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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES SURPASS THOSE OF FORMER YEARS

Commencement week in Avon Park began April 30 and ended May 4.

It marked a distinct advance on the exercises of the preceding years, excellent as they have been. Our public is to be congratulated on the efficiency of its school board, composed of Messrs. A. E. Conoley, W. A. Roberts and Oscar Skipper; the able superintendent, Prof. I. C. M. Ellenberger, and the splendid corps of teachers, who place us under a debt of obligation and gratitude that can never be paid. Even more than the parents do these teachers mold the little men and women of today, the world's men and women of tomorrow. With so precious a trust, so great a responsibility, woe betide the man who begrudges an increased tax to give a moderate reward to these most faithful public servants.

The Recital Friday Evening
The auditorium was crowded at 8 o'clock Friday evening to hear the exercises of the departments of expression and music, puppets of the Misses Farrington and Furdom. The program was varied and consisted of recitations, readings and vocal and instrumental numbers; also a short play, "Cinderella," by the Rev. T. B. Thompson of the Christian church chose as his theme "The Philosophy of True Success." With keen logic the speaker blazed the way for the class of 1920, stating facts and driving convictions home with great skill. That success in its broadest sense lay with the individual was proven again and again. The speaker brought ancient and modern history to bear witness and made abundant reference to Bible truths to illustrate his argument. The address was eloquent and scholarly and made a deep impression on all who heard it.

Baccalaureate Sermon
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The class of 1920, while not large, made a fine record, and the High school is proud to graduate them. It numbered Elizabeth Andrews, May Glover and Henry Farrington. The class motto is one well worthy of adoption by all—"Be Square."

Elementary Grades Monday Evening
The elementary grades gave the entertainment Monday evening to a house that did not even have standing room left. The program was in two parts.

Part I
First Grade—A Tom Thumb wedding, in which Dorothy Roberts was the bride, David Lanier the groom, Jack Skipper best man and Gordon Skipper the minister. It was a most laughable takeoff on a number of well-known people about town.

Second Grade—A clever pantomime, "Sleeping Beauty."
Third Grade—Drill, to well-known nursery ditties.

Fourth Grade—A fancy sketch, "Jack in the Box," with songs of games of childhood, including a pickaninny song in blackface and wig by eleven little ones.

Fifth Grade—Cantata, "The Awakening of Spring," interspersed with singing and dancing.

Sixth Grade—Jap drill, beautifully done in full Japanese costume.

Seventh Grade—Play, "Miss Minerva and William Green Hill," most laughable and well done.

All grades did splendid work and the teachers are being congratulated on what they have accomplished.

Graduation Day

Tuesday was the day of days for the young people. At 8:15 the curtain rose on a bevy of

charming young girls and manly boys.

The eighth grade occupied the first part of the program with the grammar school graduation. The opening chorus was followed by the salutatory, Charles Ginn, in a neat address, welcomed the audience in behalf of the class.

The class history was cleverly given by Virginia Lee Dickinson. The class will be well done by Mary Hinton.

The class doctor, Eldred Starkey, ably diagnosed the ills of the class and prescribed for their cure.

The valedictory was well handled by Mamie Barnett. A fine address by Prof. P. G. Shaver, county superintendent of schools, and the presentation of diplomas closed this part of the evening.

As an interpellation the class gave a playlet, "Just a Little Mistake." It was a clever little farce, which kept the big audience in constant laughter, and all the parts were well taken.

The graduates of the grammar grade were: Fred Bacon, Mamie Irene Barnett, Georgia Lee Bond, Myrtle Conoley, Nona Mae Crews, Virginia Lee Dickinson, Charles Rudolph Ginn, Mary Hinton, Mary Pansy Pabor, Carolyn Park, Myra Elizabeth Roberts, Nellie Rae Spinks, Eldred Leroy Starkey, Forest Edgar White, Lois Irene Wood and Fred Ellis Wray.

Graduation Class of 1920
The graduation of the class of 1920, Avon Park High school, closed the program.

The decorations beautifully carried out the class colors, white and green.

The High school chorus, well (Continued on Page 8)

MORE ABOUT THAT 98-POUND POTATO

Fish stories by the thousands have originated in Florida, and now tales are being told more and more of sweet potatoes being raised weighing as much as 100 pounds, per—Times-Union.

When we published the story about that ninety-eight-pound potato, or yam, we hardly expected the state press, or any one else, for that matter, to believe it. But every word of it was gospel truth, just the same, although we did not publish the whole truth.

Fact of the matter is, that potato weighed considerably more than a hundred pounds when it was first dug, but it laid around in the sun and dried out for about six weeks before Mr. Bryant, the farmer who raised it, brought it to town.

The potato was weighed in the presence of half a dozen or more responsible men, whose veracity has never been questioned; and furthermore, is now on exhibition in the window of the Village Inn.

In conversing with Mr. Bryant he said: "Your statement in the main was true, although the vegetable is not, strictly speaking, a sweet potato. It is a variety of yam and is a common article of food in Honduras, from where my son has just returned. I asked him how large they grew there and he stated he had seen them weighing twenty-five or thirty pounds and had heard of one weighing eighty pounds. This is undoubtedly the largest one ever grown in Florida. When I started to dig it I used a grubbing hoe for about half an hour, then used a shovel to excavate around it. After getting it out of the hole it laid around in the sun at least six weeks before I brought it to town and sold it to Mr. Smith. And you ought to have seen the vine—it nearly covered the place."

The Times-Union is advised that this is not a "fish story," but just a true potato story, showing the wonderful possibilities of our "desert soil."

WILL BUILD LARGE APARTMENT HOUSE

A real estate transaction was consummated here this week that will mean much for Avon Park if the plans of the purchasers are carried out. The transaction involved the desirable corner property opposite B. F. West & Son's store and owned by Mr. West, which was purchased by Mrs. S. A. Pearson and Mrs. G. W. Davidson of Nashville and Dickson, Tenn.

These ladies spent considerable time in Avon Park last winter and this spring and received a most favorable impression of the town and its future. They had ample opportunity to observe the difficulty with which we were attempting to house the many newcomers, some to spend the winter, others to locate permanently, and realized that there was need of a modern apartment house. They therefore began casting about for a favorable location and, through the efforts of P. M. Stivender, secured the property above mentioned, upon which they purpose to erect an apartment house which will be a credit to the community.

Mrs. Pearson and Mrs. Davidson returned to their homes early in the week, expecting to return to Avon Park soon and complete their arrangements.

Methodist Aid Society
The Methodist Aid Society met at the parsonage Wednesday afternoon of last week for the special program. The meeting was opened by all singing, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," followed by prayer by Mrs. C. H. Harris, reading by Mrs. W. O. Skipper, instrumental solo ("Dance of the Fairies") by Mrs. Charles Ott, talk by Mrs. A. D. Buck, reading by Miss Helen Farrington and instrumental music by Miss Myrtle Conoley. Ice cream and cake were served by the hostess, Mrs. W. A. Fischer, assisted by Mrs. A. E. Conoley.

AVON PARK'S PIONEER DAYS

In the spring of 1886, with the advent of the first trains to reach that far south over the rapidly-built narrow-gauge railroad, the Florida Southern, a new world with a face so sober enough in repose, but capable of lighting into winning smiles, arrived in Fort Meade and registered at the Fort Meade hotel, run by Mrs. C. H. Swann, or O. M. Crosby, New York, in a plain, round hand. The following day he hired a team and driver to take him out to the sand hills and show him the town, as he called it.

Mr. Crosby was born and raised in the state of wooden nutmegs and had been representing in Florida as its correspondent The South, a handsomely illustrated New York publication, owned and published by Obadiah A. Clough, another native of the heart of the rugged hills of New Hampshire.

Mr. Clough had a job printing establishment for producing exclusively high-grade illustrated booklets and folders for resort hotels, railroads, steamships and towns, principally in the southern states, which from the early seventies to the late eighties were attracting a great deal of attention from northern and western people, and a field for speculation, as well as a favored clime for those who dreamed blustering and dreary winters.

The speculators were building as cheaply as possible narrow-gauge railroads, some of them of devious course, in order to obtain the land grants which the laws allowed at the rate of 11,000 acres to the mile. (The south—Florida—under a special law got 14,000 acres to the mile.) They also started boom towns, which were widely advertised; built hotels in which to entertain prospective customers, for every winter visitor was

BEGINNING WORK ON METHODIST CHURCH

The contract for building the new Methodist church has been let to Contractor W. H. Pabor, who has sublet the masonry contract to Contractor William L. Smith. The latter has a force of men engaged in preparing for the work, which will be pushed as rapidly as possible.

The brick for the building will be manufactured by Mr. Smith, who is placing the engine and machine in position now. The material from which the brick will be manufactured will be sand and cement and the work of making brick is not an experiment with Mr. Smith, he having manufactured the brick for both the Venus and Charlotte Harbor school houses, which he built. He is using the same machinery here.

The members of the Methodist church will appreciate having a modern church home, and to the activities of the pastor, the Rev. W. A. Fischer, much credit must be given for the securing of funds with which to build the edifice.

Slumber Party
A number of young people held a "slumber party" at the home of the Misses Ida and Lola Skipper Wednesday night. The principal feature of the event, so far as we have been able to ascertain, was the fact that none of the party did any "slumbering," although we are informed that it was a most delightful time. The guests were Vera Crews, Loca Hart, Florence Hart, Josephine Clark, Beatrice Bass, Ethyle Marsh and Bertha Cameron.

Woman's Club Meeting
Matters of much importance will be brought up at the meeting of the Woman's Club to be held at the school house today. Every member is urged to be present.

Pay your poll taxes

AVON PARK'S PIONEER DAYS

regarded as a "prospect," and thousands and thousands of them fell victims to the fascinations of the land over which romance had thrown its sheeny mantle, to the mellow winter sunshine, and his enthusiasm raising orange groves and waving mosses.

Mr. Crosby had been interested in the promotion of betterment in Marion county, and Mr. Clough, becoming infected with the desire, honor and prospective profits (on paper) of a new town, authorized Mr. Crosby to search for a proper location. The latter, some years later, told the writer that he started up the St. Johns from Jacksonville on a steamer without any definite point in view, but chancing to engage in conversation with a fellow traveler, a native of the state, he revealed his mission and was immediately informed that "the prettiest township in all Florida was 33, 28."

Thus doth chance favor her friends. After a hasty survey of the land from his buggy, Mr. Crosby was convinced of its great desirability for the purpose and hastened to New York to lay the information before Mr. Clough. The latter at once proceeded to Philadelphia, where he made a contract with three Disston companies for the entire township, to be taken up in parcels of forty acres or multiples thereof, at \$2.50 an acre. It may be explained that this entire township, excepting four parcels—one of 160 acres in section 6, one of about the same size south of Lake Damon, one of about eighty acres at the east end of Pythias and the school section, and one picked out by Henry Disston's agents as part of the 4,000,000 acres he bought from the state of Florida for \$1,000,000. Not long afterward Mr. Clough happened to be in

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CITIZENS HOLD MASS MEETING AND DISCUSS COUNTY DIVISION

GET BUSY; HELP AVON PARK GROW

Building and loan associations are being so successfully operated in some Florida cities that others are falling in line and organizing in various parts of the state. The latest organization of the kind of which we have any knowledge is at Fort Pierce, one of which the News-Tribune says:

"Interest in the association is marked through the whole town. Inquiries are heard on all sides, and the success of the project is assured. New names are being added to the list of members every day and the list of stockholders is constantly growing."

"Every citizen in town should be a member. The money paid in each week will be held subject to the order of the member, so that if it is needed the member can secure it by giving notice, while at the same time the money will be building homes for the borrowers, who can return the money in weekly payments, so that it can be immediately put out in the building of another home."

"These associations have been great successes in other cities and towns. New Smyrna and Cocoa have live associations and their work is building up their towns."

We know of no place in Florida where the opportunity for organizing a successful building and loan association is greater. Our industries, increasing in number and size daily, are bringing a class of people here who will want to become permanent residents, as we have no facilities for housing these newcomers, why not provide the means whereby they can house themselves?

Securing a suitable house in which to live and paying rent are two problems that are hard for the workingman satisfactorily to solve. Place him in a position where he can have a house built to his liking, applying the money he would otherwise pay for rent receipts upon the purchase thereof, and you will have in the course of a few years a community of satisfied workingmen, owning homes of their own, who will be permanent and valuable residents of the town. Just as long as you leave it up to the workingman to work out his own salvation in the matter of housing his family, where no houses are obtainable, just that long will those who depend upon him to keep their industries moving have a serious problem confronting them in securing competent and reliable help.

Organize a building and loan association along the right lines, show the man of small means or who depends upon his weekly stipend for a livelihood that you are really in earnest and mean to help him secure a home of his own, without paying an exorbitant rate of interest, and you will soon see houses going up in all parts of the town.

Get busy and help Avon Park grow.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS EXALT TWO CLASSES

At a special convocation held last Friday night Highlands Chapter, U. D. Royal Arch Masons, exalted two classes to the Royal Arch degree. Those upon whom the degrees were conferred were: E. O. Williams, D. F. Canfield, L. M. Marsh, Clinton Skipper, O. E. Wolf and W. O. Spear.

We Pass the Buck

The Sebring White Way hands us some very good advice in the following: "We notice that Brother Adams is getting along in the Sebring White Way in Avon Park. It's a long, hard fight, brother, and our advice to you is to enlist the co-operation of the Woman's Club." Ladies of the Woman's Club, the loafing dogs are turned over to your tender mercies.

A mass meeting largely attended by representative citizens of Avon Park and farmers from the surrounding country was held in the Magnolia theater Monday afternoon for the purpose of organizing in Avon Park a county division unit.

George F. Kellogg was chosen chairman and D. V. Rouse secretary of the meeting.

W. M. Reek, secretary of the county division campaign committee, in an able and earnest manner presented to the audience the issues of the campaign and reviewed the work of the campaign committee from its organization to the present time. He handled some of the rumors which have been set afloat by the anti-divisionists without gloves, nullifying the cross several falsehoods and stating the position of the committee in such a fair and square manner that none present could be other than convinced of the absolutely impartial work of the committee, the members of which have for several months been spending their own time and money in an effort to bring about a county division that would benefit all parts of DeSoto county and work a hardship upon no particular section.

For many years county division has been agitated in this great county, but due to first one cause and then another, it has never been accomplished. The object of Monday's mass meeting was to solidify the voters and lay them into one harmonious body of men, all working earnestly to accomplish the same result—the divorcing of this section of DeSoto county from Arcadia and its iniquitous gang of unprincipled politicians.

There was a general discussion of county division, every man taking the floor being absolutely in favor of the proposition. It was clearly brought out that no other issue was to be allowed to sidetrack the main issue—that of cutting DeSoto county into five parts, thus insuring the more rapid growth and development of every section. The no-fence law, county seats, individual campaigns and everything else that might detract from the main issue were to be cast in the discard in order to win the more important stakes.

The rumor that a small coterie of men from outside the state had banded together to divide DeSoto county for their own personal benefit was branded as and proven to be a malicious falsehood and was being fostered mainly by native sons of DeSoto county, who long ago tired of paying large sums annually in taxes and seeing the gang at Arcadia reap the benefits.

It was clearly set forth that no town or section of the province (Continued on Page 8)

NEW MACHINERY AT BOTTLING WORKS

The Avon Park bottling works has been busy for several days installing two new machines, which will insure the output of strictly pure and sanitary bottled water.

The machines are a Milwaukee Brownie soaker and a conveyor. The bottles are placed in the former machine, where they are allowed to soak for ten minutes in water heated to the required temperature and containing a sterilized solution that makes them absolutely sanitary and comply with the regulations of the health department as regards bottling. From this machine they are placed in the conveyor, where they are automatically rinsed and delivered to the bottling machine itself. These machines have a capacity of 500 bottles an hour.

Manager Holt informs us that he is experiencing considerable difficulty in securing sugar, which is a serious handicap to his business.



Tree in Grove of F. B. Sheaffer, Located in Section Seventeen, Now Past Four Years Old.

HOW quickly the years pass—seems no time since we commenced clearing Section Seventeen. The purchasers were then looking forward six years for an income—their vision is almost realized. They see a big and wonderful grove—trees unsurpassed in size and condition—their investment doubled in value and the time quite near when they will reap the reward of patience and confidence.

The Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers Association congratulates you on your forethought and good judgment, assuring you again that you will not be disappointed with our efforts.

What has been done can be repeated, therefore owners in Section Sixteen can look forward with confidence that their groves will be equally as valuable as those in Section Seventeen.

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Avon Park

Florida

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Real estate.—P. M. Stivender. Mark Lance was transacting business in Tampa Monday.

W. A. Hatchell of Sebring was a business visitor here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Chapman motored to Winter Haven Sunday.

The Rev. S. F. Durrance was one of our prominent visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Roberts motored to Sebring Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. L. E. Webster and William Smith motored to Fort Meade Monday.

C. P. Anderson and S. P. Durrance made a business trip to Arcadia Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Smith and F. M. Whidden motored to Arcadia Tuesday.

C. L. Morrison and W. H. Lewis of Fort Meade were transacting business here Tuesday.

John Whidden, Paul Kessler and Lon and Clayton Raulerson visited Sebring Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. R. L. Warren of Tifton, Ga., is the charming guest of Mrs. S. P. Durrance for several weeks.

For Sale—Cock, four hens, V. 187-egg strain, \$10; eight pullets, \$2.50 each. E. D. Putney, Lake Brentwood.

Mrs. C. P. Anderson and Mrs. Sadie B. Farrington and son Henry motored to Tampa Monday, where they spent a couple of days.

Miss Amelia Landis, who had been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Kingsley, out on Deer lake, left Saturday for her home in Elkhart, Ind.

Mrs. Frank Wichwire and daughter Gladys and Marion Alford and Lois Geiger of Arcadia spent the week-end here, guests of Mrs. W. B. Mitchell.

Among our prominent citizens visiting Arcadia Friday of last week were B. H. Starkey, W. O. Skipper, M. C. Foley, D. G. Skipper and J. W. Foley.

L. L. Bean and A. M. Durrance of Fort Meade were joined here Sunday by C. L. Crews and A. M. McAuley, the party motoring to Lake Stearns to spend the day.

W. E. Farmer of Moore Haven was an Avon Park visitor Monday, making this office a pleasant call. Mr. Farmer was here looking over the town with a view to locating.

To Exchange—High-class seven-passenger auto, in splendid condition, for town lots; might consider small grove proposition. William L. Smith, Park hotel, Whidden building.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Zeigler and infant child of Dupont, Ohio, who had been spending several weeks here with Mrs. Zeigler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Borauff, departed for their home Tuesday.

A Troy (Ohio) concern is advertising in this issue for the address of John E. Simmons, formerly engaged in business here. There are some in Avon Park who would also like to learn of Simmons' whereabouts.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Smith and little Mary Ryan, who had been spending the winter with them, left for their homes in Manchester, N. Y., Tuesday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are among our regular winter visitors who have a host of friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Parker left Monday morning for New York, where Mr. Parker has a position formalizing the erection of a large building. Both Mr. and Mrs. Parker have many friends in Avon Park who hope for their speedy return, which Mr. Parker says will be "before snow flies."

Mrs. F. H. Rae left Monday for Vermillion, Ohio, where she will spend the summer months. She was accompanied by her son, Capt. F. C. Rae, who will enjoy a well-earned vacation of about thirty days. En route they will spend a couple of days in Atlanta, where Captain Rae will attend the annual meeting of the Retail Hardware Dealers' Association.

If you have property to sell, see Stivender.

Ed Ley of Arcadia was greeting friends here Saturday.

Steve Roberts of Zolfo was transacting business here Monday.

Ladies, attend the meeting of the Woman's Club this afternoon.

A. Ellison last week purchased F. A. Parker's Ford touring car.

Mrs. H. Craft of Tampa spent Monday night here with Mrs. Max Wild.

Circuit Judge Whitehurst was here from Arcadia Saturday greeting friends.

A. C. Warner, manager of the coca-cola bottling works, Tampa, spent Sunday in Avon Park.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Chapman have rented the Whittier cottage near the Congregational church.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Glass, W. O. Spear and Miss Alice Dutton motored to Bartow Sunday afternoon.

Fred Peden, Joe Langford, Beatrice Bass and Thelma Clark motored to Sebring Sunday afternoon.

George Gibbons and Mr. and Mrs. A. Brannon of Waverly were Avon Park visitors Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Irene Lockett took a truckload of young people to Sebring Sunday afternoon, all enjoying the ride.

E. N. Dickinson made a trip to Punta Gorda Sunday with his truck, bringing back a resaw machine for D. F. Canfield.

S. P. Durrance is adding greatly to the beauty of his lovely bungalow on Lake Tulane by having it stuccoed in white and shelled.

Miss Ruth Tomblinson of Dallas, Tex., was here Saturday demonstrating Nutrola cooking compound at the Park Mercantile Company's store.

E. L. Hockersmith of Winter Haven, formerly a resident and property owner here, spent the week-end in Avon Park, the guest of his daughter, Mrs. V. E. Sapp.

R. W. Swearingen, A. M. McAuley, John Hood, Dr. A. S. Riddle, A. D. Roberts and E. N. Dickinson attended the auction sale and fish fry at Lake Stearns last week.

I will open a private summer school Monday, May 10, at 9 o'clock a. m. and will meet all children who desire to attend at the school auditorium at that time. Miss Sadie Myers.

Notice—Will certainly appreciate any one informing me of the present address of John E. Simmons, formerly of Avon Park. Earl C. Galbreath, box 223, Troy, Ohio. 23-2t

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burke left Monday morning for their northern home, Old Forge, in the Adirondack mountains of New York, after having spent six delightful months here. Their friends will eagerly look for their return next fall.

Mark Lance, Harvey Wiggins and the Misses Helen and Henrietta Farrington spent Sunday afternoon in Sebring, guests of the VanKleeks at their handsome little cottage on Lake Jackson. Bathing in the lake was enjoyed, after which a light lunch was served.

T. J. McGinnis left Monday morning for Atlanta to attend the annual meeting of the Retail Hardware Dealers' Association. While there he will purchase a new stock of hardware, making his selections from the display of the Shapleigh Hardware Company of St. Louis, which will be exhibited at the Aragon hotel. This hardware firm's display last year took first prize.

Let Mrs. Graves Tell You Her Poultry-Raising Experience
"Three years ago I bought an incubator; this year I've made money. Rats stole my baby chicks. I didn't know until a friend gave me a cake of RAT-SNAP. Next morning found two dead rats in hennery. Kept finding them. Suddenly they disappeared altogether. It's the only sure rat killer." Take Mrs. Graves' advice. Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by F. C. Rae, Avon Park Drug Company, Park Mercantile Company.

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William L. Smith

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NOT ENTHUSING OVER CATTS

If the reports of our exchanges are to be credited, Governor Catts is meeting with quite a different reception from what he counted on, in his canvass for senator. Especially is this true of south Florida. The crowds that flocked to hear him four years ago have dwindled in size to mere handfuls of indifferent listeners, who have been known, when the governor had finished his speech, to call for cheers for Fletcher. The reason is obvious. When he jumped into his Florida campaign he was a novelty, just as the "grave robber" now on exhibition is. The people were curious to see this audacious politician from a neighboring state, who signaled his advent into Florida politics by making a grab at the highest office the state had to bestow, before he had been here long enough to qualify as a voter. The sublime audacity of the man captured the imagination of the people, and many came out of pure curiosity to see what manner of man this was who threw such a scare into the seasoned politicians of Florida. And many of those who came to scoff were captured by the rude oratory and specious promises of the man and decided to give him a trial anyway.

All that water has long since passed under the bridge. There is no longer any curiosity to see this gentleman from Alabama, who crossed the state line and seated himself in the governor's chair, almost before the people of Florida knew what was going on. Whatever else may be said of him, he can never be charged with overweening modesty. The people have had numerous opportunities to acquaint themselves with his personal appearance. His "loud, fierce voice" has reverberated from the Georgia line to the southern keys, from Jacksonville to Pensacola. His mephitic jokes and vainglorious boasts are as familiar to the people almost as their own names, so familiar

that they have ceased to evoke laughter or applause. He has had a finger in every pie, and his unwarranted interferences have cost the people of Florida a pretty penny. He promised a reduction of taxes, and they have doubled under his administration; he promised economy, and has saddled his immediate relatives upon the state to the tune of \$32,000 annually.

He rode into the governor's office on a campaign based on ignorance, sympathy and religious prejudice. The same appeals will not work this year. The people know him too well, they have no sympathy with his aspirations, and they suspect him of using religion to help him into office. These facts account for the waning attendance at his meetings and the lack of enthusiasm with which the people listen to his gross witticisms and scurrilous speeches. His brief day in Florida politics is nearly over. The people have agreed on their verdict, and it will be delivered to him at the primary.—Tampa Times.

TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE MOON

There was a total eclipse of the moon Sunday night, visible here from about 7 o'clock until 11. The first contact of the earth's shadow began at 7:01 p. m. and ended at 11:41 p. m., eastern standard time. Totality began at 8:15 and ended at 9:27 p. m. The eclipse was generally visible in the western countries of Europe and Africa, on the Atlantic ocean and in the eastern portions of North and South America.

The eclipse was caused by the shadow of the earth while passing between the sun and the moon, and as the latter shines by reflected light, it was in eclipse until passing of the shadow.

Caught Big Trout
L. M. Marsh caught a ten and one-half-pound trout out of Lake Verona one day last week.

P. M. Stivender, real estate.

See

William King
Avon Park

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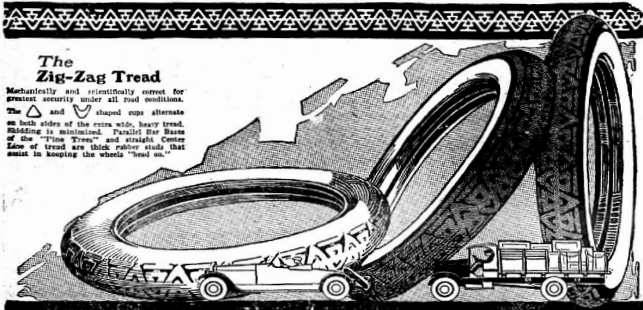
Real Estate of All Kinds

Have some fine Lake Front Building Sites, just out of incorporation.

Owner's Price is My Price.

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FLORIDA IS KNOWN BY ITS NEWSPAPERS

(Tampa Tribune)
The Times-Union says: "The newspapers of Florida testify to the class of people who live in this state. No state in the union

is as well supplied as Florida with newspapers in proportion to population. A Florida city with 5,000 people will support as good a paper as will a city of fifteen thousand in another state—a fact which shows that the Florida people are some pumpkins, whether newspapers have influence or not."

And there is no doubt of the

papers having influence, either. You can take any great thing that has been raised in the past decade in Florida and with the exception of the Catts catastrophe—which was not an issue but an attempt to undo by unfairness what he had by default allowed to be done—there is not a thing in Florida accomplished that the papers have not had a hand in.

The drainage of the Everglades has been largely a newspaper accomplishment; making our pure food laws conform to the federal law was accomplished by newspapers educating the people to it, and the people forcing the legislature; prohibition has been accomplished through the newspapers, and woman's suffrage as it stands today is largely due to the publicity the movement has been given.

The Florida press is recognized over the country as being highly enlightened, sensible, well edited and more widely circulated in every part of the country of the state than the papers in any other southern state, at least. The Floridian is a reader, not only of one paper, but of many. He takes the county paper, all of them, in many instances where there are as many as three in a county. He takes a church or denominational paper, and he takes his big state daily. In addition to all that, there are few communities in Florida where one or more New York, Chicago or other big city dailies is not a regular part of the daily mental food.

The result is that Florida cannot long be made the tool of politicians who would and do use it for their own purposes. It is fast becoming impossible to fool the people with platitudes and with stories that are not likely to be true.

See Stivender for real estate.

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TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF AVON PARK.
Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of The First National Bank of Avon Park, Florida, will be held at the office in Avon Park, Florida, on Tuesday, May 25th, 1920, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of considering and voting on the proposed increase of its capital stock from \$25,000.00 to \$50,000.00, and for the transaction of any other business which may properly come before said meeting.
F. C. RAE, Secretary.
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CARY A. HARDEE'S WORDS RING TRUE

One of the contemptible tricks of some of Arcadia's scheming politicians was an effort to injure the candidacy of Cary A. Hardee by spreading the report that he had promised Buck King that, in the event of his election, he would veto any county division bill affecting DeSoto county the legislature might pass.

Such tactics, however, are in line with other reports emanating from the county seat. In order to gain their ends some of the "gang" in that city do not hesitate at falsehood, intimidation, duplicity, or anything else that may be turned to their advantage.

These facts will be well to remember when you hear an Arcadia man talking against county division.

Mr. Hardee is not endeavoring to secure the nomination for governor by making individual promises. Neither is he attempting to build up a political machine by catering to any clique or faction. If he were he would certainly have too much good sense to cater to those so largely in the minority as the anti-divisionists. We like the way Mr. Hardee has handled this report in making his denial through the newspapers. In a letter to the Moore Haven Times concerning our county division issue he says:

"It is a question with which I have nothing to do. It is certainly not an issue in my campaign for the governorship, and I do not want to be in the attitude of either saying in private or public anything which could be used to affect those local questions. I am neither opposing or supporting county division in DeSoto county. It is peculiarly a question to be decided by yourselves. First in the selection of your representatives, and later by the legislature of the state when assembled, and let me be perfectly frank in saying that I will approve any reasonable bill which the legislature may pass."

"My conception of the veto power, placed by the constitution in the hands of the governor, is one to be used only in special cases. Certainly the governor is not given the veto power to use for the purpose of thwarting the legislative will. If I am governor there will be no prostitution of executive power to serve private ends. Every question that comes before me will be decided on its merits irrespective of who may favor or oppose it. No man or set of men will have a 'pull' with me in its sinister sense, but every man or set of men will have a 'pull' with me when there is merit back of their claims."

GOOD ADVICE TO ADVERTISERS

The Tampa Tribune gives some excellent advice to merchants in the following:

"The customers of a store sometimes wonder how the merchant himself feels about the present level of prices."

"Tell them your views—and make plain the reasons for doubled prices."

"Have the courage to quote prices in your ads—even though they should be high."

"Don't let the impression grow that perhaps the retailer is playing a 'guilty' part in the price-boasting game."

"Give the people the truth, the full light. It is due them."

"You can serve your readers by clarifying for them many of the mysteries of high prices—perhaps allaying unjust suspicions in their minds as to the integrity of manufacturers, jobbers and even of retailers."

INSURANCE

I am prepared to write Fire Insurance on your house, store or stock, and at the present price of labor and material every one should carry all the insurance possible. I also write Automobile Insurance, which protects your car in case of accidents and theft and I also write Sick and Accident Insurance which is especially good for the wage earner. When in need of insurance of any kind, see me.

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The editors will be with us to-morrow.

Work together in harmony for county division.

And how about the building and loan association?

It didn't take Cary A. Hardee long to nail that county division lie to the cross.

As yet no noticeable boom has been started for George Wilder, who desires to displace Congressman Drane.

Catts and Van Swearingen—two of a kind, only the latter more dangerous because of his superior education.

Compare the growth of our large counties with that of the smaller ones. The balance stands in favor of the smaller counties.

An attempt to get county divisionists mixed up with some other issue will prove a flat failure. County division is the issue with us, regardless of anything else.

DeSoto county as it has stood for years has been taxation without representation to everybody outside of Arcadia and the few men Arcadia has sanctioned.

The Grouser is not in politics, but we cannot help saying that we believe Florida would be disgraced in the eyes of the nation if Senator Fletcher should be defeated.—The Florida Grouser.

The silk oak trees are in bloom, which adds greatly to the beauty of their foliage. Not a month in the year in these scenic Highlands where nature is unfolding a wonderful blending of color.

Sidney J. Catts says all Florida newspaper men will go to hell. We are going to quit the game, as we absolutely refuse to have his company thrust upon men in hell.—Lake Wales Highlander.

Don't let any of that Arcadia propaganda fool you. The very fact that Arcadia politicians are opposing county division should induce the voters of other sections to support the division candidates.

Avon Park has a sweet potato that weighed in at 100 pounds net, and The Highlands Pilot says the land thereabouts can raise plenty of them and possibly some that are bigger.—Times-Union.

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

"The Eustis Lake Region is whooping is up over a woman who landed an eleven-and-three-quarters-pound fish. We know a Tampa girl who has just landed a 160-pounder, and she didn't have to 'play him' over two weeks," says the Tampa Tribune. Now, wasn't she a lucky dam-sell?

Only have one fault to find with the Arcadia Enterprise. It still persists in sticking to Catts, when its editor knows in his own heart that Catts is no more fit to be governor of this state or entitled to a seat in the United States senate than the blackest negro in Florida. One thing sure, however—the Enterprise cannot be accused of ingratitude. The governor appointed Andy to a good fat position and Andy appreciates it.

Catts also told the Moore Haven voters that if he is elected to the United States senate one of his first official acts will be to have a channel "dug so that big boats can sail through Moore Haven." If the Gov's promise to have a channel dug that will accommodate ocean-going vessels turns out as well as his promise to lower taxes me four years ago, it was to be his first official act, the channel Moore Haven now has will likely be closed up.—Fort Lauderdale-Herald.

With sugar at 40 cents a pound, many of us will drink our "lava" black.

County division will not increase taxes, but it will give you the benefit of your tax money.

Ingram P. Barlow of Wauchula announces in this issue as a candidate for the office of county judge.

Just why are certain people envious of me as many have said it is possible to qualify for the election?

Just a few—a very few—newspapers are opposing the candidacy of Cary A. Hardee for governor.

If all the candidates for county office who are "sure to win" are elected every office will have a number of officers.

Hoover might be able to tell us how to make a pound of sugar last a week, but he has never told us how to get that pound.

If we were as sure of going to heaven as we are that Senator Fletcher will be re-elected we'd be reserving our seat there right now.

Avon Park citizens, by working in harmony, can make this the most important city of the scenic Highlands. It's up to their citizens.

New homes going up all over town and many more will be started as soon as the material can be obtained. Yes, we will have 5,000 population in three years.

Organized laboring men say they have nothing to fear from the election of Cary A. Hardee as governor. He believes in just as square a deal for the laboring man as for the capitalist.

Arcadia is wasting good money when she sends a man here to spread anti-division propaganda. The voters of Avon Park are "wise" to the man, as well as the tricks of Arcadia politicians.

We understand the Florida Ice and Power Company will immediately extend its lines from Frostproof and give us twenty-four hour electric service. Our people will appreciate this and give the company a sufficient patronage to pay dividends on the additional investment.

Former weather bureau chief, who for eighteen years was engaged in the work of the department of agriculture, asserts publicly that of the \$22,000,000 appropriated annually out of the public funds for the use of the department, \$25,000,000 there-of goes for the payment of salaries, indicating that the farmer, as usual, gets the "short end of the stick."—Times-Union.

The Association of Railway Executives, in data presented to the interstate commerce commission, advocated a general increase in freight rates of 27.8 per cent. This is calculated to increase the income by \$1,017,776,000 a year. The increase urged is to bring net operating income up to the 6 per cent provided in the transportation act. Passenger fares will not be affected.

The Fort Lauderdale Herald says that "the methods used by the Swearingen supporters have been underhanded and mean." We are not at all surprised by this statement, knowing of a few "stunts" Van Cicero pulled off while mayor of Jacksonville. The old saw, "Birds of a feather flock together," holds good pretty generally and it is reasonable to presume that Van and his supporters are of the same plumage.

John A. Graham of Bradenton has been selected by the anti-divisionists as their candidate for state senator to oppose the election of John Graham for a county judge. Now we are wondering why the anti-divisionists selected a Manatee county man, when it is DeSoto county's turn, according to the old "gentleman's agreement." The state senator for this senatorial district. And we are also wondering how many votes John Graham can control in his own county. Fact of the matter is, in selecting John Graham for a candidate the anti-divisionists are playing into their opponents' hands, unless they depend upon Mr. Graham's strength lying in DeSoto county, where he is not as well known as in Manatee.

P. M. Stivender, real estate.

HARD UP FOR TIMBER

Maj. John A. Graham, Arcadia's candidate for Manatee county for state senator to fight county division, has his announcement in this issue. In a letter to this editor he states that some time in the near future he hopes to visit Avon Park in the interests of his candidacy. Mr. Graham's announcement calls to mind a nasty political squabble of sixteen years ago. When Arcadia politicians forced down the throats of Manatee county citizens a state senator not of their own choosing when it was that county's turn to name the senator, a man of Arcadia's choice, J. H. Humphries, now postmaster at Bradenton, then editor of the Manatee Journal. Mr. Humphries was repudiated at the election by Manatee county voters, but was elected by the overwhelming vote of DeSoto county. This year we predict the result will be entirely different. The old-time convention system has been done away with and the opportunity for ballot-box stuffing and other election frauds are not as great as they were sixteen years ago. The divisionists of DeSoto county are thoroughly organized and the leading men of Manatee county are opposed to violating that old "gentleman's agreement" which they have held inviolate for many years. Personally, we have no fault to find with Mr. Graham, but we have twice lived in Manatee county and know the leading men of that county too well to believe they will rally to his support. The Hon. Frank Cooper, formerly a resident of that county, has a clean record and a host of friends who will work "tooth and nail" to secure his nomination.

WRONG AGAIN
It looks as if Zolfo Springs will walk off with the commissioner plum this year, as both Avon Park and Sebring have a candidate apiece. Efforts were made to get the Sebring man to withdraw, but Sebring in her usual way of wanting everything won't agree to do it. We predict a tie between Sebring and Avon Park when that end of the county gets a county of its own.—Moore Haven Times.

The Moore Haven Times is wrong. Avon Park has no candidate in the field for county commissioner from this district and, so far as we have been able to learn, has made no effort to have Mr. Carlton withdraw from the race. Avon Park is not fighting any particular aspirant for county office. All our efforts are centered on electing men for representative and senator who are in favor of county division, as outlined by the county division committee.

As far as any "lively times between Sebring and Avon Park" are concerned, we must say that it appears as though "the wish might be father to the thought." Sebring and Avon Park are in perfect harmony in this county division fight, and if the Moore Haven Times is for county division, then we would advise the discontinuance of these little innuendoes that might have a tendency to create friction, even though they may not be intended that way.

Avon Park and Sebring are not going to fall out in this county division fight and the men of both places have better sense than to quarrel over a shadow.

NOTICE

Poll Tax for Former Service Men.

Arcadia, Fla., April 26, 1920. We have had a recent opinion from the attorney general's office in regard to former service men paying poll taxes. In his opinion all former service men who have returned home in time to pay poll taxes to vote will have to pay for 1918 as well as 1919 poll tax.

All persons who desire to vote in any primary or general election, poll taxes must be paid for two years (1918 and 1919) on or before the second Saturday in the month preceding the day such election is held.

The law requires that each person pay and send in his own remittance for such poll tax. Poll tax can be paid without paying a real estate and personal property tax, but property tax cannot be paid without poll taxes when poll tax is assessed.

CYRIL BALDWIN, Tax Collector DeSoto County, Arcadia, Fla.

If you have property to sell, see Stivender.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 and have been actively engaged in the practice of law for the past five years in the county of DeSoto. 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 accept the influence and support of every elector of DeSoto County.

Very respectfully,
INGRAM P. BARLOW.

FOR COMMISSIONER

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of County Commissioner of District No. 5, subject to the Democratic primary of June 8, 1920. 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 of the duties of the office.

Respectfully yours, A. S. WALLACE.

FOR STATE SENATOR

I hereby announce my candidacy for State Senator from the Twenty-seventh District of Florida, subject to the decision of the Democratic primaries to be held June 8, 1920. I have been a resident of this county as outlined by the campaign committee on county division for nearly twenty years. Having lived here practically all my life, I feel a deep interest in the development and betterment of this county. I believe and should you send me to the capital as your representative, I will endeavor to serve all citizens without fear or favor.

Yours truly, FRANK M. COOPER.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

To the Voters of DeSoto County: I am a candidate for the office of County Commissioner for District No. 5, subject to the decision of the voters at the Democratic primary, June 8, 1920. I have been a resident of this county for many years and have been actively engaged in the business and professional life of this county. I believe and should you send me to the capital as your representative, I will endeavor to serve all citizens without fear or favor.

Respectfully,
JAMES H. CARLTON.

FOR COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR

To the Voters of DeSoto County: I desire to announce that I am a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor for DeSoto county, subject to the Democratic primary, June 8, 1920. I have been a resident in this county for many years and have been actively engaged in the business and professional life of this county. I believe and should you send me to the capital as your representative, I will endeavor to serve all citizens without fear or favor.

Respectfully,
L. W. WHITEHURST.

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. I have been a resident of this county for many years and have been actively engaged in the business and professional life of this county. I believe and should you send me to the capital as your representative, I will endeavor to serve all citizens without fear or favor.

Respectfully,
F. H. WILLIAMS.

FOR SHERIFF

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Sheriff for DeSoto county, subject to the Democratic primary to be held June 8, 1920. I have been a resident of this county for many years and have been actively engaged in the business and professional life of this county. I believe and should you send me to the capital as your representative, I will endeavor to serve all citizens without fear or favor.

Respectfully,
JOE L. HAMPTON.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Tax Assessor of DeSoto county, subject to the Democratic primary, June 8, 1920. I have been a resident of this county for many years and have been actively engaged in the business and professional life of this county. I believe and should you send me to the capital as your representative, I will endeavor to serve all citizens without fear or favor.

Respectfully,
C. A. CREWS.

FOR SHERIFF

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff for DeSoto county, subject to the Democratic primary to be held June 8, 1920. I refer you to my record in the office of Sheriff for the past five years. I have been a resident of this county for many years and have been actively engaged in the business and professional life of this county. I believe and should you send me to the capital as your representative, I will endeavor to serve all citizens without fear or favor.

Respectfully,
J. L. DISHONG.

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 I desire to see all the voters personally, but that is impossible, and I will appreciate your vote of every one.

Respectfully,
CECIL F. HULL.

FOR TAX COLLECTOR

To the Voters of DeSoto County: I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Tax Collector of DeSoto county, subject to the Democratic primary in June. I have been a resident of this county for many years and have been actively engaged in the business and professional life of this county. I believe and should you send me to the capital as your representative, I will endeavor to serve all citizens without fear or favor.

Respectfully,
JOHN A. GRAHAM.

FOR STATE SENATOR

I hereby announce my candidacy in the Democratic primary for the Twenty-seventh Senatorial District of Florida, subject to the decision of the voters at the Democratic primaries to be held June 8, 1920. I have been a resident of this county for many years and have been actively engaged in the business and professional life of this county. I believe and should you send me to the capital as your representative, I will endeavor to serve all citizens without fear or favor.



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LOCAL AND PERSONAL MENTION

V. E. Sapp made a business trip to Haines City Monday.

Seal-Pax underwear for less at Lockett's new store at the crate mill.

Dessert peaches, two and one-half-pound cans, 35 cents. Park Mercantile Company.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lanier and C. A. Skipper made a trip to Punta Gorda Tuesday.

S. P. Durrance attended the regular meeting of the county commissioners at Arcadia Monday.

Henry Volgea departed Tuesday for his home in Valparaiso, Ind., after having spent several months here.

Mrs. J. S. Glass left Wednesday for Jacksonville to be with her mother, who will undergo an operation there.

Mrs. E. N. Dickinson and daughters Iris and Virginia and son Alex spent Tuesday forenoon in Wauchula shopping.

J. R. VanKleek and sister and Robert Wolff of Sebring attended the commencement exercises at the high school Monday night.

Mrs. C. M. Houston of Winter Haven and Mrs. W. J. K. Christman of New York city were the charming guests of Mrs. Phil Lacey Sunday.

Oak Bryant is home from Spanish Honduras, where he has been located during the last year in the employment of the United Fruit Company.

County Superintendent P. G. Shaver, who was in attendance upon the commencement exercises here and had been in our little city several days, returned to Arcadia yesterday.

D. L. Lander of Maitland, who had been spending a few days here with the family of his son, T. H. Lander, left for his home this morning. Mrs. Lander will remain here a couple of weeks longer, enjoying the hospitality of her son's home and the beauties of Avon Park.

H. H. Hancock of Mayfield, Ky., who had been spending the last five months here, departed for the Blue Grass state yesterday. Mr. Hancock is so well pleased with this town and section that he promises to become a regular winter visitor. This was his second season here.

Joe Carson of Frostproof was an Avon Park visitor Wednesday.

Fred Burton and Roy McLain of Winter Haven were prominent business visitors here Wednesday.

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

Joe Jackson of Kissimmee, who is surveying a tract of land east of town, spent the week-end with his mother in Kissimmee.

V. O. Fussell, candidate for county tax assessor, spent Wednesday in Avon Park looking after his political interests.

Ernest Bostain, Fred Peden and Melville Bass motored to Wauchula Wednesday evening to attend the movies—so they say.

S. Y. Hartt is preparing to move to his new bungalow on the shores of Lake Letta, and has already moved part of his furniture to his new home.

A series of revival meetings will be held in the skating rink beginning next Thursday. The meetings will be in charge of Rev. A. D. Buck and the Rev. W. A. Fischer.

J. B. Peden and family, Miss Elizabeth Andrews and Miss Ethel Oliver motored to Arcadia yesterday, where Miss Andrews will attend summer normal. Miss Oliver took the train there for her home in Punta Gorda.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Canfield, Mrs. Ada J. Canfield, Mrs. H. E. Coy and H. J. Bradley composed a party motoring to Punta Gorda Sunday, where the men folk enjoyed a few hours' fishing. They landed a nice string of mackerel, bringing us a "mess," in order that we might not doubt the truth of their fish tales.

Among the prominent visitors to Avon Park this week were Messrs. George Flint and Harry Foster of Philadelphia, Pa., who were in attendance upon an important meeting of the directors of the Flint Lumber Company. They departed for Philadelphia Wednesday night, taking the train from Wauchula. When these gentlemen visit Avon Park there is usually "something in the wind," so we are wondering what big "stunt" the Flint Lumber Company is going to pull off next.

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

P. M. Stivender, real estate, room 9, First National Bank building.

George G. Brackett of Titusville was an Avon Park visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. Phil Lacey spent Wednesday afternoon in Wauchula shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Gailey made a business trip to Lake Wales Wednesday.

Special—Two and one-half-pound cans of dessert peaches for 35 cents at the Park Mercantile Company.

M. N. Rittenour of Dundee spent several days here last week, the guest of his brother, A. B. Rittenour.

Capt. T. J. Henderson and Art Crews of Zolfo were transacting business and greeting friends here Saturday.

Mrs. Charles Pabor and Mrs. Hinton and daughter spent Wednesday afternoon in Wauchula shopping.

We notice by some handbills printed in Orlando that the Rev. A. D. Buck is conducting a series of revival meetings here.

Mrs. Grover Langford and little daughter of Arcadia were weekend visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Roberts.

Bert Rittenour left Wednesday for Indianapolis, Ind., to spend the summer, after having spent some time in Avon Park.

The Misses Eula Peden, Ethel Dickinson and Joy Parks returned to Arcadia Monday, where they are attending normal.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Fayette of Chicago are spending several days here looking over the Scenic Highlands with a view to investing.

James Langford and Fred and Harry Burton, who are assisting Joe Johnson with surveying a tract of land east of town, spent the week-end at their home in Lakeland.

Mrs. M. F. Whidden, Mrs. Walter Whidden, Mrs. Clyde Christopher and Mrs. Marion Whidden, Jr., spent Wednesday afternoon in Wauchula shopping.

Mrs. O. E. Wolff, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. White and C. N. Ott motored to Fort Meade Tuesday afternoon where they were guests of R. P. Crawford and family.

There will be a stated communication of Poinciana Lodge No. 227, F. and A. M., tonight, at which we are informed the entered apprentice degree will be conferred.

We are asked to publish a story to the effect that V. E. Sapp purchased that big string of fish he brought up from Fish-eating creek a week or so ago, but we are not going to say a word about it.

David T. Lockett now has his new store at the crate mill running in full blast and is making a bid for a share of the patronage of Avon Park people by advertising in The Pilot. Read his ad in another column.

J. A. Caldwell, manager of the Lake Wales Crate Company, was a business visitor here Tuesday. The time is rapidly approaching when the machinery of the Lake Wales plant will be moved to Avon Park and Mr. Caldwell will become one of our valued citizens.

E. N. Barnhill of Boca Grande, who has purchased the City Market from W. H. Collins, arrived in Avon Park last Friday, taking charge of his business Saturday. Mr. Barnhill is experienced in this line and expects his daughter here in a few days to assist him.

Mrs. Sadie B. Farrington, Mrs. W. M. Reck and daughter Winifred, the Misses Helen and Henrietta Farrington, E. G. Todd and Harvey Wiggins, motored to Sebring Wednesday evening to bid Miss Dorothy VanKleek farewell, it being the eve of her departure for her home in Auburn, N. Y. Miss VanKleek has been prominent in the social affairs of Avon Park young folk, adding greatly to the pleasure of every occasion graced by her presence, and she has a host of friends in Avon Park who hope for her early return next season.

If you want to buy a home, see Stivender.

C. A. Valentine of Jacksonville was a business visitor here yesterday.

Mrs. Lucy Masters and Eunice Drawdy were shopping in Wauchula Tuesday.

Come and see our new suits, dress goods and hosiery. Cost less at Lockett's new store.

The Park Mercantile Company is offering two and one-half-pound cans of dessert peaches for 35 cents.

Miss Lisabeth Purdom departed Wednesday for her home in Blackshear, Ga., where she will spend her summer vacation.

Miss Vera McGinnis entertain Thelma and Josephine Clark, Beatrice Bass and Ethyl Marsh with a slumber party tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Seeger departed yesterday for their home in Abbeville, S. C., after having spent a couple of enjoyable months here.

Mrs. T. H. Lander, Mrs. Kate West and Mrs. D. L. Lander motored to Maitland Wednesday, bringing with them on their return trip the latter's husband, who made a short visit here.

The business meeting of the Methodist Ladies' Aid Society will be held at the skating rink Wednesday, May 12, at 3:30 p. m. All members are urged to be present and visitors are cordially invited.

In sending in correspondence for a newspaper, never write on the reverse side of the paper. Articles written on both sides of the paper usually are consigned to the waste basket and the author to some other place.

New Restaurant

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

SHORT ORDERS AND MEALS
At All Hours

Your patronage solicited

T. J. Caruthers

Solve the Warm Weather Problem For Your Wife

By purchasing an Oil Stove. Don't make her sweat and sweater over a wood stove when she can do her cooking, ironing and washing, too, if she does the wash, in comfort and at practically no more expense than operating a wood stove.

NO SMOKE, NO SMELL, NO DANGER

We are showing a new line of Oil Stoves and, incidentally, if you want to use a modern wood range or small stove, we have them in a splendid showing—ALL PRICED RIGHT.

We are headquarters for

Farming Implements

and carry only standard lines, such as have met with the approval of all farmers who believe the best are the cheapest and consider service and wear. We have

John Deere Disc Plows at
\$135 Each

If you have any fencing to do, let us price our

Fencing

to you. We have all kinds and are always pleased to quote prices.

Water Coolers

Park Mercantile Co.

T. J. McGINNIS, Manager

AVON PARK

FLORIDA

NEW STORE NEW GOODS

We Have Them

Groceries, Candies

Dry Goods, Jewelry

Notions, Fresh Meats

Western and Southern

Hay and Grain

We will take pleasure in showing you goods that will suit you. Prices right. If you have not purchased your summer goods, it will pay you to visit the new store at the
MUTUAL CRATE MILL

David T. Lockett

 No. 19

STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES

B. H. JAMES

Prompt Delivery

Avon Park

HILLCREST

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

YOU CASH THE ANNUAL CHECK—THAT'S ALL

THE SCENIC HIGHLANDS DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

Avon Park, Florida

FLORIDA FAR FROM BEING A DESERT

(Times-Union)
If the editor of the Country Gentleman in his luxurious office in Philadelphia would glance over the Times-Union every day for one week he should be convinced that Florida is not a desert.

The reports from various sections of big crops being harvested and shipped in large quantities to the markets of the country are truly amazing at times, even to those who are somewhat familiar with Florida and to the uninitiated the news would be almost astounding.

In Thursday's paper a dispatch from Hastings told of a large party of potato growers from South Carolina visiting the extensive potato fields in that section to learn how they make and handle such a remarkable crop of potatoes. The sight they saw as they drove through the potato belt was one that will leave an indelible impression on their minds for many months and they will have something to talk about for the rest of the year. From this section alone it is estimated that nearly a million barrels of potatoes will be shipped this spring, and this will be augmented from other sections by possibly another million barrels, so the production of this one item of food alone in Florida will reach nearly two million barrels, which will sell for an average of \$10 a barrel, bringing to the state an income of about \$20,000,000 from this one product alone.

In the same issue comes a statement from Plant City that in three days there were shipped by express from that

station more than 5,000 packages of fruit and vegetables, besides many carlots, including beans, beets, cabbage, celery, cucumbers, grapefruit, oranges, onions, potatoes, strawberries, squash and turnips.

A quotation from the Lakeland Star tells about fifty-two farmers and live stock raisers having joined the better sires, better stock movement, which means that these farmers and raisers will use only purebred sires to improve their live stock and many of them will have several of these purebred sires in their herds.

Miami reports published in the same issue speak of the advanced prices being received for the big crop of tomatoes, which runs into the thousands of carlots in that rapidly-expanding tomato belt. The growers are now receiving \$5 a crate for their tomatoes and this will bring millions of dollars into that section and to all other sections growing tomatoes in Florida.

With 11,000,000 boxes of oranges and grapefruit shipped the past season, averaging more than \$5 a box, and big crops of celery and lettuce from Sanford and Manatee and a variety of crops from many other sections in the state, it is surprising indeed that any publication should make such statements as have been made by this magazine in the past year. A little course of reading up on Florida is recommended for the editor and his staff of special writers so that he will not be led into making such absurd blunders in the future.

It might be interesting for them to watch the reports of extensive planting of corn and sugar cane to be grown this summer and to study the reports on the herds of cattle and hogs

raised in the state, which now run around a hundred million dollars, not to say anything about our big timber interests, our naval stores and our immense phosphate industry, the largest in the world. Florida is coming on at a rapid rate despite the adverse articles that have been published about it, either wilfully or in pure ignorance.

DON'T BE OVERCONFIDENT

In speaking of the possibility of Sidney J. Catts being elected to succeed the Hon. Duncan U. Fletcher as United States senator, the Tampa Times says:

"We have more faith in the sanity, sobriety and good common sense of the people of Florida than to believe in the possibility of such an outcome. They have seen and laughed over Catts' blunders as governor, but they have not laughed over his doubling mileage; over his outrageous nepotism; over his atrocious decapitation of worthy officials, which has cost the state thousands of dollars. They have bowed their heads in shame at being made the laughing stock of the nation. They have been fooled once, egregiously fooled, but it will not happen again. The people of Florida are wide awake, and they are gauging the claims of Governor Catts at their true value. The verdict is being written in the lessened crowds, and lack of enthusiasm which characterize his meetings. He, in his blind egoism, may not be able to read the handwriting on the wall, but the people are writing it there, and it spells the everlasting end of his ambitions. But keep up the fight. There is danger in overconfidence. It rejoices us to know that ninety-nine out of one hundred of the intelligent editors and publishers of Florida estimate Catts at his true value, or we should have said at his utter lack of value."

SUGAR NOW SELLING AT 40 CENTS A POUND

Sugar at 36 cents a pound is the latest quotation for Tampa, the sugar in question having been brought from Nicaragua, arriving on Saturday.

According to James N. Bryn, chairman of the local fair price commission, the merchants are not profiteering when they boost the price to the 36-cent mark, since it cost the merchants 32 cents at wholesale, and a profit of 15 per cent is allowed the retailer over cost, when the sugar is in bulk form, as in the case of the Nicaraguan shipment. There is still said to be a small supply of sugar at 22 cents, but there is not much, and only two pounds can be sold to one person at one time.

The American Sugar Refining Company of New York on Monday increased the wholesale price on bulk granulated from 17 1/2 to 23 cents per pound, based on various quotations on raw sugar and the inability to secure any large amounts of any kind.—Tampa Tribune, April 28.

Sugar has been offered by at least one Plant City dealer this week at 40 cents the pound.—Plant City Courier.

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

Sheriff's Report

May 1, A. D. 1920.
To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto County.

Gentlemen: I beg leave to submit to you this my report covering the criminal business transacted through my office during the month of April, A. D. 1920:

	No.
Crimes	DEED
Assault with intent to murder	1
Assault and battery	1
Aggravated assault	1
Carrying concealed weapons	1
Drunkness, second time (recruit court case)	1
Prisoners	1
Delinquent children	1
Embezzlement	1
Forcible	1
Grand larceny	1
Guilty	1
Insolvent worthless check	1
Murder	1
Manufacturing intoxicating liquor, to-wit, "shine"	1
Perjury and aggravated assault	1
Petty larceny	1
Receiving of stolen goods	1
Setting fire to Everglades marsh	1
Stealing and having in possession	1
"moonshine"	1
Unlawful assembly	1
Unlawful use of arms	1
Wife desertion and non-support	1
Total	1
Trials and found not guilty	1
Fines and costs collected during month of April, 1920	1
Bound over to county court	1
Bound over to circuit court	1
Prisoners in jail today	1
Prisoners captured for other counties	1
County convicts on county roads today	1
Fines and costs collected during month of April, 1920	1
Fines and costs bonds on hand with good security, \$250.14	1

J. L. DISHONG,
Sheriff DeSoto County, Florida.
By Milton Dishong,
Deputy Sheriff.

"We Picked Up Seven Large Dead Rats First Morning Using Rat-Snap"

So writes Mr. B. E. Carpenter, Woodbridge, N. J. "We lost 18 small chicks one night, killed by rats. Bought some RAT-SNAP and picked up seven large dead rats next morning and in two weeks didn't see a single rat. RAT-SNAP is good and sure." Comes in cake ready for use. Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by F. C. Rae, Avon Park Drug Company, Park Mercantile Company.

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

List your property with Stivender.

Well Driving and Pipe Fitting

"Cutler Gets the Water"

ELECTRIC AND GASOLINE MOTORS
Prompt Service
Satisfactory Work
Low Prices
ROSSELL CUTLER
Avon Park, Florida

Send The Pilot to a friend.

BUY YOUR HOME NOW

I have four excellent homes, with and without grove surroundings. For a good buy see

Mark W. Lance
Room 8 Nat'l Bank Bldg.

CITRUS TREES FIRE INSURANCE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX

Notice is hereby given that Norton T. Smith, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 1554, dated August 5th, 1911; No. 1542, dated September 4, 1915; No. 1552, dated August 5, 1911; No. 1515, dated August 5, 1911; No. 1516, dated August 5, 1911; No. 1517, dated August 5, 1911; No. 1518, dated August 5, 1911; No. 1519, dated August 5, 1911; No. 1520, dated August 5, 1911; No. 1521, dated August 5, 1911; No. 1522, dated August 5, 1911; No. 1523, dated August 5, 1911; No. 1524, dated August 5, 1911; No. 1525, dated August 5, 1911; No. 1526, dated August 5, 1911; No. 1527, dated August 5, 1911; No. 1528, dated August 5, 1911; No. 1529, dated August 5, 1911; No. 1530, dated August 5, 1911; No. 1531, dated August 5, 1911; No. 1532, dated August 5, 1911; No. 1533, dated August 5, 1911; No. 1534, dated August 5, 1911; No. 1535, dated August 5, 1911; No. 1536, dated August 5, 1911; No. 1537, dated August 5, 1911; No. 1538, dated August 5, 1911; No. 1539, dated August 5, 1911; No. 1540, dated August 5, 1911; No. 1541, dated August 5, 1911; 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