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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN SPECIAL SESSION ADOPT NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET

The board of county commissioners met in special session in their office in Arcadia, on Saturday, July 24, 1920, with Chairman McRae presiding and Commissioners Coker and Durrance present at roll call. Commissioner Whitehurst arrived after the adoption of the budget and was recognized by the chair.

The clerk read the call of the chairman, as follows: "You are hereby called to meet in special session in your office in Arcadia, Florida, at 10 o'clock a. m., on Saturday, July 24, 1920, for the purpose of considering the annual budget, making the annual tax levy, and for the consideration of any business that may properly come before you."

Notary bond of C. P. Hartfield, with A. B. Moore and T. C. Boggers as sureties, was approved.

The clerk read the following communication:

Jacksonville, Fla., July 16, 1920.
Board of County Commissioners, DeSoto county, Florida.
Gentlemen: We represent the Richmond Trust company of Richmond, Va., the owner and holder of the drainage bonds of the Murchison drainage district.
Bonds in the amount of \$5,000, which mature on September 1, 1920, are due. The interest thereon from that date, interest is payable semi-annually, and other bonds are maturing from time to time and interest is continually accruing and becoming payable thereon.
Under the provisions of Chapter 7000 of the Acts of 1915 (Florida), you are required to levy a tax on all the taxable property within this district for the purpose of paying interest and creating a sinking fund for the payment of these bonds as they mature from time to time.
"You have heretofore levied a tax at the rate of \$1 per acre per year, 10 cents per acre per year, and upon an ad valorem basis of 10 mills on all the taxable property. It is our belief that you are authorized to make a levy under any one of these methods, and we respectfully request that you make such a levy as will insure the payment of the bonds with the terms of the act, and that you advise us of the result of your action in the premises, so that we may in turn advise our clients."

Respectfully,
COOPER, COOPER & OSBORN,
M. H. Long,
Attorneys.

Thereupon the following resolution was presented:

Whereas the holders of the bonds of the Murchison drainage district, through their attorneys, have requested that the board of county commissioners make a levy on the said Murchison drainage district for the payment of the said bonds and interest thereon; and
Whereas this board has previously completed the levy of \$5 per acre against the lands in the said drainage district, the said levy being the total amount assessed as benefits against said lands by the said committee that made the benefit assessment in the formation of the said Murchison drainage district; and
Whereas, acting under chapter 7000, special acts of the legislature of Florida, this board made an ad valorem levy of 10 mills to pay the principal and interest on the said bonds; and
Whereas, the authority of this board to make said ad valorem levy has been questioned, and the matter of that right is now before the supreme court of the state of Florida for final adjudication; be it
Resolved, that the board of county commissioners make a levy on the said Murchison drainage district for the payment of the said bonds and interest thereon, the said levy to be in lieu of the ad valorem levy of 10 mills, and that the said levy be levied on the said drainage district for the payment of the said bonds and interest thereon, the said levy to be in lieu of the ad valorem levy of 10 mills.

The above resolution was offered and its adoption moved by Commissioner Coker, which was seconded by Commissioner Durrance, and upon the vote being called McRae voted yes, Coker yes, Durrance yes.
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CENSUS REPORT SHOWS GAINS ALL OVER COUNTY

The census authorities have at last released the census report for the various towns in DeSoto county. All of them combined shows a gain of 11,234 over the 1910 report. Arcadia has made a net gain of 1,748 during the past decade against Wauchula's 981 and Punta Gorda's 283.

Following is the official report of the population of DeSoto county by precincts for the year 1920:

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WHAT THE COUNTY SOLONS DID AT LAST REGULAR MEETING

The honorable board of county commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 2, 1920, with Chairman McRae presiding and Commissioners Coker, Durrance, Whitehurst and Whitten present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Notary public bond of L. M. Bennett, with George Leitner and Mary A. Moye as sureties, was approved.

A petition was presented, signed by Bert Starkey and others, asking that a public road be granted in the latter creek section. Said petition was granted, and Bert Starkey, L. A. Wolff and G. L. Bryant were appointed blazers to view and mark said road according to law.

Bids having been asked on a power lawn mower for the court house yard, and the bid of the Richards Hardware company being the best bid offered, same was accepted, and the clerk was instructed to place the order for the same.

E. W. Pooser presented a request for assistance, on account of the loss of his team of mules, caused by the collapse of a bridge on a private road near Ft. Ogden. Said request was referred to Commissioner Coker.

The clerk was instructed to advertise the sale of the bonds of Palmdale Special Road and Bridge District No. 9, and the bonds of Moore Haven Special Road and Bridge District No. 8.

Moved by Whitten, seconded and carried, that the comptroller be and he is hereby requested to permit Mrs. Mary A. Williams to redeem her home in Punta Gorda from tax sale at a valuation of \$300, she being a widow and entitled to the reduction of taxes.

Superintendent Hagan of the county farm expressed a desire to be relieved of his duties there and Commissioner Whitehurst moved that his motion be seconded and adopted, that Commissioner Whitten employ some one to relieve Mr. Hagan, subject to the approval of this board at its September meeting.

The following resolution was presented, and upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, was adopted by the board of county commissioners:

Whereas, there is a surplus beyond requirements in the fine and forfeiture fund of the county;

Resolved, that the comptroller of the state of Florida concurring, that the clerk be and he is hereby instructed to transfer \$1,000 to each of the five road funds of the county from the said fine and forfeiture fund.

After approving accounts and ordering warrants drawn, as is evidenced by file of approved vouchers and clerk's warrant register in this office, the board adjourned.

Avon Park vs. Frostproof

The Avon Park baseball team went to our neighboring town of Frostproof Thursday afternoon and crossed bats with the newly organized ball team of that hustling little village. A good game was witnessed by the spectators, the visiting team winning by a score of 7 to 5.

Awake Buying Goods

J. W. White, buyer for the White Dry Goods Company, left for the markets yesterday. He will spend one day attending the Retail Dry Goods Men's convention in St. Louis, where he expects to get new ideas for the betterment of his store service and customers.

Royal Arch Masons

There will be a regular convention of Higher Chapter No. 42, Royal Arch Masons, Monday night, Aug. 9. All Royal Arch Masons are requested to be on hand early, as there is work in the Mark Master degree.

SHARP DECLINE IN GROCERIES AND FEED

Our readers will hail with delight the announcement that a sharp decline in the price of some foodstuffs and feed will take place within the next few days. While not many articles are affected by the price changes, most of them are staples and will have a tendency to lower the cost of living.

Saturday (tomorrow), you may look for a decline of \$1.20 a bushel in the price of Irish potato. This means 30 cents a peck less than you have been paying.

Meats are still high and present prices will likely obtain until packers have disposed of their storage stock, purchased on a high market several months ago. Lard, however, will be reduced in price, probably 4 cents a pound, within the next ten days or two weeks.

Milk is also taking a material drop—probably of 2 to 3 cents a pound. Meal and grits will remain stationary and there will be no change in the price of sugar.

Milk is advancing in price and 15 cents for a tall can of the evaporated lactical fluid will in all likelihood soon be a thing of the past.

In staple dry goods a 15 per cent advance in price has been made and the output of the manufacturers has been contracted for the year, so no relief from high prices in this line may be expected.

Shoes, also, are advancing and merchants tell us the wise buyer will supply his needs now.

To Celebrate Wedding?

N. B. Hicks, the genial boiler buster of Savannah, Ga., who had been here several weeks working on the Flint Lumber Company's locomotives, left for his home last Tuesday. We are glad to hear he is well and hope he will have a successful trip.

He is a quondam as to whether he went to celebrate his wedding or his birthday, but judging from his anxiety to arrive in his home down on the 4th, presume he was the latter.

As a boiler maker we can recommend Mr. Hicks most highly and as a swimming expert and instructor—well, we will leave that to the ladies, who will ever remember his painstaking efforts and will miss his mastery hand.

We wish him well wherever his duties may take him and assure him of a cordial welcome should he return to Avon Park.

CITIZENS FACING SERIOUS SITUATION

We have been informed that the Florida Ice and Power company has a force of workmen engaged in setting poles between Frostproof and Avon Park and that they have the poles set as far as Livingston creek.

Also that the material is here for the sub-station and that the wire for extending the line has been shipped. This information has not been received from an official of the company, but we sincerely hope it is true, for the people of Avon Park are in imminent danger of being without lights, power, water or ice.

For several weeks the service rendered by the Florida Ice and Power company has been getting more and more abominable daily, until now the word service is a misnomer, for it is anything but service we are receiving.

For a number of nights our lights have been turned off at midnight or a few moments after, discommoding those of us who must work nights in order to secure power, and endangering the lives of some of our citizens. This latter may appear to be an absurd charge, but it is nevertheless true, for on three different occasions we know of serious fires occurring, where assistance had to be called in the night, after the lights had been turned off. Imagine the feelings of a husband called suddenly to minister unto a sick wife, when upon arising at 1 a. m. in a room dark as Erebus, he could secure no light. This happened less than a week ago, when the gentleman mentioned

CLEAN UP SOUTH SHORE OF VERONA

What should be one of our beauty spots is in reality an eyesore and a disgrace to the town.

We refer to the south shore of Lake Verona, which has been used as a dumping ground. Located on one of our principle streets, where there is heavy traffic and where automobile parties are compelled to travel when they circle this beautiful little lake, this shore of Lake Verona should be one of our beauty spots.

Instead of being a beauty spot, however, it has been made a most unsightly place by dumping in cans, bottles, bricks, waste paper and all kinds of rubbish there. Whether this practice is being carried on now we are unable to say, but the fact remains that it has been permitted to such an extent that this spot is a disgrace to the town.

We understand permission was granted to dump certain kinds of rubbish there, in order to fill in the few washouts caused by heavy rains, but the privilege, as is generally the case, was abused and other rubbish, which should have been dumped outside the town limits, was included.

What has been done cannot now be helped, but our authorities should see that no more rubbish is dumped on the south shore of Lake Verona or any other place inside the city limits, for that matter, and that the unsightly heaps already there are either removed or covered up.

Helping Us Boost

Avon Park is to have a fine system of streets that will be paved and make this attractive town more attractive than ever. The Highlands Pilot states that the planning committee has completed its labor and the map showing the new system of streets is on exhibition at the First National bank. —Times-Union.

Census Report

The population of Duval county, including Jacksonville, has been given by the census bureau as 113,540, an increase of 38,377, or 51.1 per cent over 1910. Clearwater made a gain of 107.3 per cent over 1910. The present population is 2,427, against 1,256 ten years ago.

was compelled to search in the dark for restoratives, then feel the heat of the sun and the hot big hotel until he could find the door of a room where some one was sleeping who could be dispensed with by a physician.

If the lady in question had died before medical attention could be given, on whom would the blame rest?

Avon Park citizens are facing a serious situation—more serious, perhaps, than many of them imagine. At any moment they are likely to be without light, power, water or ice.

Our electric light plant—a relic of by-gone days—may run a day or a week, but there is no certainty that it will do either. The old gears have almost given up the ghost. Their flues are leaking so badly that it is beyond the power of human endeavor to keep up enough steam to carry the plant.

It is a fact that the electric light plant and ice plant cannot be run at the same time, consequently when ice is being manufactured the lights must be cut off and vice versa. When this junk pile does give up the ghost, Avon Park people are up against a serious problem.

In return for the valuable facilities offered by the Florida Ice and Power company every effort should be put forth to get the power here from the main plant. Perhaps the company will be making such an effort, but if it has not, in the name of common decency, in the name of humanity, in the name of good business, it should be made now.

PITTSBURGH-FLORIDA PEOPLE HOLD THIRD DELIGHTFUL ANNUAL OUTING

MMILLAN YOUNCE SEVERELY INJURED BY AUTO TRUCK

Monday while riding on the running board of one of his father's lumber trucks, McMillan Yonce, the 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Yonce, fell and was seriously if not fatally injured. The driver stopped the truck as quickly as possible after the lad fell, but not in time to save him from being caught by one of the rear wheels, which dragged him along some distance in the rut and had to be backed off his abdomen and chest.

The boy was immediately taken home and medical assistance procured and since then a conference of physicians has been held. He is in a critical condition and at this time it is impossible to say whether or not he will recover.

Mr. and Mrs. Yonce and the unfortunate boy have the sympathy of the local community, which sincerely hopes the accident will not prove fatal.

FALLS FROM AUTO AND IS BADLY HURT

Thursday afternoon of last week, while going to the ball game at Frostproof, riding in Arthur Hinton's truck, Douglas Andrews was thrown from the road when a rough spot in the road was struck. The young man sustained a severe fall, badly spraining both ankles and knees and his left wrist and cutting his left elbow.

At the time of the accident he did not think he was seriously hurt and proceeded to Frostproof to witness the ball game. When ready to come home he found he was unable to walk. Dr. Toombs called and rendered medical assistance, after which the young man was brought home and has since been confined to his bed, unable to move either limb or his left arm.

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Fine Bunch Grapes

It has been supposed by some that bunch grapes cannot be successfully raised in Florida. This theory has been exploded in many sections of the state by practical demonstrations of what can be produced in this line and last week it was demonstrated to us that they can be raised here. M. C. Foley made the demonstration, bringing us a splendid bunch of today grapes, picked from an 18-month-old vine on his place. The cluster or bunch was symmetrical in shape, as solidly filled with grapes as could be and the fruit was of splendid flavor.

Whidden Gets Reprieve

Marion Whidden, who was to have been hanged in Arcadia Friday last week for the murder of his wife at her parents' home in Wauchula on the night of April 3, was granted a stay of execution and may secure a new trial. Attorney Bell sued out a writ of error to the supreme court and Whidden cannot be executed until the supreme court has acted upon his case, which will be six months or longer. If the supreme court reverses the verdict he will have a new trial.

The Weather

The following average temperatures were recorded for the month of July by United States Weather Observer William King:

Mean maximum 87.96
Mean minimum 71.58
Maximum 93
Minimum 68

Rainfall, inches 13.65

Penny Wise, Pound Foolish

It's funny how a man who kicks about a jump in the coal bill will cheerfully pay \$1,000 more for a motor car, and the woman who complains about a 2-cent rise in the cost of meat than she does about a \$200 rise in the cost of pianos.—Pensacola News.

(Written for The Pilot)
At the third annual outing of the Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers Association and subsidiary company, the Citrus Groves and By-Products Company, held recently, about 300 people were present, enjoying a most delightful day at River-view Park, near Pittsburgh.

This was one of the most delightful outings ever held in the Pittsburgh district. The amusement features consisted of baseball, sack races, beauty contests, singing, old-time songs and a mock trial. The ball game, between the fats and leans, resulted in a score of 6 to 4 in favor of the "fats." L. P. Weinmann made a splendid hit and if the distance around the bases had not been too great would have made a home run. Dr. Heckel, one of the leading players, was the "leans' coach," could not have hit a ball with a bat, fiddle and Fred Weincke knocked a foul that went up to his back yard at the park entrance.

In the next event, a beauty contest, there were about 100 aspirants, all anxious for the wonderful prize to be awarded the handsomest man on the grounds. The lady judges were fair and impartial in the matter and E. N. Price was adjudged winner of the prize. Last year Mr. Price secured second place.

Mr. Garrett for his money, in awarding of this prize, as we felt that Carl Behrhorst, with his beautiful and sweet expression, should have been pronounced the lucky man.

In the ladies' contest, Mrs. H. S. Garrett of Washington, D. C., was the winner. Mrs. Garrett came from Washington with her husband and the writer would like to make things plain, as several comments were made during the day, people wondering if Mrs. Garrett had married Mr. Garrett for his money, as she is such a handsome young lady, just having finished her last year in high school, and when it was told that Mr. Garrett had no money, she never would have any, they were not able to figure out why Mrs. Garrett made such a selection. One disappointing feature of the contest was Mrs. Carl Behrhorst secured more votes than her daughter Amelia.

After the beauty contest, music was furnished by the "Crescent Quartette," Messrs. Garrett, Gedelman, McCurdy and Youngson. This quartette rendered several beautiful selections under the direction of John Youngson. While Mr. Youngson is not possessed of a strong voice, it is beautiful and sweet and would likely meet with more approval in a parlor than out on the lawn.

After the contest, the mock trial was put on. The readers of The Pilot in the Avon Park (Concluded on Page 3)

THERE MAY BE OTHERS BUT NONE SO GOOD

There are other sections of Florida, just as beautiful as Avon Park—other places where you will find numerous freshwater lakes and can enjoy boating, bathing and fishing. There are other sections where the drinking water is just as soft and pure; other sections where oranges, grapefruit, peaches, plums, grapes, guavas, pears, mangoes and other sub-tropical fruits may be grown to advantage. There are places where you can have strawberries to eat, fresh from the vines, from the middle of December until peaches are ripe in June.

There are also places in Florida where you will find a large quota of northern people and groups of churches and good schools and school buildings.

But there is no place in all Florida where you can find all of these attractions combined and at the same time be as free from insect pests as here at Avon Park, in the center of these beautiful and productive Scenic Highlands.

BRICK**Lime and
Cement****Pee Gee
Paints****Beaver
Board****Fertilizer****H. Seaverns
AVON PARK, FLA.**

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of your
MEATWe specialize in quality and
service
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F. & A. M.Stated Communication first
and third Fridays of each month at
7:30 p. m. in Masonic Temple.
Visitors welcome.A. W. BERGENT, W. M.
D. F. CANFIELD, Secretary.**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL SESSION ADOPT
NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET**(Continued from Page 1)
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ten absent.The following resolution was
offered and its adoption moved
by Commissioner Coker, which
motion was seconded by Com-
missioner Durrance, and upon
vote adopted by the board:Whereas, the controller of the state of
Florida has promulgated the adoption
of certain tax certificates on lands in the
Murchison drainage district, and the payment
of all taxes except the Murchison drainage
taxes, which said drainage taxes still remain
unpaid, and the certificates therefor are in
the hands of the clerk of the circuit court;Whereas, the records for such certificates
was the fact that an ad valorem tax levy,
made for the year 1919, was levied on the
lands in the Murchison drainage district;
Resolved, that the controller of the state of
Florida be and he is hereby requested to
investigate the matter of the tax certificates un-
derstanding in the said Murchison drainage
district, and report to this board the necessary
steps to be taken to enforce the levy created by said
tax.The following resolution was offered and
its adoption moved by Commissioner Coker,
which motion was seconded by Commissioner
Durrance, and upon vote adopted by the board
of commissioners:Whereas, there is in the custody of the
clerk of the circuit court of DuSoto county
certain tax sale certificates upon which all
taxes, save and except the Murchison drain-
age taxes, have been paid, said payment hav-
ing been accepted by the clerk upon authority
from the controller of the state of Florida;
Resolved, the controller of the state of
Florida, that the said clerk be, and he is
hereby requested to permit the redemption
of the said certificates, without in-
terest, and to accept the unpaid bonds of the
said Murchison drainage district at par in
payment of the drainage taxes included in
said certificates.**Budget for Next Year**The budget as published,
which publication was made in
accordance with law, as evidenced
by affidavit and proof of publi-
cation of the DeSoto County
News, a newspaper of general
circulation published in DeSoto
county, Florida, was considered,
and it was moved by Durrance,
which motion was seconded by
Coker and adopted by the board,
that the budget as published be
and the same is hereby adopted,
and the clerk was instructed to
spread same in full upon the
minutes of this board.The budget, as advertised and
adopted, is as follows:
Estimate of expenses for the
fiscal year ending September 30,
1921:

Fine and Forfeiture Fund	
Sheriff and deputies	\$18,000.00
Constables	50.00
Clerk of circuit court	1,200.00
County judge	50.00
Justice of the peace	50.00
County prosecuting attorney, prose-	1,000.00
cution fee	2,500.00
Witness fees	1,000.00
Court stenographer	2,000.00
Feeding prisoners	500.00
Sheriff commission of fines collected	7,000.00
Reserve for contingencies	2,000.00
Agricultural Fund	
Home demonstration agents (two)	\$2,000.00
Travel publication	100.00
Fair's club scholarship	100.00
Continuation	7,000.00
Road Fund	
Salaries of road superintendents	\$2,000.00
and carriers	10,000.00
Cost of material	10,000.00
Cost of machinery, cost and re-	15,000.00
pairs, fuel, cost and care and feed-	20,000.00
ing	5,000.00
Free labor	20,000.00
Feeding and care of convicts on	5,000.00
road	5,000.00
Incorporated cities and towns	5,000.00
Reserve for contingencies	15,000.00
General Fund	
Salary of clerk and auditor	\$2,700.00
Per diem and mileage of commis-	1,500.00
sioners	200.00
Pay of sheriff for attendance on	200.00
commissioners	1,200.00
County prosecuting attorney	400.00
Attorney for county commissioners	400.00
Supervisor of registration	300.00
Expenses to court house	200.00
Remuneration to jury	300.00
Janitors and other attendants	300.00
Light, fuel and water	1,200.00
Incidentals	500.00
Additions to poor farm	500.00
Expenses of operating poor farm	1,000.00
Allowance to paupers outside poor	500.00
house	500.00
Coroner's inquests	500.00
Insanity inquests	500.00
General stationery	1,200.00
Record books	1,200.00
Advertising required by law	200.00
Tax assessors	2,000.00
Tax collector	2,000.00
Compulsory tick eradication	2,000.00
Reserve for contingencies	10,000.00

The annual budget of ex-
penses having been prepared,
duly considered and advertised,
as required by law, and the same
having been duly adopted by
the board of commissioners, the
following tax levy was proposed
by the finance committee of the
board:

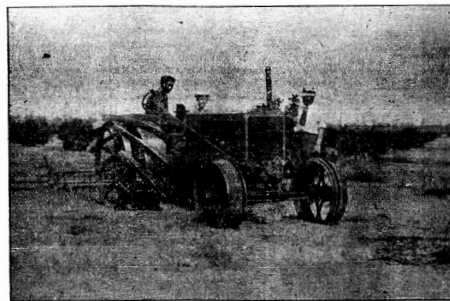
SIX POINT—	
General fund, 4 mills on the dollar.	
Fine and forfeiture fund, 2 mills on the dollar.	
Agriculture fund, 1 mill on the dollar.	
General road fund, 3 mills on the dollar.	
General school fund, 10 mills on the dollar.	
Special tax school district Nos. 1 to 41, inclusive, 2 mills.	
Special tax school districts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, for bonds, 6 mills.	
Mobile Haven special road and bridge district No. 1, for bonds, 6 mills.	
Florida Gorge special road and bridge district No. 1, for bonds, 6 mills.	
Charlotte Harbor special road and bridge district No. 1, for bonds, 6 mills.	
Metall special road and bridge district, for bonds, 6 mills.	
Port Garden special road and bridge district No. 1, for bonds, 10 mills, and for maintenance, 5 mills.	
Special road and bridge district No. 5, for bonds, 20 mills, and 5 mills for maintenance.	
Special road and bridge district No. 1, for bonds, 10 mills, and for maintenance, 5 mills.	
Special road and bridge district No. 6, for bonds, 20 mills.	
Concrete bridge, district No. 4, for bonds, 3 mills.	
Special road and bridge district No. 2, for bonds, 20 mills.	
Palmdale special road and bridge district No. 5, for bonds, 20 mills.	
Special road and bridge district No. 1, for bonds, 15 mills.	

Whereupon the following res-

olution was offered and its adop-
tion moved by Commissioner
Coker, which motion was sec-
onded by Commissioner Dur-
rance, and upon vote same was
adopted:Whereas, pursuant to law, the board of
county commissioners of DuSoto county, Flor-
ida, has made, has caused to be legally pub-
lished, and has adopted a budget of expenses
for the fiscal year ending September 30,
1921, and it is necessary that a tax levy be
made to meet the expense as proposed in said
budget; and
Whereas, the finance committee of this
board, after full investigation, has presented
a schedule which is deemed sufficient to meet
the necessary expenses of said county; now,
therefore, be it
Resolved, by the board of county com-
missioners of DuSoto county, Florida, in regu-
lar session, at which a quorum of said board
is present and voting, that the above levy be
adopted.Notary public bond of I. P.
Barlow, with J. A. Boyd, A. J.
Bardin and W. D. Carlton as
sureties, was approved.In behalf of the bar and those
having to use the court room in
the court house, R. E. Brown
appeared before the board and
presented a request that ceiling
fans be installed and the sky-
light be painted. Thereupon
Commissioner Whitehurst moved,
which motion was seconded
by Coker and adopted by the
board, that said skylights be
painted and that four ceiling
fans be installed in the court
room.It was moved by Whitehurst,
seconded by Durrance and car-
ried, that the Atlantic Coast
Line Railroad company be and
it is hereby required and not-
ified to construct a suitable
crossing of easy grade across
its right-of-way where the pub-
lic road on the quarter section
line on NW corner of SW 1/4
of Sec. 16, Tp. 33 S., R.
35 E., crosses said right-of-way,
and that an appropriate and
proper notice hereof be given
and served on said Atlantic
Coast Line Railroad company,
as authorized and required by
statute in such cases.
There being no further busi-
ness, the board adjourned.**PUBLIC STENOGRAPHER**
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PITTSBURGH-FLORIDA PEOPLE HOLD THIRD DELIGHTFUL OUTING

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district and elsewhere will be sorry to learn that G. A. Wallace was placed on trial for bootlegging near beer. Attorney E. H. Wicks represented the Commonwealth and Attorney A. L. Ashby defended the prisoner. It appeared for a considerable length of time that Mr. Wallace would be convicted of this serious charge, but after interviewing the jurors closely, especially Dr. Kneidler, E. F. Clark and Mr. Freed, one could readily see that this jury would never convict any person of any charge connected with booze. When Mr. Ashby made his charge to the jury and mentioned the word booze, it was a pitiful sight to see how dry the jury looked. The judge, in charge of this case, J. W. Cunningham, in his charge to the jury, made it plain that from the evidence produced, the character of the witnesses, etc., Mr. Wallace should be acquitted and when the foreman returned with the verdict "not guilty," but cautioned the prisoner not to do it again, it seemed an unfair verdict.

It was whispered around the dining hall that possibly next year a real trial would be put on and H. P. McCurdy would be the defendant, charged with stealing three honeydew melons from Mrs. H. K. Johnson.

S. L. McQuigg, policeman in charge, certainly kept order throughout the day. A. B. Hall, clerk of court, filled the position in a dignified manner by smoking a tobie during court. The register committee, under charge of Clifford Forbes, looked after the registering of everyone in an efficient manner.

Plans are now being formulated for a repetition of this delightful outing next year on a larger and more elaborate scale.

A few words of explanation about the men and the company making possible this successful outing may not be amiss.

The Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers association was organized in Pittsburgh about six years ago, after C. P. Anderson, its president, had visited his brother, A. V. Anderson, in Florida and saw the wonderful future of the citrus business. The plan was laid before a few of his Pittsburgh friends and several of them agreed to purchase groves in the new operation. He grouped with him two practical men in the citrus business at Avon Park—Messrs. A. V. Anderson and S. P. Durrance and H. P. McCurdy of Pitts-

burgh, who had been a successful salesman. The four men organized what is known as the parent company.

After careful consideration they purchased a section of citrus land, then but a pine forest, comprising 640 acres. They divided this land into five-acre plots and their plan of caring for the groves of the purchaser for sixteen years, on the easy-payment plan, met with such favor in the Pittsburgh district that the company was compelled from time to time to add new operations, until today it has within one fence the largest grapefruit and orange grove in the state of Florida and possibly in the world, comprising 1,440 acres.

Mr. Anderson conceived the idea at the beginning of the proposition that it was so good there would be no newspaper advertising needed and that no person could purchase a grove in this close corporation unless known by some purchaser or a member of the company, consequently there are now in the neighborhood of 300 purchasers in the Pittsburgh district, comprising bankers, lawyers, doctors, steel manufacturers and business men of Pittsburgh.

In the last five years about fifty of the purchasers have visited their holdings at Avon Park and invariably upon their return from Florida have increased their purchases. The operations grew to such a size that a second company, known as the Citrus Groves and By-Products company, was organized. This company is capitalized at \$350,000 and all the stock is owned by the parent company and its purchasers. The total holdings of the two companies now aggregate about 3,000 acres. The second company has a large development acreage and is arranging plans to erect a by-products plant near its groves on the Atlantic Coast Line railway, so as to consume all the culls and drops from the entire 3,000 acres of groves. A large packing house of the latest type will also be one of the features.

A wonderful progress is shown when we compare the picture of the forest of 1915 with the picture of today, showing 181 rows of grapefruit and orange trees, laden with fruit. What a transformation from the original scene!

The company's selling plan has met with such success that on the 1st of March of this year, when the sales were closed, the total for the twelve months in the Pittsburgh district aggregated \$1,000,000.

Just northeast of the large grove of 1,440 acres lies beautiful Lake Byrd. This lake is second to none in beauty and the company has improved the surroundings by planting tropical flowers and trees and is arranging for a boulevard around the lake. Many of the purchasers have bought building lots fronting on the boulevard, where they expect to build bungalows in the near future. At present, on the north shore of this lake, the company is erecting a \$30,000 club house for the benefit of its many purchasers and the building will be ready for occupancy by Dec. 1. Already several families have made reservation for the winter months. This club will be conducted on a non-profit system, the club members getting their entertainment at cost.

The club house will be built of logs, in a rustic manner, and will contain forty rooms. It will have large porches, facing the lake. The furniture and equipment have already been purchased. Fine boating, fishing and hunting will be the main entertainment of the club. The company will have its own garden, dairy farms, etc., so that the many purchasers, when visiting Florida, will have all the accommodations of their northern homes.

Florida Spuds for Cuba

Thursday morning of last week a solid train of seventy cars of potatoes left Fort Pierce for Cuba. A double-header was required to start it out of the yards.

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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DON'T PUT IT OFF

Putting off until tomorrow what should have been done today has been the cause of many misfortunes. Few people realize how quickly the present fades into the past, nor with what amazing swiftness the future is upon us. Think of these things and then you may realize the folly of putting things off.

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AND HE popped back.

AND SAID there was.

A GENTLEMAN outside.

WHO WISHED to see me.

AND I said "No."

BUT I guess the boy.

IS LIKE my wife.

AND DOESN'T know.

WHO'S BOSS.

FOR BACK he comes.

AND SAYS the man.

WANTS JUST a word.

AND I told the boy.

I COULD tell the man.

JUST WHERE to go.

IN JUST three words.

BUT THE boy came back.

AND SAID the man.

COULD SPOT me one.

HIS BUSINESS needed.

JUST TWO words.

AND I'm a sport.

AND CURIOUS too.

SO IN he came.

AND HANDED me.

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TELEPHONE NO. 29

Old John McWhorter is becoming as facetious as a successful politician.

Nearly all Florida towns are good, but some are better than others. Avon Park belongs in the latter class.

A 3 per cent reduction in the cost of living doesn't interest our citizens nearly so much as would the return of 3 per cent beer.

Several important property deals were made in Avon Park last week, of which it will be given just as soon as we are permitted to make them public.

It's the same old story: "Preparations are being made for the greatest tourist season ever known." And it will be a true story every year for many years to come.

DeSoto county folk are the modest folk! There are eight delightful emerald cities in the county and the movement is to create only five new counties.—Tampa Tribune.

Railroad men will get nearly a billion dollars a year more pay, railroads will get several billions more in freight money and the public again gets it "where the chicken got the corn."

Because Editor Adams of The Highlands Pilot has a "sworn circulation" statement, is no reason why other papers in his county should swear at his circulation.—Tampa Tribune.

A hundred or more new houses under way and as many have been built here within the last eight months, yet people are being turned away every day because there are no vacant houses.

Every newspaper in the state should use its influence, if it has any, to persuade the National Editorial Association to remain at least three weeks in Florida. Then they couldn't see all the interesting places.

John McWhorter has promised to come here and spend the week-end with us some time. But John promised to go a-fishin' with us when we were at Manatee. He never did so. Come over here and make both promises good, John.

Georgia legislators are making fools of themselves and that good old state by attempting to pass legislation prohibiting persons of opposite sex from coming within 100 yards of each other when patronizing the bathing beaches or pools.

Some of the papers are trying to make it appear that "Pete" Ruhl is merely a knacker or a dog in his newspaper business. Well, if he is, "Pete" can swell out his chest considerably at the knowledge that he's on a mighty good log.—Tampa Tribune.

The tendency of automobile drivers to "cut the corners" at the intersection of Main street and Forest avenue is going to result in serious accident one of these days unless the traffic ordinance is enforced. Why wait until some one is killed?

"Avon Park is the fourth largest city in DeSoto county," says the Tampa Tribune. And Avon Park will be the "fourth" largest city in south Florida in a very few years, John. They'll call 'em this way: Tampa, Miami, St. Petersburg, Avon Park.

Will Stevens, the millionaire editor of the Moore Haven Times, has returned from an outing at Asheville, N. C. Most editors of country newspapers must be contented with a day's fishing trip for their vacation, with no "live" bait to take along, at that.

"Scientists claim that man is the only animal that sleeps on its back," says the Moore Haven Times. "Will Editors Cann, Ruhl, Adams and Lee please set up and take notice? The alleged discovery is said to be very important." We don't just exactly catch the drift of the foregoing, but would like to know watinell editors know about sleep, anyway.

MAKING PLANS FOR EDITORIAL VISIT

The committee of seven authorized to make all the necessary arrangements for the coming to Florida of the National Editorial Association next March met in St. Augustine last week. The committee is composed of Frank B. Stoneman, editor of the Miami Herald, chairman; George E. Hosmer, editor of the Bradenton Journal; Harry Brown, St. Augustine Evening Record, treasurer; Mrs. Lois K. Mayes, publisher of the Pensacola Journal; J. E. Worthington, Tampa Times; T. E. Fitzgerald, Daytona Daily News, and W. A. Elliott, Jacksonville Times-Union.

No dates have yet been set by the executive committee of the national organization for the Florida trip, except that it will be arranged for possibly the latter part of March and the first few days in April. Special Pullman trains will bring the party into Florida at Pensacola. It is hoped arrangements can be made to include on this tour the following towns and cities: Pensacola, DeFuniak Springs, Panama City, Marianna, Quincy, Tallahassee, St. Augustine, Palatka, Gainesville, Ocala, Leesburg, Eustis, Mt. Dora, Tavares, Montverde, Clermont, Lakeland, Tampa, Bradenton, Palmetto, Sarasota, St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Tarpon Springs, Fort Myers, Punta Gorda, Arcadia, Wauchula, Bartow, Winter Haven, Lake Wales, Avon Park, Sebring, Haines City, Kissimmee, Orlando, Sanford, DeLand, Daytona Beach, Titusville, Rockledge, Cocoa, Fort Pierce, West Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale, Miami. Of course, this is all dependent on the decision of the executive officers of the N. E. A., who will have to decide just how many days they can spend.

Considerable preliminary work is ahead of the committee, as it will be necessary for the chairman and secretary to visit most of the places on the above list and arrange plans incident to the reception and entertainment of the editorial party. The funds to defray the expenses in connection with bringing the nation's editors to Florida will have to be made, as has been the custom in other sections of the country, by popular subscription from boards of trade, commercial bodies and business and professional men in the several communities. To start the ball rolling it was agreed by the committee of seven to have the secretary issue an initial appeal against all the daily and weekly newspapers of the state in order to provide funds for carrying out the program of arrangements.

MUZZLE THE DOGS

Nearly every exchange we pick up contains accounts of people—women and children, especially—having been bitten by mad dogs. This is the season of year when rabies are prevalent and too much caution cannot be exercised in protecting persons and stock against being bitten.

In Avon Park there are an unusual number of apparently homeless dogs roaming the streets, making the nights hideous with their howling and making nuisances of themselves in general. Possibly some of these dogs may be good animals and valued by their owners. If such is the case the owners should take care of them and not allow them to run at large upon our streets. The majority of these strays, however, are just dogs and of no value to anyone.

If there is no town ordinance requiring owners of dogs to keep them muzzled during certain months in the year, then such an ordinance should be passed at once. If such an ordinance does exist, the town marshal should see that it is strictly enforced and should kill every unmuzzled stray dog in town.

Don't wait until some dog goes mad and attacks some of our citizens, but act now.

"An ounce of preventive is worth a pound of cure."

Isn't it rather unfair that the citizens of Avon Park must do without for two-thirds of the time, while outside towns are being supplied by our local plant?

Speed up on raising the money for street improvements, gentlemen of the council.

Consult Stivender if you want to buy or sell real estate.

SMALL IN SIZE ONLY

Editor George Adams of the Highlands Pilot has a sworn circulation of 800, and his paper is only a few months old. That means the people of the highlands section are pleased with the paper that Editor Adams is publishing. We say they should be, because it is unusual for such a splendid newspaper to be published in such a small town. Avon Park is small in size only; if it were otherwise Editor Adams could not publish such an interesting paper.—DeSoto County News.

The above words, coming from such a source, are indeed highly appreciated by the editor of this paper. They will also be appreciated by the people of Avon Park, for it is only because of their loyal support and co-operation we are able to get out a creditable paper. Our columns are but a reflection of the town: It is a live town, therefore we are able to get out a live paper. Our merchants give us a liberal advertising patronage and our people take especial pains to hand us in the news or, rather, to tell the news to our reporter. Then, too, we are enjoying such a rapid growth there is always something to write about—something of interest to all who have investments here or spend a part or all of their time here. Avon Park is growing—growing rapidly and substantially. The Pilot purposes to grow with the town. Scarcely a week passes but we receive new material and additional equipment. Since moving to Avon Park we have made some money, but like all newspaper men who really love the game, we place every dollar we make back into the business, in order that we may give our readers a better paper and better service. Avon Park people are entitled to the best and we endeavor to give them the best we have in the "shop."

For ourselves and on behalf of the people of Avon Park, we thank you, Brother Jones, for your kind words.

NOTICE OF MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS OF THE SCENE HIGHLANDS HOTEL COMPANY

Public notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of the Scene Highlands Hotel Company, a Florida corporation, will be held at the office of said company at Avon Park, Florida, on the 8th day of August, A. D. 1920, at 4 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of considering and voting upon the proposed increase in the capital stock of said company from twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000), for the transaction of such other business as may come before such meeting.

Dated at the office of said company, Avon Park, Florida, this 2nd day of July, A. D. 1920.

A. V. ANDERSON, Secretary.

NOTICE OF MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS OF THE CORPORATE SECURITIES COMPANY

Public notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of The Corporate Securities Company, a Florida corporation, will be held at the office of said company at Avon Park, Florida, on the 8th day of August, A. D. 1920, at 4 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of considering and voting upon the proposed increase in the capital stock of said company from Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars to Five Hundred Thousand Dollars, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before such meeting.

Dated at the office of said company, Avon Park, Fla., this 2nd day of July, A. D. 1920.

C. E. LANIER, Secretary.

BILL TO QUIET TITLE

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

Peace, River Investment Company, Inc., vs. J. D. Colquhoun, et al.

To the Defendants herein, J. D. Colquhoun, F. A. Hawley, J. A. Wardick, J. O. Mullins, Maud McClintock and J. J. Jamerson:

It being made to appear by Affidavit of Complainant Solicitor in this cause that you and each of you are non-residents of the State of Florida, that you and each of you are over the age of twenty-one years, and that service of process cannot be had upon you, and relief having been prayed for in the Bill of Complaint filed in this cause.

This is, therefore, to require you and each of you to appear to the said Bill of Complaint at the office of the Clerk of the above styled Court at Arcadia, Florida, on or before Monday, the 6th day of September, A. D. 1920.

It is further ordered that this Order of Publication be published for a period of eight (8) consecutive weeks next preceding the said 6th day of September, in The Highlands Pilot, a weekly newspaper of general circulation.

Done and ordered at Arcadia, Florida, this 24th day of June, A. D. 1920.

(Seal)

L. DURRANCE, Clerk of the Circuit Court of DeSoto County, Florida.

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J. E. Glover was transacting business in Arcadia Tuesday.

Work was commenced this week on N. H. Treat's new bungalow.

"The Heart of the Hills" at the Magnolia next Thursday night.

P. M. Stivender and A. D. Roberts made a business trip to Arcadia Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Lacey spent Monday in the picturesque and beautiful city of Lakeland.

Mrs. J. S. Johns and baby went to Orlando Wednesday for a month's visit with relatives.

Arthur Hinton went to Sweetwater Thursday and will begin teaching school there Monday.

"Down on the Rio Grande," a seven-reel western picture, at the Magnolia theater Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McGimins and Ellie Harris enjoyed an automobile trip to Sebring Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J. E. TenEyck left Wednesday for Irvington, N. Y., where she will spend a couple of months.

See "The Heart of the Hills" at the Magnolia next Thursday night. A splendid Mary Pickford picture.

The Hudson & Cobb sale at Sebring will last until Aug. 10. Don't miss this opportunity for genuine bargains.

Orange groves, truck lands, turpentine lands, timber lands, improved and unimproved properties. P. M. Stivender.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Prior went to Tampa yesterday, where "Bill" has accepted a position as sign painter and where they expect to make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Smith, Mrs. L. E. Bass and daughter Roberta and son Roscoe returned Monday night from St. Petersburg, where they had been spending a week.

Mrs. Lyman Falls of Palmetto is here visiting her parents for a few days. Her sister, Miss Alice Dutton, who had been spending a few days at Palmetto, returned home with her.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Glass, W. O. Spear, Sam Martin, Ethel Carter and Alice Dutton returned Saturday from Clearwater, where they had been enjoying a delightful outing of several days.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Smith have sold the Village Inn to J. B. Wilson and J. A. Bass of Bartow. Mr. Smith will look after his building and property interests and they will begin the construction of more cottages or bungalows in the near future.

The Rev. W. A. Fischer left Tuesday for Indian Springs, Ga., where he will attend a Methodist camp meeting for two weeks. He was joined at Frostproof by the Rev. K. Hollister. Mrs. Fischer will be the guest of Mrs. Hollister in Frostproof while their husbands are away.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Bethea entertained at dinner Sunday the following: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sealy and two daughters of Alachua; Mr. and Mrs. Lockhart of Haines City; Mrs. G. C. Gullett of Bradley Junction; Sebert Hall, mother and sister of Zolfo; Mr. and Mrs. T. Bethea of Wauchois; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bethea of Fort Meade; and Agnes and Alberta Hockersmith of DeSoto City.

"How I Cleared the Mill of Rats," By J. Tucker, R. L. "As night watchman believe I have seen more rats than any man. Dogs wouldn't dare go near them. Got 31 pgs. of RAT-SNAP, inside of 6 weeks cleared them all out. Killed them by the score every night. Guess the rest were scared away. I'll never be without RAT-SNAP. Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by F. C. Rae, Park Mercantile Company, Avon Park Drug Company.

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D. V. Rouse, Mark Lance and J. S. Francis spent Tuesday in Arcadia.

J. A. Caldwell went to Jacksonville Monday night, returning Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Gaskins of Groveland were guests of relatives here this week.

The Misses Ella and Bertha Cameron went to Lakeland yesterday for a few days' visit.

Mrs. Mark Smith is spending the week in Pass-a-Grille with the family of W. A. Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Park were entertained at dinner Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Mummau.

Mary Pickford in "The Heart of the Hills" at the Magnolia theater Thursday night of next week.

Miss Eleanor Oliver of Winter Garden is spending some time here with her sister, Mrs. C. D. Sherman.

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W. A. Roberts is spending the week at his family at Pass-a-Grille, where they are enjoying an outing. They expect to return tomorrow or early next week.

Will Davis, who has been in the employ of the Park Mercantile Company for some time, left Thursday morning for Adairsville, Ga., where he will visit relatives and friends.

Hudson & Cobb, Sebring, are offering especial bargains in ex-fords and pumps, men's dress pants, men's khaki pants and pin checks, work shirts and overalls. Sale lasts until Aug. 10.

A. W. Allan returned from Tampa Tuesday night, where he had been spending a couple of days on business connected with the corporation reports of the various corporations for which he is accountant.

J. B. Peden left Wednesday for a trip to various points in Alabama and Mississippi, states in which he formerly resided and where he has relatives and friends whom he will visit. He expects to return to Avon Park in about six weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kuhlman returned from Pittsburgh, Pa., last week and will again make Avon Park their home. They were accompanied by Mrs. Kuhlman's sister from Oklahoma, who expects to purchase property here and also make this her home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thompson, of Paducah, Ky., arrived in Avon Park Thursday afternoon to become permanent residents of our town. Mr. Thompson was here some time ago and purchased the Hensley Fox property, where they will reside. His daughter, Mrs. Seitz, expects to purchase property and also become a resident of our rapidly growing little city.

Major L. A. Odom, state superintendent of Hope Hall, was here Wednesday and Thursday soliciting funds for the institution. He met with no little success, for Avon Park folk always respond liberally to any really worthy object. Hope Hall, located in Bradford county, comprises 200 acres of valuable farming land on which a group of bungalows has been erected for the purpose of housing and providing for the men as they emerge from prison in need of help, until permanent positions can be secured for them.

"It Looked Like a Battlefield in Europe," Said Mr. C. Dunster. "Was staying at a hotel in a small Pennsylvania town. Early one morning I went to the stable to hire a rig and was shown a pile of dead rats killed with RAT-SNAP the night before. Looked like a battlefield in Europe." Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by F. C. Rae, Park Mercantile Company, Avon Park Drug Company.

NOTICE OF SALE OF SCHOOL BONDS

Notice is hereby given that the County Board of Public Instruction will receive sealed bids at the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction of DeSoto County, Arcadia, Florida, until noon, August 16th, A. D. 1920, for the purchase of the three consolidated school bonds of the 1911 issue, the same not having been formerly disposed of, described as follows:

Bonds Number 23, 24, 25, in One Thousand (\$1,000.00) dollar denominations, dated February 1st, A. D. 1911, and bearing 6 1/2 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually. The principal and interest is payable at the county treasurer, Arcadia, Florida. These bonds have been validated.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept such of its bids as evidence of good faith, and of such of its bids as it may deem to be the most advantageous. Successful bidder will be required to cash or refuse to take the bonds allotted him within specified time in bid.

Dated by order of the County Board of Instruction DeSoto County, Florida, this 28th day of July, A. D. 1920.

H. A. WADE, Chairman.
F. G. SHAVER, County Superintendent and Secretary.
July 16-23-30-Aug-13

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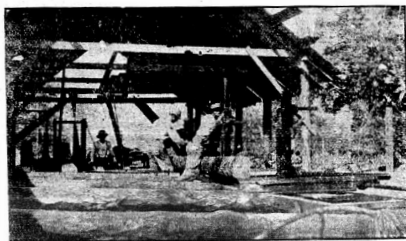
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AVON PARK'S PIONEER DAYS

By SAMUEL D. LEE

(Continued from last week)
THE SCHOOL HOUSES

In June, 1909, when O. R. Thatcher was conducting a South Florida Sun section in the Arcadia News, he published a history of the Avon Park school which, he said, cost him a great deal of patient work to gather, and to that history indebtedness is acknowledged. The first school house, as said in another part of these articles, was a one-room building on the south side of the Midway, now Main street, something more than a half mile west of the First National bank building, erected in the summer of 1888 and opened in the following winter with old Mr. Dewey, a Kansas farmer, who had settled on Tulane, as teacher. He was absolutely incompetent for the position and was succeeded by Walter Byrde, one of the young Irishmen who located in section 16 and gave their name to Byrde lake. The county school board has no record of these teachers, but that record does begin with the successor to Byrde, who was Daniel Quinn, his term lasting two months, during October and November, 1890, and nineteen pupils were on the roll. The next year there was a term of five months, taught by Annie M. Hampton, having eleven pupils, and in the winter of 1892-93 she had fifteen scholars. Then there began an agitation for a new school building, to be located nearer the homes, and the money was raised largely by subscriptions from non-resident land owners to put up a structure which was a creditable one for the small town, on the lot where now stands the Christian church. Work went on slowly, and school was opened in the unfinished building on the 8th of January, 1894, with the Rev. F. D. Rood teacher, and his wife, Mrs. Annella C. Rood, as assistant, the number of pupils being forty-one, and the term lasted five months. The next spring a move was made to inaugurate the Avon Park school sub-district, which culminated in an election on June 6, when all the votes cast were in favor thereof. The district then comprised the one township, but afterward it was extended eastwardly to the Kissimmee river. An election for trustees was held on the 25th of June, resulting in the choice of William King, Aaron Bassett and Clark D. Knapp. It was the third sub-district organized in the county—No. 3—the two others being Arcadia and Punta Gorda. The term following this was attended by fifty-eight pupils, taught by Mrs. J. E. Thwaite, who, with her husband, had come from Ervin, Mich., the previous summer.

The next year, the winter of 1895-96, C. Arthur Lincoln and his sister, Anna M. Lincoln, taught the sixty pupils who were enrolled. On December 4, 1895, the school house was burned, "the deliberate act of one revengeful man," Mr. Thatcher says. He does not name the man, but his adjective is wrong. Revenge implies a cause, but that wanton deed was the result of innate wickedness by the worst character who ever came to the Park to live, and he also threatened to burn the club house, the church and the hotel, and may have gone about it if he had not been informed in a public place by one man who was not afraid of him, that the next fire would be followed by an expeditious hanging. This same fellow had sold whisky almost openly in Avon Park. And all the Budds left the town soon after this. Deprived of its home, the school was moved into the club house on the corner of Lakeview avenue and Pleasant street. The same teachers were employed for the next term, which was held in a building owned by William Krause on Lakeview avenue, opposite Way cross. In 1897 the third building, the one now owned by the Christian church, was put up, the trustees then being B. H. Todd, C. L. Farrham and Lawrence Mix. The first teacher in the new house was Prof. E. L. Richardson, a graduate of Dartmouth college and a high school teacher of many years' experience in Connecticut, having recently arrived here from Lebanon, in that state. The term began October 4, 1897, and for nine successive years Professor Richardson taught without an assistant. M. E. Martin followed and he in turn was succeeded by Miss Nina Ogg, and she by James B. Shockley. The school attendance was by this time growing rapidly and two assistants were required, and the building was overcrowded; in fact, a temporary structure for the primary classes was erected in the yard. The principal of the school following Mr. Shockley was F. M. Durrance, 1912-13, followed by James Stock of Interlaken, brother of the minister, and then Professor Grose for three years. It was during the latter's administration that the fine new brick building was erected at a cost of \$15,000, finished in 1914-15. Successors to Professor Grose have been Professors Holts-wanger and Melfer, each one year, bringing the record down to May, 1919.

(To Be Continued)

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The Rev. Sam Durrance was greeting friends in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Lee Williams and son Kyle made an automobile trip to Fort Meade Monday.

H. C. Hinton and son Herman motored to Plant City Sunday, where the former held services.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dilley made a trip to Tampa last week, bringing back a new five-passenger Nash.

Cornelius Crews, one of the prosperous farmers of near Zolfo, was transacting business here Tuesday.

Mrs. A. V. Anderson departed Monday morning for a few weeks' sojourn in Michigan. Her many Avon Park friends will wish for her a pleasant visit.

Eight lots in Block B, on the Wauchula road, were sold last week by our bustling, red-headed real estate agent, Norton T. Smith, to F. M. Whidden. Mr. Whidden expects to immediately begin the construction of a residence.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Sargent returned Sunday from Kissimmee with a new Ford. We are requested to "dig" somebody about the condition of the road between here and Frostproof, so the person may just consider himself "dug."

For guavas see Byrum Shockley.

Curtis Langford made a business trip to Arcadia Monday.

Freed Peden returned Saturday from Georgia, where he had been for the last six weeks.

The Rev. J. L. Yonoe will preach at the Methodist church next Sunday morning and evening.

Arthur Hinton spent a couple of days in Sweetwater this week. He will soon begin teaching school there.

Love McGiboney has returned from Madison, where he had been spending some weeks recuperating. He was accompanied home by J. R. Collins and W. M. Farnell, who will remain here indefinitely.

William L. Smith was home from Lake Hamilton and Lake Wales Monday. Mr. Smith has the contract for erecting a brick bank building in Lake Wales for the Citizens Bank, one in Lake Hamilton for the First National Bank and a store building in the latter place for B. F. Deem.

E. B. Bingham of Daytona arrived in Avon Park Monday evening, returning Wednesday morning. Mr. Bingham was one of the Royal Arch Masons of Halifax Chapter, who came here a few weeks ago to assist in constituting Highlands Chapter and conferring the degree work. He was so well pleased with our little city and the future outlook that he decided to return and investigate further with a view to locating and engaging in business.

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INTERESTING LETTER FROM MR. DONALDSON

The following letter from C. S. Donaldson to George F. Kellogg will prove interesting to many of our readers:

"Berwyn, Md., July 10, 1920.
"Mr. George F. Kellogg, President Board of Trade, Avon Park, Fla.

"Dear Mr. Kellogg: Our board of trade folk may be interested in some of my ramblings about Washington.

"I attended a hearing this week at the interstate commerce commission relating to the American express service. I had some complaints to offer, with the view of doing my little part in obtaining better service. There is a deluge of such complaints from all over the United States and I do not see much chance for improvement. The railroad freight service is very good, considering the enormous handicap under which the railroads are operating, while the express service is poor, considering their small difficulties compared with those of the railroads. The majority of the people of the country are right in opposing government ownership of railroads, but we will never get first-class express service until the postoffice department finishes taking over that line of transportation. It was not brought out officially, yet I learned privately there that the express company will only settle claims when forced to do so.

"With relation to the marked advance in prices for some building material, particularly cement, for which double is being charged, I her to advise that it is due entirely to lack of cars and railroad strikes. The wholesale price of cement has not advanced; in fact, there is an overproduction of cement and enormous stocks at the mills, which cannot be moved. The people of New England got alarmed over their coal supply and succeeded in getting the interstate commerce commission to divert cars for hauling their coal. The west, too, needs cars badly for relieving its granaries of wheat, to make room for the new crop. Therefore, people who are paying \$1.75 per bag for cement in south Florida and elsewhere are simply paying a bonus to the jobber for quick delivery. Cement prices will be normal just as soon as cars are again available for moving cement.

"Building activity in Washington and other northern cities is being greatly curtailed for various reasons, and there is much surplus labor of all kinds up here now. Thousands are seeking work, but they tell the government employment agencies that they do not want to go to farms—almost any other work by which they can live in cities.

"The difficulty of getting coal transported is going to cause

shivering up north next winter. Most folks, however, are getting the Florida fever and the crowds going thither will be larger than ever next winter. I fear that Avon Park will not have room for many tourists.

"One distinguished Florida winter visitor tells me he enjoys his trips to our state hugely. I refer to Senator Warren Harding. The senator said his outings had mainly been around Daytona and along the Indian river, and that he had fallen in love with Florida. He promised some time to visit our Scenic Highlands. Perhaps Avon Park and Sebring may yet welcome and entertain a president of the United States. Stranger things have happened. I will hazard a guess that our good friend George Sebring, also from middle Ohio, is acquainted with Senator Harding, and later on, after the campaign is over, will help persuade the president-elect and family to visit our twin towns where wondrous beauty is in the making.

"Browsing around in the congressional library, I met the Rev. Dr. John Robertson, who began that series of Christian messages in Avon Park last January. The doctor is finishing the 600-page book he has been writing for four years, part of it under German fire on the battle front, where he was a chaplain in the British army. Its title is 'The Midnight Cry of the Gull of Armageddon; a Study in the Doctrine of the Second Advent During the World War.' The book will be published by MacMillan & Co., of New York and London. Dr. Robertson has his passage engaged for sailing for Great Britain on August 28. He goes to resume intermittently his pastorate of the City Temple, Glasgow. That church lost 434 of its members on the battle front and Dr. Robertson was with his men on field and in hospital to the end. The church membership has been beseeching him to come back to give them sermons and comfort and with permission to spend part of his time in America. So he will remain in Scotland until January. His children are all in the United States, one son being pastor of a church, and Dr. Robertson is not only fond of our great republic, but likes to carry on his writing and evangelizing here. Especially is he anxious to return to Avon Park for a couple of weeks' meetings next January, and it would be fine if it could be arranged. He has engagements next spring at

Greenville, S. C.; Charlotte, N. C., and other Carolina and Virginia cities, but says that the dear little town of Avon Park is where he would finally like to spend the rest of his life.

"I have never been in the White House in Washington, although passing it thousands of times. The magnificent American elms in the White House grounds throw their boughs out over the sidewalk, shading the passerby. They also throw down each spring their filmy seed. Pursuant to my promise to R. T. Whitnall of Avon Park, I gathered and mailed to him a box of these elm seed and a letter just received from him states that they are already growing into little trees. That the American elm will thrive on our sand hills one has only to visit Dr. T. H. Lander's yard for evidence. These White House elms will be large enough next winter for planting out, with plenty of fertilizer will soon make noble trees. I am also sending R. T. Whitnall some juniper cedars and other things for propagation. We should all constantly strive to beautify the Park.

"Yours very truly,
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Personally, we have always admired Captain Rae's advice about keeping your wife sweet, but remember the box of candy and your courtship days. Try sending up a little blue case of twenty-four assorted drinks—they're simply delicious, and we'll wager that you'll join that smiling pair. What's your weakness—a special pie, or cake, or just some good old home-made bread? Try sending up a case today. You'll get it.

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