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AVON PARK PEOPLE GIVE CARY A HARDEE A CORDIAL RECEPTION

The first political speech of the present campaign was delivered here Wednesday night by the Hon. Cary A. Hardee, candidate for governor of this great state. The meeting was an open-air one, Mr. Hardee speaking from the band stand to a fair-sized audience, which would have been increased to a considerable extent but for the fact that there were several other meetings, rehearsals, etc., to which a number of our citizens were obliged to be present. The evening air also was quite chilly, rendering sitting out of doors any great length of time almost uncomfortable.

Mr. Hardee was introduced by Mayor William King, who assured the assemblage that, while



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the duties of the mayor were sometimes unpleasant, this was an occasion when it was a real pleasure to serve in an official capacity, as it provided an opportunity for introducing a man whom he felt it was an honor to present. But Mr. King, mindful of the fact that Mr. Hardee was here to do the talking, made his remarks brief and yielded the platform to the speaker of the evening—our next governor, we firmly believe.

Mr. Hardee prefaced his remarks with a pleasing anecdote and then launched earnestly into the issues of the present campaign, confining his remarks to the needs of this great state, and pledging himself, if elected to the chief executive position, to use his high position and influence to bringing about a wider development, a closer unity between sections and a feeling of greater harmony among all classes. He emphasized the fact that, if elected to the position which he seeks, he would not be the governor of west Florida, north Florida or south Florida, but rather the governor of the entire state, with no feeling of preference for any section in the performance of the duties of his high office.

The speaker touched lightly upon the duties of the legislature, mentioning the thousands of bills that were introduced at each session, and stated that it was a wonder that the members succeeded in passing any bills at all, or that we get as many good laws passed as are placed upon our statute books.

In mentioning his campaign, he stated that it was his purpose to visit all sections of the state, aside from securing support from the voters, he believed it to be the duty of every man aspiring to high office to familiarize himself with the needs of all sections, in order to perform the duties of his office in an intelligent and efficient manner. He spoke of the responsibilities of the office to which he aspires, mentioning the fact that among them was the power to remove from office every county officer selected by the people to transact their business. He pledged himself, if elected, not to use that power for the purpose of building up a political machine for the fur-

therance of his own ambitions, believing that when the people elected a man to office they did so because they thought him qualified to fill the office with credit to himself and his constituents, therefore his power to remove a man from office would never be used except in case of dire necessity, caused by flagrant violations of duty and intention to state. He viewed county and state officers rather as one large family which should work together in the interests of the entire commonwealth.

In speaking of his opponents, Mr. Hardee did not resort to vilification, stating that he thought a man should ride into office on his own merits and qualifications, rather than the demerits and shortcomings of the opposition. In a jesting manner, he mentioned Van Swearingen's claim for votes that, when a boy, he was a blacksmith. He honored the blacksmith just the same as the man of any other calling who was a good citizen, but said Mr. Swearingen had "nothing on him," as when the former was hammering away on his anvil, he (Hardee) was driving a mule hitched to a plow; in fact, he thought he had a little the best of his opponent in that respect, for if the old poem, "Under the Spreading Chestnut Tree," were to be believed, Mr. Swearingen was working in the shade while he was sweating in the sun.

There was no ego in Mr. Hardee's speech, the personal pronoun, when it was used, became necessary, being used with modesty and apologetically. But, as Mr. Hardee said, especially when seeking high office, must refer to his past record, Mr. Hardee did so occasionally, one of those references being to his attitude toward south Florida while a member of the legislature and speaker of the house. This particular reference was made to the citrus canker appropriation bill, which Mr. Hardee introduced and fought upon until it was a successful issue. For his work along this line he is entitled to the favorable consideration of every citrus grower in the state.

Another of our great problems touched upon by Mr. Hardee was reappointment. He stated that he had worked, while a member of the legislature, for reappointment, and that, if elected governor, he would put forth every effort to see that reappointment was brought about in 1921. He could not absolutely promise that this could be brought about, but pledged himself to exert every influence to secure reappointment and believed it could be done.

Mr. Hardee spoke of Dr. Hulley in a complimentary manner, stating that as an educator he was a highly efficient man, and explained that the so-called "insult" for which Dr. Hulley was removed from the platform, was a reference in his speech in Jacksonville that addressing the school children and keeping them standing on their feet for fifteen minutes at a time and drilling them in what amounted to a college yell of "Hulley, Hulley, vote for Hulley," had little to do with the issues of the present campaign. He said he did not believe in conducting political campaigns in the school room or churches, and from the applause that followed this statement it was evident that his hearers agreed with him.

Taxation was intelligently discussed and the well-known fact that from a state tax of 6 1/2 mills in 1915 the millage had mounted steadily until now we were paying the highest state millage known since 1876—12 mills—nearly double what we were paying four years ago. He did not say that it was in the power of the governor to lower taxes, but that he thought by

ATTEND SMOKER NEXT THURSDAY NIGHT

The Board of Trade will give a smoker in the Magnolia theater next Thursday night, April 22. Besides several good talks, there will be music and refreshments. The program has not yet been fully arranged, but we are assured by the committee that it will be a good one and well worth attending.

While it may seem that not much is being accomplished by the Board of Trade, it must be remembered that during the last few months most of the members have been unusually busy. A number of projects, however, have been taken up by this body and results will follow before some of us realize that any work has been done. One of these results will be the establishing of an up-town telegraph office before many months have passed and another, we have reason to believe, will be increased and better transportation facilities.

At this next smoker, we understand, the disposition to be made of our empty tin cans and other rubbish will be announced. Some of the members of the Board of Trade may not be aware of the fact that many of the problems discussed by this body are taken up with the Associated Boards of Trade, that we may bring a stronger influence to bear upon those with whom we must treat, thus enhancing our chances for accomplishing what we set out to do.

If the members of our organization want to do anything but talk we would be in favor of disbanding it, but, as stated before, more action is being taken than is apparent on the surface.

Attend the smokers, take part in the proceedings, and then if you are appointed on any committee, get after the chairman of that committee, insist that a meeting be held and do what you can toward bringing about the desired result.

Remember the date of the next smoker, Thursday evening, April 22. Be on hand, enjoy the evening and help in every way possible to get more concerted action.

Blitch Convict Inspector
Governor Catts has appointed B. B. Blitch of Marianna to be convict inspector for the state of Florida, to succeed Walter P. Bevis, resigned.

Big Sweet Potato
Saturday morning Mrs. J. P. Canfield showed us a large sweet potato grown in her garden. The potato weighed eight pounds.

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All entrances to St. Mary's Catholic church, Phoenix, Ariz., near notices bearing entrance into this church is forbidden to women wearing low-necked dresses.

Strawberries \$1 a Quart
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PREPARING FOR COMMENCEMENT

As the school year is drawing to a close a few remarks concerning Avon Park's schools might not come amiss at this time. Schools—good schools—are the greatest asset to any community. Poor schools have no basis for existence, are a needless expense and were never known to pay dividends. Avon Park is fortunate in having divided-paying schools, for with our efficient corps of teachers, a principal with exceptionally fine training along educational lines and the happy faculty of obtaining and keeping the confidence of both pupils and teachers, our children have advanced steadily in their school work, fitting themselves for the higher education and for solving the intricate problems of life.

The enrollment of pupils during the term to date is 330, attendance has been exceptionally good and very few pupils have withdrawn on account of removal from the district.

Good Friday was observed as "Patrons' Day" by the elementary grade scholars and domestic science department. The exhibits were especially pleasing and the program entertaining. The drawings and art work of the fourth and fifth grades were most commendable and the result of genius and painstaking effort. This work was under the direction of Mrs. H. J. Mammou. There was a liberal attendance of patrons, about sixty being present.

Commencement exercises have been arranged as follows: Tuesday evening, April 30, at 8:15 o'clock, a recital will be given in the high school auditorium under the direction of the Misses Purdon and Farrington, supervisors of music and expression.

The Rev. T. B. Thompson, pastor of the Christian church, this morning will preach the baccalaureate sermon before the graduating class in the auditorium Sunday evening, May 2, at 7:30 o'clock.

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INEFFICIENT ELECTRIC SERVICE RETARDS MARCH OF PROGRESS

CHEER FOR FLETCHER AT CATTS MEETING

Governor Catts spoke at Punta Gorda Monday night in the interest of his candidacy for United States senator. His audience was rather small and indifferent. Enough Fletcher men were present to give three rousing cheers for the senator on the conclusion of the governor's speech, which was devoted chiefly to a vain effort to explain satisfactorily much that is held against him by the rank and file of citizenship of the state. The cold reception there this time was in striking contrast to the warm ones given Catts in the gubernatorial race of 1916.

Expression Recital

Miss Helen Farrington will give an expression recital at the Avon Park High school auditorium next Tuesday night, to which you are cordially invited to attend. The recital will begin promptly at 7:15 o'clock. As usual, our friends are urged to bring something out of the ordinary, commonplace entertainments given under the direction of any of Avon Park's talent being something unheard of. Following is Tuesday night's program: Interpretative Reading, "Miss Penelope" (T. L. Marble), "Miss Winifred Reek Original Arrangement—"Madame Butterfly" (J. L. Long).

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It is with no degree of pleasure that we again call to the attention of the people of Avon Park the lack of efficient service being rendered by our what is commonly termed electric light plant.

Avon Park is due the best of service at the hands of the Florida Ice and Power Company, for certainly it has received and is receiving every courtesy and consideration from our people, and in failing to do its full part toward the development, the growth, the upbuilding of our town, it is not living up to the true standard of good citizenship, therefore is subject to the severest of criticism.

Of course, the owners of this supposed lighting plant will say that the plant has never paid dividends, that the stock and to install an all-day current would add still further to their losses, that being the time-worn, hackneyed and gray-whiskered answer to all overtures to render unto the people those comforts and conveniences which are their just due in return for the valuable franchise and the extortionate rate the company is permitted to enjoy.

But that answer is a fallacy, misleading and wholly devoid of common business sense and judgment, based on experiences in other cities. There is no question but what sufficient additional power would be used by our factories, packing houses, workshops, garages, stores, offices and private homes to reimburse the company twice over for the cost of operating these extra hours, but which can only be done by extending its lines from Frostproof or installing additional generators.

We have conversed with experts in electrical construction and know that the cost of extending the line from Frostproof would be justified by the additional business which could be secured had we all-day service, and that enough additional load would result to put a splendid interest on the additional investment. That is a fact, incontrovertible, regardless of what those distinguished gentlemen at the head of this pile of second-hand junk try to dignify as a lighting plant is to make one momentarily ridiculous in the eyes of men with the brains of children or the powers of reasoning of a mudcat, might say.

There is no use for The Pilot to again go into details as to the whys and wherefores of the numerous breakdowns at the plant, necessitating the shutting off of lights from one to five hours, as any child knows that the machinery is antiquated; in fact, so old and worn that long, long years ago it should have been permitted to rest quietly and silently in the scrap pile of some dealer in junk. But that fact is no reason why this beautiful, progressive and prosperous city should have a monkeywrench thrown into its wheels of progress.

If this company has not the civic pride, the well being, the development of Avon Park at heart to the extent of performing its full duty, pulling its full load up the hill of progress, then it is up to our people to take the matter in hand and install a plant that will meet the requirements and do so without any further argument or delay.

We might add that under the laws of Florida no individual, company or corporation can be granted an exclusive franchise by any town, city, county or the state.

Entertained Guild
Nearly thirty of the ladies of the Episcopal Guild were entertained yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Norton Smith on South Verona avenue. The afternoon was profitably and pleasantly spent and refreshments of sandwiches, cake and iced tea were served.

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 improvement, 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 sawmills 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 (\$850,000) 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

Stivender is agent for brick. Guy McGiboney spent Sunday in Frostproof.

W. A. Drawdy made a trip to Bartow Monday.

See a sample of those sand-cement brick. Stivender has them.

C. D. Frazier of Wauchula registered at the Village Inn Saturday.

Victor Smith and George L. Crews spent Sunday at Orange Hammock, near Kisco.

Quick delivery guaranteed when you order cement-sand brick from P. M. Stivender.

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

Grover Langford and father of Arcadia spent Saturday mingling with friends here.

The Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers' Association has added a Ford truck to its worries.

A. D. Williams and P. G. Shaver of Arcadia were among the out-of-town visitors in Avon Park Friday.

George Duncan drew the \$250 gold piece given away by the White Dry Goods Company Saturday night.

Vance Crews and family of Zolfo spent Sunday with H. G. Crapo and sister, Mrs. Moore, out on Lake Lotela.

Mrs. A. J. Lewis left Monday for Tampa, St. Petersburg and other places on the west coast, where she will spend a couple of weeks.

Mrs. J. P. Lyles left Monday for her home in Dundee, after having spent several days here, the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. H. Prior.

Commissioner S. P. Durrance and daughter, Mamie Lee, spent a couple of days in Okechobee the latter part of last week. Mr. Durrance going there on a business mission.

John Foley, Fred Peden, Florence Raines, Eula Peden, Myrtle Conoley, Helen Smith and Mary and Nellie Pabor enjoyed an auto ride to Sebring and a picnic spread last Friday night.

Miss Ethel Oliver, teacher of domestic science in the Avon Park school, left Sunday afternoon to return to her duties, after a short visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Oliver—Punta Gorda Herald.

Mayor Albritton, who spent the winter here and became quite popular with the younger set, left Monday morning for his home in Hazel, Ky. His friends hope he will return to Avon Park next winter.

Mr. and Mrs. DeForest Canfield, Mrs. J. P. Canfield, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stodden, Miss Myrtle Jacks and Mrs. Philip J. Leigh spent Saturday and Sunday down on Arbutus fishing. They caught plenty of fish to eat and enjoyed the outing immensely.

"Uncle" Dave Skipper was among our Saturday business visitors. He had but recently returned from Tampa, where he underwent an operation at the Gordon Keller hospital. His friends will be pleased to learn that he has recovered his usual good health.

Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Murrish and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lesure of Avon Park passed through town Monday en route to Avon Park and stopped in Wauchula long enough to make a pleasant call at the Advocate shop. Rev. Murrish is rector of the Episcopal church in Avon Park and a gentleman of more than ordinary attainments. — Wauchula Advocate.

"And There Wasn't the Slightest 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 as plenty as like RAT-SNAP because after killing rats it dries them up—leaves no smell." Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by F. C. Rae, Park Mercantile Company and Avon Park Drug Company.

POOR ELECTRIC SERVICE KEEPS BUSINESS AWAY

Saturday we received a letter from Jacksonville, which is one of the many instances wherein Avon Park's growth is being retarded because of inadequate lighting and power facilities. It is not the only instance wherein we have lost new enterprises on account of not having all-day current, as we know of two small manufacturing concerns that would have located here could they have run their machinery with electric motors. The letter mentioned reads in part:

"Jacksonville, April 8. "G. W. Adams, Avon Park, Fla. "Dear Sir: I see in your paper that you are after the electric people in regard to day current. Would like to ask if you see any probability of getting this any time soon. I have contemplated locating here but all of my equipment being operated by electricity, would handicap me greatly; in fact, so much so that I do not believe I could operate without it.

"As I understand the situation, the owners have promised to extend their line from Frostproof to the Park at some future date. I cannot see why the local plant could not furnish day power if it furnishes the night current. Seems that they could do this for the citizens of the town, at least until they are able to extend their lines, even if they had to add a little machinery to the present plant. Am sure the additional investment ought to be good for the company. "Will you let me know if you get any good news along this line?"

Gentlemen of the Florida Ice and Power Company, can you not give us a little encouraging news to send to this gentleman and others who want to use electric power, or must the people of Avon Park work out their own salvation by establishing another light, power and ice plant?

GRAND HIGH PRIEST, R. A. M., VISITS US

Avon Park has been entertaining a distinguished visitor in the person of W. V. Carter of Daytona, who left for his home Monday after spending several days with his daughter, Mrs. John Glass. Mr. Carter is grand high priest of the Florida Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. Friday afternoon he met with the officers and members of Highlands Chapter, U. D., and gave them some valuable and appreciated instruction in the work. This was his first visit to the Scenic Highlands and, in speaking of them, he said: "I never knew there was such a splendid section of the state. I knew there was something down here that held the state together, but had no idea such beautiful and prolific citrus groves were to be found in such vast acreages, nor that development would ever reach its present stage. It is wonderful. If I were a little younger I would not hesitate in making an investment in or near Avon Park, and may do so yet."

Mr. Carter has passed the three-score-and-ten mark, but his looks belie his age. He would certainly be accorded a warm welcome were he to decide to locate with us, and the future visits he has promised will be hailed with delight.

Mrs. Carter, who accompanied her husband here, will remain a couple of weeks longer.

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, Avon Park, Fla. 7tf

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In commenting on the article published in the Curtis farm journal on the selling of Florida lands to what was termed suckers by a writer in that paper, we quoted the fact that a number of noted men of national reputation had not only invested heavily in Florida lands, but had constantly increased their holdings after thorough investigation and considerable development.

Probably the most effective endorsement of this character was published in the Tampa Tribune last Sunday, in the form of a letter from Mr. John Cribble, president of the Tampa Gas Company, who has extensive interests in Hillsborough, Polk and Dade counties and who is also a heavy stockholder in the Curtis Publishing Company, which publishes the aforesaid farm journal.

Coming from such a source, the statements made should be conclusive proof of the fertility of Florida soils and the ability of this state to make good in every respect, so we take pleasure in reproducing a few paragraphs from his letter:

"My faith in Florida has long since passed into active confidence, based upon these ten years of personal knowledge. I regret exceedingly that so reliable a journal as the Country Gentleman should have unwittingly been led into being the purveyor of such misinformation. These statements are unwarranted and not worthy of the magazine in which they appeared. I have so stated to the editor of that magazine. Had my knowledge of Florida been consulted and followed, these statements would never have appeared. Since December 1, I have quadrupled my holdings of land about Tampa and south-east of Tampa. My previous holdings were already considerable. The Pennsylvania Sugar Company, in which I am substantially interested, has agreed with my confidence in Florida to the extent of taking over 70,000 acres in Florida for the raising of sugar cane, and is now actively prosecuting the project. I have outspokenly set forth my convictions concerning Florida, in the four corners of the United States, and shall continue to do so. I am more confident than ever that Florida, as I have often said, has just been discovered. The state is on the eve of far greater developments. I have cast my lot with the people of Tampa, and am very willing to have a part in this coming greater future. Florida need not apologize or explain to anybody. As Daniel Webster said of Massachusetts, 'There she stands, a confident witness in her own behalf.'"

This fully sustains any assertions made by this or any other newspaper in the state and stamps the magazine in Philadelphia as guilty of ignorant or malicious falsehood, a fact which will be greeted by a great many people, since the Country Gentleman has persistently and consistently misrepresented Florida for a period extending over nearly two years.—Times-Union.

A Valuable Florida Product
Seven hundred bales of Sea Island cotton have brought \$1 a pound on the Jacksonville market. So far as known here this is the highest price cotton has sold for since the civil war. The cotton, all of which was grown in Florida, and a majority of it in Bradford county, approximately 360 pounds to the bale. About \$250,000 was involved in the deal.

Wonderful Business Activity
R. I. Harris of Avon Park was in Fort Meade one day this week. Mr. Harris recently put through a real estate deal near his home community involving \$100,000, in groves, lake fronts and citrus lands. He says business activities in this section of the country are marvelous.—Fort Meade Leader.

Tax Payment Extended
Governor Catts has given the tax collectors of the several counties of the state an extension of one month in which to receive the payment of taxes. April 1 is the usual time limit in which the tax books are kept open, but now they will not close until May 1.

Stivender sells real estate.

HARDEE VS. HULLEY

The good Dr. Hulley seems to be losing his temper.

It is not certain that he is tearing his hair, but for all we know he may be doing that, too.

At any rate, he flung discretion to the ashean and issued a challenge to Mr. Hardee to meet him in joint debate.

And why?

Forsooth, because he says that Hardee has insulted him! With no further provocation, apparently. For Dr. Hulley "alleges that he was grossly insulted by remarks made in a recent Jacksonville speech by Hardee, and that in the future he will proceed to handle Hardee with gloves off."

The places selected by Hulley as the scene of the deadly duel are Tampa, Jacksonville, Lakeland, Live Oak and Deland. (If he purposes to go as far as all of that, why did he not include Fort Pierce in the itinerary?)

To debates between candidates there can be no objection. Certainly the News-Tribune offers none.

But an argument will not be a debate.

Whoever reached a conclusion by "arguing?"

This sort of an affair will be no debate. It is far more likely to degenerate into a cat fight.

First, the motive of Dr. Hulley is base. He has no issue to present, no clear political theme to urge, no outstanding platform to encourage.

It is simply wrathful. One can almost hear his rattles singing.

Moreover, Hulley's charge is groundless. Mr. Hardee did not come within a mile of insulting him or anybody else. Hardee is not that sort; and if he were, he did not insult Hulley in Jacksonville. For Hardee, the News-Tribune files a demurrer!

Now, we maintain that a series of debates with such a motive and without grounds would become a mud-slinging contest of personalities, full of vituperation and abuse, and with no good end to be gained by anybody.

There is a dignity and beauty about a well-conducted race.

Florida would do well to adhere to the line in this respect.

If Hulley could but see what is plain to a vast number of the citizens of Florida, he would know that Hardee is by all odds the leading candidate because the people are tired of boredom by an administration that was born of abuse and has lived in a continuous fight, and in Hardee they see a safe and sane gentleman who conducts his politics on a high plane and makes friends rather than furies out of his fellow workers.

Hardee will undoubtedly be the next governor because he is representative of all the people in every part of the state rather than the self-appointed seeker after an office.

There must needs be some certainties in these uncertain times of reconstruction; Hardee is a certainty. All who run may read. He is no puzzle, about whom people say: "I wonder what he will do?" He is an open book, about whom people say: "I know what to expect."

His public life is long, varied and full of honor.

Florida is suffering for lack of such an administration as he will give.

Now, Mr. Hulley may be a fine executive; he certainly is a scholar and possessed of brains. There is nothing against his character so far as the News-Tribune knows.

But he is an uncertainty; an experiment; a guess.

Why take the unknown when the known is offered.

Only plungers do that. And plungers are not many in Florida. Once or twice the state has been persuaded to risk an unknown, and each time lived to rue the day their choice was made.

We trust that Mr. Hardee will refuse to meet Dr. Hulley.

There is nothing to be gained in measuring the amount of mud that can be catapulted. The personalities and qualifications are the platforms of the two contestants, and of these the people can judge better and more clearly without such a campaign.

It is possible that Hulley sees which way the tide is drifting, and he is endeavoring to stem it by a spectacular appeal to passion and prejudice.

Or can it be that Ajax is merely defying the lightning?—Fort Pierce News-Tribune.

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TELEPHONE No. 29

Baseball will now replace the fancy dress ball and bawling out the umpire will be the favorite pastime of the fans.

Yes, we have a speed limit law in Avon Park, but it will probably not be enforced until after a fatal accident or two has occurred.

The last "oyster month" has passed its meridian and Apalachicola is getting ready to go into innocuous desuetude until next September.

If the anti-divisions will consult their oija boards they will learn that they have real cause for alarm.

The shortage of newspaper paper could easily be remedied by our government taking off a part of the import duty on paper manufactured in Canada.

Florida's "desert lands" are in great demand and men who know Florida are acquiring large tracts in all parts of the state for immediate development.

Cary A. Hardee talks "issues" and does not let personalities enter into his race for the governorship. And when it comes to issues and good government, Cary A. Hardee has the right idea.

We quite frequently see automobiles driven over our asphalt streets at the rate of from twenty-five to thirty miles an hour. Why not enforce the speed-limit law before some one is killed or maimed?

Times - Union: "Palmetto News recently spoke of a man with a 'mantel' draped about him, and we are hoping for his sake, that it was wood and not marble." Being a Palmetto man, might not the marble be better, considering the hereafter?

The local manager of the electric light plant is not to blame for the numerous breakdowns and the abominable service we are getting. The plant is overloaded, he has no experienced help and the machinery is old. You can't make something out of nothing.

Only a little more than seven weeks remain until the primary election will be held. Seven weeks for the doubtful ones to make up their minds whether or not they will vote for the division candidates and added prosperity or ruin under the "ring rule" for another four years.

It's a mighty easy matter for the rich man to tell the poor man how to "save money on meat" by purchasing the cheap cuts and fixin' 'em up with mushrooms, etc., which reminds us of a certain gun who wanted to know why the populace did not eat cake when there was no bread.

The Times Union says: "Coal at the mines goes up 50 cents a ton and those who buy it may expect to pay the 50 cents additional and then some for expenses." Florida sunshine never advances in price, therefore the solution of the heating problem for the northerner is in coming to Florida to spend the winters.

The office of The Highlands Pilot, published at Avon Park, Fla., by George W. Adams, formerly of this place, has been equipped with a fine new linotype. George seems to have finally found a location where the business men and residents generally who appreciate the value to the community of a real newspaper, such as he is giving them. We are glad to note his success.—Bristol (Ind.) Banner.

James Carleton of Sebring was an Avon Park visitor Monday, calling at the Pilot office. Mr. Carleton has been revealed upon by his friends, of whom he has a host, to become a candidate for the office of county commissioner for district No. 5. His announcement appears in our announcement column. Mr. Carleton has at one time county surveyor and has also held the office of county commissioner. He is well known throughout DeSoto county and will make a good race.

Of course, the Georgia peach crop has again been killed.

We are decidedly in favor of placing a heavy tax on cats—both two and four-legged.

Wonder if the price of "overalls has advanced since "Over-all Clubs" became the rage.

Hoover has finally decided that the republican party will win this year and has announced his candidacy for the presidency on that ticket.

Some of our governor's former supporters are so ashamed of themselves (and Catts) that they will not now introduce him when he makes a speech.

If the supply of free publicity matter is increased just a little we will have enough paper each week in which to wrap our small packages for mailing.

The wise man anticipates the growth of a community and shapes his business to grow with it. The management of the Florida Ice and Power Company is not displaying much wisdom.

The Tampa Tribune hit the nail on its head when it said: "Because a candidate is a clever man and a good mixer is no reason why he should be elected, if he has not the real qualifications for office."

A state-wide no-fence law is highly desirable, but it is hardly probable that such a law can be passed for several years to come. A county-option no-fence law would answer until the more desirable one can be passed.

Governor Catts says that it is beyond the power of a governor to raise taxes, yet when he is sowing the seed of dissension, hate and discord, he had no hesitancy in stating that if elected governor he would reduce taxation.

The Green Cove Springs correspondent of the Times-Union is responsible for the story of a huge fish swallowing a tomato, which escaped from its living prison the next day and swam to shore. Don't blame any self-respecting fish for spewing up a Catt.

There is more than one reason why a Friday afternoon holiday during the summer months, rather than Thursday afternoon. A newspaper man might be able to get off occasionally on Friday afternoon, enjoy the rest and incidentally give a little first-hand publicity to some of the stunts pulled off.

An ice plant of larger capacity is needed in Avon Park. Eventually every refrigerator car loaded here must be iced at this place. Next year there should be a new plant, and the fruit shipped from Avon Park. That would mean for the initial icing alone 9,600,000 pounds of ice and for reicing 4,800,000 pounds.

A Dade City man has discovered a new species of Catt, which he is anxious to have classified. A few evenings ago this Catt opened a speech in Dade City by apologizing for having appointed a negro probation officer in Jacksonville, remarking that before coming to Florida, while farming in Alabama, he had found it necessary to carry firearms with him and to maintain a private cemetery for the reception of the less desirable of his negro employes from time to time. He closed the same speech a little later with a prayer to the Almighty in which he stated that he felt profoundly the responsibility resting upon his shoulders to save the souls of all of God's children, regardless of color, race or nationality.

S. J. Triplett, until recently editor of the Okeechobee News, and who is one of the best-known and most forceful writers in the state, spent Sunday in Avon Park coming over from Okeechobee via auto. Mr. Triplett and The Pilot editor are close friends and enjoyed a pleasant visit during the short time he was here. He took the Monday morning train for Lake Wales, where he will assist Harry Gann on the Lake Wales Highlander. With two such men as Gann and Triplett at the helm, the Highlander, which is already a powerful factor in the development of Lake Wales, will eclipse all former efforts in boosting and undoubtedly make the welkin ring with praises of its home town and the entire Ridge.

COUNTY DIVISION

At the present time there is considerable discussion over the county division question. The east side of DeSoto, with the assistance of Wauchula, at one end of the county, and Punta Gorda at the other end, is standing solid in favor of a five-county division, and the front they are now presenting is causing much uneasiness in the camp of the crowd around Arcadia. The fact is the old-time anti-divisions are much perturbed over the situation and are using every means in their power to defeat the purposes of the divisionists, but they are beginning to realize that they have played their strongest card in years gone by, and many promises they made are beginning to confront them and they are now seeking new ones to make, but as the "burnt child dreads the fire," and the divisionists have long since been burnt almost to a frazzle, they are slow to take any stock in anything that comes out of Arcadia.

Last Saturday the writer was in Arcadia, and had several talks with different ones. It is really amusing to note the different schemes that are being worked. First one fellow approached us, remarking that he understood the east side was asking county division that they might enforce the "no-fence" law that was to be pushed through the next legislature. This is folly, and while it may cause some to stop and think, it is too absurd to call for comment; but let us say that after consulting many who are after county division, we have come to the conclusion that the "no-fence" proposition is purely a scheme started by the Arcadia crowd merely to muddy the waters, for there is no such idea in the minds of those who are seeking division. County division is what we want, on the five-county plan, and that is what we are going to win on.

There is no use in the anti crowd endeavoring to divert the minds of the divisionists from the determination to win. County division is the only issue that is to be fought out, and Arcadia to the contrary notwithstanding, we are going to make that fight with all the strength we possess. Let every citizen bear that in mind, for we are not paying any attention to anything else, because we know there is something to do to win, but we will do it, nevertheless.

For the senate we have nominated Hon. Frank M. Cooper, and the opposition feels that we

have played a card that is the highest trump. We understand Dr. E. J. Etheredge will be in the race for representative, and he will be heard from at the proper time. With this team we will win and do it in a manner that will make those who have opposed us for so long know that the time has come when the east side, as well as the two ends of DeSoto, are going to walk from under the rule of the middle end.

Let us all get busy and do our part. On this side of the county the registration of voters has been something big, and when the primary comes off you are going to see something that will convince you that the divisionists are a body of determined men that will brook no opposition from the "ringsters."—Sebring White Way.

Avon Park boosters are setting their mark for 5,000 people in three years. We do not see any reason why that progressive town should not be able to count that many by 1923. Business is booming on the ridge and raising good oranges is making it boom.—Moore Haven Times.

Curran has denounced the Monroe doctrine as a protective policy. But it doesn't seem to protect American citizens in Mexico.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

To the Voters of DeSoto County: I am a candidate for a large number of taxpayers I have consented to become a candidate for the office of County Commissioner for District No. 5, subject to the decision of the voters at the Democratic primary June 8, 1920. If elected I pledge myself to put forth every effort to fulfill the duties of the office in a businesslike and satisfactory manner and to the best of my ability. I believe that two active men should be kept employed the year around on the hard-surface roads of DeSoto county, and I will endeavor to see that the roads and bridges in first-class repair.

Respectfully,
J. W. WHITEHURST.
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FOR CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

To the Voters of DeSoto County: I am a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court of DeSoto county, subject to the Democratic primary to be held June 8, 1920. I am elected to this important office I pledge to use dispatch in the administration of the business of this office to answer all correspondence promptly to record all instruments with prompt dispatch, as well as to attend to all tax matters and business generally with promptness.

I solicit the consideration, confidence, vote and support of every elector.

Respectfully,
F. H. WILLIAMS.
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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, June 8, 1920.

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

If elected I promise to serve all with equal fidelity and impartiality, assuring each of you that I will use all my power to make it your support.

Respectfully,
J. H. WHIDDEN.
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FOR SHERIFF

To the Voters of DeSoto County: I hereby announce myself as a candidate 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 these duties, and assure you that I will try to serve the whole people to the very best of my ability.

Yours truly,
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 rate and influence of every voter is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully,
C. A. CREWS.
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FOR SHERIFF

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for election 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 faithfully and impartially done my duty. If you address my administration I will appreciate your vote at the June primary.

Respectfully,
J. L. DISHONG.
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FOR COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

To the Voters of DeSoto County: I am 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 that is impossible, and I will appreciate the support of every one.

Respectfully,
CECIL F. MULL.
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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 the people and land values, I hereby make my announcement as a candidate for the office of Tax Collector, subject to the vote of the voters at the primary election June 8, 1920. If elected to this important position I pledge myself to fulfill the duties of the office faithfully and impartially and in a businesslike manner.

Respectfully,
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To the Voters of DeSoto County: I am a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court, subject to the Democratic primary in June. I express my gratitude to the people of DeSoto county for the honor and trust reposed in me, and if nominated and elected, I promise to continue to give the people the same courteous and efficient service as in the past.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL MENTION

For brick see P. M. Stivender.

J. B. Williams transacted business in Frostproof Monday.

If you are going to build, use cement-sand brick. P. M. Stivender, agent.

Charles Ryan, the Builder, is a new advertiser this week. See his ad on page 8.

Mrs. R. T. Whitnall left Tuesday for Blomington, Wis., where she will remain for some time.

Leave orders for crate mill blocks at B. H. James' store, or see A. K. Hinton.

Mrs. J. P. Lyles of Dundee has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. H. Prior, for a few days.

Rev. A. D. Buck went to Winter Park Saturday, where he will conduct a series of revival meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Moody of Tallahassee were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dilley and family Tuesday.

H. W. Wear and family of Bartow spent several hours here Saturday looking over their grove property.

Miss Dorothy VanKleeck and brother of Sebring were guests of the Misses Helen and Henrietta Farrington Tuesday.

Miss Henrietta Farrington and brother Henry spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives and friends in Punta Gorda.

Mark Lance, George F. Kellogg, A. V. Anderson, W. M. Reck and G. W. Adams attended the Associated Boards of Trade meeting at Lake Wales Tuesday. Mr. Lance taking the crowd up in his Lexington.

Capt. F. C. Rae is advertising a line of paints this week and advises people to protect their homes, at the same time beautifying them, by painting now. It's good advice and property owners should read his ad.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stringer of Homestead, Pa., who spent a short while with us last year, arrived in Avon Park Sunday and have "anchored" their car alongside the bandstand, opposite the First National bank, where they will remain for a couple of weeks repairing watches, clocks and jewelry and doing other intricate work. See their ad elsewhere in this paper.

Stivender sells real estate.

Mrs. A. D. Buck was a Sebring visitor Tuesday.

H. O. Estes of Orlando spent Wednesday night here.

See "Twelve-Ten" at the Magnolia theater tomorrow night, April 16.

Among our Saturday visitors were George Duncan and brother of Wauchula.

For foundations, chimneys, fireplaces, etc., use cement-sand brick. P. M. Stivender, agent.

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

Miss Helen Farrington spent the week-end at Sebring, the guest of Miss Dorothy VanKleeck.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Varn motored up from Sebring Sunday and were supper guests at the Village Inn.

J. L. Hampton, candidate for sheriff, was here Friday greeting friends and looking after his political fences.

Capt. Jack Whidden of Arcadia, candidate for the office of county tax assessor, was here Saturday looking after his political fences and greeting friends.

C. R. and Elton Nichols, who have been spending the last four months here, will leave for their homes in Ohio tomorrow. Both are grove owners out on Lake Damon and expect to return to Avon Park next winter.

For Sale—Twenty acres land 3 1/2 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. Charles Ryan, Avon Park, Fla.

Dan Risser of Dayton, Ohio, who had been spending the winter here, departed for his home Monday. This was Mr. Risser's first winter in Avon Park, and he stated that he enjoyed his visit here immensely. Owing to his advanced age (81 years) he cannot make definite plans for the future, but says that if his health permits he will be with us again next winter.

Real estate.—P. M. Stivender. "Twelve-Ten" tomorrow night at the Magnolia theater.

Mrs. J. R. Gainey spent Tuesday in Lakeland shopping.

Magnolia theater tomorrow (Saturday) night, "Twelve-Ten."

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wolf of Sebring were guests at the Avon Saturday.

H. C. Dunn of Orlando spent Tuesday and Wednesday here transacting business.

Roy Gilbert and J. P. Johnson of Bartow were Avon Park visitors Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Laswell of Tampa spent Tuesday night and Wednesday in Avon Park.

Lewis Thomas and son Mose of Fort Kissimmee were transacting business here Tuesday.

Mrs. Frank Sebring and Mrs. H. O. Sebring of Sebring were registered at the Avon last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lanier, C. A. Skipper and William Dart motored to Punta Gorda Tuesday.

William Hauptman has moved his family from Zolfo and is occupying the Charlie Burke residence on Lake Verona.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dilley, Mrs. Ezra Smith and little Mary Ryan enjoyed their Sunday dinner at Meyer's cafe in Sebring.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Moody of Tallahassee are here for a few days the guest of Mrs. Moody's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Myers.

J. J. Jamour is in Lake Wales this week decorating the home of Mr. Ellis, superintendent of the Florida Ice and Power Company.

Dink Skipper, one of Crevasseville's prominent citizens, spent Wednesday afternoon in Avon Park transacting business and mingling with friends.

Mrs. E. N. Coy, who had been the guest of her brother-in-law, H. E. Coy, during the winter months, departed Tuesday for her home in Rochester, N. Y.

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. Charles Ryan, Avon Park.

Mrs. L. M. Marsh, Mrs. H. Stevenson, Mrs. Ellis West and Mrs. T. H. Lander motored to Lakeland Wednesday afternoon in Mrs. Lander's car to attend the grand chapter of the Order of Eastern Star. Mrs. Norton Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stodden, Henry Stevenson and Mark Lance will motor over today (Friday) to spend the day.

Dr. and Mrs. G. C. Kneeder of Pittsburgh, Pa., who spent three weeks very pleasantly here, left for their home Wednesday. Dr. Kneeder, who is troubled with rheumatism, says that his visit to Florida benefited him greatly and that he will not hesitate to recommend the Florida climate and water to those suffering from the same trouble. Dr. Kneeder is an eye, ear and throat specialist and has a large practice. He has permanently identified himself with Avon Park by purchasing grove property from the Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers' Association.

"I Never Knew You Could Keep Rats Out of a Butcher Shop." What Ralph Watkins says: "Figured rats about, didn't had enough to feed on; wouldn't touch anything suspicious. Heard about RAT-SNAP, gave it a trial. Results were wonderful. Cleaned all rats out in ten days. Dogs about store night and day never touch RAT-SNAP." Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by F. C. Rae, Park Mercantile Co., Avon Park Drug Co.

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