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TOWN COUNCIL ENDORSES PLANS SUBMITTED BY THE COMMITTEE

The town council held a special meeting Monday night for the purpose of considering the plans for street improvements as submitted by the planning committee.

The mayor and all members of the council were present, and after carefully considering the plans from all angles, it was moved, seconded and carried by unanimous vote that "the streets selected by the planning committee appointed by the board of trade and indicated on the plat of the town, now on exhibition at the First National bank, be adopted, and that the streets recommended by the said planning committee be hard surfaced with clay; that the unfinished streets included in the original bond issue be improved first and the remainder of the streets named by the committee and indicated on the aforesaid plat be improved afterward, as far as available funds will permit."

With the town council placing itself on record to follow the plans, as outlined, and the careful estimates, which have been made regarding the cost of the proposed street improvements, there is little likelihood but that the sum it is proposed to borrow, when the voters ratify the amendments to the town charter, will be sufficient to carry out the plans in full.

It would be the height of folly to let this opportunity to secure a connected system of hard-surfaced streets pass, and the amendments should be ratified by the unanimous vote of our citizens. There should not be a dissenting vote and we believe our voters, now that they have been taken into full confidence and know just what they may depend upon getting, will vote to a man in favor of these amendments.

Too much cannot be said regarding the importance of improving our streets. Everybody knows a new era is upon us and that the opportunity to make a splendid city of Avon Park is at hand. No one but a sore head or those who have an axe to grind will stand in the way of these things which mean a bigger, better and busier Avon Park, and we have enough confidence in every one of our citizens to believe they will go to the polls next Tuesday and cast a vote favoring these amendments.

Place an X mark before the word "yes."

It means a vote for progress, a vote for a better city, a vote for increased property values with a subsequent lowering of taxation.

Some Fine Figs

Sunday we enjoyed some fine figs brought to us by the day previous by G. L. Bryant, the expert trucker of Palmetto creek. A couple of years ago while scouting around in the woods Mr. Bryant came across a fig tree in full bearing. It was some distance from human habitation, and how it came there is a mystery. Mr. Bryant took some cuttings from the tree, stuck them in the dirt along one of the creeks running through his place, and the result is today he has some fine fig trees, bearing a splendid quality of fruit, although they have never been worked or cultivated in any way since the cuttings were planted in the fertile soil.

Condition of Florida Cotton

The condition of the cotton crop for Florida on July 6 was 63 per cent of normal as compared with 62 per cent a month ago and with 57 per cent a year ago. Weevil damage is spotted in some localities reporting it present and at work in large numbers, while others show practically no weevils.

Two Important Meetings

The South Florida Press association and the Franklin club hold a two-day session in Bartow today and tomorrow.

WOMAN'S CLUB PICNIC AT "LILYDALE" FARM

Tuesday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stevenson were host and hostess to the ladies of the Woman's club of Avon Park, who gathered at Lilydale Farm, bringing baskets of good things to eat, with which to ingratiate themselves into the good graces of their husbands and pave the way for co-operation in the work this club is planning for the fall and winter months. The club members will enjoy a few weeks' vacation during the heat of the summer, but the third Friday in September will again resume their activities along civic improvement lines and mere man, if he fails to respond (willingly) upon every occasion, will find himself taboo when future social stunts are staged.

Tuesday afternoon's picnic was a decided success. That is not surprising, however, for when the ladies of Avon Park attempt anything of the kind it is always a success. And when such places as Lilydale Farm are chosen for these intellectual and physical feasts it is a foregone conclusion that something out of the ordinary is in store for those fortunate enough to be designated as "among those present."

The early part of the afternoon was spent in playing games and holding contests, this part of the program being under the direction or management of Mrs. H. J. Munnau, Mrs. D. B. Farnell and Miss Sadie Myers. Prizes were awarded successful contestants and no little merriment and hilarity were evident throughout the afternoon.

The big event of the occasion, however, was the cafeteria supper so graciously served by Mrs. A. V. Anderson, Mrs. Harry Diley, Mrs. E. Park, Mrs. Norton Smith. Meat loaf, baked beans, macaroni and cheese, several kinds of salads, sandwiches in variety, pickles, cheese and other tempting viands were heaped upon the plates, which were carried to the spacious veranda overlooking Lake Lotella, and some of the tempting shady spots on the grounds, and partaken of with relish. Coffee and iced tea being the liquid refreshments. After all had done justice to the splendid supper, generous portions of ice cream were doled out, accompanied by numerous varieties of cake, each of the kind we hear men say is so good "it melts in the mouth."

Then after a time spent in pleasing social conversation the guests began to depart for their homes, voting it one of the most pleasant social affairs they had been permitted to enjoy in many a day, the host and hostess charming in their open-handed hospitality and Lilydale Farm the ideal spot for such gatherings.

About sixty guests were present and there are about sixty men and women in Avon Park at this writing who are secretly hoping that when the Woman's club resumes its work in the fall the announcement will be made with just such another event as that of last Tuesday.

STATE ROAD WORK IN DE SOTO COUNTY

Sunday's Tampa Tribune contains a decidedly interesting account of the activities of the state road department, as compiled in a lengthy report of Major Charles A. Browne, state highway engineer, and submitted to the department at its annual meeting. Of particular interest to our readers will be the announcement that the road from Haines City to Lake Annie, via Frostproof, Avon Park and Sebring, has been actually designated as a state-aid road. The report shows that in DeSoto county no work has been done except the clay shoulders and some ditching. Both of these items will be completed as soon as the convict force now engaged on this road near the Lee county line can complete the grade work in that vicinity and be moved.

"From Carlstrom Field to the Lee county line, about twenty-five miles, has been vacated, the right of way cleared and considerable grade work done. The convict force, together with a Thew shovel outfit, are now engaged on the lower twelve miles of this work."

"For maintenance north of Arcadia a car of Kentucky rock asphalt has been received with which it is proposed to repair some of the sheet asphalt road south of Zolfo."

WONDERFUL INCREASE IN PROPERTY VALUES

Miami enjoys the distinction of being the most rapidly-growing city in the United States. And as the population increases so do realty values increase in proportion. Four years ago the assessed valuation of real estate in the Magic City was \$3,300,000; in 1918 it was \$24,000,000; in 1919 it was \$40,000,000 and this year it has reached the enormous sum of \$54,000,000. Just think of it—an increase of nearly \$15,000,000 in a single year, and we know how much of this was only a couple of houses there and one could homestead government land.

The Ice Question

Avon Park has an ice factory with a daily capacity of five tons. The consumption here during the summer months, at least, is about ten to fifteen tons daily, could we get the ice. Yet our people are forced to do without ice in order to permit the local plant to supply an adjoining town. This is manifestly unfair.

Better Play Safe

"When a crop of the United States, now about to be harvested, will test the capacities of the storehouses—but flour is still 'way up,'" says the Times-Union. And with 44 wheat predicted, our people better lay in a supply of flour, even at present high prices, or get used to eating corn doggers.

ATTEND SMOKER THE MONDAY NIGHT

There will be a board of trade smoker in the skating rink next Monday night for the purpose of discussing the plans for street improvements as laid out by the planning committee and endorsed by the town council. If there are any men in town who do not fully understand everything connected with these proposed improvements they should attend this meeting. It is the idea of the board of trade, the town council and the planning committee to take the citizens into full confidence. There is nothing to be covered up. There have been no "star chamber" sessions of these bodies and it is the desire of them all that every voter be fully enlightened as to what is to be done.

The board of trade is accomplishing a splendid work.

PLANNING COMMITTEE SUBMITS PROPOSED STREET IMPROVEMENTS

HIGHLANDS POST AMERICAN LEGION

At a recent meeting of ex-service men, held in Avon Park, a post of the American Legion was organized and an application has been made for a charter authorizing the establishment of Highlands post. There were fifteen charter members and several more from this immediate vicinity will become members. A cordial invitation is extended to ex-service men of Crooked Lake, Frostproof and Sebring to become members of Highlands post and help build up one of the strongest posts in the state and the strongest on the "Ridge." While Avon Park, on account of its central location, has been determined upon as headquarters, it is proposed to extend its activities to our adjoining towns, dividing honors upon all occasions.

Officers were elected at the meeting as follows: M. W. Lance, post commander; D. V. Rouse, vice commander; J. H. Hoot, adjutant; H. Wiggins, finance officer; Harry Davis, chaplain; W. L. Skipper, historian.

FLORIDA'S MELON CROP GREATEST ON RECORD

The watermelon shipments from Florida this season have been the heaviest in the history of the state. Up to the last of June about 4,000 carloads have been shipped. The entire movement for last year was only 3,800 carloads. From the present outlook this year's total crop will exceed 5,000 carloads. The season has been very favorable and the yield far below normal, but our acreage was at least 75 per cent greater than ever before.

The market has held up remarkably well in spite of the slow freight movement and bargains on eastern markets during the latter part of June. One reason for the high prices being paid is the superior carrying qualities of the melons due to the use of stem-end paste to prevent stem-end rot in transit. The proper use of the paste has reduced the loss from decayed melons from 20 per cent to 25 per cent of those shipped. Buyers have been paying from \$25 to \$50 per car more for treated than for untreated melons, amounting to a saving for the growers of at least \$125,000 for the season. The cost of the treatment, including the paste and application, is about 75 cents per car.

C. M. Tucker of Florida Agricultural college spent the past two months among the melon growers advising them concerning spraying to prevent anthracnose and in the use of the stem-end treatment. This season has been one of heavy rains in the central part of the state. The rains came just before the melons were ripening and caused anthracnose to spread rapidly. Much of the loss in Marion, Lake and Sumter counties from 40 dead vines would have been prevented by careful spraying with 4-4-50 Bordeaux mixture.

Building Handsome Residence

Material is being placed on the ground and workmen are laying the foundation for L. F. DeBordenave's handsome new residence to be erected on his newly-acquired property on Main street. Recently Mr. DeBordenave and E. M. Brickell purchased valuable building sites from the Scenic Highlands Hotel company and both gentlemen will erect handsome residences thereon, of which we will give a more detailed account in another issue.

Wholesale Grocery

Unconformist rumors have been going the rounds for several days to the effect that Avon Park is soon to have a large wholesale grocery business established in a new business block to be erected in the near future.

The planning committee appointed to lay out a system of streets for improvement has completed its labors and the result can be seen by consulting the town map on exhibition at the First National bank.

The committee has worked hard to plan a system of streets that would benefit Avon Park as a whole. Personal interests were cast into the discard and individuals have not been considered, the only thought being to plan something which would be of permanent benefit to Avon Park in its entirety.

The committee was picked from residents of all parts of the town and composed of honest, conscientious men, who have freely devoted their time for the benefit of the community at large. No town official was placed on the committee nor was any man connected with the so-called "interests" of Avon Park. Many of the men on the committee are property owners in sections of the town where no money is to be spent at present, if the amendments to our town charter are ratified, making it possible to procure without bonding a sum sufficient to carry on the proposed work.

We have carefully studied the matter and must say that the committee and must say that the work has been done exceedingly well. We do not see where it could be improved upon and we think the gentlemen who have worked so faithfully to give Avon Park something really worth while are entitled to a hearty vote of thanks from every citizen, whether he be a property owner or not.

Look at the map carefully and you will note that if the program as recommended is carried out Avon Park will have a system of connected streets to which our citizens can point with pride and over which they may travel with comfort.

The purple lines on the map indicate our present asphalt streets, the red lines streets which are to be improved first, green lines the streets to be improved second, and yellow lines our present clay roads.

The plans for streets to be improved first call for 13,602 feet, none of the hard-surfaced portions to be less than sixteen feet in width. They cover the following streets and avenues:

Walnut street, 1,062 feet.
Lake Forest street, full width from Main street north and south for a distance of 2,460 feet, then sixteen feet to make a total of 2,460 feet.

Butler avenue, full width from Main street north and south for a distance of 2,460 feet, then sixteen feet to make a distance of 1,920 feet.
Canfield street, 820 feet.
Bell street, 1,320 feet.
Church street, 700 feet.
Pleasant street, 1,000 feet.

Central avenue, 1,320 feet in addition to the 1,000 feet which has been built by R. I. Harris and his associates.
South Church street, 500 feet.
Highland avenue, 1,320 feet.

It will be noted that Lake Forest street and Butler avenue are to be hard surfaced their full width for a certain distance north and south of Main street. The committee acted wisely in this decision, for it means parking space for the cars with which Main street now is congested, giving us more room for travel on that street and eliminating much of the danger to which drivers and pedestrians now are subjected.

For later improvement, 8,640 feet of streets will be laid, distributed as follows:

LeGrand street, 1,940 feet.
Central avenue, 660 feet.
North Verona avenue, 300 feet.
Tulane circle, south, 1,320 feet.
Tulane circle, north, 1,500 feet.
Castle street, 1,600 feet.
Lotela avenue, 1,320 feet.
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News of one of the biggest business transactions in the state in recent years comes in the formal announcement by President J. H. Ross of the Florida Citrus Exchange and its affiliated organization, the Exchange Supply company, of the purchase by the Exchange Supply company of the Warnell Lumber and Veneer company, with headquarters at Plant City. The transaction involves the ownership of properties valued at approximately a million dollars or more, through the purchase by the Exchange Supply company of all the outstanding capital stock of the Warnell company. It includes the big veneer and crate mill at Plant City, together with various mill buildings, warehouses, lands, lots and other buildings, the company's sawmill at Fort Green, the privately owned Warnell logging road with four locomotives and full equipment, some forty mules, wagons and much miscellaneous equipment.

It is estimated by Manager Miller of the Exchange Supply company that the Warnell plant, together with the mill of the Exchange Supply company, already in operation at Ross, in Hillsborough county, and the mills of the Polk County Sub-Exchange at Lake Wales and Avon Park, will give this co-operative purchasing organization of the growers facilities for the manufacture of practically all the orange boxes required by something more than 4,000 growers who are members of the Florida Citrus Exchange, and whom the Exchange Supply company serves exclusively. It is also estimated that the timber holdings acquired through this purchase, when added to the present holdings of the Exchange Supply company and with the addition of another tract which already is under option, will provide a timber supply for the box requirements of members of the Florida Citrus Exchange for a period of approximately twenty years. Present arrangements provide for operation of the Warnell plant under the old officers and management, thus assuring the benefit of their experience in the business, but under control of the Exchange Supply company.

From a modest start a little more than three years ago the Exchange Supply company already is becoming a big factor in the business of Florida. This transaction alone will place it in the forefront of south Florida business enterprises, while its fertilizer factory and other departments are also reported to be showing remarkable growth. The Exchange Supply company is owned by the various local associations of the Florida Citrus Exchange, and its transactions are confined to members of that organization. Its announced purpose is "to make the citrus growers, who necessarily are wholesale sellers, wholesale buyers as well." The company, however, avoids any disturbance of the retail markets by making all sales to its members at prevailing prices. All above the remarkably low costs of its operation, however, later is returned to the purchasers in the form of refunds which are made in proportion to the amount of purchases and the profit realized thereon.

In its first year the company did a business in excess of \$200,000. Its second year's business exceeded \$300,000, while that for the third year, which closed April 30, 1920, was in excess of \$1,600,000. The current year's business, it is estimated, will approximate \$3,000,000, even without the additional volume to be gained through the purchase of the Warnell properties. The directors of the Exchange Supply company are: J. H. Ross, president, Winter Haven; D. C. Gillett, vice president, Tampa; C. E. Stewart, Jr., secretary and treasurer, Tampa; P. C. Peters, Winter Garden; A. F. Wyman, St. Petersburg; J. W. Sample, Haines City; C. H. Walker, Bartow; A. G. Hamlin, DeLand. W. F. Miller of Tampa has managed the company since its inception.

Send for Andy

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PEACH CULTURE GROWS IN VALUE

Dr. F. J. Dahlken, Horticulturist, in Tampa Times

THE peach, like the prune and apricot, is indeed a fruit of commercial importance, and finds a wide distribution not only in Florida, but throughout the entire United States as well as foreign countries. For size, flavor, color and shipping qualities the peaches (what small orchards we now have) are coming into national reputation. With the knowing that peaches, apricots and so on will grow here in this state as well as California, it will be a matter of only a few years until Florida ranks among the first in the growing of these fruits.

The tree prefers a light, deep, sandy soil, preferably inclined to be rather dry than too wet, but well drained. It should be not less than three feet deep, the more depth the better. Commercial importance of peach growing cannot be estimated in dollars and cents, for the great territory over which the peach thrives affords the practical certainty of one crop one year with another, makes the field a very promising one.

The drying of peaches can be carried on so simply without any loss of fruit, for the sun does the work after the peaches have been halved, the pits extracted and exposed to the fumes of sulphur for four hours on wooden trays. The drying of peaches is a business in itself, just as much as the shipping of the fresh fruit and the canning business. In the last analysis it presents the finality in the industry, for all the fruit is cared for and there is no wastage.

There has been more or less prejudice to dried peaches due to their fuzzy skin. This has been overcome now by which the Lovell and Muir seem to have a decided advantage, by removing the peel by a recent invention even after the fruit is dried. That the consuming public appreciates this grade of fruit is demonstrated by the high prices which dried peaches sell for in the market. As a matter of fact, the orchardist at a very small additional expense could easily do this himself. All that is necessary after the peaches have been halved, regardless of variety, is to immerse the fruit in a hot lye water maintained at a temperature of 200 degrees Fahrenheit for forty seconds. Dissolve one pound of lye in ten gallons of water. The peaches, after being given the lye dip, are then immersed in a tank of cold water not only to remove every vestige of the lye, but to cause the skins to slough off. It will pay the large orchards to purchase a lye dipping machine such as is used in the canneries and known as a "grasshopper" for this purpose. The machine is not very expensive and would pay for itself in a single season.

The general cultural directions for the handling of deciduous fruit trees in the introductory chapters should be closely followed in the case of the peach trees. Nothing will bring peach trees to a premature end quicker than not to prune. The trees as they stand in the large nursery rows have the limbs removed to a point about twelve inches from the ground. Instead of removing all these limbs when topping the tree at twenty inches, they should be cut back to about two inches long, so in case the buds on the main body do not start in the spring the buds on the smaller branches will. If the buds do start on the main body, the branchlets may be clipped off with a shear.

In pruning the trees there is no argument about heading them back to twenty inches after setting and resorting to a very severe pruning the first year, cutting off at least one-half or, better still, two-thirds of the current season's growth. Not more than four branches should be used in making the head of the tree, and they should be distributed to secure as symmetrical a tree as possible.

Instead of cutting the framework branches back so severely in the second and third years they should not be cut back more than one-third and the laterals distributed along their entire length at intervals of six to eight inches apart, should be shortened in, of course, but not cut off. By following this plan a crop of peaches may be harvested in the third year without in any way impairing the vitality of the tree. In the fourth year and in subsequent seasons the method of pruning will be self-evident to the experienced pruner and requires no further elucidation here. To obtain large, firm fruit, thinning should be done when the fruit has set well and before the kernel has hardened.

PLANNING COMMITTEE SUBMITS PROPOSED STREET IMPROVEMENTS

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It is estimated the cost of hard surfacing the streets named will be \$6,000 a mile and the plans call for four miles of improvements. This will give Avon Park fully eight miles of hard-surfaced streets, and the beauty of it is that these streets will be connected.

Any man with a grain of sense can see what a valuable asset such a system of streets will be to Avon Park. Good streets are just as much of a necessity to a town as are good teachers in our public schools. They are to a town what plenty of capital is to a bank. They are a standing invitation to capitalists to invest in a town. They promote property values and increase sales of real estate. They are just as essential to the life of a town as are the arteries to the life of a human being.

The outlined plan is a splendid one. It was made public just as quickly as the committee could complete its work. Nothing has been covered up. There is no joker behind the proposition. The public is taken into full confidence and the promises made will be fulfilled if our town officials are given the opportunity to fulfill them.

We have reached the forks of the road. It is up to the voters to say whether they will take the right-hand road, leading to greater prosperity and growth, or the left-hand one, leading to business stagnation and obscurity.

A vote for the ratification of the amendments to our town charter represents the right-hand road; against the ratification, the left-hand.

Be a live one and vote "yes."

The United States exported over \$7,000,000 worth of dried fish in 1919, of which Italy was the largest buyer, then Cuba, with Greece in third place, then Brazil followed by Mexico. Fish in varying quantities went to thirty-three countries.

ASK HELEN HUNT TO CALL ON GOVERNOR COX

Miss Alice Paul, national head of the militant suffragists, or woman's party, has sent a telegram to Miss Helen Hunt of 417 West Church street, Jacksonville, state chairman for Florida, asking her to accompany the deputation that is to call on Governor Cox to urge his co-operation in securing the ratification of the federal suffrage amendment and inviting her to bring other suffragists from Florida. The telegram will be sent as soon as Governor Cox fixes the date.

EXCLUSIVE NEWS IN THE TAMPA TIMES

The Tampa Daily Times is the only Florida newspaper that publishes the David Lawrence political letters. This expensive feature is a standby with Times readers, who are kept thoroughly conversant with the lineup for the big fight between Cox and Harding.

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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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GEO. W. ADAMS, Editor

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TELEPHONE No. 29

Special election next Tuesday.

It is still in order to swat the fly.

Patronize those who advertise in The Pilot.

Right now would be a good time to move the old depot and construct a new one on another site.

We wouldn't care to be the ice man in Avon Park. He gets too many cussings (behind his back) to suit us.

From the number of cattle seen on our streets of late we surmise there is a lively demand for rubber boots.

We'll admit Harding is a well-trained man. He always stands without hitching just where the republican bosses and standpaters place him.

A Kissimmee boy has invented and manufactured a new phonograph. Whether he should be hanged or eulogized is a question to be decided later.

The confidence of the people will not be betrayed when we build these new streets. You may rest assured of that and cast your vote accordingly.

Even if two newspaper men have been nominated as candidates for the presidency, we haven't noticed any great scramble to get into the newspaper game.

With a sworn circulation of more than 800 copies weekly, The Pilot has something to offer advertisers not to be found anywhere else on the "Ridge." Think it over.

Anyway, the prohis haven't taken the punch out of Florida's agricultural progress.—Times-Union. But they've done a pretty thorough job in taking the kick out of the punch bowl.

"With Cox as president, we will have something to grow about," says the Times-Union. And the suffs are already cackling over the attitude the democratic party has assumed toward them.

The Haines City branch of the Atlantic Coast Line is acknowledged by railroad officials to be the best-paying feeder that system possesses. Yet we get the poorest service of any branch line in the state.

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The state press should not be too hasty in condemning the proposed constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to bond the state for \$20,000,000 with which to build good roads. Wait until the light is turned on. There may be more merit to the proposition than appears on the surface.

People living along the Mexican border may at times become victims of Mexican raids, but why should they care as long as they can step up to the dividing fence, stick a straw through it and into the neck of a bottle of agua diente, mescal, vino, cognac or tiquila and drink all they can suck in at one breath for dos reals?

The Highlands Pilot suggests that the next meeting of the Florida Press association be held at Bimini. Why Bimini? Florida editors are testetaters.—Apalachicola Times. Sure they are, Brother Johnson; with the poorest kind of "shine" retailing at \$6 to \$10 a quart, they are compelled to be. But it might be cheaper in Bimini.

Love chisels every statue, inspires every drama in every enchanting song," says John McWhorter of the Tampa Tribune, and John ought to know. He might also add that love is responsible for millions of our little troubles and should provide a dictionary defining how two can live as cheaply as one during these days of high prices.

The best and surest way to get rid of rats is to kill them.

Tomorrow is the last day to register for the special election.

It will be well to remember that Cox and constructive begin with the same letter.

Every day we are without electric current money, time and patience are being lost in Avon Park.

That new party overlooked a bet when it failed to consider L. W. Bloom as its standard bearer.

One of the greatest assets any town can possibly possess is good streets. Vote for them next Tuesday.

It makes us sort of warm under the collar to hear people talk about the high price of coal this kind of weather.

Anybody lost a dog? There are several stray ones around town our people wish their owners would claim and care for.

The Coast Line might as well give us enough help at this station so we could get our freight within a week after it arrives.

Avon Park is looking forward to great things. She will not get them unless we improve our streets. Vote "yes" next Tuesday.

No, that yelling on the streets at midnight is not done by Indians. It is simply a few hoodlums not accustomed to living in a civilized community.

A revenue officer tells us the most convenient utensil for the manufacture of "moonshine" is a coffee pot, adding, "but you don't want to let me catch you making it."

Chinese carpenters have struck for an increase in wages from 30 cents a day, Mexican money, to 35 cents a day for twelve hours. And some of our people persist in calling men of that nationality "the heathen Chinese."

"Harding Challenges Cox to Say Where He Stands on Armenian Mandate," says a scare head in the Times-Union. It would be of much more interest to the people of the United States to know just where Harding stands on matters pertaining to their own welfare.

Tampa Tribune: "Ever notice that those towns which spend the most for advertising are the ones that show the greatest growth and general good results?" Also that the merchants who are the best advertisers are kept busy waiting on customers, while their competitors have their hands full keeping the spiders from spinning cobwebs across their doors?

It has been intimated that George H. Wilder, speaker of the 1919 house of representatives, has been asked to call a special session of the legislature to impeach the governor. Mr. Wilder says the governor is the only person authorized to call a special session. This may account for the governor's refusal to call such a session to consider the suffrage question.

REMOVE THE COWARDS

John Ashley, one of the most conspicuous figures in Palm Beach county, sentenced to serve seventeen years in the state penitentiary for his complicity in the robbery of the Bank of Stuart some years ago, who escaped later, after a sensational attempt by one of his brothers to rescue him from the Dade county jail, during which the jailer was murdered, returned to the east coast, according to newspaper reports. It is said "there probably will be no pronounced inclination on the part of state or county authorities to apprehend him." If such is the case, our governor has a really good excuse for removing some of these officials from office. Men who are either too cowardly or too indifferent to apprehend as desperate a character as John Ashley have no business in office and unless they make an earnest effort to apprehend him they should be removed from office and ostracized from the society of decent, law-abiding citizens. It is high time the criminal element of the state is shown that murder, arson, burglary and other crimes cannot be committed with impunity, and if our officers are too cowardly to enforce the laws, real men should be given their places.

VOTERS TO DECIDE OUR FUTURE

Our voters will be called upon next Tuesday to decide a question upon which hinges to a great degree the future welfare of the town. By their ballots they will decide whether Avon Park is to enjoy a healthy and prosperous growth and develop into a thriving city, teeming with business life and activity, or remain in the class of backwoods towns, her stores deserted and her future blighted.

By your ballot next Tuesday you brand yourself either as a progressive citizen, standing sponsor for those things which promote progress, or as a leech, which does nothing but suck the life blood from useful living things.

Those of you who have lived here any length of time know that for a period of years Avon Park was at a standstill. You have seen her streets deserted and her stores without customers. You know that a trip to the sand hills was dreaded by every man who was unfortunate enough to have business to transact here. The reason is obvious. There was no way to get to our town without plowing through sand hub deep and no way to get about the town after arriving, without meeting the same obstacle.

You have seen these conditions change. You have seen Avon Park grow from a wide spot in the road to a thriving little city, transacting a business in one month more than she did a few years ago in an entire year.

This change has been brought about by progressive men, who saw there was a bright future here and who had the nerve to invest their money and help develop the town and surrounding country. They still are investing—building, developing, reclaiming the forests and stimulating business. Their activities have helped every man, woman and child in Avon Park. They will continue to invest their money here and induce others to do likewise, if we show them we are willing to do our part.

We need a system of connected hard-surfaced streets more than any other one thing at this time. We have four miles of good asphalt paving, but it is not enough. Main arteries of traffic are not connected up to those thoroughfares. Our main business street is eternally congested with traffic and on busy days it is almost impossible to drive through Main street with an automobile or vehicle.

We have the means at hand to remedy these bad conditions. We can relieve the traffic on Main street and also have a connected system of good, hard-surfaced streets if we but say the word.

All we have to do is to vote "yes" next Tuesday. If the majority of our qualified voters vote "yes," ratifying the amendments to our town charter, the way will be provided to secure money for street improvements and no one will bear a heavy burden of taxation.

No increased bonded indebtedness will have been placed on the property owners and property values will increase in a large measure.

It is your sacred duty to go to the polls and vote for the ratification of these amendments.

The governor's removal pen is again at work.

Even "Bob" LaFollette could not stand for the platform of the new party. Must be pretty rotten.

Four-dollar wheat is predicted. Will some one please forecast the price of the "staff of life"?

From the price of eggs we surmise our hens are following the example of a certain goose we once heard about.

When some first-class baker realizes what a good opening there is in Avon Park for a bakery, he will locate here and make a barrel of money.

"It Looked Like a Battlefield in Europe," said Mr. C. Dunster "While 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. It looked like a battlefield in Europe." Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by F. C. Rae, Avon Park Drug Company, Park Mercantile Company.

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Creme de Chine, regular \$3.50	\$2.75	Solid and Figured Silks, regular \$2.50 values, special at	\$2.00
Georgette, priced regularly at \$3.50, special at	\$2.75	Solid color Satins, priced regularly at \$2.50, special	\$2.00
Fancy Striped and Plaid Skirtings, regular \$3.50 values, special at	\$2.75	Silk Poplins, in pink, lavender, navy and grey, regular \$2.25 value, special at	\$1.50

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

See Stivender if in the market for real estate.

Mrs. Phil Lacy spent Tuesday in Wauchula shopping.

Stivender has some attractive real estate bargains to offer.

For Sale—Pair of mules and wagon. Apply at this office.

Lon Raulerson made a business trip to Arcadia Tuesday afternoon.

"Down on the Farm" has drawn larger crowds than "Daddy Long Legs."

Melville Bass is in Tampa taking a business course at the Tampa Business college.

J. P. Gaines of Adairville, Ga., was here this week looking after his business interests.

Cole Godwin and Floyd Christopher made an automobile trip to Fort Meade Tuesday night.

Miss Roberta Bass went to Tampa Wednesday, where she will take a short course in millinery.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Mitchell of Lake Wales called on Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Parks and family here Tuesday evening.

Mrs. E. N. Dickinson and children, Alex, Ethel and Iris, enjoyed an automobile trip to Desoto City Sunday.

Artie and Ona Cross returned to their home in Wauchula, after having spent several days here with Mrs. George Godwin.

Ethyle Marsh, accompanied by her grandmother, Mrs. Johnson, went to Bradentown Wednesday to visit relatives for several days.

M. T. Whidden and John returned Tuesday from the Ninety-mile prairie, where they had been cow hunting for about six weeks.

Mrs. Margaret Boardman, who had been spending some time here with her parents, returned to Chicago yesterday morning.

J. B. Peden and family went to Sweetwater Sunday, where Mr. Peden preached an excellent sermon to an appreciative congregation.

Mrs. W. C. Brookins, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Zepp and Mrs. Lucy Masters and two sons were entertained at Sunday dinner by Mrs. Lee Williams.

Miss Minnie Merritt, a charming young lady of Bartow, who had been the guest of her sister Mrs. Lamont Wolff, for several weeks, returned home Sunday.

Voters are requested to look at the sample ballot published elsewhere in this issue. In voting, place an X mark in front of the word "yes" if you want Avon Park to grow and prosper.

Mrs. A. M. McAuley was up from Lake Wales the fore part of the week, shopping and calling on friends. Tuesday she accompanied Mrs. G. D. Godwin and A. D. Roberts to Fort Meade, where they spent the day.

The mayor has appointed J. B. Williams as marshal to serve during the unexpired term of E. N. Dickinson, resigned. If Mr. Williams does his duty in arresting violators of the speed ordinance and impounding cattle and hogs running at large upon our streets he will have his hands full and make an excellent officer.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Ott, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ott, Jerry White and Miss Edna McKenna drove to Sweetwater Sunday to attend divine services and enjoy one of those splendid dinners served by the excellent people of that thriving section. The sermon and dinner went far toward offsetting the discomforts of an automobile ride over such abominable roads as they had to travel.

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E. N. Dickinson was an Arcadia visitor Saturday.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Lamont Wolff motored to Bartow Sunday.

Pierce Hagan of Sanford was a business visitor here Monday.

W. B. Gardner of Fort Meade was transacting business here Monday.

Clayton Raulerson spent Monday in Winter Haven and Orlando, returning to Avon Park Tuesday.

J. W. Skipper of the Maude district was a Wednesday visitor in Avon Park.

See "Down on the Farm" at the Magnolia theater Monday night and forget your grouch.

For Sale—Avacado seedlings ready for transplanting. Mrs. H. Stevenson. 31-34p

Mark Smith spent Monday and Tuesday in Tampa and made a trip to Brownsville Wednesday.

Dr. and Mrs. J. V. Baker of Winter Haven were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Chapman.

Miss Vera Crews of Wauchula is spending the week here with relatives and attending the Baptist revival meetings.

Mrs. I. J. Bensley of Helena, Ga., spent Tuesday night here with her nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Smith.

If you like good, clean fun, don't fail to see "Down on the Farm," also a Fox comedy, at the Magnolia theater Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Smith have purchased two lots just north of the Coy addition and probably will build this coming winter.

J. A. Caldwell, manager of the Avon Manufacturing company, was down from Lake Wales Monday attending to business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Bass of Bowling Green spent Thursday of last week here with relatives, attending the ball game in the afternoon.

Mrs. L. O. Fagan, who had been in a hospital at Tampa for some time, spent a couple of days here this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Wolff.

Mrs. H. J. Mummau and Mrs. Ethel Jenks entertained the members of the Episcopal guild at the home of Mrs. J. Thomas Murrish yesterday (Thursday) afternoon.

J. M. Montsodeca and Akis McClelland, who are with the Kissimmee Island Cattle company and located at Kicco, were business visitors in Avon Park Wednesday.

C. A. Skipper and C. E. Lanier drove to Punta Gorda Tuesday afternoon to be present at the opening of the new bank in that city, which began business Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Albert Ellison and little son Byrum will leave Monday for a couple of months' visit with relatives in Buffalo, N. Y., Bridgeport, Conn., Jersey City, N. J., and Reading, Pa.

A. E. Donegan, Mrs. Beattie Simpson and son Bryan, Miss Nancy Call and Bryan and Cal McCaughen of Kissimmee were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Marsh Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Zepp of Haines City are newcomers to Avon Park and are located at the Mrs. L. Masters home. Mr. Zepp has employment with Charles Ryan at the Flint Lumber company's millsite.

W. G. McGiboney and C. W. Gunter made an automobile trip to Tampa Monday. While returning Tuesday something went wrong with the steering gear and the car was thrown into a ditch, breaking a wheel and the windshield. Mr. Gunter's face was cut in several places. The accident happened near Bartow.

Will H. Stevens, editor and proprietor of the Moore Haven Times of Moore Haven, Fla., is in Asheville for a short visit and rest. Mr. Stevens is an Asheville booster and says that the Florida crowd here this year promises to be the largest for several years. He plans to spend his summers in the city, he states, and will urge others to do so.—Asheville (N. C.) Citizen.

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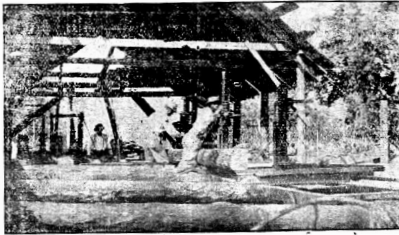
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AVON PARK'S PIONEER DAYS

By SAMUEL D. LEE

(Continued from last week)
"AND SOME WHO SLEEPETH HERE"

Frank Thompson, an Englishman by birth and education, and a ship carpenter by trade, worked for some years in the shipbuilding yards at Wilmington, Del., and from there came to Avon Park with his two sons the middle of December, 1890. He was followed not long after by his daughter and her husband, Emanuel Masters. He worked as a carpenter on many of the buildings here and at one time was in partnership with H. H. Penrose, running the sawmill. He bought twenty acres in section 13, including Duck lake, from which were sold the Bloom and Henry Meyers places, and on the remainder built for himself a home, where he lived the remainder of his life, leaving it to his daughter, who finally disposed of it when she left for the north three years ago. On the 28th of September, 1912, Mr. Thompson started on a trip to visit his son, then living in Georgia, but now a resident of Jacksonville, and while in the station at Haines City waiting for the connecting train, suddenly died.

A. M. Bangs, a stairbuilder by trade, came from Ottawa, Ill., and stopped for a time in Port Orange, Fla., but in August, 1891, arrived in Avon Park to make a permanent home. He bought five acres east of town, where he built a two-story house, the only one in the township with green blinds, and set the land to citrus trees. He later built on an acre lot south of Verona. Both properties are now owned by his daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Bangs. Mr. Bangs died September 12, 1904, aged 84, and Mrs. Bangs passed away at Ottawa, Ill., about two years later.

Henry R. Deyo, with his wife and young daughter Elsie, of Troy, N. Y., arrived the 2nd of August, 1893, buying five acres on the north side of Verona next east of the Edmiston place, where he built a two-story house. Mr. Deyo had been a conductor on the Elitchburg railroad, and just before leaving the north deposited all his money with some bankers in a Massachusetts city who sang a dulcet song of 7 per cent to him. Before the home here was finished the bank failed, with total losses to depositors, and the Deyo home never was painted on the inside. More than that, Mr. Deyo's spirit was broken and, being unfitted for any sort of labor, he had a trying time until his death, May 7, 1903. Not long after this event Elsie Deyo married a sea captain, whose ship sailed the Pacific, and she went to live in California, near San Francisco, and Mrs. Deyo made her home there also, where she died last year. The Deyo place, much improved, now is the property of W. F. Wolff.

Among the passengers who alighted from the stage as it stopped in front of the hotel an afternoon in early February,

SOON TO RESUME HUNT FOR HUGE SUM OF GOLD

Work will be resumed this summer on the task of salvaging more than \$20,000,000 in gold, now lying at the bottom of the sea in strong boxes of the British auxiliary cruiser *Laurentic*, sunk by mine off the mouth of Lough Swilly, in the Irish sea in January, 1917.

The gold bullion is in bars, each of which is valued at \$1,212.20. The *Laurentic* was on her way to New York when sunk, carrying a total of about \$7,000,000 in gold, about \$3,000,000 of the gold having been salvaged.

Bible in 528 Tongues
The Bible is now printed in 528 languages, a "gain" of 128 languages since 1908.

"I Wouldn't Go Camping Without Rat-Snap," Says Ray White
"Wife and I spent our vacation camping last summer, smell of cooking brought rats. We went to town, got some RAT-SNAP, broke up cakes, put it outside our tent. We got the rats all right—big fellows."

Farmers, storekeepers, housewives should use RAT-SNAP. Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by F. C. Rae, Avon Park Drug Company, Park Mercantile Company.

1892, was a man wearing a somewhat threadbare suit, and who was quite ignored by Mr. Crosby when he greeted the newcomers. The man took a box from the wagon and sat upon it a few rods away. A little later Rev. Hayter came across in his boat for the mail, and in going back saw the individual for the second time, stopping then to speak to him. The latter said it looked as if he was not wanted at the hotel, whereupon the minister, a sympathetic soul, asked him to cross the lake and have supper. He also lodged him somewhere about the one room and had him as a breakfast guest. An hour or so later the men walked up the hill and Hayter casually remarked that a certain ten acres belonged to him and was for sale at \$40 an acre. The stranger put his hand in his pocket and pulled out a roll of bills from which he counted \$400 and laid it over. His name was Sherwood R. Stewart. He cleared, planted and built a small house, in which he lived alone for nearly thirteen years. Late in January, 1905, his neighbor, remarking that he had not seen Stewart for a day or two, got another neighbor and the two, going to the house, found the tenant's lifeless body on the floor. He was 80 years old at the time of his death.

Among other early settlers who found final rest in our cemetery were Aaron Bassett, who came from Brattleboro, Vt., in 1889, had his home west of town, was justice of the peace until December 31, 1900, and met death by lightning stroke; W. R. Wayman, whose small grove and shack was south of Bangs' place, and who died March 15, 1911; John Cardullo, the Italian barber, who, after a few years in Olean, N. Y., came to Avon Park, where he built and remained the rest of his days, dying April 7, 1915, followed by his wife Teresa on October 29, 1918.

Some of those who had homes here and died in other places were Henry Bossler, who came from Toledo, Ohio, had a home and grove on North Lakeview avenue, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Satterlee Saltronsall, in New Jersey; Judge W. V. Hall, an Englishman, but who was a soldier in the United States army in the war with Mexico, who built the home now owned by Charles Gunter home, who died in the soldiers' home in Ohio; David Boynton, who served all through the war in a Massachusetts regiment, who first bought a lot opposite the hotel, for which he procured plans for a big two-story house but, meeting with financial losses, changed to a two-room structure near Lotela, and who died at his old home in Chicopee, Mass., late in 1903, aged 82; C. W. Kettell, M. D., who had his home on the north of Tulane, which he sold to Professor Richardson, and who died at the home of his daughter, Mary Burleigh, who had obtained a divorce from J. C. Burleigh and gone elsewhere to live.

SPECIAL ELECTION

I, William King, Mayor of the Town of Avon Park, in my official capacity do hereby issue my proclamation ordering a special election for the Town of Avon Park to be held on Monday, the 25th day of July, A. D. 1920, for the purpose of adopting or rejecting Chapter 1938 and 1939 of the Special Laws of the State of Florida, as enacted by the Legislature of Florida at its regular session held in 1919. Said special election to be held in conformity with the laws governing elections for the Town of Avon Park, County of DeSoto, State of Florida.

Given under my hand and seal this 14th day of June, A. D. 1920.

(Seal) WILLIAM KING, Mayor.

ELECTION INSPECTORS APPOINTED

Avon Park, Fla., July 1, 1920.
I, WILLIAM KING, Mayor of the Town of Avon Park, DeSoto County, Florida, do hereby appoint the following inspectors and clerk to meet on special election, July 27, 1920: J. R. Bennett, D. O. Gill, Inspectors; S. F. Tucker, clerk.

WILLIAM KING, Mayor.

BILL TO QUIET TITLE

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

Peoples River Investment Company, Inc., vs. F. D. Coblenz, et al.
To the Defendants herein, J. D. Coblenz, F. A. Hanover, J. A. Wadley, J. O. Mullins, Elmer McClellan and J. J. Jameson.

It being made to appear by Affidavit of Complainer's Solicitor filed 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 made on you and relief having been prayed for in the Bill of Complaint filed in this cause.

It is, therefore, required that you and each of you do answer 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 5th day of September, A. D. 1920.

It is further ordered that the said publication be published for a period of eight (8) days in some newspaper of general circulation, to be published in the Highlands Pilot, a weekly newspaper of Arcadia, Florida, this 24th day of June, A. D. 1920.

(Seal) A. L. DURRANCE, Clerk of the Circuit Court, DeSoto County, Florida.

Advertise in The Pilot.

R. I. HARRIS

Orange Groves —A— Specialty

Avon Park, Fla.

For
Quick Lunch
Try

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**\$5.60 Ticket for
\$5.00**

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Will be a Good One
If Made Through

P. M. STIVENDER
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Write or see him about any kind of Florida
realty you want

You will eventually want The Pilot. Why not subscribe now?



After clearing the land, comes the plowing. Our tractors will be on the job soon preparing groves for spring planting.

"Watch Your Investment Grow"

Citrus Groves and By-Products Company

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Avon Park, Fla.

"All right, Bill - You can stop reading 'em"



BILL TOLD me.
HE HAD a good joke.
ON THE maker.
OF A well-known brand.
OF CIGARETTES.
LAST NIGHT, Bill said.
HE READ an ad.
OF THIS cigarette.
IN A magazine.
IT SAID "They Satisfy."
AND THIS morning.
IN HIS newspaper.
HE READ "They Satisfy."
AND ON a billboard.
AND ON a card.
IN THE street-car.
AND IN the dealer's window.
AND ON the counter.
HE READ "They Satisfy."

AND HE bought a pack.
OF THESE cigarettes.
AND I asked him.
"WHERE'S THE joke, Bill?"
AND BILL said.
"WHY THE darn fools.
SPENDING THEIR money.
PICKING ON me."
SO I said, "You bought 'em."
DIDN'T THEY satisfy?"
AND BILL said "Sure,
BUT HERE'S the joke.
FOR OVER a year.
I'D ALREADY been smoking.
THAT BRAND."

WE admit it, the joke's on us.
And over three million other
smokers are "in on it" with Bill.
But the real joke is on anybody
who looks for "Satisfy" anywhere
but in Chesterfield—for the Ches-
terfield blend can't be copied!



DR. D. D. CREWS
Dentist
Office: First National Bank
Building
Avon Park, Florida

L. H. PARK
Architect
Twin Oaks
Avon Park, Florida

Florida Ice and Power Co.

**PURE CRYSTAL ICE
ELECTRICITY AND
WATER**

T. W. LAWTON, Local Manager

Avon Park

Florida

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, Florida,
for the purchase of the three remaining school
bonds of said county, which bonds have been
formerly disposed of, described as fol-
lows:

Bonds Numbers 22, 23, 24, 25, in One Thousand
Dollars each, maturing on the 1st day of
January 1st, A. D. 1914, and bearing five per
cent interest, payable semi-annually. The
principal and interest is payable at the county
depository, Arcadia, Florida. These bonds
have been validated.

The Board reserves the right to reject any
and all bids. Each bidder is required to fur-
nish certified check for 2 per cent of the bid
as evidence of good faith, check of unsuc-
cessful bidder will be returned, while check of
successful bidder will be forfeited in case he
fails or refuses to take the bonds allotted him
within specified time in bid.

Dated by order of the County Board of In-
struction DeSoto County, Florida, this 5th
day of July, A. D. 1920.

P. G. SHAVER,
County Superintendent and Secretary.

July 19-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-1920

NOTICE OF MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS
OF THE SCENIC HIGHLANDS HOTEL
COMPANY

Public notice is hereby given that a special
meeting of the stockholders of the Scenic
Highlands Hotel Company, a Florida corpora-
tion, will be held at the office of said com-
pany at Avon Park, Florida, on the 31st day
of August, A. D. 1920, at 2 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 dol-
lars (\$25,000) to seventy-five thousand dol-
lars (\$75,000), and for transaction of such
other business as may come before such meet-
ing.

Dated at the office of said company, Avon
Park, Florida, this 22nd day of July, A. D.
1920.
JULY 22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-1920
A. V. ANDERSON,
Secretary.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Real estate—that's all. P. M.
Stivender.

For Rent — Furnished room
for male adult. Masonic Temple.

There is nothing in "Down on
the Farm" that a lady wouldn't
want to see.

J. S. Francis made a business
trip to Moore Haven Monday,
returning Wednesday.

For Sale—1916 Ford touring
car, in good condition. For par-
ticulars address postoffice box
2033, Avon Park. 331f

Don't fail to see Mack Sen-
nett's big five-reel comedy,
"Down on the Farm," at the
Magnolia theater Monday, July
26.

J. B. Owens of Tampa, an old
friend of the editor, was trans-
acting business here the latter
part of last week, making us an
appreciated call.

Poinciana lodge No. 227, F.
and A. M., held its stated com-
munication last Friday night, at
which time the Entered Appren-
tice degree was conferred upon
B. H. Fields of Sebring.

We are issuing The Pilot one
day early this week, in order
that we may attend the meeting
of the South Florida Press as-
sociation and Franklin club at
Bartow Friday and Saturday.

Attention is called to the
White Dry Goods company's ad
in this issue, in which it now is
offering a reduction of 50 cents
a pair on Maxine shoes and a big
reduction in the price of silks.

W. A. Snow, who for a num-
ber of months was a valued em-
ployee of The Pilot, has accepted
a position with the Sebring
White Way. Mr. Snow is a
splendid workman and has many
friends in Avon Park.

John B. Kludjian of Daytona,
in company with his nephew,
Charles G. Taminosian of Fort
Myers, but formerly of Wau-
chula, made us a short visit
Sunday. They were en route to
Sebring, traveling by auto.

Lost — Thursday, July 1,
lady's one-piece flannel bathing
suit, color green and purplish
red, between Avon Park and
Steve Skipper's, on Zolfo road.
Finder please return to Ford
garage, Avon Park. Reward.

We have just received a num-
ber of handsome new type faces
for use in commercial printing.
Remember, we do everything in
the line of good printing. Be-
fore you send that order out to
town, see if we cannot execu-
te it.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Whitlow
arrived in Avon Park Wednes-
day of last week and now are
comfortably domiciled in their
new home, "Fair Oaks." Mr.
Whitlow has not yet decided to
engage in business here, but
says he will wait and see how he
likes Avon Park.

A. H. Baker, jr., represent-
ing the Goodyear Tire and Rub-
ber company of Akron, Ohio,
which is conducting an extensive
advertising campaign in The
Pilot, was here the latter part
of last week in the interests of
his company. Mr. Baker's head-
quarters are in Jacksonville.

Attention is called to the ad-
vertising of Ward's orange and
lemon crush, being carried in
this paper. The Coca-Cola
Bottling company of this city is
exclusive bottler of these high-
class cool drinks in this terri-
tory and this company is sup-
plementing the advertising of
the manufacturers with an ad-
vertising campaign of its own.

L. F. DeBordenave returned
Sunday from a week's business
visit in Philadelphia. He brought
with him two crisp dollar bills
to pay for a year's subscription
to The Pilot for Harry Foster.
This will settle the argument
brought up in the club of which
Mr. DeBordenave is a member
as to whether or not the money
would ever reach its destination.
Mr. Barker will please take no-
tice.

NOTICE OF MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS
OF THE CORPORATE SECUR-
ITIES 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 31st day of August,
A. D. 1920, at 2 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose
of considering and voting upon the proposed
increase in the capital stock of said company
from Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to
One 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 22nd day of July, A. D. 1920.
JULY 22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-1920
C. E. LANCE,
Secretary.

Spray! Spray! Spray!

Spraying Done on
Short Notice

See

E. G. TODD

AVON PARK

FLORIDA

The Safest Investment

a man can make is in real estate, provided the
real estate he invests in is well located. It should
be in or near a growing town, where values are
increasing. Then your investment grows while
you sleep. You awake every morning feeling
that you are a little better off in this world's
goods than you were the day previous. I have
a number of splendid properties for sale

In Avon Park

and vicinity. They are properties I can recom-
mend. If they were not, I would not handle
them. They consist of Improved and Unim-
proved Town Properties, Citrus Groves and
Grove Lands, Large and Small Tracts. If you
are in the market for a safe investment

Consult

Norton T. Smith

REAL ESTATE AGENT

Masonic Temple

Avon Park, Florida

Keep Your Wife Sweet

By supplying her with those articles of household use
that insure the greatest degree of comfort. In hot
weather she needs a

Refrigerator

It's economy to have one, for a refrigerator saves food
that would naturally spoil if you did not have one. Then,
too, why make your wife toil and sweat over a wood stove
when she can keep cool by doing the cooking on an

Oil Stove

Talk it over with your wife and then bring her into our
store and talk it over with us.

F. C. RAE

Hardware

Avon Park, Florida

What?

Real Estate Citrus Trees
Insurance

Where?

Avon Park

Who?

Mark W. Lance

Room 12

National Bank Building

Request your attorney to place your legal advertising in The
Highlands Pilot. It will be set according to requirements of law.

Special Clearance in Men's Oxfords

Here's the greatest values in Shoes--Florsheim, Douglas and Wolf Bros. Special Oxfords to close--broken lots, broken assortments, but all sizes---

PRICED

\$11.85

Boys' Oxfords--Buster Brown and Wolf Bros.

SPECIAL---

\$3.95

Wolf Brothers

Clothes Satisfaction for Men and Boys

808 FRANKLIN STREET

TAMPA, FLORIDA

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

Kellogg

Sells

**FERTIL-
IZER**

See Him

A MIXTURE THE FLIES
SHUN IS MADE OF OILS

Many malevolent mixtures, particularly of an oily nature, have some value as repellants for stable flies, but in preparing these care should be taken that they are not made too strong, especially when animals are being worked in the hot sun, as they are likely to cause overheating and often produce shedding of the hair.

A mixture of fish oil (one gallon), oil of pine tar (two ounces), oil of pennyroyal (two ounces) and kerosene (one-half pint) was found to be fairly effective in keeping the flies off of live stock for a short time when applied lightly, but thoroughly to the parts of the animals not covered with blankets or nets.

Wanted--To buy second-hand stoves and furniture. W. T. Andrews, dealer in hardware, Avon Park.

Royal Tailoring Line
Clothes Called for and
Delivered

**Roberts
Pressing
Club**

CLEANING AND
PRESSING

French Dry Cleaning a
Specialty

PHONE 14

Avon Park

Florida

SAVE BEMBEX (HORSE GUARD), FRIEND OF CATTLE AND HORSE

If one will watch a herd of horses or cattle closely, he will see following them a large, light-grey wasp with a thick, heavy abdomen. This is bembex, one of the farmer's best friends. Were it not for bembex Florida live stock would hardly be able to withstand the annoyance of insects. They follow cattle, horses and mules in search of flies, particularly large "horse flies" and the smaller yellow "deer flies," which greatly annoy the stock, and often the farmer himself, with their loud buzzing and sharp, painful bites.

Although the wasps themselves feed on the pollen of flowers, they must have flies to feed their young. The flies are stung through their large nerve centers in such a way as to be completely paralyzed, but usually not killed. They are then carried to the "wasps' nest" and eggs are laid on them. The grubs of the wasps hatch out from these eggs in a few days and find themselves in direct contact with a constant supply of living, but paralyzed, flesh. Under these happy circumstances they grow rapidly and in about a month are ready to transform into wasps, says J. B. Watson, entomologist at the Florida experiment station.

The nest is in a burrow in the ground. The wasps are very social in instinct and establish their nests in immense colonies. These colonies contain thousands of wasps and are always found in bare, sunny, sandy spots. About these spots there is a constant humming, as the wasps come and go, and one can scarcely help noticing them. When one finds these nests in his fields he should not plow them up nor disturb them, as the plow will destroy the burrows, kill many of the young and perhaps drive the colony away. That colony of bembex is much more valuable than any crop the farmer could raise on that piece of sandy land.

It is possible to colonize bembex. Select an exposed sunny spot, free of brush, and pile clean, white sand on it, and before the summer is over it is likely to be selected as a site for a bembex city.

Alderman Williams is the owner of a new Dodge car.

Lake Wales was represented here Tuesday by S. B. Gailey.

William L. Smith spent a couple of days in Tampa this week.

A. V. Anderson made an automobile trip to Orlando Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Sherman are spending the week in Orlando.

Mark W. Lance went to Tampa Wednesday morning on a business mission.

Ray Marsh is assisting at the freight office this week during the absence of C. D. Sherman.

Mark Godwin of Sebring is passing out pleasant smiles and meat over the counter at the Sanitary market.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Durrance went to Tampa Wednesday morning, where they will have their son's eyes and throat treated.

G. H. and H. E. Barwick of Adrian, Ga., are spending the week in Avon Park looking over our splendid citrus belt. They are friends of Dr. T. H. Lawler and J. V. Chapman.

W. C. West of Atlanta, Ga., who spent some time here last winter and who is one of our property owners, was here during the early part of the week looking after business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Lyles and children and Mrs. Snobgrass of Dundee drove down to Avon Park Sunday and were joined here by Mr. and Mrs. William Prior, all enjoying an auto trip to Sebring.

Advertise in The Pilot.

"How I Cleared the Mill of Rats," by J. Tucker, R. I.

"As night watchman, believe I have seen more rats than any man. Dogs wouldn't dare go near them. Got \$1 package of RAT-SNAP; inside of six 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." Sold and guaranteed by F. C. Rae, Avon Park Drug Company, Park Mercantile Company.

Pensioning the Vets

The president signed a bill June 5 providing for a maximum pension of \$30 per month for all veterans of Spanish-American war who served over ninety days and may hereafter be mentally or physically disabled, "not the result of their own vicious habits."

P. M. Stivender, real estate.

Huge Devilfish

A devilfish weighing 3,000 pounds was recently caught near Camp Walton, on the west coast. The fish measured nineteen feet across and was three feet thick. The struggle between fish and fishermen lasted five and one-half hours, and high explosives had to be used to end the battle.

Send The Pilot to a friend.

Where Centenarians Live

Serbia is the country of centenarians. One man in every 2,600 reaches 100 years. Ireland ranks next, with one in every 3,130. Out of every 43,000 Spaniards one is a centenarian. In England, Scotland and Wales one in 177,000; in France one in 180,750 and Switzerland, with all its reputed healthfulness, seems not to possess one.

EXCHANGE SUPPLY COMPANY

The Exchange Supply Company announces the acquisition by purchase of the Warnell Lumber & Veneer Co., with headquarters at Plant City. The properties thus acquired will be operated by the Exchange Supply Company for the production of boxes for the shipment of citrus fruits by the various local associations and members of the Florida Citrus Exchange, which this company exclusively serves.

Exchange Supply Company
J. H. ROSS, President

Through purchase of all the outstanding capital stock of the Warnell Lumber & Veneer Company all the properties of that company are acquired, including the large veneer and crate mill at Plant City, together with warehouses, mill, and other buildings at that point, the company's timber holdings and sawmill at Fort Green, with the privately owned Warnell logging road, four locomotives, log wagons, mules and miscellaneous equipment. It is estimated that these facilities added to those already in operation by the Exchange Supply Company will amply meet the requirements for box manufacture of the members of the Florida Citrus Exchange, while the timber reserves at present owned or under option will supply material for this purpose for many years to come.

DIRECTORS OF EXCHANGE SUPPLY COMPANY

J. H. ROSS, President
Winter Haven
D. C. GILLET, Vice-President
Tampa
C. E. STEWART, JR., Sec'y-Treas.
Tampa
W. W. BIRCHFIELD, St. Petersburg
A. F. WYMAN, Manatee
P. C. PETERS, Winter Garden
C. H. WALKER, Bartow
A. C. HAMLEN, Deland
J. W. SAMPLE, Haines City
W. F. MILLER, Manager, Tampa

EXCHANGE SUPPLY COMPANY

serving only members of the

FLORIDA

HILLCREST

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

YOU CASH THE ANNUAL CHECK—THAT'S ALL

**THE SCENIC HIGHLANDS
DEVELOPMENT COMPANY**

Avon Park, Florida

You Should Have a Bank Account Because—

Your cancelled check gives you the best receipt for money paid out.

It is more convenient, safer and costs less to send money through the bank than in any other way.

A letter of introduction from your home banker, should you move to another community, establishes your credit immediately with the new bank.

Should you find it advisable to borrow funds at any time a bank account makes your credit good in the business world.

A balance in the bank may be the means of enabling you to establish a business of your own, when the opportunity presents itself.

The very fact that you have a bank account creates the impression that you understand business methods.

By managing a bank account you get the first principles of a practical business training.

It makes you a good citizen—and what better thing can be said of any man when he has lived his life?

First Trust and Savings Company
Avon Park, Florida