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VOTE FOR COUNTY DIVISION, LOWER TAXES, HOME RULE AND PROGRESS

The most vigorous county division campaign ever fought in DeSoto county will come to a close next Tuesday night at sundown. A few hours later the result will be made known, and it is freely predicted by both sides that the divisionists will elect their candidates for the house of representatives and the senate. The only question now is, how large will be the majority?

While it is almost a certainty that we (the divisionists) will win our fight, we must battle to the last, be on the alert until the last ballot is cast and counted, in order that we may make that majority an overwhelming one.

When we send our representative and senator to Tallahassee we want them to carry the message from the vast majority of the voters of this unwieldy county that progress has been hindered too long by a few men who have considered only their own selfish interests and that they now are determined to govern themselves and secure their money's worth for whatever they pay out in taxes.

Heretofore the people of the various sections clamoring for new counties for the privilege of home rule and self-government have paid heavy taxes and have received but little in return. They have paid these heavy taxes simply because the large "interests" have not paid their just proportion and the territory is too large for one tax assessor to do justice to the work.

Few people realize how large DeSoto county is. Few people realize the magnitude of 3,755 square miles—2,403,200 acres of land. Think of the vastness of it and then think of even attempting to govern this vast territory with one set of officials—a county clerk, assessor, collector, sheriff, judge and five commissioners.

DeSoto county is as large as the states of Rhode Island and New Jersey combined and nearly as large as the state of Connecticut. Divide the county into five parts and we have five sets of county officials, none of whom is paid a salary except the commissioners, who receive the munificent sum of $100 a year. Don't you think these five sets of county officials, with the smaller areas to cover, could and would give us a more economical government than we are receiving?

A more efficient government means the equalization of taxes; it means the men with large interests will pay in the same proportion as those with the small interests; it means a greater revenue from taxes, consequently a lower millage. And far more important still, it means we will get full value for every dollar we pay in taxes. That would mean better roads, better schools, greater opportunities, more and happier homes and a better citizenship.

Our public highways, or, at least, the main arteries of traffic, would cost us less money, for it is the established policy of the state highway commission to first of all grant state aid for the purpose of building roads between county seats.

There is positively no sane argument against cutting up counties the size of DeSoto. Precedent has established the fact that smaller counties are more prosperous than the larger ones, and no one ever heard of counties that have been divided desiring to reunite. The only man who has an argument against county division is the man who individually profits at the expense of others.

Go to the polls next Tuesday and cast your vote for the privilege of home rule—self-government.

Vote for Cooper and Etheredge.

Mr. Sauls, Will You Withdraw?

Mr. Sauls stated in his speech at Punta Gorda that if his opponent could prove that the taxation in Pinellas county was but 31 mills he would withdraw from the race. Now, if Mr. Sauls is a man of honor he will withdraw, for here is the proof—undeniable proof:

Pinellas County, 1919, Budget—Tax Roll

General fund	5	mills
Road and bridge	6.1	mills
Fine and forfeiture	1.5	mills
Hillsborough debt	0.4	mills
Special road and bridge, I and S	0.5	mills
Agriculture	0.5	mills
Interest on bonds	6.6	mills
Sinking fund	0.4	mills
	21	mills
General school	10	mills
Total	31	mills

State of Florida }
County of Pinellas. }

I, J. N. Brown, clerk of the circuit court in and for said county, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true statement of the valuation of Pinellas county as assessed by the tax assessor and the millage levied by the county commissioners of said county for county and school purposes for the year 1919.

Witness my hand and official seal this 29th day of May, 1920.

(Signed) J. N. BROWN,
(Seal) Clerk of the Circuit Court.

Will Mr. Sauls withdraw, or will he prove himself to be devoid of honor and have no regard for the truth?

DR. ETHEREDGE SHOWS WHY FOUR NEW COUNTIES SHOULD BE CREATED

A large crowd gathered at the rink Saturday night to hear the various candidates for office express their views and state just why they were asking for the suffrage of the voters. One of the disappointing features of the evening's entertainment was the absence of "Sawgrass" Sauls, who is a candidate for member of the house of representatives upon the platform of "do as the bosses bid you."

Reports of Mr. Sauls' speeches at Punta Gorda and Charlotte Harbor had led our people to anticipate an interesting meeting here, but for some reason the distinguished gentleman failed to put in an appearance.

Dr. E. J. Etheredge, candidate for representative on the division platform, was the principal speaker of the evening, and his address contained a number of well-defined reasons why DeSoto county should be divided into five parts, as proposed. He demonstrated to the entire satisfaction of his large audience that the taxpayers are not getting full value for the money they pay in taxes, and that even with our high millage some of our taxpayers must necessarily pay double, for with the county seat located so many miles from the center of population, the expense incurred in transacting business, in serving as jurors or witnesses, was so heavy as to nearly double taxation. He proved conclusively that in this large county the officials were unable to render efficient service, illustrating his remarks by citing an instance where one large property owner was paying taxes on a grove property recently sold for $55,000, with an assessed valuation of only $600.

He banished any sentiment there may have been against so-called "small" counties by showing that the smallest of the proposed new counties would be as large as the state of Rhode Island, and that each and every section desiring a new county was amply able to maintain its own government and have more and better roads, more and better schools (at a lower rate of taxation) than is now possessed in the various sections of this large and unwieldy territory.

His argument in favor of dividing DeSoto county into five parts was forcible and to the point. It was not clothed with ambiguous phrases, but was told in simple language, so that there might be no misunderstanding as to the advantages the various new counties would receive under self-government, or home rule, even if taxation were not lowered. Every section would get the full benefit of its own taxes and would be able to work out its own destinies in a much more favorable manner than heretofore, without paying a heavy tribute to a few politicians and selfish interests that have grudgingly handed out a meager portion of the tax money to those who are entitled to every dollar they have paid.

Dr. Etheredge's speech was heard by a large and attentive audience of thinking men and women, who applauded him most heartily at its close. There were several subjects the speaker desirde to discuss but, like a true gentleman, refrained from doing so on account of the absence of his opponent.

Several candidates for the various county offices were present and delivered short and entertaining addresses.

ARE YOU CAPABLE OF MANAGING YOUR OWN AFFAIRS?

Next Tuesday will determine whether or not the majority of the voters are in favor of spending their own tax money and receiving full benefits from it, or whether they are content to continue paying high taxes and receiving about one-thrid in return.

That day will determine whether or not they desire to govern their own affairs, spend their own money and attend to their own business, or whether they are content to allow a few men in Arcadia to spend their money, assume a guardianship over them and transact their business for them.

If you desire to continue paying a high millage and receive practically nothing in return, you will vote for the anti-division candidates for the legislature.

If you feel you should have a dollar's worth of improvement, a dollar's worth of service, for every dollar of your tax money, you will vote for Cooper and Etheredge, the candidates pledged to work for county division on the five-county plan.

If you feel you are not capable of handling your own money and that you do not know what you should have or are entitled to in the way of public improvements, then vote for the anti-division candidates.

If, on the other hand, you feel you do not need a guardian and are fully capable of determining what is needed in your respective districts in the way of public improvements, then vote for Cooper and Etheredge.

Vote for the county division candidates.

SAULS DISPLAYS HIS IGNORANCE OF OUR CONSTITUTION

In his speech at Punta Gorda recently Mr. Sauls, the anti-divisionists' standard bearer, who is supposed to be a lawyer and charged with being worse, displayed his ignorance of the Florida constitution in the following dialogue:

Mr. Sauls—"I can dispose of Dr. Etheredge's entire argument in favor of county division by asking two questions—Doctor, if you get to Tallahassee, how do you propose to proceed? Will you introduce one bill for the creation of four new counties out of DeSoto, or will you introduce four bills, and if so, which section will be favored first? The audience is entitled to know."

Dr. Etheredge—"I will introduce a bill as soon as the legislature assembles to create four new counties at one and the same time. We can get four new counties if we can get one."

Mr. Sauls—"Very well, Doctor. Don't you know that the constitution of Florida forbids more than one subject in any one bill. How can you get four counties in one bill?"

"Dr. Etheredge—"Mr. Sauls, as a lawyer you know and I know that the county of DeSoto is one subject. We could cut it into twenty-five counties if the people wished. Furthermore, we will not be establishing a precedent. A few years ago Hernando was divided into three counties in one and the same bill. It is both constitutional and legal and has been done in Florida. Are you satisfied, Mr. Sauls,"

Mr. Sauls—"I have nothing more to say."

And the audience gave him the merry ha-ha.

COOPER EXPOUNDS TRUE DEMOCRACY

(Ex-Senator Cooper's speech at Wauchula)

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: All you old citizens know me as the old tax collector, Frank Cooper. I am not an orator and do not know how to twist words and meanings, and I stand before you as a candidate for the nomination to the Twenty-seventh senatorial district from your county and old Manatee. I am proud to say to you that I represent an organization and we are working for the division of this great county. I believe in county division. I believe in it so strong I have voted for it ever since I've been in this county and have known it to be a just cause. DeSoto county has grown into an immense, big old family.

We are not trying to tear down DeSoto county; we are not trying to tear down any man's interest or any community. We are trying to create; we are trying to build up, and the way to do it is for the family to send the boy, now grown up, strong and able, to support himself, to go out and keep house, and not live on his old mother county.

Pinellas county has 320 square miles of territory and, according to information, since they have left old Hillsborough county, old Hillsborough has grown and the people of that county say they are glad Pinellas was created, for the old county has prospered, business has been carried on better, and the same applies to Pinellas county. And Pinellas has 320 square miles, and either of the divisions we ask for out of old DeSoto has more than that. Another fact is that either one of these divisions we ask for has more population in it and more tax value than old DeSoto had in all this great territory when taken from Manatee.

I was in Manatee when old DeSoto left. County division is the life of a community anywhere. It has proven so in every instance. As counties were cut off they have prospered more and more.

I have the greatest respect for every county officer in the county. Yet they are the only people who profit by this big county.

It has been put up to us that we would starve to death if we make this little county. These people want to hold us because we are a source of revenue to them. They didn't seem to care much for us until they thought we were going to pull off from them. Then they had great sympathy for us. They tell us about the great cost of a court house, jail and everything of the kind.

We don't ask help from them. Why shouldn't we have a court house, even if it cost more? We will have better service, better schools, better government, because we will be centralized and everybody will take interest. What kind of representation do these other places get?

I was in Arcadia recently and met Chet Carr, and he said: "Look here; I am in favor of county division now." I asked him why and he said he had a warrant for $9.20 for his pay for being summoned as a witness and that the sheriff would get another warrant for $9.20 for summoning him, making the cost of his appearance in court as a witness $18.40.

I was in Tallahassee and the question was brought up as to which was the cheapest to administer—the small county or the large county. Somebody said, "Why don't you get the comptroller to give you some data?" and we got the data from the comptroller and found that the most expensive county in the state was Lee county—the largest in the state—and the next was DeSoto county, the next largest in the state, and so on down to little old Holmes county, and it was the smallest and cheapest in the state.

Now, gentlemen, that is an un-

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FROM THE PLOW HANDLES TO THE MANSION

(Suwannee Democrat)

As the campaign for governor draws to a close it is a source of much gratification to the home folk of Hon. Cary A. Hardee to hear from all portions of Florida the good news that the overwhelming majority over all candidates he will receive in his home county will be duplicated in many other counties and that his election by a large majority is assured.

It is doubly cheering to Mr. Hardee's friends to realize that these reports follow the kind of campaign that ought to be made by one aspiring to the high office of governor, and that when Mr. Hardee becomes governor there will be nothing in his campaign of which he should be ashamed and that he will take his seat without any strings tied to him and under no obligations except those due to the entire citizenship of the state.

Mr. Hardee announced his candidacy early. He published his platform a long time ago. He has visited every section of the state and carried his canvass to all the people. He has told the people what kind of administration to expect from him as governor and on the merit of his policies has appealed for their support. He has sought the support of no special interests. He has not appealed to class hatred. He has not attempted to mix religion and politics and has not tried to secure votes by appealing to denominational ties. He has paid his own campaign expenses out of money earned by his own honest toil and has not permitted any contributions to his campaign fund, as his sworn statement on file at Tallahassee will show. When as a result of this campaign Mr. Hardee is elected it will mean that the poli-

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WHOM WILL COUNTY DIVISION HURT?

(Arcadia Enterprise)

We believe that every interest of DeSoto county people would have been better served and the country at large be better off had the county been divided several years ago. The enormous growth and development of remote sections of the four corners of the county in the past two or four years makes division almost imperative at this time.

Arcadia, Wauchula and Punta Gorda have spent enough money on these division fights to have built all the court houses needed and meet the extra taxes several times over. All these sections are now able to stand alone and go into business for themselves. Why not divide the county in a way that will settle the matter for all time and be done with it? Who will be really hurt by county division, anyway?

Much stress is being placed upon the matter of extra taxes necessary to build new court houses. You didn't hear anybody around Arcadia worrying about the taxes when we spent $120,000 on a new court house. The assessed valuation then was little more than half what it now is and we paid the bill without any extra increase in millage. We argued then that the court house could be built and we would never know the difference in our taxes, and we did that very thing. We should be just and fair with our neighbors at all times, but if we can't be just, we should at least be consistent. It ill becomes us now to howl about taxes that only our neighbors will have to pay, while we already have our handsome court house paid for. Why not let them worry about their own business?

Some of our self-appointed bosses have repeatedly promised county division to the eastern half of this county as soon as it had railroads and other transportation. Why not live up to this agreement? This paper, for one, is now willing to make the bosses make good.

If county division would violate the rights of the humblest citizen of Arcadia, the case might be different. But who will be deprived of his individual rights thereby?

The lawyers may have their business cut down, provided they cannot retain their old clients, but if any Arcadia lawyer will set up the claim that he owns his client in fee simple and would subject him to the inconvenience of coming here from remote sections of the county merely to furnish him business, that lawyer is liable to be relieved of some of his long-distance business, whether the county is divided or not.

The abstract company may lose business by dividing the county, but if he wants to hold the county together for his special benefit and profit he can be shown that hundreds of people in the remote sections of DeSoto have some rights to convenience and if he wants their business he can come over into the new county and make it convenient for all concerned.

The hotels may lose a little business by county division, but they should be told that the rights of the many are greater than the convenience of the few.

County division might cut down the revenue of the county officers, but the work will be lighter, and if the public official will do it himself instead of hiring it done his income will be about the same.

County division will not deprive the legitimate cattleman of any of his rights or conflict with any of his lawful interests. There will be no fence on county lines and his cattle can graze in one county as well as another. If there was a fence it would likely be cut down over night. If he is paying taxes on all his cattle he can pay said tax in one county as well as in another. If he were uncertain as to whether or not he had all his cattle entered on the tax rolls, four extra assessors would be of great help to him in getting a line on his herds.

County division would place four extra sheriffs on the job of enforcing the law, and therefore the lawbreaker is about the only

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ANNOUNCEMENT

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TOWN BUILDING

At the Board of Trade smoker E. M. Brickell made a talk on "Town Building" that was so ful of good ideas, contained so many splendid suggestions and so thoroughly pictured what Avon Park needs and what Avon Park can have if her citizens will pull together and work, we have decided to publish his remarks: Mr. Brickell said:

"I am no orator, so do not be disappointed if there be no linguistic pyrotechnics this evening.

"The best the speaker expects is a feast of reason and a flow of soul.

"What I will have to say, I believe in the main will appeal to you as reasonable, and as I bring it to you unselfishly, and for the common good, as I see it, though you may differ on details, I feel you will be generous enough to maintain the flow of good soul, which has been in evidence this evening.

"Let me suggest right here that, as long as the people of Avon Park come together regularly with the purpose of generally and unselfishly discussing subjects for the community's good, you have already established the first requisite in successful town building.

"What I may have to say about town building will be the result of twenty-five years' experience, closely linked up to the real estate of a rapidly-developing and expanding city; for an analytical study of real estate values and conditions, their causes and effects, tells the story of town building.

"It establishes the rules of the game, the 'Thou shalt' and the 'Thou shalt not.'

"History repeats itself; causes and effects are eternally the same. A town cannot conduct its affairs contrary to the rules of good business, as established by experience, either in personal or public affairs.

"The wise rule is to hold fast to, and build on, that which has proven good and effective in the experience of other cities and to pass up that which has theoretically saved money at the time, but in the end has been a costly experiment.

"Experience is a dear teacher. Happy is the town or individual who is wise enough to profit by the mistakes of others and follow the proven road to success.

"There is no mystery in town building any more than in the making of a man or the growing of a grove. It is simply a case of a knowledge of the facts—a careful, methodical looking into the future, whether it be a child, a grove or a town, and courageously doing the right thing at the right time—doing in the common interest promptly what one would do for himself under the same conditions—otherwise disappointment and disaster.

"A town, like a man, must have a soil; for a town is men and women with souls, be they big or little. No people, no town. People with big souls build, and build largely. People with little, narrow, contracted souls build not at all, but destroy unconsciously or maliciously that which already is.

"The man is but a child grown tall. A town is but the hamlet or village of yesterday, for a hundred years in a city's life is as yesterday when it is passed. Hence the necessity of early, while it is yet an infant, of looking ahead for its future and arranging the conditions for the healthy, normal growth which is bound to come. For what a town is, or is not, as in the case of a man or a grove, is directly traceable to the attention, care, direction and forethought received at the critical stages of its development.

"There is a reason for everything; the reasons for the town are three:

"First, it is a place of protection; second, a place for material gain; third, the climate and other natural causes contribute to the happiness and the physical and spiritual well being of those therein. This latter reason cannot fully belong to all towns; that is the reason so many of us are wanting to come to Florida, but all three causes must combine to make a healthy, normal community in which there is the fullness of life, if it is not to be lop-sided and deformed. It is this well-ordered, normal community building which we wish to discuss.

"As individuals, I want to get you away for a while from a contemplation of the 'house beautiful,' of which every man and woman dreams (and may your dreams come true), to a consideration of that larger and including subject, the 'city beautiful,' without which your 'house beautiful' will be a disappointment.

A silk pocket of supreme beauty and superb quality would be a joke on a soiled calico wrapper. But in reason, any less so than your 'house beautiful' in an ill-kept, disorderly, inefficient, unsightly town?

"Let us always remember our town is our home, even more so than the four walls which shelter us from the weather. For, after all, it is in the home town we live, move and have our real being. In fact, our home is but our apartment in the Hotel de Town, and it is up to us as citizen tenants to determine whether we will live in a first-class hotel with fine service and at a reasonable cost, or in a slum barrack on the water front.

"As I have already suggested, we are the owners, the stockholders, of that hotel. Our mayor and councils are our clerk, housekeeper, cook, elevator and bell boys. Don't expect too much of them, unless we supply them with the necessary soap, brushes, brooms, towels, sheets and vermin exterminator to keep the premises clean. If you have done this, fire them if they get careless in the service. If we have not done this, don't kick if the service runs down and the patronage inevitably fades away.

"There was a time a first-class hotel had tallow candles and no heat in the room; not so now. Electric light, hot and cold water and steam heat in every room is demanded and cheerfully paid for. Progress is the order of the day, and towns, like hotels, must keep up to date and give service to the people if they want to stay on or get on the map.

"Our board of trade is our board of directors—keep it alive and efficient; our watch dog is your newspaper. And, by the way, we have a real, wide-awake bulldog with teeth—keep his teeth sharp and see that he gets three good meals a day—he deserves it.

"Back all these and any other local organizations for the community service to a finish, as long as they are honestly on their jobs and looking forward to Avon Park's development in all things needful and helpful, and we will have a real town to be proud of—one which will pay us big dividends on all the money we have invested in public betterments, will give us protection from filth, contagion and all conditions menacing the public health, which is our individual health, and will create a living condition out of which will daily flow that state of happiness, contentment, refinement and spiritual development which, after all, when we think of it, is what all the world is seeking, living and striving for—the money making being but the means to the end that we may have and enjoy the things in life worth while.

"Did I ask any of you fathers and mothers why you are working so hard, and why a dollar looks so big and important? I'll wager a white horse to the hole in a doughnut—and that's some odds—you would say you wanted to educate your children and create for them and yourselves a broader life and better living conditions than you as a child enjoyed. But did you ever stop to consider that the town environ, its state of order, efficiency and beauty makes more lasting impression on the children on its streets than any other.

"Are we going to send them away to school, and when they have broadened out and are free to go, then have them say to us, 'Nix on that town—me for a real town, where they know how to make a town worth living in.' Or, as they are coming into their manhood and womanhood, are you going to so develop the opportunities for material progress, the protection from disease, the beauty of our streets, our yards, our lakes that they will be glad to get back to Avon Park to become builders with us and then catching the torch of progress from our falling hand will bear it forward, building up for their children as we did for ours, a still more beautiful and better Avon Park?

"What are we in this old world for, anyway? A good many of us have been so engrossed we haven't thought much about it, but it is time to stop and think—we are here to make a better and more beautiful world for the children of today, who will take our places in the ranks of human advancement tomorrow.

"To create conditions of material and spiritual development for them, knowing that the beauty of their spiritual lives is going to be enlarged as we bring to them the beautiful things in their material lives.

"Just as we establish efficiency, destroy the unsightly and unhealthy conditions in our every-day routine existence and bring into being the conditions of comfort and beauty in our daily living, do we accomplish the end of life. Just as we make it possible to be glad we are alive do we begin to recognize that the Architect of the Universe has made this beautiful world for the enjoyment of his children.

"We are going to be dead a long time, and I don't know whether we will be coal heavers or playing the piccolo in the orchestra, but I do know one thing, and that is that he who does nothing toward improving and expanding the community life of his generation will not be in the orchestra.

"But I hear some one sigh, 'When is he going to begin to build?' Why, I've been building ever since I started; been putting in my foundation, mighty uninteresting work, but vitally important. Not seen, but it carries the weight of the whole structure.

"I've been trying to breathe into my town a soul, a spirit, a living, throbbing impulse, which will make her people forget the little, narrow, selfish, petty things which cramp and strangle development, knowing that the good of all is the good of each—a spirit, without which no community, as no man, can develop and come into his best.

Assuming you agree that a first-class town is what we want—you notice I say we, for I want to be identified with you as one of those who has a soul for the proper development of our town, and, having proven my faith in the people of Avon Park and in its future, I believe I have the right to indicate what, in my opinion, a first-class town should be.

"Let us carefully analyze what the needs of a small town with a future and an ambition to grow are, to insure a strong, healthy development. But before doing this, let us take an inventory of our assets.

"We are the strategic town on a branch railroad 129 miles long, which commands central-southern Florida. The 'Ridge,' in the midst of which is Avon Park, is expanding faster than any other section of the state. Conservative estimates of this immediate section show that Avon Park in the next ten or twelve years will have for shipment between two and three million boxes of fruit, much lumber and millions of crates, not to say anything of the tremendous production of the contiguous sections.

"This means people, and more people; business, and increasing business. People and business mean legitimate, increasing property values, and more money in the community; for people and business demand service and seek the town nearest which can best serve their needs.

"Avon Park is the strategic point; it takes no strain on the imagination to see it the logical jobbing and retail center for this whole section, IF we get ready NOW and prepare to render the service.

"If those of us who are here now have a vision of this future and lay the foundations now for this future broad and deep, we have beaten every other town on the 'Ridge' to it, and people and money for investment will flow to Avon Park as naturally as water flows down the hill.

"If we do not do it now, some other town will beat us to it while we are sinning away our blessed opportunity, for, as I said, people seek the town of best opportunity and living conditions, just as they seek the merchant with the best and largest assortment of goods, which merchant, by the way, is on the best street in the finest building in town; not on a back street in a tumbling-down, dimly-lighted, unsightly building. They seek a town which works out ideas and ideals, and do not only maintain and talk about them.

"A town to invite people—and you do not grow without people—must have a present, live-wire, progressive, enthusiastic citizenship, which has a faith in itself and its future, which fires every man who comes in contact with it with the same enthusiasm.

"Editor Adams has it right; he started out with the slogan, 'Watch Avon Park grow,' but quickly made it a call to action, 'Help Avon Park grow.'

"There is no use sitting on the curbstone with an empty stomach, wishing and praying for chicken. You'll have to locate your own chicken coop, or eat buzzard.

"It must have a present citizenship, which must have the same pride in its community home that it has in its own home and is willing to contribute itself and its substance, as it would for its own household, with this difference in favor of town improvements.

"Household expenses are expense, pure and simple, for which we get only personal comfort and satisfaction; town improvement gives us and the whole community comfort, satisfaction and an expanding chest of pride. It is in reality an investment. For no town improvements were ever made, if made honestly and with reasonable forethought, that have not returned principal and interest to every taxpayer in increased property valuations alone.

"Avon Park is on the threshold of opportunity. He who falters now will never pass its golden portals. What Avon Park needs today is to resolutely make up its mind to be the 'city beautiful,' the city of business opportunity for central-southern Florida; to steal Chicago's motto, 'I Will,' and for everybody in the town to hang up the fiddle and the bow, take down the shovel and the hoe and go to it and make Avon Park

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Avon Park Florida

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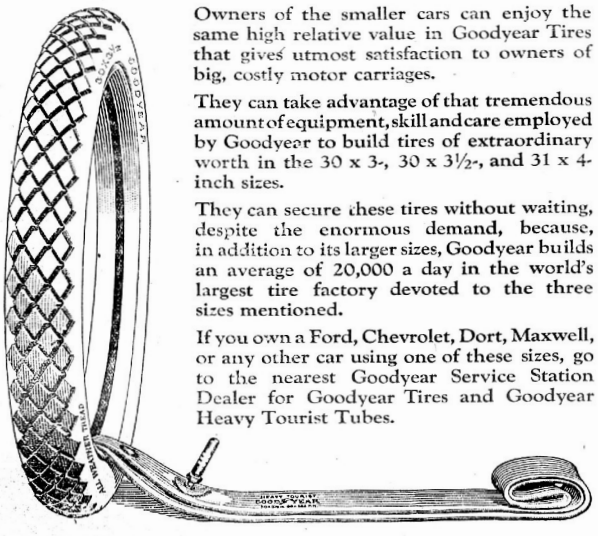

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MEMBER OF SCHOOL BOARD

I hereby announce myself a candidate for member of the County School Board, subject to the action of the primary on June 8. Your vote and influence are respectfully solicited.

JOHN B. FEDEN.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE

To the Voters of DeSoto County:

I hereby announce my candidacy for nomination to the office of County Judge, subject to the action of the Democratic primary next June. I was appointed County Judge the first day of June, 1919, to fill out the unexpired term of Hon. George Whitehurst, and my record as Judge since that time is open to the public for investigation.

I am asking for a full term as County Judge and, if elected, I will give the people of DeSoto county the same kind of service in the future as I have in the past.

Yours very respectfully,

J. IRVIN WALDEN.

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FOR COMMISSIONER

District No. 5

I hereby announce for Commissioner of District No. 5, subject to the democratic primary of June the 8th. I have been a Florida farmer for forty years and a resident and taxpayer of DeSoto county for nearly twenty years.

If I am the choice of the voters of this district I promise a just and faithful administration.

Respectfully yours, A. S. WALLACE.

Wauchula, Fla.

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FOR COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR

To the Voters of DeSoto County:

I desire to announce that I am a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor for DeSoto county, subject to the Democratic primary in June.

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

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

J. H. WHIDDEN.

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FOR CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

To the Voters of DeSoto County:

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court, subject to the Democratic primary in June.

I wish to express my gratitude to the people of DeSoto county for the honor and trust reposed in me and, if nominated and elected, I promise to continue to give the people the same courteous and efficient service as in the past.

I shall be very grateful for your support and shall try with all my might to be worthy of the trust and confidence you bestow upon me.

Faithfully yours. A. L. DURRANCE.

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FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

I respectfully announce myself a candidate for re-election as County Superintendent of Public Instruction of DeSoto County. I solicit the support of the voters at the Democratic primary on June 8. If re-elected I will endeavor to discharge the duties of the office with the same zeal and fidelity as has characterized my administration in the past.

Very respectfully, P. G. SHAVER.

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FOR COMMISSIONER DISTRICT NO. 5

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

Respectfully, F. H. WILLIAMS.

(Advertisement)

FOR SHERIFF

To the Voters of DeSoto County:

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Sheriff for DeSoto county, subject to the Democratic primary of June the 8th.

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

Hoping to merit your support, I am,

Very respectfully,

JOE L. HAMPTON.

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FOR TAX ASSESSOR

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of DeSoto county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary June 8, 1920. The vote and influence of every voter is respectfully solicited.

C. A. CREWS.

(Advertisement)

FOR SHERIFF

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

J. L. DISHONG.

(Advertisement)

FOR COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

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

CECIL F. HULL.

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FOR TAX COLLECTOR

To the Voters of DeSoto County:

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

Respectfully, V. O. FUSSEL.

(Advertisement)

FOR STATE SENATOR

I hereby announce my candidacy in the Democratic primary election, June 8, 1920, as senator from the Twenty-seventh Senatorial District of Florida, comprising DeSoto and Manatee Counties. I have been a resident of Manatee and DeSoto Counties for more than fifty years and am fully identified with the material interests of the people of both counties. If elected to the State Senate I shall support all progressive and practical legislation intended for the development and protection of the citizens and taxpayers of Manatee and DeSoto Counties, including the building of good roads, increased public school facilities, enforcement of the prohibition laws and the equalization of the burdens of taxation. I shall oppose the scheme of dismembering DeSoto County and the creation of five small counties from its territory, without the affirmative vote of all of the people of the entire county, as it now exists.

JOHN A. GRAHAM.

(Advertisement)

FOR CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

I am a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court of DeSoto county, subject to the Democratic primary to be held June 8, 1920.

If I am elected to this important office I pledge to use dispatch in the administration of the business of the office to answer all correspondence promptly; to record all instruments with prompt dispatch, as well as to attend to all tax matters and business generally with promptness.

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

Respectfully,

L. W. WHITEHURST.

(Advertisement)

FOR COUNTY JUDGE

I am candidate for the office of County Judge of DeSoto County, subject to the Democratic primary to be held June 8, 1920. I am a graduate of the law department of the University of Florida. I have been actively engaged in the practice of law for four years in the courts of DeSoto County. I feel that I am fully qualified, from this experience, to fill this office with satisfaction to the people and to the bar.

I will appreciate the influence and support of every elector of DeSoto County.

Very respectfully,

INGRAM P. BARLOW.

(Advertisement)

FOR STATE SENATOR

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for State Senator from the Twenty-seventh district of Florida, subject to the decision of the Democratic primaries to be held June 8, 1920. If elected, I shall favor county division as outlined by the campaign committee on county division of DeSoto County in its platform.

Having lived here practically all my life, I feel a deep interest in the development and welfare of the whole of south Florida, and should you send me to the capital as your senator I shall endeavor to serve all classes without fear or favor.

Yours truly, FRANK M. COOPER.

(Advertisement)

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

District No. 5

To the Voters of DeSoto County:

At the solicitation of a large number of taxpayers I have consented to become a candidate for the office of County Commissioner for District No. 5, subject to the decision of the voters at the Democratic primary June 8. If elected I pledge myself to put forth every effort to fulfill the duties of the office in a businesslike and satisfactory manner and to work unceasingly for more and better roads and the upkeep of what hard-surface roads we have. I believe that two active men should be kept employed the year around on the hard-surfaced roads of this district, keeping roads and bridges in first-class repair.

JAMES CARLTON.

(Advertisement)

FOR REPRESENTATIVE 4

To the Voters of DeSoto County:

I hereby respectfully announce myself as a candidate for the House of Representatives, subject to the rules of the Democratic Primary June the 8th, 1920.

I am in favor of county division as outlined by the campaign committee on county division of DeSoto County, and if elected I will endeavor to get good roads and better schools, and pledge myself to serve the entire county to the best of my ability.

With assurances of appreciation of your confidence and support in my candidacy, I am,

Most respectfully. E. J. ETHEREDGE.

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FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

I hereby announce my candidacy for County Superintendent of Public Instruction of DeSoto County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, June 8. I am a successful high school principal, having taught for fifteen years as principal in my candidacy both schools, one of which I have taught at Punta Gorda.

I will appreciate the support and vote of those who believe in economy and efficiency in the school system of this county.

W. E. BELL.

Town Building

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grow and not wait for George to do it.

"But how? That's easy, if we do it right. But the first thing to do is to make up our minds we are going to do it and quit thinking about it. Then pick out a real planning committee of the hardest headed, not boneheaded; longest sighted, not near sighted; closest fisted, not tight fisted; clearest visioned, not dreaming; most artistic, not fadistic, men and women and say to them, 'Study this town, its future and its needs, and bring to us plans for Avon Park as a whole—the best and most beautiful street system, the best sewerage system, the most efficient fire protection system, the most adequate pure water system, the finest school system you can think up; not a crazy-patch, piecemeal affair, but a co-ordinated whole, so that we will have a "city beautiful."'

"Your estimates can include every dollar necessary for the best, but not a dollar to be wasted. We will back it, and back it to a finish. We may not be able to do it all in one year, two years or five years, but the best is none too good for us. We will do as much as we can each year and stay with the job until we get it. Hurry up, committeemen, we are anxious to get started. That's the spirit, the starter.

"'But who is going to pay for all this?' I hear somebody ask. I'll bet he owns a lot bought at a tax sale and sees a vision of that awful ghost of a tax collector. Who'se going to pay for it? I don't know whether their names are Smith, Brown, Black or Green. They haven't arrived as yet, but they are coming just as soon as they hear there is something at Avon Park worth coming for. But whatever their names, the newcomers will pay the big end of the bill and be tickled to death to do it. What you, Mr. Lot Owner and Mr. Property Holder, are going to do is to endorse the note and put up the collateral now. As soon as Brown, Smith, Jones, Green, Black and the balance of the Bricknells arrive, you are going to sell them your surplus real estate at profitable prices, plus the sinking fund and future interest charges on the bonds. Good business, isn't it?

"Just at present we are going to take a flyer and chance some of our money in that good old reliable gold mine 'Home Town,' and quit for a while dropping our coin on the outside 'sure thing.'

"I'll wager there isn't a man here tonight, if he would honestly confess it, doesn't drop every year in a speculation which he has to put on his specs six months afterward to find, as much as a 50 per cent advance in the taxes he is paying today.

"I am going to say something about assessments and taxes in Avon Park a little later on, and as nobody but myself knows what I am going to say, if you don't agree with me you needn't look around and try to blame some of your fellow citizens for putting me up to it; but as I am now a taxpayer and want to pay more, if I can get something for my money, I believe I have a right to say it.

"If you don't like it and decide to kill me for saying it now, I'll wager in five years you will be erecting a town memorial to my memory as a prophet for having raised my voice in the wilderness in an effort to have you come out into the light of your best individual and community interests. The tombs of the prophets, you know, are built of the stones cast at them while living.

"The best money we as property owners can spend is for public improvements. A few years ago the farmers all over the country were fighting good roads tooth and toenail and, remarkable to relate, some of them actually loosened up and contributed to a slush fund to influence the legislature against them. Sounds queer now, but it was a fact. They were afraid of that Ghost of Taxes. Now thy are yelling for more roads and bonding themselves to the limit to get them. They have discovered good roads mean greatly increased farm values, better markets, reduced repair bills and a whole lot of time saved in getting to the dry goods box at the cross roads store with their jackknives. All of which the prophet assured them, but they did not have the vision.

"We have simply got to increase our working capital, that's all. And for every dollar of additional taxes we pay for town improvements, we will get back five in increased realty values, increase in the number of people wanting to locate and invest, which means increased business, increased rentals for our properties and, above all, increasing comfort, happiness and contentment of the people.

"Bond the good old town and raise the working capital—don't let a competing town run away with our chances and put us out of business. Keep the 'Ridge' talking about the progress of Avon Park and the feeling that it is the place to live in on the 'Ridge.'

"But we can't get people to bring their money to invest in building up the town when we will not even protect his or our own property from burning up some night.

"Did you ever stop to think that the difference between the premium on every insurance policy in town with or without fire protection would in four or five years pay for the protection we need?

"Why give it to the insurance companies when in a few years this money spent for our own protection will pay for a permanent improvement? We save a few dollars in taxes and pay eternal tribute to the insurance company. Bad business, isn't it?

"You can't expect to fool a wise man long with narrow business streets. He knows in a few years they will have to be widened to meet the business need. That whereas it could be done with $10 of his money today, ten years hence it will cost $100, and $90 of his money wasted which might have been used for additional improvements.

"We can't expect parents with children to break the record rushing to Avon Park to buy or rent our property when it is problematical when little Willie and his sister Susan Jane will have the school facilities to which they are entitled.

"You can't expect the housewife to look sweet and happy on Monday when she discovers a lead pencil stream in the laundry faucet, because there isn't enough water in the two-inch main to go around. Don't blame her if she turns the 'God Bless Our Home Town' motto to the wall and says something under her breath out loud about a jay town.

"We can't expect a pedestrian who, some dark night, is treading his way over a sand patch instead of a hard, level pavement, from trying to get some of our taxes money in a damage suit if he trips over a root and breaks one of his hind legs.

"But you say we are bonded to the limit now. Are we? Yes, if the present assessments are honest assessments, but they are not, and we know it. We know there is not a property owner in town who would sell his holdings for less than three or four times what he is assessed at. Increase your assessments in line with the real value of the property and cut our millage and do two things greatly to our interest.

"Low assessment and high millage is bad business policy. The first thing a prospective buyer will do after getting a selling price, if he knows his business, is to look up the assessment. If he finds the assessment way below what is being asked, he concludes, first, that he is being played for an easy mark; that assessments are low because property has no elasticity and values are at a standstill, with the result that the town having to have money to run on must get it by piling up the millage.

"The towns where real estate is sought are the towns where assessments and market values parallel each other and millage is correspondingly low.

"By increasing assessments and lowering millage we are not paying any more in taxes, but we are putting the town in a position where we can finance for the public improvements we need so badly now—improvements which are the sure bait to bring an increase of new citizens who will be paying their full share of the burden in the years to come.

"I have looked up assessments in Avon Park. On the cash sales I know of since coming down this year, or offers refused for property held, I have no hesitancy in saying the assessed value of the town could be more than doubled, on the basis of sales made, which is the measure of actual value.

"The millage could be cut in two and the town bonded for enough to begin to develop the several public improvements not only needed now, but which we must absolutely have if Avon Park is to grow and her people kept happy and contented.

"Manifestly, it is unfair and a strangle hold on the growth of the town for a man to refuse to sell a piece of property which he has no idea of improving, at three or four times the value he is paying taxes on, thereby cheating the town out of a building or other improvement which could be added to the tax duplicate at ten or fifteen times its present assessed value. Every improvement increases the taxable assets of the community,

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TELEPHONE No. 29

Vote for Cooper and Etheredge.

Next Tuesday the suspense and expense of candidates will be ended.

With three shipbuilding plants in Florida, defeated candidates should have no trouble in procuring boats for their journey up Salt river.

People coming to Avon Park every day and no place to house them. Isn't it about time that building and loan association were organized?

We want men of large caliber to represent us in the legislature. Don't vote for a squirt gun or a toy pistol. Vote for Cooper and Etheredge.

Having no issue upon which to conduct his campaign, Squirtgun Sauls attacks the character of those who oppose him, even though they are not candidates for office.

There's but one recommendation for painting signs on unsightly barns, sheds, blacksmith shops, etc. It's the only way in which some of them would ever get painted.

Personally, we like John L. Jones, who is at the head of the big abstracting concern opposing county division, but we don't like his motive for the opposition. It is purely a selfish one.

The county division campaign committee has stuck strictly to the job of working for the division candidates for senator and representative. It has made no fight for or against any candidate for office other than the ones mentioned.

Simply because a newspaper says something nice about candidates for office, there is no reason to jump at the conclusion the editor is going to support the man. We'd hate to believe there was a man in DeSoto county seeking public office of whom we could not say something good.

Why are the big cattlemen so opposed to county division? The same grazing land will be available and the new counties will have no fences around them. As we see it, there is only one reason for their opposition—they are not paying their proportionate share of the taxes.

Understand a shyster lawyer who thinks he is running for member of the house of representatives has charged us with being a liar. This reminds us of the time when a Zolfo merchant said: "I can tell you who are the three biggest liars in the state. I am one and 'Sawgrass' Sauls is the other two."

"Your taxes will be higher if you divide the county," is the cry of a few men representing certain large interests in DeSoto county and who are opposed to county division. They should say "Our taxes will be higher and your taxes will be lower, for if you divide the county into five parts there will be five assessors and we will not have as great an opportunity to escape taxation as under present conditions."

A hippo-pot-a-mus has very little brain, but is possessed of a thick hide; it delights in wallowing in the mire and, when angered, charges blindly at its enemies. The bullet from a high-power rifle will hardly penetrate the hide of one of these animals, yet the editor of this paper has succeeded in puncturing the hide of one of them with the point of his pen. We certainly must have hit a vulnerable spot. Did it hurt, "Sawgrass?"

If there was any doubt about Senator Fletcher's re-election, all such doubt has vanished since his visit to the state. No candidate ever made a more favorable impression upon the people of Florida during a few weeks' campaigning than the senator has made during his short tour of the state. He knocked all of Governor Catts' claims and charges into a "cocked hat" and clearly demonstrated that the governor is unfit to succeed him in the United States senate.—Gainesville Daily News.

Vote for Cooper and Etheredge.

Still the cry is for more houses.

Is your place one of the "show places" of Avon Park?

It is DeSoto county's turn to elect the senator. Vote for Frank M. Cooper.

Will Avon Park hold a big jollification after the division candidates are nominated?

Let's elect a real, honest-to-goodness governor this time. Cary A. Hardee is the man.

Advertisements make good reading—especially when the advertiser really says something.

There's this difference between Catts and Sauls: The latter is not likely to bolt the ticket after he is defeated at the primary election.

Down in DeSoto county, where they are strong for county division, there are many who deny that "Saul is also among the prophets."—Tampa Tribune.

"Price Cutting Is Now the Absorbing Topic," says a headline in the Tampa Tribune. Not down here in DeSoto. County cutting is the principal topic here.

The Plant City Courier says: "George H. Wilder is one of the most successful campaigners in Florida." Next Tuesday will determine whether or not the Courier is correct.

Sidney, why don't you move to Mexico? With your ability as a gunman, an agitator and an extremist, you should have no difficulty in being elected president of that republic.

When DeSoto cut off from Manatee county her entire population was less than that of any one of the proposed new counties. Still, she managed to exist, and we haven't heard of any of the "gang" wanting to reunite with Manatee.

At Punta Gorda in his dirty attack upon the editor of this paper, "Toy Pistol" Sauls magnanimously refrained from mentioning any names. Our policy is to fight in the open; therefore, when we have anything to say about Mr. Sauls we call him by name.

We are for Fitz Williams for county commissioner from this district. The eastern side of the district had the last commissioner; now let some other section have the office. Mr. Williams would make a splendid commissioner and would deal fairly with all sections of his district.

Pick up any paper you will, with the exception of the Arcadia Enterprise and the Palm Beach Post, and you will find such remarks as these: "Senator Fletcher gaining votes every day"; "Senator Fletcher enthusiastically received"; "large crowd greets Senator Fletcher"; "no opposition here to Senator Fletcher." All of which goes to show that sjcatts will be thrown into the discard next Tuesday.

The members of our local school board seem to be of the unanimous opinion that a change in county superintendents at this time would prove detrimental to our schools. These men are more familiar with the situation than we, therefore we defer to their opinion and advocate the continuance in office of Prof. P. G. Shaver. We stand for the best interests of our schools and will support the man whom we believe will best represent those interests. The members of our local school board say that man is Mr. Shaver.

If we were some fathers, the first time we caught our daughters down town with their faces pasted with paint and powder, their eyebrows penciled and actually wearing the general "makeup" of a Broadway chorus girl, we would kindly request the presence of that daughter at home and, on arriving there, would gently but firmly apply the paternal hand on the proper part of her anatomy, after first turning her over our knees, and try to instill into her brain the thought that "nature unadorned is adorned most," and that oil paintings are a drug on the market while steel engravings bring good prices.—DeSoto County News.

Made at home—Avo-Cola.

"WAS YOU EVER HOG MEAT FOR ANOTHER FELLOW'S LARD?"

(By W. Surreney, Live Oak)

Two candidates for governor, in a blacksmith shop one day, were sittin' and a-talkin' to pass the time away—Van Swearingen and Hulley discussin' o' things, from literature and politics to "cabbages and kings"; a-talkin' of their doings in the good old days of yore, and glowin' o' the future—and what it had in store!

Says Hulley, "Let me tell you, Van, I've been to heaps o' schools; I studied like a horse, and learns their 'Ologmic' rules from the kindergarten upwards to the U-NI-VER-SI-TE, and I cornered all the honors to the thirty-fourth degree, and took the Devil's lar-geance, and herded it for days up through the chutes and ladders where the Greeks and Latins scratch. I mastered mental 'arithmetic, and calculus and 'trig'; and there isn't any science-ship I don't know how to rig. I can square the circle blind-fold, with my hands behind my back; I can read old Verrill's poetry, and never use a 'jack'; I can cross Penn Assinacum on my all fours, if you please; I can diagnose the sunshine, and dissect limberger cheese, and I can orate. I can lecture—I can say 'The Rag'dy Man'. I can tell the difference 'twixt my right, and t'other hand; but I've discovered somethin' that I haven't mastered yet, and that's the thing I started with—the dogged alphabet! I used to say it easy, right from A to X Y Z, backward, forward, sideways—it was simple as could be; but somethin's happened to it' for the hardest thing to me is that HARD E of all letters—that little old HARD E-E! It rises up before me, no matter where I turn; it's the END of Tallahassee, the place for which I yearn; I'm disheartened, for the alphabet won't screw-n-n-found the granite hardness of that little old HARD E-E!"

The Doctor paused, and then Van tuned up his anvil some; inflated of his bellows, and solemn says: "By gum! I ain't got so much larnin' to books I couldn't hitch—I'm jest a blacksmith took to law and politics, an' such. You know jes' what you're sayin' 'bout the alphabet, I guess, for that same little HARD E-E's got my platform in a mess! On all sich things they ain't a doubt but you're most qualified to enunciate and loofly, than all the folks beside yer. But this I'll say, that way back there, when I was in my prime—I shoed a lot o' hosses and cattle in my time—I seen heaps o' hugries, and a hurt o' wagons, too—an' all the various vehicles they drove the country through. And now, what got my gizzard is the fact that I'm the VAN on which this HARDEE fellow goes a-riding through the fair! And folks don't seem to mind it for he rolls me right along, an' when I'm creaky, they just emile, and take it for a song! You can talk about your A B C's, and all sich things, as hard—but was you ever hog-meat for another fellow's lard?"

Two candidates for governor, in a blacksmith shop one day, were sittin' and talkin' for to pass the time away. A tear rolled down the Doctor's cheek and started for the sand; and Van, in silent sympathy, reached for the Doctor's hand. And thus they sobbed a little while—and then Van scratched his head, remarkin this: "I shore believe, PO-LITICALLY, we're dead!"

(Editorial Note—For the benefit of those out of Florida who may not know wherein lies the pithy antness of Mr. Surreney's fine contribution to the humor—and facts—of the gubernatorial campaign in Florida, we append the following notation: Dr. Hulley is president of Stetson university; Van Swearingen is a blacksmith, turned politician; Cary A. Hardee is the leading candidate for the gubernatorial nomination in this three-cornered race.)

Wholesome Support for Hardee

Cary A. Hardee was a political sueaker in Lakeland Tuesday night. Those who heard him are a unit in declaring his speech that of a statesman, a scholar and a gentleman; that he did not throw mud at anybody or anything, but that he did effectively answer every charge which others had thrown against him. Mr. Hardee is a business man. And he is running for the office of governor of Florida because he believes the state needs an honest administration from the governor's chair. Mr. Hardee believes in himself and is able to make his hearers believe in him also. He is able to show careful, reasonable action under most trying circumstances and thus proves that no circumstance likely to occur during his administration would be able to take away the calm, clear thought he gives to the issues before him. Those people who heard Hardee who had been undecided as to how they would vote for governor are now firm in their espousal of his candidacy. Many of those who had heard charges brought by other candidates and were thus brought to oppose him, after hearing the logical answers have signified their wholesome support of Hardee for governor. We believe Mr. Hardee is going to be elected and that he will make the best governor Florida has ever had.—Lakeland Advertiser.

We are in receipt of a letter from L. W. Whitehurst, candidate for the office of county clerk, asking us to insert the following in his advertisement, which will be found elsewhere in this paper: "I wish to correct an unfair, unfounded and wholly untrue insinuation which has been made in this campaign by saying here that if elected I will not employ a single member of my family in this office." The letter was received too late to insert the paragraph in the advertisement, as it already had been printed.

Mrs. John James and children, who had been spending several months here, departed Wednesday for their home in Homestead, Pa. En route they will stop at Altoona for a ten-day visit.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Donaldson departed Wednesday for their home in Washington, D. C.

Joe Dickenson has accepted a position at the James grocery store.

John Hood and Phil Lacey made a business trip to Zolfo Wednesday.

Vote for Cooper and Etheredge.

'Ave another Avo-Cola.

MARSHAL DICKENSON SAYS SHOOTING FISH IN TOWN LIMITS MUST CEASE

City Marshal E. N. Dickenson has called our attention to the fact that some persons are in the habit of visiting Lake Verona in the early morning hours and shooting fish. This is in direct violation of the state laws and shooting inside the incorporated limits of the town is in violation of our town ordinances. Marshal Dickenson is giving fair warning that unless the practice of shooting fish within the limits of the town ceases he will use every effort to apprehend the violators of the law and bring them to justice.

The practice of shooting and seining fish in our beautiful little lakes is rapidly depleting them of game fish. It has been carried on in former years to such an extent that lakes where one could at one time go and in a short time catch a splendid string of fish now afford no pleasure at al lto the angler who, with rod and reel, pits his skill against the cunning of the finny tribe.

One of the greatest inducements any locality in Florida has to offer the winter visitor is good fishing. Nine out of ten of the people who come to the east or west coasts of Florida to spend their winters enjoy good fishing and go to those places where the best sport in this line is obtainable.

With twenty-nine beautiful fresh-water lakes in our township and the other inducements we have to offer the winter visitor, Avon Park should be crowded every winter with people of means who come to Florida seeking pleasure and to escapecape the rigors of northern winters, if the waters of these lakes abounded with game fish, as they did but a few years ago.

Cease the practice of shooting fish and seining the lakes and it would be but a short time until these lakes would again be well stocked, and winter visitors, as well as our home folk, would be able to enjoy countless days of genuine sport with rod and reel.

Enforce the laws, we say.

FORD SALES COMPANY'S HANDSOME NEW GARAGE READY FOR BUSINESS

The Ford Sales Company's new handsome garage has been completed and this week Manager J. O. Bethea, with his able assistants, began actual business in the new building.

This new garage is one of the finest and most convenient garages to be found in south Florida. Its owners, Joe Brown of Zolfo and J. Q. Adams of Wauchula, who operate extensive garages in both of those towns, are experienced in the business and caused their new building to be erected with a view to handling a large volume of business.

The structure is 60x100 feet in dimensions, has a parking space 40x60 feet, capable of accommodating thirty-five cars; a storeroom 28x40 feet and a work room 28x60 feet, equipped to do all classes of automobile repair work.

Three capable mechanics are employed and the workroom is equipped to turn out any kind of automobile work expeditiously, under the personal supervision of A. C. Bauknight, an expert mechanic, who has been with the Ford Sales Company for a number of years.

Avon Park now has three splendid garages and our auto owners, as well as motorists passing through the town, will experience no difficulty in having their auto troubles adjusted in a satisfactory manner here.

Sheriff's Report

Following is the sheriff's report, as submitted to the board of county commissioners for the month of May:

	Number Cases.
Drunkenness	1
Selling liquor	8
Transporting liquor	2
Gambling (white men)	2
Carrying concealed weapons	1
Profanity	1
Fornication	2
Non-support wife and children	2
Cutting fence of another	1
Assault and battery	4
Aggravated assault	3
Larceny of hogs	1
Grand larceny	1
Forgery	1
Shooting animals of another	1
Obtaining money by false pretense	1
Delinquent children	3
Spreading venereal disease	1
Insanity	1
Total	43
Disposition	
Plead not guilty	9
Found guilty	1
Found not guilty	1
Bound over to court	32
Total	43
Prisoners in jail today	12
Prisoners in jail during month	24
Prisoners on county roads	12
Cash fines and costs and moneys collected during month of May, $4,736.16.	
Fine and cost bonds on hand, $394.35.	

P. M. Stivender, real estate.

Church of Christ

The services will be held as usuad next Lord's day and evening, to which al lare invited, the special feature being the nature of the sermon theme for the evening service, an exegesis of John, 3:5—"Born of water and the Spirit." I know of no passage of holy writ that has been subjected to more shameful mistreatment than this one. Come with a critical ear and an open heart. Following this will be on exegesis of John, 3:8—"The wind bloweth wher it will." This last will be given Sunday evening of the 13th inst. We especially invite all of whatever religious belief or without any particular belief to hear these two themes.

The Weather

Following are the average temperatures and rainfall recorded by United States Weather Observer William King for the month of May:

Mean maximum	85.67
Mean minimum	64.96
Maximum	91
Minimum	60
Rainfall	1.58

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MOORE HAVEN TO HAVE A DAY OF REJOICING

(Moore Haven Times)

Now that you have registered and have paid your poll tax, do not forget that your third and last duty is to vote on June 8. Drop your work for one day. Come to the polls early and, whatever you do, do not forget to vote for Frank Cooper for the senate and Dr. Etheredge for the legislature. These men are the county division candidates and our vote should be solid for them. When you are given a ticket to vote, look these names up and be sure you place your cross mark in front of their names. Then you may know you have done your duty. Then vote the balance of the ticket as you please, but be sure you vote for these.

Moore Haven purposes to have one great day of rejoicing when the votes are counted in the county and county division has won out.

Who brought out a Manatee county candidate for the senate? Not Manatee county, but Arcadia cattlemen. Will he be elected? Not by a thousand votes. For division is in the air and the people will win.

What interest has the J. L. Jones crowd in this election? The abstract business, which keeps them up, will go glimmering. Why are the cattlemen spending so much time and money trying to beat Cooper and Etheredge? Because they fear their big herds of cattle will be fully assessed when county division comes, and Cooper and Etheredge represent county division.

One who has kept tab on the poll tax proposition says that the cattlemen have paid out $8,000 for that purpose in the last three weeks. They send blanks to the voters and ask them to sign and mail to them, and then they place the money in an envelope and mail it to the collector. This is bribery pure and simple, but what do they care for law? The voter will fool 'em on the day of election.

It makes the average Arcadia man's heart bleed to have some one in the audience call down a speaker for misrepresenting a thing, especially if he is speaking in the interest of Arcadia. How touchy we get when something hits us hard. Can't stand the touch, you know.

It is said that the editor of the DeSoto County News actually shed tears at Wauchula when some fellow asked Graham to explain about some mortgage that Graham is said to have obtained from him without any consideration. Ah, well, if you have any tears to shed, now is the accepted time to shed them.

It pains Lem ("Sawgrass") Sauls to think that Cooper and Etheredge are backed up by a committee. Who backs "Sawgrass" up, and why is he on the stump for no division? Simply because the ring at Arcadia needed "Sawgrass" to pull its chestnuts out of the fire. Ask Lem what Wauchula man ever asked him to run against Etheredge and nary an answer will you get from Lem.

If we had only asked Arcadia to show us how to get division we would have been all right. They would have fixed us plenty. And it does hurt them to think we ignored the Big Three in planning our division campaign. They even suggest that we take it all back and let them fill it now.

The cattlemen boast that they own North LaBelle, body and breeches. They may, but they must show us. What an insult to a decent community to have men boasting that they have bought up whole precincts. The votes on June 8 will show that they have another think coming.

One of the Big Three from Arcadia had been out all the week paying poll tax for their supposed friends. He came into town Saturday night and told his pals that it was the d—st job he ever undertook; that it just seemed to him as if the whole d— county was going to vote for a five-county cut of old DeSoto. A short conference was held and it was agreed to increase the capital stock of the company and to put more men and money in the field. You will see the rural districts full of them next week. They die hard, but die they must.

After the election, what will become of "Sawgrass" Sauls? Wauchula will repudiate him, and Arcadia never did have any use for him. Poor Lem.

COOPER EXPOUNDS TRUE DEMOCRACY

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disputed fact. I read it right there in the committee room and never heard any more up there about big counties being cheap.

When an old man has raised a big family and one of the boys wants to go out and make a home of his own, the old man does not say that he shall not go, but must stay at home and support him. It is for the best that he go to housekeeping and build a home and raise a family and become a reputable citizen and become worth something to the world. And I say, when we get off from this big county we will be worth something in the world, and never before.

My friends, as I have said to you, I am a plain man and do not know how to twist words and meanings. I read it and understood this: that they did not propose to make a no-fence law bill effective in 1921. But that law passed by the legislature in 1921 would be referred back to the people, and if ratified by the people would become effective in 1923. Mr. Graham said I was in favor of the bill. I said I was a democrat and I would refer anything back to the people for them to settle, and if the bill meant that I was in favor of it, and if it did not mean that I was not in favor of it. I say to you that if you send me there I will not saddle any bill on you that you do not saddle on yourselves. That is what I meant and that is what I mean to do. They may run it over me, but I will never give my consent to any bill that you people do not saddle on yourselves.

My friends, you all know me. I am in favor of everything in God's world that is good for the people. I am a sober man. I do not drink and do not chew, and I do not want to see anybody else do so if they can help it. I am in favor of upholding every bill passed by the people and seeing that it is executed and maintained, and anything that will bring sobriety and order in our great country.

As to the school question, you know how I stand on that. I have little children and they are all dear to me, and those who have little children can sympathize with others who have children. I am in favor of going the limit on the school question. As to good roads, they say I talk too much about good roads. I reckon I do, but good roads will develop a country quicker than anything else we can do. We cannot spend too much money for good roads. It has been proven in Orange county. Those people are bonding again for a million dollars to improve their roads, which, I understand, are already superior to any in the state except Polk county. They realize that it will pay them eventually to build good roads. Therefore I say, next to schools I am in favor of spending the last nickel, if necessary, for good roads.

I have long been in sympathy with the people in improving the seed we get. I think the commissioner of agriculture should be employed to have inspected all seed sent into the state before being distributed. I am in favor of a bill of that kind, but I am not in favor of paying a lot of fellows who seek jobs and carry to Tallahassee a lot of talk so they can get jobs. We now are inspected for everything, and every time we get a new inspector it costs $7,000 or $8,000. I am in favor of cutting out all commissions that are not absolutely necessary. In other words, I am in favor of everything in God's world that is good for the people. I am just a plain cracker, but if you send me up there I will do my very best, and when I am going wrong, come up there and shake your finger at me and say: "Look out; you are going wrong." And I will go off and talk with you.

I thank you for your kindness in listening to my scattered discourse, and I hope to receive the nomination as senator from the Twenty-seventh senatorial district, and when I go up there I pledge you my word I will not deceive you.

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

Send The Pilot to a friend.

NOTICE

Of Intention to Apply for Letters Patent

Notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of June, A. D. 1920, the undersigned, for themselves and their associates, will apply to the Governor of the State of Florida, at his office in the Capitol Building of said State at the City of Tallahassee, Florida, for Letters Patent, incorporating them, their associates and successors, into a body corporate, under the name of "BANKERS GROVES CORPORATION," to have and be vested with the powers and authorities enumerated in the proposed Articles of Incorporation following, which are hereby adopted by us, under the statutes of the State of Florida, with relation to corporations for profit.

IRA RIGDON (Seal)
C. E. LANIER (Seal)
J. V. CHAPMAN (Seal)
H. M. WIGGINS (Seal)

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF BANKERS GROVES CORPORATION

ARTICLE I
Name

The name of this corporation shall be BANKERS GROVES CORPORATION. Its principal place of business shall be in Avon Park, DeSoto County, Florida. It is given authority to establish branch offices, agencies and places of business at such other places in the State of Florida, or elsewhere, as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

ARTICLE II
Nature of Business

The general nature of the business or business to be transacted by this corporation shall be as follows: To purchase, hold, acquire, invest in, sell, assign, mortgage or pledge promissory notes, bills of exchange, bonds and mortgages on real or personal property, or upon franchises, rights and privileges; to subscribe for, purchase, hold and accept, assign, sell, transfer or pledge shares of capital stocks and bonds and securities or evidence of indebtedness issued or created by any other corporation; and as such owner of such stocks, to exercise all the rights, powers and privileges of ownership to the same incident, as natural persons might do, including the right to vote the same.

To purchase, lease, acquire, hold, maintain, improve and sell, convey, mortgage or otherwise dispose of real estate and personal property, or any interest therein.

To act as agent for persons, firms or corporations in the purchase, sale or control of real estate and personal property; to act as agent or broker for persons, firms or corporations engaged in the business of life, fire, accident, health, casualty or other kind of insurance; or the giving of surety bonds of any kind. And in general, it shall have and exercise and enjoy all such other rights, powers and privileges, in addition to those enumerated, as are given to corporations for profit organized under the laws of the State of Florida. The enumeration of any specific power or business herein shall not be construed to limit or restrict in any manner any other legal power or privilege of this corporation.

ARTICLE III
Capital Stock

The capital stock of this corporation shall be Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00); to be divided into five hundred shares of the par value of One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) each share, payable in cash or property, stocks, bonds and securities, labor or services, at a just valuation therefor, to be fixed by the Board of Directors of this corporation at a meeting called for such purpose.

ARTICLE IV
Term

This corporation shall have a perpetual existence, subject to dissolution in the manner and for any of the purposes provided by law.

ARTICLE V
Officers

The business of the corporation shall be conducted by the following officers, to-wit: A President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer (but the same person shall be eligible to hold the two latter offices), and a Board of not less than three nor more than nine Directors. The number of directors may be changed by resolution or by-laws, provided that there shall not be less than three members thereof.

The officers of this corporation shall hold office for a term of one year from the date of their election, and until their respective successors are elected and qualified.

The persons who are to conduct the business of this corporation as its temporary officers and until the officers are elected at the first regular election and qualified, are:

Ira Rigdon, President.
J. V. Chapman, Vice-President.
H. M. Wiggins, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Board of Directors shall be:

Ira Rigdon,
J. V. Chapman,
C. E. Lanier,
E. O. Douglas and
P. J. Ripberger.

The first meeting for the purpose of perfecting the organization and of attending to such other business as shall be then considered, shall be held on the 21st day of June, 1920.

The annual meeting of the stockholders shall be held on the 4th day of January of each and every year beginning with the year 1921.

ARTICLE VI
Liability

The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which this corporation can at any time subject itself is One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.00).

ARTICLE VII
Names, Residences and Subscriptions of Incorporators

Subscriber—Residence.	Amount of Stock Subscribed.
P. J. Ripberger, Sebring, Fla	Fifty Shares
E. O. Douglas, Sebring, Fla	Fifty Shares
Carlos Rhipper, Sebring, Fla	Fifty Shares
Ira Rigdon, Sebring, Fla	Fifty Shares
J. V. Chapman, Avon Park, Fla	Fifty Shares
H. M. Wiggins, Avon Park, Fla	Fifty Shares
C. E. Lanier, Avon Park, Fla	Two Hundred Shares

ARTICLE VIII
Seal

The seal of the corporation shall be a circular impression stamp, bearing in the center thereof the words, "Seal 1920," and around the circumference the words "Bankers Groves Corporation, Avon Park, Florida."

In Witness Whereof, we, the said incorporators, have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals, this 12th day of May, A. D. 1920.

IRA RIGDON (Seal)
C. E. LANIER (Seal)
J. V. CHAPMAN (Seal)
H. M. WIGGINS (Seal)

State of Florida, County of DeSoto.

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Ira Rigdon, C. E. Lanier, J. V. Chapman, H. M. Wiggins, to me well known and known to be the persons who subscribed their names to the foregoing proposed Articles of Incorporation, of Bankers Groves Corporation, and they acknowledged before me that they executed the same for the purposes therein expressed.

Witness my hand and official seal this 12th day of May, A. D. 1920.

(Seal) JENNIE WAYCHOFF,
Notary Public.

My commission expires April 12, 1924.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

R. W. Swearingen, Complainant, vs. Ulysses G. Cotton, R. Warren Kingsley and Warren L. Robins, Defendants. Bill to Remove Cloud from Title.

To the Defendants above named, Ulysses G. Cotton, R. Warren Kingsley and Warren L. Robins:

It appearing by a sworn Bill of Complaint in above cause that the residence of Ulysses G. Cotton is No. 431 Claremont Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, and the residence of R. Warren Kingsley is Cass County, of the State of Michigan, a more certain residence being to complainant unknown, and that the residence of Warren L. Robins is Suffolk County, State of Massachusetts, a more certain residence being to complainant unknown; that you are all over the age of twenty-one years, and that there is no person within the State of Florida the service of a subpoena upon whom would bind you.

It is ordered that you, the said Ulysses G. Cotton, R. Warren Kingsley and Warren L. Robins, do appear to the Bill of Complaint, in this cause, at the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Arcadia, DeSoto County, Florida, on the 7th day of June, A. D. 1920, and file your answer make to said bill of complaint. Your failure so to do will cause a decree pro confesso to be entered against you.

It is further ordered that a copy of this order and notice be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in The Highlands Pilot, a newspaper published weekly and of general circulation in said County of DeSoto, Florida.

Witness the signature of the Clerk and the Seal of said Court, at Arcadia, DeSoto County, Florida, this the 28th day of April, 1920.

(Seal) A. L. DURRANCE, Clerk.

A true copy.
A. L. Durrance, Clerk.

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FROM THE PLOWHANDLES TO THE MANSION

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cies proposed by him have been endorsed by a fair vote of the people and that a solemn compact to promote those policies will have been entered into between the people and their governor. It will mean that Mr. Hardee's slogan of "Better government for Florida" will become a living reality. It will mean a businesslike administration of the affairs of the people, economy in public expenditures, and a clean administration at Tallahassee. It will mean that public officials placed in office by the vote of the sovereign people will not be removed except for grave cause. It will mean in the governor's office at Tallahassee for the full term of four years a governor only under obligations to all the people, not a candidate during his term of office, and with no ambition save to serve his people well. Out of such consecration great good to the people must and will result.

The campaign tactics of Mr. Hardee's opponents is proof positive that the reports reaching Live Oak as to Hardee's strength are true. Both of his opponents have attacked Mr. Hardee all over the state. They have not once attacked each other. It is not customary for rival candidates for high office to combine their forces. The fact that Messrs. Huley and Swearingen have united in attacks on Hardee is proof that they both fear him and do not fear each other. This is proof that their friends all over the state tell them what Hardee's friends tell him—that Hardee is the winning candidate.

The unjust charges brought against Hardee is additional proof of his strength. His opponents are men of fair intelligence. If they did not fear Hardee, even in the heat of a campaign they would not attack him without just cause. If they had good arguments to use against him they would not use silly arguments, or those shown to be unjust.

One of Mr. Hulley's main charges was that Mr. Hardee would not meet him on the stump. Mr. Hardee refused to turn aside from his campaign of discussing issues planned for a long time to indulge in personal abuse, or, as it is sometimes called, campaign mudslinging. For this his friends admire him the more and consider it additional proof that he is big enough to be governor. Yet Mr. Hardee attended public meetings arranged by citizens at Wellborn and Titusville where all candidates for governor had been invited and where Dr. Hulley was expected—and Dr. Hulley was absent. Whether Dr. Hulley was dodging a meeting or not these meetings demonstrated that Mr. Hardee was not.

Another charge noisily proclaimed was that Mr. Hardee was exceeding in his expenditure the amount allowed by law and Mr. Hardee was invited to discuss this charge. Those making the charge must have presumed that the people did not know that the corrupt practices act requires every candidate to file three written sworn statements of his campaign expenses. Mr. Hardee's written oath as to his expenses is as strong as anything he could say on the stump and we will add that that statement will be accepted at its face value by those who know Mr. Hardee. The proposal to go around the state and dispute—it could not be argument—about a matter as to which a candidate is required to file his written oath is a reflection on the intelligence of the people. Mr. Hardee showed his respect for the voters by ignoring such challenges.

Another charge brought against Mr. Hardee is that he is the candidate of the interests. No one knows the falsity of the charge as well as Mr. Hardee's home people. Unless the fact that he has made a success of his own affairs, and has friends who have made successes of their affairs, be proof of the charge there is no proof. All his life Mr. Hardee has lived in this, a farming section of the state. All his life his work has been for the general public. As country school teacher he served the general public. As an attorney in this circuit, where he has always practiced, it is well known that Mr. Hardee's practice has been a general practice—for the people generally. His practice has been drawn from all classes of people and for eight years he served the people of this circuit as state's attorney. In all his practice Mr. Hardee has never been a railroad attorney and has never been regularly retained by large corporations. He has probably collected as much money in damages from railroads and other corporations as any one lawyer in this circuit. The only large business institution Mr. Hardee has been connected with is the First National bank of this city—a bank organized by the farming and business interests of the county—a bank made possible by the farming and business interests of the county—and a bank which is today serving the farming and business interests of this county. This bank draws its strength from the general public, and as president of that bank for a long period of time and through two panics without the bank showing any weakness, Mr. Hardee has shown his fitness to handle the large business interests of the people centered at Tallahassee.

Through his career Mr. Hardee has served the general public. As country school teacher, as lawyer, as state's attorney, as bank president, as speaker of the house, his successes have been founded on the confidence reposed in him by the masses of the people. As candidate for governor he has followed instincts born in him and emphasized by the training of his daily life has carried his candidacy to all the people, to the sovereign people, who make and unmake governors. These people are going to place the stamp of their approval on a man who can rise from the plowhandles to the station occupied by Mr. Hardee today and by their votes on June 8 they will make the condensed summary of his life read From the Plowhandles to the Mansion.

SOME PLAIN QUESTIONS

Florida Advocate: When Florida was purchased in 1821 it had two counties. Was the making of all the counties since then the work of "unscrupulous politicians," or was it because the development of the state demanded them?

Did you ever hear of a case of a county that had been divided ever being reunited?

Did you ever hear of a case where dividing a county bankrupted either the old or the new county?

What great calamity was brought about by the dividing of Manatee county when DeSoto county was created?

You have doubtless been told that dividing a county will increase the taxes. Did they ever show you any proof of this from official records, or are you supposed to just take their unsupported word for it?

Considerable money has been used to defeat county division. Was this money furnished by the farmers and fruit growers, or was it furnished by the select few who make an easy living by having a big county?

Naturally, the banks that handle the county funds, the man who owns the abstract office, the lawyers and most of the county officials make more money by having a large county than they would if we had a small county, but can you tell how you are benefited by having a large county?

They abuse those who are seeking division. Did they ever cite you to where the leaders for division ever grafted from the county; were seeking office for political spoils; ever betrayed the people, or refused to take up the fight of the common people? —Tampa Tribune.

REMAINS OF PRIVATE MORRIS WILLIAMS RETURNED FOR BURIAL

The remains of Private Morris Williams, who died in England in the service about a year ago, reached Avon Park Monday and were interred in Hart cemetery Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Deceased was the son of Mrs. A. Williams and the second one she lost in the service of our country, her son Hosea having died at Camp Jackson June 28, 1918.

Private Morris Williams was 24 years old and was sent overseas a little more than a year ago. He was taken ill while en route and died shortly after landing on English soil. Besides his mother, six brothers and three sisters survive him.

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

PITTSBURGH-FLORIDA COMPANY PURCHASING MORE NEW TRACTORS

For the last month or more various manufacturers of tractors have been demonstrating their machines at the big groves of the Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers' Association. Manager Durrance informs us that the Wallace, Fordson and C. L. Best tractors have been thoroughly demonstrated and that his company has purchased three Fordsons through J. Q. Adams, agent, Wauchula. These machines will be used for harrowing, but are too light for breaking purposes, therefore the company will have to purchase two heavier machines with which to do the immense amount of breaking for next January and February plantings, which will be 1,500 acres. The clearing on between 400 and 500 acres has been done and the remainder will be cleared as rapidly as possible.

P. M. Stivender has some attractive real estate bargains to offer.

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Get the habit of paying your bills by check. It is the only safe way, as your paid check is a receipt that is indisputable. You cannot pay by check unless you have a checking account. Start a checking account today; pay every bill by check. You will be astonished to see how much you have saved during the month, besides having absolutely protected yourself against the possibility of paying a bill twice. It's one of the best habits you can form.

FIVE PER CENT PAID ON SAVINGS DEPOSITS

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL MENTION

C. E. Lanier is driving a new roadster.

If you want to buy or sell real estate, see P. M. Stivender

James Carlton of Sebring was greeting friends here Tuesday.

Paul Harris of Wauchula registered at the Village Inn Saturday.

Kyle Williams sold his Ford Monday to Lewis Keen of Frostproof.

Dr. W. C. Touchton is the possessor of a handsome new Franklin car.

H. B. Smith reports the arrival of thirty-five people on Monday night's train.

E. L. Haines of Sebring attended the political meeting here Saturday night.

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

William McClelland and Charlie Gillespie of Fort Bassinger were among our Saturday business visitors.

Lilburn Hockersmith, who is now residing below Sebring, was here Saturday greeting old friends and transacting business.

Mr. and Mrs. James Marion and children left Tuesday for West Burrow, Wis., where they will join the husband and father.

Floyd Hougaboom went to Zephyrhills Saturday to spend a few days at his old home there. Mrs. Hougaboom returned with him, after a visit of a couple of weeks.

Frank C. Zlazek of Hoboken, N. J., a member of Company C, Thirteenth infantry, who brought the remains of Morris Williams to Avon Park Monday, departed for his home Tuesday. While here he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Smith.

We acknowledge receipt from O. M. Crosby, founder of Avon Park, of the manuscript for a supplemental history of the town. It will prove interesting reading, especially to those who have property interests here and are among the old-time residents. This supplemental history will be published in full just as soon as we have space to spare. Mr. Crosby will please accept our thanks for the contribution.

Have you tried it—Avo-Cola?

Mrs. J. B. Peden and children spent Sunday in Sweetwater.

The Rev. Sam Durrance spent a few hours in Avon Park Tuesday.

Ralph Tyson and family left Tuesday for Brewster, where they will make their future home.

Clifford Pierce of Fort Bassinger was transacting business here Saturday.

Mrs. E. C. Elbertson spent several days in Frostproof this week visiting friends.

Vernon Waters of Atlanta has accepted a position as mechanic at the Standard Garage.

A. J. Davis of Okeechobee and Lewis Keen of Frostproof were here Monday on a business mission.

Florence Hart went to Frostproof Tuesday morning, where she will act as operator in the telephone exchange for a short time.

A. M. McAuley and family moved to Lake Stearns Tuesday, where Mr. McAuley has engaged in the mercantile and real estate business.

Roy Naylor, who spent some time here last winter and has since been located in Tampa, spent a couple of days here the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Neese of Fort Ogden arrived in Avon Park Saturday. Mr. Neese has accepted employment with the Flint Lumber Company. They have taken rooms with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Clarke.

Alberta and Agnes Hockersmith, who had been here as guests of their aunt, Mrs. V. E. Sapp, for a couple of weeks, left Sunday afternoon for their home below Sebring, accompanied by Ethyle Marsh and Beatrice Bass, who will visit them a few days.

A telegram has been received from R. I. Harris announcing the death of his brother, Jesse Y. Harris, at Carlsbad, N. M. R. I. and Charles Harris were in Carlsbad at the time of their brother's death, having departed for that place last week, and are expected home with the remains tonight. Deceased leaves a wife, two daughters and one son.

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STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES

B. H. JAMES

Prompt Delivery Avon Park

Try it and you'll like it—Avo-Cola.

John Hood spent several days in Tampa this week.

Wes Waldron of Sebring was one of our Saturday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Kingsley spent the week-end in Tampa.

Mrs. C. N. Ott is spending the week with friends in Winter Haven.

E. Barnhill and daughter Eva spent a couple of days in Tampa this week.

Pierce Hagan of Sanford spent Friday and Saturday here transacting business.

C. D. Noland and A. E. West were transacting business in Tampa Monday and Tuesday.

J. B. Peden returned Tuesday, after spending the week-end in Ritta, where he conducted services Sunday.

W. H. Clarke was called to Helena, Ga., last week by a message summoning him to the bedside of his brother.

Mrs. M. F. Rogers of Punta Gorda is spending the week at the Avon with her daughter, Mrs. Sadie B. Farrington.

V. E. Sapp and family have moved to Haines City, where they will make their future home. They departed Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Mitchell came down from Lake Wales Saturday and spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Parks.

John B. Peden has purchased the property on Tulane known as the Mrs. Richardson estate, and is having the house remodeled.

John B. Peden, candidate for member of the county board of education from this district, went to Zolfo Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Katherine West and little David Lander are in Kissimmee to spend several weeks with the Rev. and Mrs. D. L. Lander.

Ethel Dickenson, Eula Peden, Joy Parks and Elizabeth Andrews, who have been attending normal at Arcadia, are expected home Sunday.

Mrs. W. A. McGeer left Tuesday for her old home in Auburn, N. Y., where she will spend the summer months, returning to Avon Park in October.

Dr. D. D. Crews of Jacksonville arrived in Avon Park Monday and will establish dental parlors here as soon as office rooms are obtainable. His family will join him when they can secure a house.

E. N. Dickenson returned Thursday of last week from a motor trip to Eau Gallie. Mrs. Dickenson and daughters, who had been spending a couple of weeks there with relatives, returned with him.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Roberts, accompanied by Col. and Mrs. M. A. Wilson and son James of Fort Meade, went out to the Baldwin place on Lake Glenada, recently purchased by the Roberts brothers, Monday, where they will enjoy an outing of three or four weeks. Tuesday morning they breakfasted on six fine trout, freshly caught from the lake.

Friday night of last week a negro entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fraser and stole five twenty-four-pound sacks of flour, two sides of meat and fifty pounds of sugar. The stolen articles were disposed of in the quarters and part of them located by Deputy Sheriff A. D. Roberts, who also ascertained that one John Henry was the negro disposing of the plunder. Marshal Dickenson and Sheriff Dishong succeeded in locating the remainder of the stolen property. Henry was apprehended and taken to Arcadia Saturday night by Sheriff Dishong.

How a Noted Vet. Got Rid of Rats—Farmers Heed

Dr. H. H. Butler says: "I use RAT-SNAP around my hospitals every three months, whether I see rats or not. It does the work — RAT-SNAP gets them every time. I recommend it to everybody having rats." Don't wait until there is a brood of rats, act immediately you see the first one. Three sizes, 25, 50c, $1.00. Sold and guaranteed by F. C. Rae, Avon Park Drug Company, Park Mercantile Company.

Aged in wood—Avo-Cola.

See Stivender for real estate.

Three-burner oil stove $5. E. D. Putney.

E. C. Smith of Bartow was transacting business here Tuesday.

C. C. Stebbine of Tampa was a business visitor in our city Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Swearingen spent several days in Tampa this week.

Henry Murphy and family of Zolfo were Monday visitors in Avon Park.

Ed Ley of Arcadia spent a few days here this week looking after his grove interests.

Paula Altman of Arcadia is spending the week here with her cousin, None Mae Crews.

O. J. Sweat, M. Delesline and J. P. Delesline of Plant City spent Monday afternoon here.

If it's plowing, hauling or harrowing, see W. W. Gaylard. 28-3w

Let Prior do your house painting or interior finishing. Work and prices both right. 28tf

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Baker of Tampa were Avon Park visitors Tuesday, registering at the Avon.

W. W. Langford of Arcadia spent several days here last week visiting his brother, Grover Langford.

H. G. Crapo and sister, Mrs. I. C. Moore, departed Wednesday for their summer home in Taunton, Mass.

A. W. Oakes, A. R. Klumm, N. A. Carn and H. Linebaugh of Winter Haven were guests at the Avon Sunday.

Mrs. W. J. Fraser returned Friday night from Cocoa, where she had been visiting relatives for a couple of weeks.

For Sale — Three hundred pounds velvet beans. E. H. Woodruff, Badger Hill.

You'll like Avo-Cola.

Pete Thomas of Auburndale, accompanied by his brother, J. D. Thomas of Kicco, spent a short time here Tuesday.

Get W. H. Prior to paint that old car of yours. He will give you the best job at the lowest price. 28-tf

Mrs. W. C. Brookins returned last week from Blainesville, Pa., where she had been visiting her sons and brothers several weeks.

S. B. Gailey, who now is located in Lake Wales and who has recently returned from a trip to Savannah, spent a few days here this week.

Lost—Black pocket bill fold, containing papers valuable only to owner, and some pictures. Return to B. F. Ellis, Park hotel, Avon Park, and receive reward.

Have you improved your lawn this year? Have you planted any flowers and vines? Is your yard more attractive this year than it was last? If not, do you feel satisfied with it?

Among the Saturday visitors to Avon Park were Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Floyd, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones, Mrs. Leonora Stonebreaker and Miss Gladys Treadwell of Arcadia, who were registered at the Avon.

Among the prominent visitors to Avon Park the fore part of the week was Frank L. Wagner of Washington, D. C. Mr. Wagner has grove interests here and will likely be one of our regular winter residents ere long.

William Allen, secretary of nearly every public institution in Lake Wales; J. A. Caldwell, manager of the crate mill at that place, and Harvey Austis of the same hustling city were transacting business here Saturday.

A party composed of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Lacey and children, Elizabeth Clark, Caroline Parks, Bill DeBordenave and Lee Parks, enjoyed a ten-mile trip over the tram road from the crate mill. They traveled in a box car and spent the night in the woods, returning yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Elmer Wray entertained C. J. Williams, Mrs. Elizabeth Walden and Mrs. Lucy Masters at dinner Tuesday, it being Mr. Williams' birth anniversary. Several called during the afternoon to offer congratulations and the day was pleasantly spent reviewing old times in Avon Park.

Avo-Cola with the distinctive twang.

Is the parking in front of your lot free from weeds?

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. DeBordenave are the proud parents of a new daughter, born last Friday.

W. W. and R. W. Wolff, who had been spending some time here and in Sebring, left Wednesday for Chicago, where they will spend the summer months.

"I Got Real Mad When I Lost My Setting Hen," Mrs. Hannan.

"I went into the hen house one morning and found my favorite setter dead. I got real mad. Went to the store, bought some RAT-SNAP and in a week I got six dead rats. Everybody who raises poultry should keep RAT-SNAP." Three sizes, 25c, 50c, $1.00. Sold and guaranteed by F. C. Rae, Avon Park Drug Company, Park Mercantile Company.

Delightfully refreshing—Avo-Cola.

Vote for Cooper and Etheredge.

D. L. Smith and O. Wagner of Arcadia were Sunday visitors in Avon Park.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Barnes of Winter Haven were Sunday visitors in Avon Park.

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AVON PARK'S PIONEER DAYS

By SAMUEL D. LEE

(Continued from last week.)

Mr. Knapp, a native of Ohio, but for some years a lawyer and real estate operator in Albion, N. Y., whence, finding the climate there unpropitious, came to Avon Park with his wife and daughter early in 1894, buying immediately, in the first week of February of that year, the small lot to the west of the printing house, on which he built the story-and-half structure for a law office, which he maintained until his death. The Knapps bought one of the three houses built by the development company near the first store, where they lived until it burned in 1895. In February, 1896, Mr. Knapp, Henry B. Todd of Meriden, Conn., and Cyrus W. Perkins, also of Connecticut, bought adjoining lots on the north side of Lake Lotela and each built a good-sized house and improved their properties with trees and shrubs and flowers. Mr. Perkins also spent $25,000 or $30,000 in land, clearing and planting to pineapples south of Lotela. In less than two years the three dwellings burned at one time, the fire originating in the Perkins house. The Todds and Perkins' returned to Connecticut and the Knapps took a house in town. Mr. Knapp died January 4, 1902.

A close neighbor of these people was Joseph H. Randall of Suffolk county, Long Island, who bought on the north side of Cornell street, which separated him from them. Mr. Randall cleared, fenced and planted his lots to citrus trees and built himself a comfortable home. While he has not been a continuous resident, returning to his New York home, where he does a market garden business, he has been with us every winter and takes sole care of his place here.

There was at that time an excellent plank walk to the Lake Lotela homes, as well as to those along the way. Indeed, there was about seven miles of plank walk in Avon Park, and all the residences could be reached by pedestrians in comfort. These walks, like all the public improvements of the day, were paid for by popular subscription and volunteer labor. Almost any appeal for money for local benefits, through the Homeseeker, brought in generous contributions from lot owners, some of whom never came to Avon Park.

Upon a favorable representation of prospects here by Clark D. Knapp to one of his acquaintances in Albion, N. Y., B. F. West, with his family, in the midst of summer, severed his northern ties and arrived in Avon Park in July, 1895. Mr. West at once bought the lot and the store building erected by D. D. Kinney, which has served as store and dwelling from that time until this. He has been known to the trade as "a good merchandiser." His stock, aside from the full line of groceries which he has always carried, has varied according to circumstances. Before the establishment of Captain Rae's hardware store Mr. West carried the more common sorts of builders' hardware. For a time he kept an assortment of ordinary drugs, until the opening of a regular drug store. He had a good assortment of dry goods and even ready-made clothing, gladly surrendering the latter when another sought to open in that line. No trader in south Florida has been in the same business, on the same spot, longer than has Mr. West, nor pursued more evenly the tenor of his way. As a young man in Albion, Mr. West had experience in a bank, and for some twenty years, from the time C. C. Chollar, successor to the development company's bank, removed to Arcadia, and the opening of our present First National bank, something like twenty years, he did all the banking business for the Park.

Mr. West has met the ups and downs of Avon Park philosophically, drank the bitter waters in the few years succeeding the freeze, when it seemed as if this section would never recover, and has participated in the prosperity of the town and of the entire Scenic Highlands "Ridgs" during the past fifteen years.

E. T. Boyd, the kindly man of a score of trades, came here in 1894 from Batavia, N. Y. He had been a mrchant successfully in Seneca Falls, N. Y.; Omaha, Neb., and in Batavia. He bought two lots, on one of which he built the shop where he has done repairing of articles of all sorts from ironing boards to Ford flying machines, and where he has gathered an extensive and varied assortment of things that may possibly come in handy, and frequently do.

(To Be Continued)

Good printing is our hobby.

Town Building

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thereby reducing the millage or increasing the community finances for further betterments.

"The hidden spring of success in town building is to get the empty lots built up and bring more people in. Houses bring more revenue than vacant lots and people make banks and merchants happy. In a small growing community which aspires to put itself on the map the policy to hold vacant real estate at inflated prices means an anaemic town growth and ultimate business suicide for the man who follows it.

"This is not so true or baneful, however, of improved property. Low assessments make it possible for a selfish man who has no pride or interest in the growth of his town to pursue this game. The only protection the community has, the only fair method to the whole people is to assess on a basis as near to true market values, as established by sales and holding prices in the vicinity, as is possible.

"We need have no fear of taxes spent for public improvements if honestly spent and we see to it we get 100 cents on the dollar for our money. That our improvements are carefully thought out and planned as a whole; co-ordinating fully with other public works, which is to say, for example, it is a crime against the taxpayer to lay a street, only to tear it up later to put in water mains, light conduits or sewers. These should be put in first.

In most of the older towns and cities half of the taxpayers' money is wasted every year undoing at great expense the thing wrongly done and paid for in former years or not done when it should have been done and now costing millions where thousands would have covered the bill. Had thought been given and proper planning exercised, this money could go for further betterments or to reduce the tax load.

"Avon Park, on the basis of known facts, in the next ten years will be a town of 8,000 people; I believe will be a town of 12,000 to 15,000 in the next fifteen years.

"Let us build now against a 15,000 population and save big money for ourselves and children and enjoy the comfort of them while we are growing.

"Many of us here tonight will live to see all this and all of us should be proud to feel we honestly and self - sacrificingly 'Helped Avon Park Grow.' Not only grow big, but grow good in all those things which make for happiness and contentment, so that every citizen when away from home and asked 'Where are you from?' will throw out his chest like a pouter pigeon and answer, 'From Avon Park, Highlands county, Florida,' the best and most beautiful town in the old U. S. A.'

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"I thank you."

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Senator Fletcher has been in Lakeland and delivered a campaign speech in the park. It is hard to believe that any one can question the value of the services of this man to his district when the facts in the matter are supported by documentary evidence such as Mr. Fletcher carries with him on all the points which have been called against him by those who are opposing him. Mr. Fletcher may have made mistakes, but if he has they have been small ones and are easily explained to any one who has an open mind to receive the truth as it is. Mr. Fletcher, already one of the most popular candidates with Lakeland people, gained many staunch supporters by his recent visit here. —Lakeland Advertiser.

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ALL THE candidates.
FOR PRESIDENT in.
WHENEVER THE car swayed.
I SAT on the lap.
OF A pudgy lady.
MY BRAND new derby.
WAS SUNK without a trace.
AND A garlic breath.
BLEW DOWN my neck.
AND MY foot went to sleep.
AND THE rest of me,
ENVIED MY foot.
AND I was sore.
YES, GOOD and sore.
AND THEN a chap.
WHO CAUGHT my eye,

CHEERED ME up.
WITH A jolly grin.
AND SAID to me.
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AND HONEST, I felt better.
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IN THE INTERESTS OF EDUCATION

We are in full accord with the county division campaign committee in its resolution to steer clear of any attempt to defeat aspirants for county office other than the anti-division candidates for the house of representatives and the state senate. That does not prevent us, however, from expressing our own opinion as regards these candidates, and we feel we would be remiss in our duty if we did not espouse the cause of those whom we believe will render the best service—especially where the interests of our educational institutions are at stake.

There are two candidates for the office of county superintendent. Both, as far as we know, are good men. The character of neither is questioned nor are either of them accused of being incompetent. After making many inquiries, however, we have become convinced that a change in county superintendents at this time would be detrimental to the best interests of our educational institutions and our children.

Professor Shaver has had but one term in office. He has made good. He has done his best to administer the affairs of his office without fear or favor. He has barely had time to acquaint himself with the needs of all the schools of this large county, and surely not time enough to bring about those conditions every parent hopes to secure for the benefit of the children. During his first term Professor Shaver has acquired a knowledge of the school situation which will be valuable. He should be permitted to put that knowledge to practical use, and the only way in which he can do this is to be continued in office.

The office of county superintendent, we firmly believe, is one office which should be kept out of politics. When we secure a man who is rendering good service he should be kept on the job. There's no use in changing good material for a material of which we have no knowledge.

Professor Shaver has made good, therefore we say he should be re-elected.

"How We Cleared Our Summer Home of Rats," by Mrs. Perry.

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TWO CANDIDATES

A man remarked at a recent political gathering, "It is too bad we have two such fine young fellows running for the same office." He referred to the candidates for the office of tax assessor.

C. A. Crews and A. J. Whidden are both fine young men and we believe the character of either is above reproach. Both are aspirants for the same office and, in the minds of many, there will be doubt as to which is the better man to vote for.

Character and popularity are two assets candidates for public office should possess, if they expect to be successful. One is nearly as essential as the other, for often popularity is considered before character. But there is another thing which should be seriously considered before the voter expresses his preference in the voting booth. That is, "What are his qualifications?"

In this instance experience has qualified the one candidate, while the other would be an experiment. Art Crews has had several years' experience as assistant to the present assessor and in the tax collector's office. He was raised in DeSoto county, knows her people, and should know land values. He is courteous and obliging and is not lined up with any faction. He will do his best, if elected, to give service, and service is what we are looking for.

We are sorry we cannot throw our support to both these excellent young men, but, having known Mr. Crews for a number of years and firmly believing he will fill the position of tax assessor satisfactorily, we are going to support his candidacy.

YOUR PLAIN DUTY

Mr. Voter, have you decided whom you will support for member of the house of representatives and state senate? Ex-Senator F. M. Cooper and Dr. E. J. Etheredge are candidates for these positions, which directly have to do with the interests of every man, woman and child in DeSoto county, pledged to support a measure dividing DeSoto county into five parts, creating four new counties.

County division along this line means the more rapid development of every section of this large county, the full benefit of your tax money, more and better schools, more and better roads, home rule and a better administration of county government.

The anti-division candidates, John A. Graham of Manatee county and "Sawgrass" Sauls, are representing a very few selfish interests, who have disregarded the rights of others and would keep this immense county intact, in order that they may profit thereby.

You owe it to yourself and family, your children and your children's children, to consider this matter well and then go to the polls and vote according to the dictates of your own conscience.

Vote for Cooper and Etheredge, self-government, progress, better schools and roads, lower taxation and the full value of your own tax money.

CATTS' ERRATIC CAREER

We are in full accord with the sentiment expressed by the DeSoto County News in the following lines:

"The News is opposed to Sidney J. Catts for United States senator, or for any other public office—we would be untrue to our conception of a high standard and high ideals if we were to take any other position. Catts is a man created after the image of the same Creator of all men, and we have no right to call him anything else than a man. It is our privilege, however, to say that he is a man with a different conception of right and wrong than most men.

"Two ships may start from the same port at the same time, propelled by the same wind, but may go in different directions. It all depends on the way they set their sails and handle their rudders. One may set a straight course with the wind or at right angles with it and the other may employ the method of 'tacking' against the wind and follow, perforce, a zigzag course, which to the spectator may seem erratic.

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His Father—It's outrageous. You're twenty and you've never made anything for yourself.

The College Boy—Beg pardon, sir, but I always make my own cigarettes.

SOMETHING LEARNED EVERY DAY.

Frank—Poor Jones! He has lost all his money in a wild-cat mining company.

Ethel—Mercy! I didn't know you had to mine for wild cats.

At Rehearsal.

"What ails the sailors' chorus, pray?"
For there was quite a hitch.
The manager replied: "Why, sir,
The tars can't get the pitch!"

New Restaurant

I have opened a restaurant in the Walter Whidden building and will serve

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Whom Will County Division Hurt?

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individual whose business would be seriously interfered with.

County division would bring the government close to the people and enable the smaller towns and villages to have representatives on the board of county commissioners, whereas their interests now are very often overlooked and disregarded.

County division means home rule, better schools, better government and a better feeling among the people.

Vote for county division.

Miscellaneous Shower

Thursday evening one of the most interesting and enjoyable surprise parties of the season was given Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Chapman at their pretty home on South Verona avenue. About 8 o'clock a number of their friends, having been invited by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Reck, gathered at the bank corner and soon afterward the unusual noise of cars stopping outside aroused the curiosity of Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, who went out to ascertain the cause. Much to their surprise, there were the guests with a complete shower of gifts, consisting of cut glass, household linens, pyrex and aluminum kitchen utensils and, last but not least, an ice cream freezer. During the evening several selections were rendered on the piano by Miss Winifred Reck, after which every one joined in singing well-known songs. Delicious refreshments of punch and sandwiches were served.

To Develop Zolfo Springs

A company has been organized to develop the beautiful springs property at Zolfo into a high-class health and pleasure resort. Elsewhere in this issue appears an advertisement offering $20 in gold for a name for the resort. The springs at Zolfo are admirably located, and that the waters possess medicinal qualities there is no doubt. The development of these springs was a hobby with the late D. L. Skipper, and had he lived it is altogether likely they would have been developed long before this. Zolfo and the new company have our best wishes for the success of the undertaking.

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 you like it?" promptly asked one of the sightseers.

The attendant signified that he did not understand.

"Well, why are you sending it back, anyway?" was the reply. "Don't it suit you?"—London Tit-Bits.

Force of Habit.

Clovertop—That old hoss you sold me stopped right in front of the church as the bell struck one, and he never moved till it struck two.

Cyrus Snodgrass—Oh, yes; I forgot to tell you he'd been in a horse car and that it took two strokes of the bell to start him.

Explaining the Obliquity.

"How very cross-eyed Fred Bings is getting!"

"Yes; he's dead in love with old Kicker's daughter, you know, and when he calls on her he invariably keeps one eye on the clock and the other on the door of the old man's room."

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that J. B. Williams, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 122, dated July 3, 1911, has filed said certificate in my office, and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property situated in DeSoto County, Florida, to-wit:

NW¼ of SW¼ and SW¼ of NW¼, Sec. 25, Tp. 40, R. 24, the said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of W. E. Dunwoody. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 15th day of June, A. D. 1920.

Witness my official signature and seal this the 5th day of May, A. D. 1920.

A. L. DURRANCE,
Clerk Circuit Court of DeSoto County, Florida.
By J. A. Hendry, D. C.

In the DeSoto County Circuit Court, Twelfth Judicial Circuit of Florida. In Chancery. Laura W. Reed vs. John C. Reed. Bill for Divorce.

To the Defendant John C. Reed, whose residence is Hotel Rochester, Rochester, New York:

This is to notify you that a bill of complaint has been filed against you in said cause by the said Laura W. Reed, and you are hereby notified to appear to said cause at the Court House in Arcadia, Florida, on or before the 6th day of July, 1920, else said bill will be taken as confessed by you.

It is further ordered that a copy of this order be published in The Highlands Pilot, once a week for four consecutive weeks.

Witness my hand and seal of said court at Arcadia, Florida, this 28th day of May, 1920. (Seal)

A. L. DURRANCE,
Clerk Circuit Court, DeSoto County, Fla.
By L. M. BENNETT, D. C.

A true copy.
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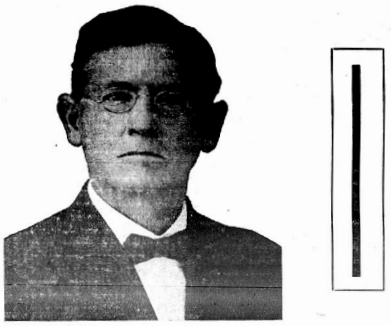
For Clerk of Circuit Court

I am a candidate for the office of Clerk of this county. I am making this race on my own record as a citizen and official of this county, and am not being run by any political ring or faction. I have always tried to stand for what I believed to be right, regardless of the consequences, endeavoring at all times to represent the interests of the whole people as against the private interests of the few who would run the affairs of this county to suit themselves.



All county offices belong to the people; therefore, they have the right to demand and know what to expect out of the men they employ to fill these offices. If I am elected I promise to administer the affairs of this office along the following lines:

First. To promptly record and return all instruments filed for record.

Second. To give immediate attention to all tax matters, inquiries or other business.

Third. To cause to be published in the newspapers of this county, at least once every three months, a full and complete statement of our county finances.

Fourth. To perform all duties as Clerk of the Board of Commissioners at actual cost.

Fifth. To stand ready at any and all times to advise and assist in any way all persons having business with this office.

Sixth. To show my appreciation of this trust by not using this office for political purposes.

Seventh. To personally supervise all the departments of this office, and provide sufficient clerical help to dispose of the work efficiently and promptly.

My business experience and service on the Board of Commissioners for almost eight years, two of which I was chairman, makes me competent to discharge every duty connected with the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court.

As Commissioner, in 1919 I endeavored to reduce the sum paid to the Clerk, as Clerk of the Board, from $2,700.00 to $1,800.00, the actual cost of the work, to save $900.00. I failed because I stood alone. If I am elected and the Board insists on paying this extra $900.00, I will pay it back into the County Treasury.

At the same time I also tried, as I had promised, to have published monthly a complete itemized statement of the county business, and met the same failure because alone. If I am elected I will have charge of all the records necessary to make up such statements, and I will publish them if I have to pay the expense out of my own pocket. I say this because I believe every taxpayer in this county has the right to know what goes on in the public offices of this county, and where and how the public money is spent, and I purpose, if elected, to give every man an opportunity to know for himself, regardless of what others think. More knowledge on the part of the public regarding the administration of public offices makes for better officers and service.

Furthermore, I believe that every county officer ought to attend to the duties of his own office and let others alone.

I might add, in conclusion, that I am, as I have always been, against the ring which tries to run the politics of this county, believing that to keep the public in ignorance is necessary to the success of the ring.

I have stood by the people of Avon Park, and still stand by them in their efforts for county division, and my record shows it. Others have fought them, and the people know who they are. Remember this when you are casting your ballot on June 8.

I am a native af this state, and thirty-five years a resident of this county.

If you honor me by electing me to this office, I will try to make the best Clerk this county has ever had.

Assuring you of my appreciation of your vote and support, I am

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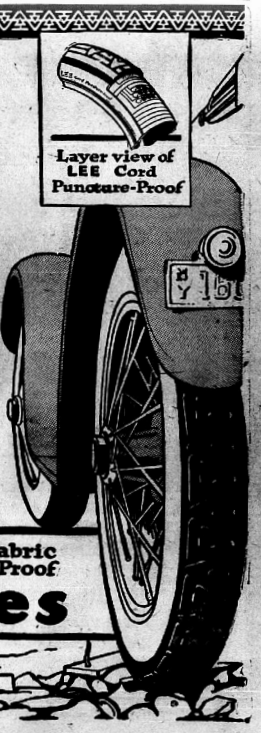

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