril Baldwin, DeSoto county's efficient tax collector, was here Saturday transacting business and greeting friends.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL MENTION

Pay your poll taxes.

P. M. Stivender, real estate. Registration books close Monday, April 5.

The Rev. J. A. Davis returned Friday night from a visit to Lakeland.

Drs. Walkup, of Sebring, are at home from 2:00 to 5:00 p. m. Phone 4.

Neil Cash, who is working at the golf links at Sebring, was here Saturday.

For Sale—Grant Six touring car; driven 4,000 miles. A bargain. Box 125, Zolfo, Fla. 17-24

E. W. Daniels, a wholesale grocer of Dixon, Tenn., arrived in Avon Park Friday to spend a week here.

Bascom Hollingsworth, who has been employed in Lake Wales for some time, returned to Avon Park Friday night.

Walter Allen of Chattanooga, Tenn., was a business visitor here last week. While here he was the guest of his cousin, T. H. Lander.

The Rev. T. G. Curd of Morganfield, Ky., and Denson Swar of Hazel, Ky., who have been spending the winter here, left Monday morning for their home. They expect to return next winter.

Mrs. E. O. Williams entertained the Episcopal Guild and the Ladies' Aid of the Congregational church at her home on the shores of beautiful Lake Lotela Thursday of last week. Between seventy and eighty members and their friends were present and heartily enjoyed a picnic spread about 6 o'clock.

Miss Clara Fields of Denver, Colo., who has been spending the winter in Florida, spent a few days in Avon Park last week with her cousin, Miss Cornelia Lee. Miss Fields has traveled extensively throughout the United States and European countries and expresses herself as being well pleased with Florida, especially Avon Park. She expects to return to our little city at some future time, when she can remain longer.

Don't fail to register.

Lonnie Hunt spent Thursday of last week in Lake Wales.

W. P. Myers was transacting business in Lakeland Wednesday.

Capt. Fred Rose of Moore Haven was transacting business here Wednesday.

Mrs. D. G. Swann of Zolfo was among the Saturday shoppers in Avon Park.

For Sale—One late model Royal Typewriter in first-class condition. T. B. Thompson.

Raleigh Skipper, Leon Starkov, Mary Johnson and Thelma Irwin motored to Sebring Sunday.

Charles Pabor, who until recently has been in the employ of the Park Mercantile Company, has accepted a position at the A. C. L. depot.

Douglas Andrews, who has until recently been in the employ of the Standard Oil Company, has accepted a position with the Park Mercantile Company.

Mrs. H. M. Miller and little son George, who spent some time out on Lake Thompson at the home of Mrs. E. Marsh, left Wednesday morning for their home in South Bend, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Randall, whose winter home is out on Lake Lotela, departed for their home in Middle Island, N. Y. Tuesday. They are among the oldest of our winter visitors and always receive a warm welcome when they return to the Park after several months' absence.

Five-Room House Half acre of Fruit

Overlooking Lake Tulane

\$25 down and
\$25 monthly.

E. D. Putney, Avon Park, Fla.

Stivender for brick.

M. H. Gribble made a business trip to Sebring Monday.

F. Robertson of Arcadia was registered at the Village Inn Monday.

Alex Hendry of Wauchula spent Thursday of last week in Avon Park.

J. B. Peden has a sweet job this week. He is having his cane made into syrup.

Mrs. B. H. James and Mrs. Bert Starkey spent Wednesday in Wauchula shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Lamb and daughter and G. L. Wingate of Maud were in town Monday.

The Misses Agnes Jones and Dorothy King of Arcadia were Avon Park visitors last Friday.

W. M. Austin and daughter May Bell of Bereah were Wednesday visitors in Avon Park.

Lee Crews, Nona Mae Crews and Mrs. Ray Marsh and little son motored to Sebring Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Norton Smith, Elrod Nickola and Mr. and Mrs. John T. Lesure spent Wednesday in Arcadia.

Miss Myrtle Jack, assistant cashier of the First National Bank, was assisting in the bank at Sebring Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McDonough and children of Kissimmee were guests of Mrs. L. E. Bass and family several days this week.

New advertisers this week are Ray Marsh, who has opened a pressing club, and Wolf Bros., Tampa's greatest clothiers. Read their ads.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Russell, Mrs. H. C. Hinton and the Misses Mary North and Mary Hinton spent Wednesday in our neighboring city of Wauchula.

The Rev. T. B. Thompson has resigned his position at the James grocery store and accepted one with the Standard Oil Company, succeeding Douglas Andrews.

Mrs. John A. Hunter, who, with her little son and daughter, who have been at the Avon for some time, departed Wednesday morning for her home in Pittsburgh, Pa.

A party of Zolfoans, consisting of Mrs. J. I. Roberts and sons, Mrs. S. E. Roberts, Mrs. E. B. Langford and Mrs. M. A. Roberts, spent part of the day here Saturday visiting the Hyde grove, out on Lake Damon.

Mrs. Angus Gillespie of New York city, who had been spending the last five weeks here with her sister, Mrs. Frank Elliott, left Friday of last week for Palm Beach, Miami and other places of interest for a short visit before returning to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Leander Hunt and Mrs. Lizzie Harris left Thursday of last week for their home in Prairie Creek, Ind., after having spent a very pleasant winter here with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt are the parents of Mrs. Ellis West and Mrs. Harris is the mother of Mrs. B. H. Starkey.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dart Mrs. DeForest Canfield and Mrs. Canfield motored to Arcadia Punta Gorda and Fort Myers Friday of last week, returning Saturday. While in Punta Gorda some of the party spent five hours at the dock, we are told, waiting for one of the fish boats to come in from the gulf. Draw your own deductions.

Mrs. Allan Woodruff and little son Donald left Saturday morning for their home in Green Bay, Wis., after spending four months here with Mrs. Woodruff's father-in-law, "Uncle" Gene Woodruff. Mrs. Woodruff and her husband have purchased land here, which they are having set to citrus trees. They expect to make this their future winter home.

Register.

Help Avon Park grow.

Bill Falls of Tampa spent the week-end here.

A. D. Roberts has been appointed deputy sheriff for this district.

Mrs. L. E. Webster and Ruth Gray motored to Fort Meade and Bartow Monday.

Buster Brown will be here next Wednesday, to the delight of all the kiddies.

J. M. Butler of Jacksonville was among the business visitors to the Park Monday.

C. N. Ott and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Andrews spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Tampa.

Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Harris and Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Rouse were Tampa visitors Saturday.

Miss Jennie Waychoff spent Friday and Saturday of last week in Sebring, assisting in the bank there.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hatch and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Barnes and son of Winter Haven were dinner guests at the Avon Sunday.

C. P. Durrance, J. Q. Adams and G. S. Williams, prominent business men of Wauchula, were transacting business here Wednesday.

John H. Knight of Tampa arrived in Avon Park Monday and will remain here several weeks having accepted carpenter work at the new mill.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Houston and son and Roy Long spent Thursday of last week on Arbuckle Lake, fishing. They report excellent luck, catching forty-nine bass and perch.

For Sale—Twenty acres land 3½ miles east of Bartow; 8 acres in orange grove; two 2-room houses; less than quarter mile from asphalt; railroad through corner of property; price \$2,500, \$1,500 cash, balance one and two years at 8 per cent; owner has other interests. Address Chas. Ryan, Avon Park, Fla.

Ray's Pressing Club

I have opened a pressing club business in the rear of Simmons' Barber Shop, where I am prepared to do

Cleaning AND Pressing

of all kinds promptly and satisfactorily.

I respectfully solicit a portion of your business, assuring you that it will be appreciated and you will be satisfied.

WORK CALLED FOR AND DELIVERED

PRICES RIGHT



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Ray's Pressing Club

Rear Simmons' Barber Shop

AVON PARK, FLA.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Parker of Okeechobee spent several hours here Friday.

Grover Langford of Arcadia, one of our former well-known residents, spent Tuesday here transacting business and greeting old friends.

For Sale—Pair black mares, two-horse wagon, double harness, spring wagon, double driving harness, plows, harrows and other farming implements; price for quick sale, \$550. Chas. Ryan, Avon Park.

PARENTS

We specialize in Children's Hair Cutting—the genuine

Buster Brown

J. M. SIMMONS'

Barber Shop Avon Park

Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah!

Look Who's Coming---and it's going to be Lots o' Fun. Tell all the "gang" to be sure and come to the White Dry Goods Company right after school

Wednesday, April 7

The Free Show Starts

at 4:30 p. m. "Really and Truly"

Buster Brown and his Tige

will be with the White Dry Goods Company



They have invited all us "kids," and you tell your mother she can come, too, and bring the little "uns" who can't run so fast.

Lots of Fun! Wow! And Buster is going to give every one a FREE SOUVENIR!



A WORD TO PARENTS

We want every child in Avon Park to be present at this entertainment. Don't let anything keep them away. If the children are too small to come along, come with them. Above all, be sure your child is at the White Dry Goods Company's at 4:30 to meet Buster Brown and his dog Tige.

White Dry Goods Company

THE HOME OF BUSTER BROWN SHOES

YESTERDAY, APRIL 1

We began giving our Cash Customers these

Profit-Sharing Coupons

Be sure and call for them with every cash purchase.

B. H. JAMES
GROCERIES

HILLCREST

We are often asked, "Will a five-acre grove assure me a living?" It will, and ten acres a much better one. But to get this income year after year with regularity, you must deal with men who are citrus fruit men—who know the game from every angle, and the selling part as well. That is HILLCREST organization for you. Your living is assured.

YOU CASH THE ANNUAL CHECK—THAT'S ALL

THE SCENIC HIGHLANDS DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

Avon Park, Florida.

Under \$5,000 Bond
Fred M. Bass, candidate for state senator from the Ninth district, who recently assaulted Editor W. R. Harris of the Kissimmee Valley Gazette, grouting out one of his eyes, has been bound over to the circuit court in the sum of \$5,000.

RED SPIDER WORKS DURING SPRING MONTHS

Free Sulphur. Applied at Night or in Early Morning. Best Means of Combatting This Troublesome Insect.

Red spiders are a pest likely to give trouble during the spring months through attacks on a variety of plants, among which are peas, strawberries, beans, citrus and cotton. They may also be found on violets and camphor. The remedy prescribed for this pest by J. R. Watson, entomologist at the experiment station, is a liberal use of free sulphur or one of its compounds.

Free sulphur or some of its compounds may be used by applying dry or in the form of a spray. Free sulphur is one of the best remedies. It is somewhat slower in action than some of the sulphur compounds, often taking two or three days or more to do its work, but it remains active for a long time, frequently two or three weeks, and usually kills the mites. Sulphur can be applied dry, as driven into the vines by hand, or shaken into the vines through a closely-woven cloth or a perforated can.

It is better to mix three parts of dry sulphur with one part of hydrated lime. The lime can be bought or be made by adding 32 pounds (4 gallons) of water to every 100 pounds of quicklime. Mix hydrated lime and sulphur thoroughly.

The best results will be obtained by applying the dust at night or in the early morning when the air is quiet and the plants are wet with dew, so the dust adheres better than it works better when the night

are moist and the days bright and sunny, for under these conditions the oxidation of the sulphur takes place more rapidly. As a spray, from one to five pounds of sulphur to fifty gallons of water can be used.

Of the compounds of sulphur lime-sulphur is one of the best. Use about one gallon to seventy gallons of water. Use either the commercial product, or mix eight pounds of lime and eight pounds of sulphur. Cover the lime with about six quarts of water, and as the mixture begins to heat, add the sulphur slowly. When the slacking is over, cool the mass quickly by pouring cold water into it.

Auto Accident

An auto driven by W. E. Farmer, foreman of the New Edge plantation near Narcoossee, was struck at a street crossing in Kissimmee Wednesday of last week by Atlantic Coast Line passenger train No. 91. The car was badly damaged, but the driver escaped with minor injuries.

Sugar Refinery for Palatka
A sugar refinery is to be established in Palatka, according to press reports. Growers in the Hastings and Palatka sections have pledged themselves to plant 10,000 acres of sugar cane in 1921.

Press Association Meets
The Florida Press Association is to meet at Pensacola Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 14, 15 and 16.

Wood Wanted

We want to contract with some reliable person to furnish wood for the Florida Ice and Power Company's plant at Avon Park; some one who can keep us supplied at all times. For particulars see T. W. LAWTON, Local Manager, 717 Avon Park, Fla.

ADVERTISING IN PILOT ATTRACTS ATTENTION

Prominent Kentuckian Comments on Progressive Spirit Exhibited by Our Merchants—Coming Here Next Winter.

We are in receipt of the following letter from Pikeville, Ky., which goes to show that strangers form their opinion of a place, in a great measure, by the manner in which the advertising columns of a paper are patronized by the merchants:

"Pikeville, Ky.,
"March 22, 1920.
"The Highlands Pilot, Avon Park, Fla. Mr. George W. Adams, Editor.

"Dear Mr. Adams: I have been receiving your paper for some time and do not know why. Anyway, I am pleased to get a copy each week, and if I owe you anything for the subscription please let me know how much and I will be more than glad to pay you.

"I have purchased three acres in Lakewood Villa from the Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers' Association. I have never seen this property, but I have a very close friend who has been over every foot of the same and he speaks very highly of the entire proposition.

"I certainly am glad to note the progressive spirit shown by the people of Avon Park, by the advertising in your paper. Will be glad to say a good word for your town at any time I can and will try and arrange for my family to spend four months there next winter.

"Yours very truly,
"Stoney Amick."

Mr. Amick is receiving the paper through the courtesy of the Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers' Association, which, when The Pilot was launched, placed subscriptions for a year for the purchasers of groves in its holdings. This was not an advertising scheme on the part of the Pittsburgh-Florida people, as subscriptions were only placed for actual purchasers, whom the company thought would be pleased to learn from week to week, from a disinterested source, what was going on in the community where they had made investments. Newspaper information, the company considered, was the most reliable to be obtained and disseminated, as the editor of the paper has no financial interests in the development propositions here and publishes facts as they exist, as well as an unbiased opinion editorially on any subject he takes up.

Mr. Amick has been correctly informed regarding the Lakewood Villa development. It is a high-class investment, as are all the development propositions of this section of the Scenic Highlands. Nothing short of a calamity through the acts of providence can prevent this becoming, in the course of a few years, one of the most important cities in Florida, from which will be shipped more and better citrus fruits than from any other portion of the United States. By the foregoing statement we do not mean to imply that other sections of the Scenic Highlands cannot or do raise as good a quality of citrus as we but that there is more development work going on here than elsewhere and that the fruit raised along this beautiful ridge is the best to be found anywhere. The soil and climate is peculiarly adaptable to this branch of horticulture and the men behind our various large development propositions are experienced and have ample finances to bring their plans to a successful conclusion.

We will be glad to welcome

LIBELOUS STATEMENT REGARDING FLORIDA

Rouse Congressman Drane's Ire Wires Protest to Chief of Department of Agriculture.

Congressman Drane, who is in Florida attending to his campaign for re-election to the house, has wired to the chief of the bureau of soils of the department of agriculture, protesting against certain libelous publications which have recently appeared in Northern magazines relative to the soil of Florida, quoting in his telegram: copy of an editorial from a Florida newspaper.

Referring to this matter, Mr. Drane said:

"I particularly invite your attention to that part of the article quoting from the Country Gentleman, which says that the information contained in the Country Gentleman is based on the newest data obtained by the bureau of soils, department of agriculture, and which shows that the whole of Florida is put down as desert." Mr. Drane further informed department officials that there is not only much indignation against the magazine, but also against the department. He has requested specific information as to whether the department is responsible in any way for this publication.

"Knowing Florida as I do and having lived in the state for about thirty-seven years," Mr. Drane said, "I am not prepared to believe that you have unqualifiedly made the statement attributed to you, until you tell me so yourself."

Service Men Not Exempt
Avon Park, Fla.,
March 29, 1920.

Editor Pilot: Please allow me space to correct an impression that some of the voters seem to have in regard to voters that were in the service being exempt from poll tax.

The county collector says that the exemption was allowed during the war to all who were in the service and absent from home during the time that the poll tax was supposed to be paid, but all who arrived home in time to pay the tax before the time required by law are subject to this tax and will have to pay it to be eligible to vote.

Trusting that this will explain the situation to all interested parties, I am,
Yours truly,

G. L. CREWS,
Deputy Registration Officer.

Million Boxes Fruit Shipped
Up to date the Polk County Citrus Exchange records more than a million boxes of oranges, tangerines and grapefruit shipped this season. The Valencia season is now open and the prospects are bright, both as to price and yield.

Mr. Amick, who is a member of the firm of Amick & Haynes civil and mining engineers of Pikeville, Ky., and his family to Avon Park as either winter or permanent residents, and we are sure that after they have spent one winter with us it will wear a reputation of the visit year after year, if not their becoming members of our "big family."

Robert Woodruff says: "My premises were infested with rats. I tried RAT-SNAP on friend's recommendation. Next morning found seven dead rats in bin, two near feed box, three in stall. Found large number since. No smell from dead rats.—RAT-SNAP dries them up. Best thing I have ever used." Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by F. C. Rao, Avon Park Drug Co., Park Mercantile Co.

Church Notices

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Rev. Benj. Black, Pastor
Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.
Morning service, 10:30 a. m.
Evening service, 7:30 o'clock.
Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.
You are welcome to all the services.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH
(The Church of the Redeemer)
Rev. J. Thomas Murray, D.D., L.L.D., Rector
Services every Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m.
Sunday school at 10 o'clock a. m.
A cordial welcome is extended to all to attend these services.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
J. A. Davis, Pastor
Services first and third Sundays, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Prayer service every Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.
Sunday school, 10 a. m.
Business conference Wednesday evening before first Sunday.
Ladies' Missionary Society Thursday afternoon before second and fourth Sundays, in church at 2:30 p. m.; Mrs. L. D. Roberts, president.
J. H. McCallan, Sunday school superintendent.
Church officers—W. O. Shipper and J. H. McCallan, deacons; L. D. Roberts, clerk; W. O. Shipper, treasurer; J. V. Chapman, choir director.
Come thou with us and we will do thee good.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. W. A. Fisher, Pastor
Preaching every first, second and fourth Sundays.
Sunday school every Sunday, 9:45 a. m.
Morning sermon, 11 o'clock.
Evening service, 7:30 o'clock.
Choir practice Thursday, 7:15 p. m.
All are invited to attend these services.
Stewards—B. H. Starkey, C. H. Harris, C. K. Lottner.
Secretary and Treasurer—B. C. Petersen.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST
T. B. Thompson, Minister
Lord's day Bible study, 10 a. m.
Morning sermon, 11 o'clock.
Evening service, 8:30 o'clock.
Thursday Bible study, 6:30 p. m.

"THE CHURCH OF GOD"
Ferry W. Rainold, Pastor
Services every third Sunday, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.
Prayer service every Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.
A warm welcome to all.
"The truth is its power."
Marion T. Whidden, clerk and treasurer.

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House Wiring of Old and New Structures a Specialty

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Fixtures and Appliances of all kinds.

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All Work Guaranteed

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Let me estimate on your next job.

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SHOES FIXED
All Kinds

WORK GUARANTEED
Reasonable Prices

Tom Caruthers
Next Door to Electrical Shop

COCKROACHES

EARLY KILLED TODAY BY USING STEARNS' PASTE
KILLS BEETLES & WATER BUGS, RATS AND MICE
Ready for Use. Free when the first box is ordered from your dealer.

TAXES and RENTALS

Why Bother

with your taxes, possibly overlooking their payment and letting them become delinquent, when you can have this work attended to by a competent business man.

I will attend to the payment of your taxes and the rentals of your property at a reasonable price.

D. V. ROUSE

First National Bank Bldg
Avon Park, Fla.

"A new note — we've struck it" — Chesterfield

No "sharps", no "flats", but my! how Chesterfields do "Satisfy!"

A delightful selection of fine Turkish and Domestic tobaccos, harmoniously blended — that's Chesterfield!



Chesterfield
CIGARETTES
They Satisfy

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Douglas
ShoesAll
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Full line of Shoes for Men, Women
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A Visit From You Will Be Appreciated, Whether You
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SPECIAL OFFERING:

TO-DAY'S GROVE BARGAIN

Finest 10 acres three and five-year-old
grove in the Scenic Highlands. Va-
rieties—Valentias, Pineapples, Or-
anges and Grapefruit. 200 Peach
trees. House and barn, all in tip-
top shape. Just half mile off the
Scenic Highway, one and one-half
miles from town.

A Real Bargain at \$6,500 Cash

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ROOM 12
National Bank Building
Avon Park, Fla.

M. W. Lance

W. L. MacGoodwin

HARDWARE

There's as much difference in the quality
of Hardware as in any other line of
merchandise. We aim to sell the best—
the quality kind.

A COMPLETE LINE

F. C. RAE
HARDWARE

Avon Park, - - Florida



"I help take the tire out
of tire trouble"

—Chesterfield

LIGHT up! Atta boy! Even
the toughest job seems
easier if you can "draw" on
Chesterfield.

Those fine Turkish and
Domestic tobaccos and that
can't-be-copied Chesterfield
blend "satisfy" as no other
blend of tobaccos ever did
before.

Chesterfield
CIGARETTES
They Satisfy

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Read every ad.

Send The Pilot to a friend.

P. M. Stivender, agent for
sand-cement brick.

J. R. Gainey made a business
trip to Fort Meade Saturday.

Ask Stivender to show you a
sample of those sand-cement
brick.

A. M. McAuley and A. D. Rob-
erts made a trip to Haines City
Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Godwin
motored to Bartow and Wauchula
Saturday.

The Rev. Perry Hadsock and
Mrs. Hazelle spent Sunday in
Fort Bassenger.

A. R. Marsh is occupying the
Kelly house during the spring
and summer months.

Special services will be held
in the various churches next
Sunday—Easter Sunday.

Paul Watkins of Fort Meade
and a grove owner here, was one
of our business visitors Satur-
day.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Skipper
and Mrs. A. D. Roberts spent
Thursday of last week in Fort
Meade.

J. W. Foley has purchased the
Jess Davis property from A. M.
McAuley and moved his family
to town.

Albert Ellison left for Bridge-
port, Conn., Saturday, having
been called there by the death
of his father.

Mr. and Mrs. Geiger of
Zephyrhills were visiting Mrs.
Geiger's father, Mr. Seale, Sat-
urday and Sunday.

Mrs. J. Godwin of Fort Meade
spent Saturday in Avon Park.
Her grandson, Cole Godwin, re-
turned home with her.

Editor Adams made a busi-
ness trip to Tampa Friday, re-
turning Saturday morning at 1
o'clock on the belated night
train.

James Luxton, who owns ten
acres out on Deer Lake and who
has spent the last six months
here, left for Cleveland, Ohio,
last Friday. He will return next
winter.

T. R. Johnson has sold his
ten-acre grove at Lake Hamil-
ton for a consideration of \$5,000
and twenty acres of splendid
grove land east of Avon Park.
He will improve the newly-ac-
quired land, setting same to
grove, and also contemplates
building two or three cottages
on his town lots.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Madeira
departed Friday morning for
their summer home in Stony
Creek, Conn., after having spent
a delightful winter here at their
comfortable home on Lake Lo-
tela. Mr. Madeira, while practi-
cally a newcomer, has fallen in
love with Avon Park, her peo-
ple, the surrounding country
and the climate, and he returns
to Connecticut a loyal booster,
who will speak many good words
for our town and country.

"And There Wasn't the Slight-
est Smell From Dead Rats."

Writes John Simpkins, farmer
of Annandale, N. J.: "Rats were
costing me hundreds yearly;
tried dogs, ferrets, poison, could
not get rid of them. Bought
\$1.00 pkg. of RAT-SNAP (5
cakes). Used half, not a live rat
since. Dead ones a plenty. I
like RAT-SNAP because after
killing rats it dries them up—
leaves no smell." Three sizes,
25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guar-
anteed by F. C. Rae, Avon Park
Drug Co., Park Mercantile Co.

KEEP ROSE BUSHES FREE FROM DISEASE

Leaf Blotch and Mildew Two
Sources of Annoyance to
Those Who Cultivate Rose
Gardens.

There are two or three dis-
eases of the rose that are usu-
ally troublesome through the
spring and summer. The abun-
dance of rainfall the past few
weeks may aid materially in the
development and spread of these
diseases, according to H. E.
Stevens, plant pathologist at the
experiment station.

The rose bushes should be
carefully examined and all dead
and sickly wood should be
pruned out and destroyed.

Leaf blotch is one of the more
common diseases of the rose
foliage, and one that often be-
comes destructive during peri-
ods of excessive moisture. It is
frequently responsible for earl-
y defoliation of the bushes, caus-
ing a weakened or stunted plant.
This disease may make its ap-
pearance in early spring and
continue through the season, be-
coming more destructive durin-
g the rainy season.

Leaf blotch is easily detected
by its characteristic appearan-
ce on the foliage. Infections ap-
pear as rather large black or
brown spots or blotches on the
surface of the leaves. At first
the infected tissue is merely dis-
colored, but later the affected
area becomes dead and brown.
In severe attacks the leaves be-
come yellow around the infected
areas, and often shed.

If the disease is noted in
time, it can usually be checked
with two or three applications of
some fungicide, such as bor-
deaux mixture or ammoniacal
solution of copper carbonate. If
the bushes are blooming at the
time of spraying the ammoni-
acal solution of copper carbon-
ate will be preferable, since it
leaves no stain on the foliage or
flowers. Two or three applica-
tions of the spray may be neces-
sary, and these should be made
at intervals of seven to ten
days. If the weather is rainy
more frequent applications may
be required.

Mildew of the rose is another
common trouble, confined chief-
ly to the young, tender growth.
This occurs as a white powdery
growth on the new leaves and
shoots. Sulphur compounds are
generally considered more satis-
factory for control of mildew,
although bordeaux mixture may
be used.

When this disease appears
two or three applications of lime
sulphur solution should keep it
in check. The applications
should be made at intervals of
ten days to two weeks, using a
dilution of one part of concen-
trated lime sulphur in forty
parts of water.

RATS COST COUNTRY HUGE SUMS YEARLY

As an agent of destruction
and a carrier of diseases, the
rat is classed among man's most
dangerous enemy. Estimates
show that rats cost this country
more than \$1,000,000,000 every
year. This is a staggering sum
considerable of which would be
saved if people would only make
a determined effort to get rid of
these pests. Some of the larger
cities are spending thousands of
dollars to exterminate the rat
and the results are easily seen
in the decrease in deaths from
contagious diseases. That the
rat is an expensive boarder is
shown by the fact that a single
rat cannot exist under at least a
cent a day. That means that
every rat on your premises is
costing you a cent every day.
This does not include damage to
buildings, furniture, etc.

R. I. HARRIS

Orange Groves

Specialty

Avon Park, Fla.

For
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Try
Village Inn
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\$5.60 Ticket for
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Write or see him about any kind of Florida
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You will eventually want The Pilot. Why not subscribe now?

The Highlands Pilot

GEO. W. ADAMS, Editor

Published every Friday at Avon Park, Fla. by the Avon Park Publishing Company.

Subscription \$2.00 a Year

Entered as second-class matter December 12, 1919, at the postoffice at Avon Park, Florida, under the act of March 3, 1879.

TELEPHONE No. 27

Spring is here.

Time to clean up for the summer.

Five thousand population in three years. You can help bring it.

Senator Fletcher has called Catts' hand and has him beaten to a frazzle in the showdown.

Pay your poll taxes on or before the 8th of May if you would vote in the coming primary.

"Congressman Drane will win in a walk," says the Tampa Tribune. Good. It's too warm to run now.

"Cary Hardee will make Florida a magnificent chief executive," says the Tampa Tribune. He sure will, John.

The Tampa Tribune says "Senator Fletcher is campaigning in Florida. Now watch the fur fly." Catt fur, of course.

The Country Gentleman has ceased to be a "gentleman" in the eyes of the press of Florida on account of uttering libelous statements about Florida. Advise with the Curtis Publishing Company and these unfair statements will be changed.

Says The Highlands Pilot: "We are going to devote a considerable amount of free space in an endeavor to help re-elect Senator Fletcher and Congressman Drane and elect Cary A. Hardee for governor." And The Pilot is having lots of good company.—Tampa Tribune.

The Moore Haven Times states that one real estate man has sold forty-three lots there within the last two weeks or condition that the purchaser build thereon within ninety days. This would seem to assure the thriving little city of Moore Haven a real building boom.

The chairman of the prohibition party says "Our organization will continue as long as the alcoholic serpent continues to wiggle his tail." This means that if the major parties fail to embody a prohibition enforcement plank in their platforms the prohibitionists will have a presidential candidate in the field.

This would be a dull old world if it wasn't for the frills, fobles, and frivolities of the fair ones. The latest thing is "undies" made of black georgette and other like material and a necessarily interesting display of these "things" almost caused a riot in Chicago when the mer found out about it.—Punta Gorda Herald.

Governor Catts is accredited with having made the statement in a speech at St. Augustine that if elected to the United States senate he would accomplish more for Florida in six months than Senator Fletcher had accomplished in his eleven years of service. If Governor Catts made that statement he knew he was lying at the time he also knew that his audience knew he was lying, unless he referred to the unpleasant notoriety he might accomplish.

Stockholders' Meeting

An annual meeting of the stockholders of the Scenic Highlands Hotel Company will be held Tuesday evening, April 6, at 7 o'clock.

A. V. Anderson, Secretary.

There is no better time to invest in Avon Park realty than now. The price is advancing daily.

"This week is 'stew meat' week. The editor's family began the week all right by having stewed chicken on Monday," says the Moore Haven Times. You extravagant cuss!

Editor George W. Adams of The Avon Park Pilot has added a linotype to his equipment. Editor Adams is giving the people of Avon Park one of the best country papers in Florida and should receive every possible encouragement from that burg.—Wauchula Advocate.

Hillcrest Farm at Moore Haven has 150 acres planted to potatoes and has had 4,000 barrels hauled to the farm in which to ship the crop which, the Times says, will be an inadequate number. If we wanted to "truck it" we sure would locate at Moore Haven or Wauchula.

The Plant City Courier boasts of a pullet which laid thirty-nine eggs in thirty-eight days. The pullet is only five months old and is owned by a minister. What puzzles us is, how can a minister, with the reputation they have for devouring yellow-legged pullets, let one live five months.

According to the Courier, Plant City physicians have signed an agreement to increase their prices and cease working for those who do not pay their bills. Well, we suppose old h. c. l. has hit the doctors the same as others, but we sure though they charged enough before of h. c. l. was made the goat for all the ills that flesh is heir to.

The Commercial Club of Punta Gorda is planning for a golf course and country club. It purposes to incorporate and capitalize at \$25,000, selling shares of stock at \$10 each to finance the venture. Several suitable sites are available, but none has as yet been determined. With a good club, golf course and its splendid fishing, Punta Gorda would attract many more winter visitors than at present.

V. O. Fussell of Arcadia, candidate for county tax collector, was an Avon Park visitor Wednesday, making this office a peasant call and leaving his announcement, which will be found in our announcement column. Mr. Fussell has been a resident of the county many years and has taught school in the county for thirty years. He says that "the boys I used to paddle in school are giving me the glad hand, and I hope to make a good race for the office." Mr. Fussell will undoubtedly poll a good vote.

The office of county commissioner is an important one, carrying with it a lot of responsibility and work, for which there is little compensation. It's one of those public offices wherein honest effort brings forth nothing but abuse from those who are not pleased with the action of the commissioner and but little praise from those who do happen to be pleased. It's a case of "durn you if you do and durn you if you don't." Fitz Williams has announced his candidacy for that honor in district No. 5. Fitz is a competent business man and we imagine would fill the office creditably. He is a fair-minded man, has no axe to grind and would not doubt put forth every effort to do his duty fairly and impartially. Who his opponent will be, if any, we haven't the slightest idea, but if he has opposition the voters should consider well the merits of the candidates before casting their votes.

CARY A. HARDEE IS OPPOSED TO COMPULSORY MILITARY TRAINING IN TIME OF PEACE

In view of the fact that a number of my friends in different sections of the state have written me to know what my attitude is in regard to compulsory training in times of peace, I wish now to answer those inquiries, and to define for the benefit of these and any others who may be interested in the subject exactly where I stand on that question.

When we were at war with Germany, and when the very existence of civilization (as we understand civilization) was threatened with destruction, I advocated publicly compulsory military training, so that we might better equip our army with trained men to match the German military machine. At that time our unpreparedness was conceded by all who were superficially acquainted with the facts and the urgent need for better trained men was universally advocated and demanded. No one could tell how long the war would continue. Some military experts prophesied that it would not end for ten years, and if we continued to send green men to France to cope with the trained veterans of Germany, it was unreasonable to expect a speedy termination of the strife. But now that the war is happily over and there is no further need for a large standing army, I am uncompromisingly opposed to compulsory military training, for

(that would tend to convert our country into an armed camp in times of peace. I might add however, that the Congress of the United States, and not the governors of the states, determines the military policy of this country.

Yours very truly,
CARY A. HARDEE.
(Advertisement)

Only one paper in the First congressional district opposing the re-election of Congressman Drane.

In reproducing a portion of our editorial of last week, "The Duty of the Press," the Tampa Tribune remarks: "The Highlands Pilot describes so clearly and truly the 'duty of the press' in things political that we take pleasure in helping it to a wider reading than that excellent local paper destined for it."

The announcement of L. W. Whitehurst as a candidate for the office of county clerk appears in our regular announcement column. Mr. Whitehurst has for many years been a prominent citizen of Wauchula, served as county commissioner from this district and will undoubtedly poll a good vote at the primary.

It took a dastardly murder to locate the whereabouts of three illicit stills almost within stone's throw of our town limits. But what can we expect with the sheriff's office located more than forty miles from us? Had we officers close to the scene these stills probably could not have existed and there probably would have been no murder.

Stivender sells real estate.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT.
I am a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court, District No. 5, to be held June 8, 1920. I desire to use this important office to the benefit of the people of this county, to answer all correspondence and to see that all business is conducted with promptness, as well as to see that all laws and business generally with propriety.

I solicit the confidence, confidence vote and support of every elector.
Respectfully,
L. W. WHITEHURST.
(Advertisement)

FOR COMMISSIONER DISTRICT NO. 5.
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Commissioner for District No. 5, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election June 8, 1920. Your vote and influence respectfully solicited. I pledge to fulfill the duties of my office with fairness and impartiality.

Respectfully,
F. H. WILLIAMS.
(Advertisement)

FOR COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR.
To the Voters of DeSoto County:
I desire to announce that I am a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor for DeSoto County, subject to the Democratic primary, to be held June 8, 1920.

Having been raised in this county, I am familiar with land and personal property values of the county, and together with my qualifications and experience, enables me to assure the people of efficient work.

If elected I will try to serve all with equal fidelity and impartiality, assuring each of you that I will do all in my power to merit your support.

J. H. WHIDDEN.
(Advertisement)

FOR SHERIFF.
To the Voters of DeSoto County:
I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Sheriff for DeSoto County, subject to the Democratic primary of June 8th.

If elected I promise my best efforts to the faithful performance of those duties, and I assure you that I will try to serve the whole people to the very best of my ability.

Trusting to merit your support, I am,
Very respectfully,
JOE L. HAMPTON.
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FOR TAX ASSESSOR.
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of DeSoto County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary June 8, 1920. The vote and influence of every voter is respectfully solicited.

C. A. CREWS.
(Advertisement)

FOR SHERIFF.
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for reelection to the office of Sheriff for DeSoto County, subject to the primary election to be held June 8, 1920. I refer you to my record for the last seven years, which will prove to you that I have fearlessly and impartially done my duty. If you endorse my administration I will appreciate your vote at the June primary.

J. L. DISHONG.
(Advertisement)

FOR COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR.
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Tax Collector, subject to the Democratic primary in June, and feel that I will need no introduction to the voters of the county, as I have been a teacher in the schools here for fifteen years. I would like to see all the voters personally, but this is impossible, and I will appreciate the support of every one.

CECIL V. HULL.
(Advertisement)

FOR TAX COLLECTOR.
To the Voters of DeSoto County:
Having been a resident of DeSoto County for more than thirty years, during which time I have become acquainted with her people and land values, I hereby make my announcement as a candidate for the office of County Tax Collector, subject to the voters at the primary election June 8. If elected to this important position, I will endeavor to fulfill the duties of the office fairly and impartially, and in a businesslike manner.

V. O. FUSSELL.
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LEGAL NOTICES

In the DeSoto County Circuit Court
Twelfth Judicial Circuit of Florida.

In Chancery
Mrs. Alice E. Prior, by her husband, P. S. Prior,

James G. Carter, as receiver of the firm of H. C. McCall and Company, Inc.,

James Dickenson, The Florida Development Company,

To the Defendants Heroin Named, Whose Residences are Unknown

You are hereby ordered to appear to the bill of complaint filed in said cause against you, to be filed by Mrs. Alice E. Prior, at the Court House in Avon Park, Florida, on Monday, the 26th day of April, 1920, else the said bill will be taken as confessed by you.

It is further ordered that a copy of this order be published in the Highlands Pilot, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, published in Avon Park, Florida, once a week for eight consecutive weeks, commencing on the 26th day of April, 1920.

Witness the Hon. George W. Whitehurst, Judge of said Court, this 25th day of February, A. D. 1920.

(SEAL) D. V. House, Solicitor for Complainant.
A true copy.
By L. M. Bennett, D. C.,
Mar 25 1920 Apr 2 1920

In the DeSoto County Circuit Court,
Twelfth Judicial Circuit of Florida.

In Chancery
S. F. Tucker vs. S. Ward Peachey, et al.

It is hereby ordered that all parties claiming an interest in and to lots 15, 17 and 18 of Block 36, in Section 22, in township 23 South of Range 28 East, Avon Park, DeSoto County, Florida, under the defendants in said cause, to-wit: S. Ward Peachey, Elizabeth B. Wilson, J. H. Schuldt, Anna T. Schuldt, William Beckler, Frank E. Sperring and Annie L. Sperring as heirs, administrators, executors, devisees, grantees or otherwise under the said defendants or either of them or other

wise claiming any interest in and to the said land or any part thereof, be and they are hereby required to appear to the bill of complaint in said cause, at the clerk's office in the court house in the City of Arcadia, DeSoto County, Florida, on Monday, the 26th day of April, 1920, else the said bill of complaint herein will be taken as confessed by them.

It is further ordered that a copy of this order be published once a week for twelve consecutive weeks in the Highlands Pilot, a newspaper of general circulation published in Avon Park, DeSoto County, Florida.

Witness the Honorable A. L. Durran, Clerk of said Court, and the Honorable George W. Whitehurst, Judge, and the seal of said Court, this 25th day of February, A. D. 1920.

(SEAL) A. L. DURRAN, Clerk.
W. W. WHITEHURST, Judge.
Solicitors for Complainant.
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Gainesville, Fla., March 26, 1920.

Notice is hereby given that Bert H. Starkey, of Avon Park, Florida, who on October 20, 1919, made homestead entry No. 91896, for southeast 1/4 of Section 22, Township 23 South of Range 28 East, Talahasssee Meridian, has filed said entry in the U. S. Land Office at Gainesville, Florida, on the 26th day of April, 1920.

M. C. Polk, of Avon Park, Florida,
J. C. Polk, of Avon Park, Florida,
J. C. Harnett, of Avon Park, Florida,
are the names of the persons who have been named as witnesses.

ROBT. W. DAVIS, Register.

In the DeSoto County Circuit Court,
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In Chancery
S. F. Tucker, Complainant, vs. S. Ward Peachey, et al., Defendants.

To the Defendants, S. Ward Peachey, Elizabeth B. Wilson, J. H. Schuldt,

Annie T. Schuldt, William Beckler, Frank E. Sperring and Annie L. Sperring, whose places of residence are unknown.
You are hereby ordered to appear to the bill of complaint filed in said cause against you by S. F. Tucker at the Court House in Arcadia, DeSoto County, Florida, on or before May 26th, 1920, else the said bill will be taken as confessed by you.

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STARTLING IGNORANCE OF MISGUIDED WRITER

Articles in Philadelphia Farm Paper on Soils of the United States Show Ignorance of the Subject.

We have been accustomed to accept surprising statements in fiction, knowing full well that many of the story writers never saw the scenes of their plots and are ignorant of the real conditions in these localities, but when a writer of facts pertaining to the farm and farming conditions, undertakes to write about them with authority and familiarity with his subject.

During the present month a writer of this character, one McMahon, has been writing articles on the soils of the United States in a Philadelphia farm paper and his articles show a most startling ignorance of Florida and the coastal plains states generally. The map he used two weeks ago was denounced by the bureau of soils in Washington as one that was not official or pertaining to a soil survey and the head of the bureau emphatically stated that McMahon was told not to use the map when it was loaned to him for reference only.

The latest effusion of this misguided writer in the farm journal that seems to be prejudiced against Florida, deals with the soils of the South and he repeats his former statement that the South stands at the very bottom in the matter of fertile lands. There are few direct references to Florida in this article but he says "The peninsula part of Florida seems to be ignored, as if it were composed only of pure sand and water resorts." What the winter resorts have to do with soil he does not say but perhaps that is persiflage beyond our comprehension, as there is a tendency on his part to be semi humorous at times.

Following this pert paragraph he says: "The haughty Southerner, responding to the effort put upon his beloved and beautiful domain; laughs sardonically and says the poor South is still producing yearly over ten million bales of cotton, and a heap of tobacco and other crops, whereby automobiles, talking machines and such like have become as thick as flies. To which it may be replied that in order to produce her splendid crops the South continues to use more artificial fertilizer than all the rest of the country put together. On the other hand there is the corn belt land which has never had a pound of fertilizer put upon it and it yields large crops."

Cotton and tobacco! That shows the ignorance of McMahon, as these are not the principal crops of the South any more. Live stock, of which his boasted corn belt has been the leader, is now greater than cotton and in Florida the four million dollars' worth of products are but slightly made up of either cotton or tobacco. As to the haughty Southerner it might be well for McMahon to know that

in the South are many Northerners who have grown tired of the corn belt lands that never have any artificial fertilizer on them but which always had a heavy dose of manure every year, although he neglects to say anything about it.

He also does not say that the wheat and corn crops will not yield more than fifty to seventy dollars to the acre, where most Florida crops run from \$200 to \$1,000 an acre, so an investment of thirty to fifty dollars an acre for fertilizer would seem to be a profitable one.

In this article he boasts the alluvial lands of the Mississippi delta and says they would feed the nation if placed under intensive cultivation. Florida has four million acres of rich muck lands that will never need any fertilizer, not even manure, and they are rapidly being transformed into the most wonderful farms and gardens in the world and still this wonderful wise man, who sets himself up as an authority on farming and soils, doesn't even refer to this rich section but says all Florida lands are pure sand. What a fool!—Times Union.

PALMDALE DISTRICT VOTES UNANIMOUSLY

For \$55,000 Road Bonds—Only Ten Votes Cast, But All of Them for Bonds.

At a special meeting of the board of county commissioners returns from the special election held at Palmdale and Lakeport on Monday, March 15, to determine whether a special road and bridge district should be created; and bonds in the sum of \$55,000 issued to build permanent roads and bridges were canvassed and it was found that a total of ten votes were cast, all of which were for the formation of the special road and bridge district, and the issuance of the bonds.

After canvassing the return the commissioners adopted a resolution declaring the creation of Palmdale special road and bridge district and ordered that tax be levied upon the taxable property of the district to pay the annual interest and provide for a sinking fund.

The bonds will be in denomination of \$500, will bear 6 per cent interest payable semi-annually and the last bond will be due in 1950.

The money derived from the sale of bonds will be used for the construction of permanent hard-surfaced roads and bridges, and the amount of this issue with that authorized for another district in the northern part of the county will make available for the improvement of the county's good roads system \$115,000, which will be spent within the next few months.—Punta Gorda Herald.

Civic Biology Classes

Winter Haven, Plant City, Dade City and Leesburg have recently been added to the Florida towns having civic biology classes to study community, health problems under Dr. F. C. Hodge of the general extension division of the University of Florida. They are attempting the elimination of mosquitoes by punching holes in the bottom of sides of tin cans before they are thrown out, so that they will not hold water and afford a breeding place for mosquitoes. To exterminate flies a fly trap is used, a description of which can be had by writing Dr. Hodge.

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(Continued from Page One)
my house Ed brought there the

"He (Castello) says he (West) was coming up to the s'il and he hollered 'Halt!' Then Castello said he shot him. I know he was shot. I saw the blood near the heart. He picked up a cartridge shell and said that was the shell he killed West with.

"Castello carried me and showed me where Mr. West stood when he shot him. He shot him with a sixteen-shot rifle—old-style .38. I don't believe he sent the rifle off to his son. Ed Castello told me he had made four years' time in Alabama."

\$200 Reward

The sheriff's office and town of Avon Park have offered a reward of \$200 for the arrest of Castello, who is a black negro, about five feet seven inches in height, weighs from 190 to 200 pounds, and is between 40 and 50 years of age. He is chunkily built, has short neck, large face, eyes wide apart, and wears hair low down on forehead. When last seen he wore a gray wool shirt, black hat, blue overalls and button shoes cut on the side. He left Avon Park about 7 o'clock Thursday night.

The sheriff and his deputies, assisted by Marshal Dickenson, have worked diligently on this case and are entitled to a great deal of credit for securing the confession of Simpson, who is being held at the county jail.

SPLendid MEETING OF THE LADIES' AID

Mrs. C. H. Harris and Mrs. B. H. Hagan entertained the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church at the beautiful home of Mrs. C. H. Harris, "Whispering Pines," on Lake Denton, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A splendid program was rendered, as follows:

Opened with the Lord's prayer, in concert.
Song—"All Hail the Power."

Reading—"Our Easter Message," by Mrs. W. H. Clark.
Instrumental Solo—"Minute Waltz," by Myrtle Comley.
Reading—"Young American," by Mrs. G. G. Salpeter.

Delicious refreshments, consisting of sandwiches, pickles, cake and iced tea, were served by Master Charles Harris. All present voted the occasion a pleasant one and enjoyed to the fullest the generous hospitality of the hostess.

At a late hour the guests departed by motor for the Park.

Birthday Party

The lovely bungalow of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Farnell was the scene of a merry party Saturday afternoon in honor of their little son Ivor, who celebrated his tenth birth anniversary. Many games were played and music and other amusements indulged in. The guests then called for their young host to display his birthday gifts, a proceeding much enjoyed by all. The refreshments consisted of a delicious fruit salad and a magnificent birthday cake, decorated with white frosting and ten tiny rosebud candle holders containing pink candles. The guests present were Inez Yonce, Marjorie Lacy, Dorothy Durrance, Christine Reeves, John and Wilbur James, T. J. McGinnis, Jr., Eddie Clark, Gordon Skipper, Harry Yonce, Ferny Reeves, Miss Farnell, Mrs. Mumma, Mrs. Trevel and Mrs. Sara Lucy and Mr. and Mrs. Farnell and Ivor.

Successful Entertainment

The entertainment given at the High school by the seniors last Friday night was a decided success from every angle. The reputation of our school for giving entertainments out of the ordinary was maintained, as was that of Miss Helen Farrington as director of home talent. Lack of space forbids our going into detail. Suffice it to say the assemblage crowded into the auditorium was amply repaid for the time and money spent.

The Rev. J. A. Davis will occupy the pulpit at the Baptist church Sunday. A cordial invitation to all to attend services.

Want a dray? See A. K. Hinton or leave word at B. H. James' store.

Irvin Raulerson spent several days this week on Arbuckle creek.

Wanted—Wicker baby cab in good condition. For particulars call this office.

Supt. P. G. Shaffer of Arcadia visited the High school Wednesday afternoon.

G. W. Williams, from the Flatwoods, was trading in Avon Park Saturday.

Mrs. J. E. Glover and son and Miss May Glover were Wauchula visitors Wednesday.

Mrs. E. W. Byron and Miss Early of Crooked Lake spent Monday in Avon Park.

F. E. Zepp and son and Miss Jane Tallow of Ocoee spent Wednesday and Thursday here. Mr. and Mrs. George E. Merewick of Miami, who, with friends from the North, are enjoying a trip through the country to the West Coast, spent Wednesday night at the Avon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lloyd left Tuesday morning for their home in Shelby, Ind., after having spent the greater part of the winter here. They are so well pleased with the town that they expect to return next winter.

Word has been received in Avon Park of the death of Thomas Dorsey, who formerly lived here and at Bareah, but who, with his son Willie, moved to Los Angeles, Cal., last November. Mr. Dorsey was well known to our old settlers.

C. P. Anderson, who has been in Pittsburgh for the last two weeks, is expected home early next week. He will bring the complete plans for the club house soon to be erected on Lake Byrd by the Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers' Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dugdon of Pittsburgh, who have been here a couple of weeks, left this morning for their home. While here they motored out to the Pittsburgh-Florida groves and were favorably impressed with the groves, as well as the beautiful location on Lake Byrd.

NOTICE

Of Intention to Apply for Letters Patent.

State of Florida, County of DeSoto.
Notice is hereby given, in conformity with Section 2475, Revised Statutes of Florida, that we, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Governor of the State of Florida, at Tallahassee, Florida, on the 30th day of May, A. D. 1920, or as soon thereafter as we can be heard, for Letters Patent to be issued in Avon Park Products Company, of which Corporation the following shall be the articles of incorporation:

B. I. HARRIS,
C. D. NOLAND,
C. C. EDWARDS,
A. E. WEST,
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF AVON PARK PRODUCTS COMPANY.

ARTICLE NO. 1.
The name of this Corporation shall be Avon Park Products Company.

ARTICLE NO. 2.
The general nature of the business, or business to be transacted by this Corporation shall be as follows:
To make, buy and sell at wholesale and retail, all kinds of syrups and extracts; to make and sell, wholesale and retail, all kinds of soft drinks; to build, own and operate plants and factories for the above purposes and for the purpose of preserving and preparing for market any and all kinds of fruit and vegetable products; to build, own and operate plants and factories for the production of containers for the above products; to produce, buy and sell, wholesale and retail, all

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