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CITRUS GROWERS CALLED TO MEET IN ORLANDO THURSDAY, SEPT. 9

The citrus growers of the state have been called upon to meet in Orlando Thursday, Sept. 9, to discuss ways and means of insuring protection of the citrus industry against the introduction of black fly and other citrus pests from Cuba and other islands to the south. The calling of the meeting is the outcome of a conference between the Orlando board of trade and Dr. J. H. Montgomery, quarantine inspector, who decided that measures to insure citrus growers against these pests should be taken in time. The following letter has been sent to the growers of the state:

"Dear Sir: It has recently come to the attention of the Orlando board of trade that there are weak points in the quarantine service of the Florida state plant board, whereby the citrus groves of Florida are fully protected from the introduction of black fly and other serious pests that occur in the islands south of us, especially Cuba. The board of trade referred this matter to its citrus committee with full power to act on the situation. On last evening this committee was in conference with Dr. J. H. Montgomery, quarantine inspector of the Florida state plant board, and it was decided that the situation was so serious that the growers of Florida should be called together to take means to remedy this situation.

"The power to remedy this situation lies with the Florida state plant board and the federal horticultural board at Washington. Unfortunately, the Florida state plant board at Gainesville is not provided with sufficient means and facilities to handle the situation. Since the worst menace appears to be from the interstate shipment sent through Florida, it seems the federal horticultural board should be asked to take steps to remedy this situation for us. In order to do this, it will be necessary to ask the federal horticultural board to call a hearing for the growers of Florida to present their case to them.

"The citrus committee of the Orlando board of trade therefore extends an invitation to all organizations and individual growers in the different communities to meet with them at 2 p. m. on Thursday, Sept. 9, 1920, to discuss this matter and take action toward asking the federal horticultural board for a hearing.

"It is needless for this committee to point out to you the seriousness of the situation. The state plant board has repeatedly called attention to the menace, but has thus far had no response from the growers. A large number of railroad cars are being sent by ferry from Key West to Havana and taken into the interior of Cuba, loaded with fruit, and returned by the same route. These cars come direct from the black fly infested groves and are sent northward through the entire length of Florida where citrus groves are scattered, all along the way within a stone's throw of the train. It is easily possible for the black fly to be carried on or in these cars, and escape while in transit through the state. As was pointed out above, the Florida state plant board does not have the means for controlling this situation. The means can be provided in only three ways: First, by private contribution; second, by state legislature, and third, by federal government through the federal horticultural board. The first two means do not appear feasible, therefore this matter should be taken before the federal horticultural board for action. The shipping season is just beginning in Cuba, and unless action is taken at once to handle the situation the black fly may become established in Florida and we will have a repetition of the citrus canker situation. We have assurance of the

state plant board that should black fly become established in Florida the cost and difficulty of eradication would be much greater than that of citrus canker.

"We cannot urge you too much to meet with this committee on Thursday, Sept. 9. We assure you that there is nothing partisan about this matter, and that nothing will come up at the meeting which is not for the benefit of the growers as a whole. The state plant board will be here in force to assist in the matter and advise us concerning the proper course to be taken."

TOWN SHOULD OWN ITS ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT

E. D. Ellis, manager of the Florida Ice and Power Company's business, with headquarters in Lake Wales, was a business visitor in Avon Park the latter part of last week. We are informed Mr. Ellis made the statement while here that his company purchased a thirty-ton ice plant to be immediately installed in Avon Park. If Mr. Ellis made this statement the fact is clearly brought out that this plant will be installed because of the organization of a local company to install an ice plant to take care of our needs, which have heretofore been disregarded by the present company. If the Florida Ice and Power Company does install this large plant it will make no difference to the new company, which will go ahead with the installation of the new plant and will render Avon Park people the service to which they are entitled and furnish ice at a lower price than they have heretofore been compelled to pay.

If the organization of a local company to manufacture such a salutary effect on the Florida Ice and Power Company, would it not be a good plan to organize a company to furnish us with light, power and water? Part of the time we have neither, while the growth of the town demands continuous light and power service and an adequate supply of water for home consumption and fire protection.

The assessed valuation of Avon Park property is nearly one and one-half million dollars—a valuation large enough to justify us in owning and operating our own electric light and water plant, and it would be an easy matter to float a bond issue of sufficient size to install a water works system and light and power plant. Let us take the matter under advisement and if the present company makes no effort to give us twenty-four hour service—such service as the growth of the town now justifies either form a strong stock company for this purpose or float a bond issue.

The Weather
Following are the average temperatures recorded during the month of August by United States Weather Observer William King:
Mean maximum 89.35
Mean minimum 72.96
Maximum 94.00
Minimum 68.00
Rainfall, inches 2.03

Pilot Building Painted
This week The Pilot building has been treated to two coats of pure white lead and oil, which greatly improves its exterior appearance. R. E. Morrison was the contractor and his work testifies to his ability.

Conferred Degrees
Highlands Chapter No. 42, Royal Arch Masons, held an adjourned convocation Monday night, at which the degrees of Mark Master and Most Excellent Master were conferred upon Herbert F. R. Reck.

The latest scientific theory as to the age of the earth is "not above 70,000,000 or below 55,000,000 years."

MRS. MINERVA RAE SUCCEUMS TO DEATH

Mrs. Minerva Rae, mother of Mrs. Norton T. Smith and Capt. F. C. Rae, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Coen, in Lakewood, O., at 9 p. m., Saturday, Aug. 28. Mrs. Rae's death was caused by general failing, due to her advanced age. She was nearly 83 years of age and for five years she has struggled against chronic heart trouble. Knowing that her life has hung by a thread, she calmly pursued the even tenor of her way, taking an active part in the affairs of life and always preserving her wonderful cheerfulness, bringing sunshine to many lives.

Mrs. Rae was a woman of wonderful will power. Her force of character was manifested in the many enterprises in which she took an active part. She lived a consistent life, one dominating trait being charity. She spent each winter in Avon Park and her loss will be greatly felt.

The many friends in this community join in extending heartfelt sympathy to the son and daughters.

GOVERNOR "FIRES" ALL OF POLK COUNTY BOARD

Governor Catts has removed from office the entire board of public instruction of Polk county. The three members of the board are G. B. Murrell, Gen. E. M. Law and J. C. Bowers. The order of removal alleges malfeasance and nonfeasance on the part of each of the members of the board in the term and in the conduct of their official duties and that their failure in the discharge of their duties in office interfered with the due administration of justice. The order of removal recommends that the senate concur in the suspension and removal from office of each of the three members of the board at its next session.

The governor has appointed Charles A. Parrish of Davenport, K. Bruce Crawford of Fort Meade and E. E. Whidden of Mulberry as members of the board to succeed those removed from office.

One of the appointees, we understand, is a lad but 17 years of age.

A VISIT TO "SUNNY CREST," ONE OF OUR NEARBY SHOW PLACES

On different occasions we have mentioned the fact that S. F. Hartt and son Earl were erecting a couple of bungalows out on the banks of Lake Letta and preparing to set 200 acres of land to citrus grove. Large developments are so common in and around Avon Park that we did not think much of the importance of this particular improvement. It was not until yesterday morning, when Mr. Hartt invited us to ride out to "Sunny Crest" with him, that we realized what a magnificent location they had secured or what wonderful progress they had made since locating here in May, 1919. Messrs. Hartt & Son came to Florida from Nebraska in February, 1919, landing in Pensacola. From there they traveled all over the state looking for a suitable location, but it was not until they reached Avon Park and investigated this productive citrus ridge that they found what they considered an ideal location, an ideal climate and an ideal spot for investment. They purchased a half section of land on the south shores of Lake Letta and immediately began breaking ground for comfortable homes. While the building of these homes was in progress, a large force of men was put to work clearing 200 acres of land, which was covered with a dense growth of heavy timber—live oak, hickory and pine. As fast as the land was cleared, breaking was done with a heavy breaking plow, pulled by a tractor.

Then came the setting of trees and in less than a year's time 200 acres of thrifty citrus trees were growing where Nature had prior to that held full sway.

"Sunny Crest" is undoubtedly one of the finest young groves and properties it has ever been our good fortune to behold. The location could not be excelled anywhere in Florida and conditions are ideal for the making of a splendid grove. The land is probably the highest elevation to be found for miles around. Lying on the south shore of a beautiful lake, sufficient in size to furnish protection from the cold winds that sometimes strike us from the north and northwest, danger from frost is reduced to a minimum and as though the Creator had picked this particular spot for a "show place," further protection is afforded by the lowlands entirely surrounding this particular tract. When we say lowlands, we do not mean swamp lands or lands subject to overflow, for the lands surrounding "Sunny Crest" are anything but of that character. But they are so much lower than the land upon which Messrs. Hartt have planted their large grove, that frosts, if any should come, are bound to be diverted from the trees to the lower lands adjoining.

In laying out their grove Messrs. Hartt judiciously planned to stake in five-acre plots, in (Continued on Page 8)

FORMER ICE PLANT MANAGER "BE- TWEEN DEVIL AND DEEP BLUE SEA"

We are in receipt of a communication from E. D. Ellis, general manager for the Florida Ice and Power Company, which was evidently intended for publication, as attached to the letter was a copy of a letter written to T. W. Lawton, accepting his resignation. We are publishing both letters, as follows:

"Lake Wales, Fla., Sept. 1, 1920.
"Mr. G. W. Adams,
"Avon Park, Fla.
"Dear Sir:

"We understand that reports have been and are being circulated by some one, intentionally or unintentionally, to make the impression that we are not in position to take care of our ice customers and that we do not wish to do so even if we were in position to do so. These reports are entirely unfounded, as you will see as soon as our Mr. Lefroy Dunn has had time to get the situation in hand. He will see that the public and the Florida Ice & Power Co. each gets a square deal.
"Your very truly,

"Florida Ice & Power Co.
"E. D. Ellis, General Manager."

"Lake Wales, Fla., Sept. 1, 1920.
"Mr. T. W. Lawton,
"Avon Park, Fla.
"Dear Sir:

"We have your resignation as local manager of our Avon Park business to take effect on or before Sept. 24. We take it for granted that you wish to be relieved as soon as possible. We are therefore arranging to relieve you today, Sept. 1, 1920. This will enable you to give your entire time and attention to the interest of those for whom you have apparently been working now for some time while drawing your salary from the Florida Ice & Power Co.

"Please be advised that the Florida Ice & Power Co. are in the habit of paying out by price cutting and underhand methods, but by square dealing, both to the general public and ourselves.
"Yours very truly,
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PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPENED MONDAY; MORE PUPILS THAN LAST YEAR

QUICK TRANSITION OF WHEAT TO BISCUITS

Transformation of wheat from standing grain to hot biscuits in 55 minutes is a record established in Chapman, Kan., recently by Harry Huff, head of a local milling company. He drove into a field where a farmer was harvesting wheat with a harvester-thresher, which cuts and threshes the grain in one operation, and took two bushels of wheat. This he rushed to the mill, where it was ground immediately, then took the flour home and Mrs. Huff made biscuits. From the time the grain was cut to the first bite of biscuit was five minutes less than an hour, including two minutes spent on the road.

FLORIDA SUMMERS ARE COOLER THAN NORTH

We desire to call the attention of our northern readers to the temperatures recorded in Avon Park during the month of August by the United States weather observer. Under caption "The Weather" the report will be found in another column. It will be noticed that the average maximum temperature was 89.35 degrees, while the average minimum was 72.96 degrees. Ninety-four degrees was the highest temperature during the month and 68 the lowest. There were 2.03 inches of rainfall.

We are calling particular attention to the report for August, as during the month in which usually there are so many prostrations from heat in the northern cities. It is the month when the nights are almost unbearable, occupants of flats seeking relief by going to the roofs, the parks, or any place where they can escape a part of the suffocating heat. In the northern cities, particularly those located inland, street temperatures often register as high as 112 degrees and the discomforts one suffers from the heat are almost unbearable.

Those who are imbued with the idea that "the farther south one goes the hotter it gets" will do well to look at the weather statistics, as published by the United States weather bureau. A comparison of temperatures will show that Florida's summer climate is much cooler than that of the northern cities.

True, it gets "hot" in Florida, especially if one is exposed to the sun's rays. But get out of the rays of the sun into a shady place and one will always find a gentle breeze blowing, and suffer no discomfort from the heat. There is rarely a night in Florida when one does not feel the need of light covering.

Such a thing as sunstroke is unknown here. Those of our winter visitors, who have never spent a summer in Florida would do well to investigate our summer climate before going north to "escape the terrific heat."

To Celebrate Labor Day
Clearwater is to celebrate Labor Day and an elaborate program has been arranged. One can enjoy a splendid outing at Clearwater, Fla., but when special pains are taken to entertain visitors one may look for something out of the ordinary. Those of our citizens who are contemplating spending the day away from home will enjoy a fine automobile ride to Clearwater, over splendid roads most of the way and after they get there a day on the beach, surf bathing where there is no undertow and other attractions will well repay them for the trip. See ad in another column.

Pimento Salad
One time pimentos, drain off juice, cut in small pieces, add equal portions of diced apple and celery. Serve on lettuce with mayonnaise.

The public schools of Avon Park opened Monday with an enrollment of 324 pupils, which will probably be increased to at least 500 when all pupils in the district are enrolled. Last year the schools opened with an enrollment of 230, which was increased to 330.

A full complement of teachers has been secured and the assignments, together with the number of pupils in each grade, are as follows:

First Grade—Miss Alyce Dutton, teacher; number pupils, 64.
Second Grade—Miss Joy Parks, teacher; number pupils, 45.
Third Grade—Miss Abbie Connor, teacher; number pupils, 25.
Fourth Grade—Mrs. Hinton, teacher; number pupils, 28.

Fifth Grade—Mrs. H. J. Mumma, teacher; number pupils, 48.
Sixth and Seventh Grades—Mrs. Lola Skipper, teacher; number pupils, 52.
Eighth Grade and High—Miss Myra Alderman and Mrs. Ethel M. Jenks, teachers; Prof. I. C. M. Ellenberger, principal. In the eighth grade are 29 pupils and in the high school 42.

While the attendance at the opening speaks well for the community, there are a large number of patrons who did not send their children on the opening day. It is very important that as many pupils as possible be enrolled at the beginning of the term. Delay means falling behind those who have already started extra work for the teachers and pupils and injustice to the pupil. It should also be remembered that the law requires you to send your children to school the full term and that the law is going to be enforced. Our present school building is badly crowded, there not being room in the auditorium to accommodate the first, second and third grades. The condition of affairs will be remedied when the annex now under way is completed.

BUILDING ANNEX TO AVON PARK SCHOOL

Brick and lumber have been placed on the school grounds for the erection of an annex 48x75 feet, which will contain four rooms and a hallway and will be used to accommodate the pupils of the four grammar grades. The contract for construction of the annex has been let to Max Wild, who says that the building will be completed and ready for occupancy within sixty days, if nothing unforeseen happens.

Last year our high school building was taxed to its utmost capacity and with the increased enrollment this year something had to be done to provide better accommodations. It was the intention of the school board to have this building completed in time for the opening of the schools, but obstacles arose which prevented going ahead with the work.

The annex is not meant for a permanent building and the material used has been purchased with a view to using it in a larger and more substantial building later on. Avon Park has outgrown her school facilities and the new annex will provide but temporary relief, but it is hoped that within the next year or two arrangements can be perfected whereby another substantial brick structure can be erected.

Half-Holidays Ended
Beginning yesterday's stores of Avon Park abandoned the Thursday half-holiday and hereafter will be open Thursday afternoons as usual.

Kicked by Ford
Ed Welch has been carrying his left arm in a sling, his wrist having been dislocated by being kicked by a cranky flivver last week.

You Should Have a Bank Account Because—

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AVON PARK'S PIONEER DAYS

By SAMUEL D. LEE

(Continued from last week)

Mr. Pabor was post laureate of the Editorial association from 1886 until his death, and also of the Florida Press association for fifteen years, reading an original poem for the occasion at its annual gatherings, with the exception of two or three years when he was unable to attend. And they were all exceedingly good poems, for he was an exceptionally happy phraseologist and, as B. B. Herbert, editor of the National Printer-Journalist, wrote of him, he had "a mind endowed with the heavenly fire to interpret the spirit's purest longings." Mr. Pabor had many friends who regretted that he did not stick to the sanctum and to the pen which he wielded so cleverly and successfully.

Mr. Pabor began here by remaining Trout Lake, which is cut by the township, which is also the county line, Pabor lake. He built a dwelling, with his writing room at the east end, from the window of which he could look down on a little piece of water which he called Pansy lake; he began a hotel and obtained from the department the establishment of a postoffice. In October, 1892, appeared the first number of a twelve-fold monthly called "The Lake Pabor Pineapple," which was handsomely printed, and contained considerable interesting matter, besides offering to sell land, clear it and plant it on the installment plan, with assurances of quite profitable results. On the grounds about his house he planted a great variety of trees, both fruit and ornamental; shrubbery and flowering plants that might well have required a hundred thousand dollars instead of the very limited sum at his command. With considerable money came in as first installments on pineapple plots, he secured in all but two actual settlers, these being James Havens and Philip DeHoff. The former died February 19, 1900, and the DeHoffs moved to Miami in 1896. The entire project dwindled to a dismal ending. In 1916 Mr. Pabor went on a visit to his son Frank, who is connected with a job printing establishment in Denver, and while on a trip to Fruita was taken sick and died. The Denver paper paid fine tributes to his memory, and his

funeral was an imposing one.

In this matter of pineapples, of which Mr. Pabor made a specialty, he was but following Mr. Crosby's lead; and while both these men expounded pronounced views as to the large profits in this fruit, through their respective journals, neither had the slightest practical knowledge of the subject. There were over 100 acres of pineapples put out in Avon Park, in patches of various sizes, most of them being shedded, and all ended in failure. Closely following this was the lemon craze, and one number of the Homeseeker gives a list of a score of persons who had set lemon groves, out of which they were to gather wealth. Grapes for wine were also advocated, not so much here as in other sections, although Mr. Edmiston put out 2,000 Niagara grape vines on his fifteen acres north of Verona, which bore one big crop, for which there was no market. This sort of struggle was going on all over the peninsula part of Florida, to which people from the north were attracted by the wide publicity given through newspaper correspondents and the alluring advertisements of land agents, which brought, taking men as a class, educated and refined persons, many of them representing the learned professions, who held fanciful theories in plenty about growing fortunes on treant vines, but not the slightest experience in cultivating land. In the first two years of the life of Avon Park seventeen clergymen, six doctors, of medicine, seven lawyers and a number of school teachers bought lots, most of them clearing and planting to some extent and, without an exception, losing all they had ventured in their properties. The postoffice inspector then in charge of the south Atlantic district declared that Avon Park was the most intelligent community in the United States, as it received and sent more letters and received more newspapers and magazines per capita than any other postoffice in the country. It required a long time to get down to a practical and profitable basis of citrus culture, but it did finally arrive there, and no locality can now show finer or better-paying groves than this township.

(The End)

PARAGRAPHS OF LOCAL AND PERSONAL INTEREST

Children cry for Avo-Cola.

P. M. Stivender, real estate.

The Rev. T. B. Thompson has purchased a new Dodge car.

Mrs. L. E. Bass made a business trip to Arcadia Monday.

If you're not drinking Avo-Cola, you're missing something good.

Col. D. V. Rouse was transacting legal business in Arcadia Tuesday.

There's a big fifteen-day shoe sale on at the White Dry Goods Company's up-to-date store.

L. Hardenbrook, our linotype operator, went to Tampa Sunday morning, returning Monday night.

Ingram P. Barlow, one of Wauchula's prominent attorneys, was here Tuesday attending to business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. DeBordenave and Miss Elsie Hoffman spent Sunday in Bartow and motored to several nearby places.

Thursday night of last week Miss Bertha Lockett gave a slumber party at her home. The guests were Nona Mae Crews, Thelma Irwin Myrtle Hartt and Ruby Cameron.

Elsewhere in this issue the White Dry Goods Company is advertising a fifteen-day sale of Maxine and White House pumps and oxfords for men, women and children. The sale begins tomorrow (Saturday) and continues for fifteen days and some attractive prices are offered.

Thursday evening of last week a swimming party was enjoyed by several young people of Avon Park out at Hollyhurst, on Lake Lotela. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Witt, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Bethea, Bensley Palmer, Beatrice Bass, Ellis Harris, Bascom Hollingsworth and A. C. Bauknight.

Keep it in the house—Avo-Cola.

S. P. Durrance and daughter Mamie Lee spent Monday in Arcadia.

Supply your shoe needs now at reduced prices. White Dry Goods Company.

Messrs. A. W. Allan, Ned McGuire and F. R. Swift spent Sunday in Lake Wales.

J. L. Jones and James L. Jones of Arcadia were in Avon Park Tuesday transacting business.

Miss Myra Alderman of Fort Meade arrived in Avon Park Monday to teach in our schools.

Miss Vida Skipper returned to her home in Zolfo Saturday, after spending a few days here with her sister, Mrs. C. A. Skipper.

Mrs. W. B. Yonally, mother of Mrs. J. V. Chapman, and Miss Alice Wagner of Winter Haven are guests of Mrs. Chapman this week.

Mrs. J. A. Caldwell of Lake Wales was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Trent Saturday. Mr. Caldwell returned with her in the afternoon to Lake Wales, after having spent several days in Avon Park.

Kindergarten will open Monday, Sept. 13, in the parlors of the Congregational church. All mothers interested, who have children of three to six years of age, may consult Miss Martha Park, Twin Oaks.

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DON'T PUT IT OFF

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If you have not started a bank account, do it now; don't put it off. Carrying a bank account is one of the big things in life. It gives you a feeling of security and leads the way to unthought-of things.

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J. A. Caldwell returned to
Avon Park Monday afternoon.

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R. W. Irvin has resigned his
position with the Florida Ice
and Power Company.

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real estate. C., this office.

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car needs electrical or repair
work. Rear Sanitary Market.

L. F. DeBordenave and son
Bill and J. A. Caldwell spent
Wednesday in Tampa attending
to business matters.

Mrs. Zellin Burns' mother and
sister, Mrs. W. H. Spiney, spent
the day with her Sunday.

Orange groves, truck lands,
turpentine lands, timber lands,
improved and unimproved prop-
erties. P. M. Stivender.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Mascott
came to Avon Park last Satur-
day from Denver, Colo., and ex-
pect to make this their future
home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Barnhill and
children spent Sunday in Wau-
chula. They also attended the
Baptist Union meeting at Oak
Grove.

Mrs. Harry Dilly and two
sons, Raymond and Melford,
Thelma Clark and Fred Peden
motored to Fort Meade Monday
afternoon.

H. G. Murphy and family left
Wednesday morning for their
home in Zolfo, after spending a
couple of weeks camping out on
their grove south of town.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Smith of
Arcadia have been in Avon Park
all week. Mr. Smith is placing
another Wallace tractor with
the Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit
Growers Association.

Col. and Mrs. D. V. Rouse left
Thursday morning for Gaines-
ville and other parts of the
state. Mr. and Mrs. Rouse are
making the trip in their Dodge
roadster and expect to be gone
several weeks.

Attorney A. E. Lawrence of
Sebring was an Avon Park vis-
itor Wednesday morning, attend-
ing to business matters. Mr.
Lawrence is a great booster for
Sebring and we will agree with
him that Sebringites really have
a town worth boosting.

Miss Elizabeth Purdom of
Blacksville, Ga., returned to
Avon Park Monday night. Miss
Purdom is the teacher of piano,
voice and violin in the high
school, and everybody will be
glad to know she has returned
and wish for her a successful
year.

Special at the Magnolia Thea-
tre Saturday night: Harry Carey
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circumstantial evidence, escapes
and finds happiness after a
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ern picture all the way through.
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See Stivender if in the market
for real estate.

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

S. B. Wells left Thursday
morning for Georgia, where he
will spend a few weeks.

R. G. Walker and Ase Lewis
of Fort Meade were in Avon
Park Monday afternoon.

C. E. Lanier and E. M. Brickell
spent Tuesday in Tampa attend-
ing to business matters.

Mrs. Zellin Burns returned
from Wauchula Wednesday af-
ternoon with a new Ford.

Men, women and children can
save money on shoes at the
White Dry Goods Company's
store.

E. S. Bates, representing the
Holt Tractor Company of At-
lanta, Ga., spent several days in
Avon Park this week.

An opportunity to make a
wonderful saving on your shoe
purchases is to be found at the
White Dry Goods Company's
store.

Miss Sadie Myers will leave
Saturday, Sept. 4, for Lakeland,
where she will teach the sixth
grade in the Lakeland high
school.

Mrs. B. Holland left Tuesday
morning for Savannah, Ga.,
after spending a delightful two
weeks with Mr. and Mrs. T. H.
Lander.

The Avon Park Drug Com-
pany has been brightening the
inside appearance of its attrac-
tive store with white paint and
kalsomine.

William G. Overton, who has
been at LaBelle for the last six
months, returned to Avon Park
Wednesday and expects to be
here about two months.

William Montsdeoca of Lake
Childs moved his family to Avon
Park Thursday in order that his
children might have the bene-
fit of our excellent schools.

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Mrs. Harry Dilly entertained
the Ladies' Aid Friday after-
noon. There was a large attend-
ance and much was accomplish-
ed in the way of making rag
rugs.

Mrs. John Hood entertained
the Sewing Circle Tuesday af-
ternoon. Everybody had a most
enjoyable time and delicious
peach ice cream and cake were
served.

Miss Abbie Connor of Pal-
metto arrived Thursday of last
week to take up her work of
teaching in the school. Miss
Connor taught here last year
and everybody is glad she has
returned.

Mrs. Charles Sherman's two
sisters, Mrs. J. D. Stetson of
Jacksonville and Mrs. J. Se-
graves of Winter Garden, were
here this week as Mrs. Sher-
man's guests. Mrs. Segra-
ves was accompanied by her son.

Everything is placed on the
ground ready for L. D. Roberts'
bungalow, which is being built
on the corner of Lake avenue
and Pleasant street. Mr. Rob-
erts expects his bungalow to be
completed by the first of No-
vember.

Mrs. Blanche Krouse of Lake-
land and granddaughters, Mrs.
C. M. Cogan and Miss Bessie
Mullis of Tampa, were in Avon
Park several days last week at-
tending to business matters.
Mrs. Krouse is the owner of the
Magnolia Theatre building.

William J. Heim, architect, of
Pittsburgh, Pa., arrived in Avon
Park Tuesday night to look after
his interests in the Brickell
building and the Pittsburgh-
Florida Fruit Growers Associa-
tion's club house, out on Lake
Byrd. Mr. Heim will be here
several days.

Steve Roberts of Zolfo was
transacting business here Wed-
nesday morning. Mr. Roberts,
who already has large property
interests in and around Avon
Park, may increase his holdings
here by erecting a few substan-
tial houses to rent. There is
ample opportunity for safe in-
vestment in Avon Park along
that line, for not a day passes
but there are a number of in-
quiries for houses to rent and
the demand is increasing every
day.

NEW ICE PLANT WILL SOON BE INSTALLED

Several days ago T. W. Law-
ton tendered his resignation as
local manager for the Florida
Ice and Power Company, in or-
der to devote his time to the in-
stallation of the new ice plant
to be established in Avon Park
by the Peoples Ice and Manu-
facturing Company. His resig-
nation was accepted and Wed-
nesday he was relieved, LeRoy
Dunn assuming the manage-
ment of the business here.

Mr. Lawton will immediately
begin dismantling the ice plant
purchased at St. James by the
new company. This plant was
installed at St. James by the
Sisal Hemp Manufacturing Com-
pany, but was never used any
more than to try it out, because
of the failure of the company's
plans, therefore, it is an abso-
lutely new plant and can be dis-
mantled and moved in a very
short time. Mr. Lawton esti-
mates the time required to dis-
mantle the plant at two weeks
and says it will require an ad-
ditional three or four weeks to
install same here and begin
manufacturing ice.

Work of constructing the
building for the plant will be
commenced at once and the
building should be far enough
advanced to receive the machin-
ery on arrival.
Deliveries of ice will be made
with a covered wagon, to pre-
vent wastage by melting, and
scales will be carried, every
piece of ice sold being weighed
to the customer, thus guaran-
teeing delivery of the quantity
of ice for which you pay.

The people of Avon Park will
feel gratified when this new
plant is established and in oper-
ation, for the inconvenience of
being out of ice a considerable
portion of the time during the
hottest months has been exas-
perating, to say the least.

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Attorney-at-Law
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Sebring, Florida

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ALL \$10.50 VALUES.....	\$8.00

ALL \$11.00 VALUES.....	\$8.50
ALL \$11.50 VALUES.....	\$9.25
ALL \$12.00 VALUES.....	\$10.00
ALL \$12.50 VALUES.....	\$10.50

These goods are all new 1920 stock—no old, carried-out-of-date stuff in them. It will pay you to look at these

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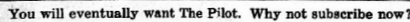
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WILL OUR CITRUS GROWERS HAVE TO STAND FOREIGN COMPETITION?

Berwyn, Md., Aug. 23, 1920.
Mr. Geo. F. Kellogg, President
Avon Park Board of Trade.

Dear Sir: I fear that Editor Adams of The Pilot is over sanguine in urging South Florida folks to grow lemons. Aside from the great difficulty in growing and curing (in special houses) for market, they would seldom bring a profitable return once they did reach the market. Lemons from Sicily are now flooding the northern markets and retailing at 10 cents per dozen or three dozen for 25 cents. Florida could not even grow them at that price. Except during the war when ocean transportation from Europe was not available, California lemons seldom reached the big eastern markets, where they cannot compete in price with lemons from the Mediterranean. United States importations of lemons, during fiscal years ended June 30 prior to the war were as follows in value: 1910, \$3,136,933; 1911, \$2,985,561; 1912, \$3,368,863; 1913, \$4,309,266; 1914, \$5,981,635.

The tariff duty on lemons was reduced from 1½ cents per pound to one-half of 1 cent per pound on Oct. 3, 1913. Then followed the heavy increase in American importations in 1914, and the California lemon retreated to the markets of the west. During the war we had California lemons again in the eastern markets, but the Sicilian lemon trade has now been revived in the United States and will monopolize the eastern markets.

Whether the Mediterranean oranges will invade the American markets remains to be seen. Some few have come across the Atlantic each year, the maximum about \$10,000 worth in 1913. The United States tariff duty on oranges is also one-half of 1 cent per pound, or about 40 cents per Florida size box. Ocean transportation is going getting cheap and the freight rate on oranges from the Mediterranean to New York will be less than the freight rate on Florida oranges to New York. Hence the only problem in shipping Mediterranean oranges to American markets is in keeping them fresh and sound while in transit. The customs duty is small and easily met, while the labor in the orange groves of Italy and Spain costs much less than in Florida. This puts the Mediterranean orange growers in position to compete for the American markets, just as the Sicily lemon growers are already competing so successfully. I am merely stating facts, and avoiding any discussion of the wisdom of increasing the tariff rates on citrus fruits shipped into the United States. Florida citrus growers should study for themselves the competitive factors entering into marketing their fruit, and act for their own best interests, as they see them.

Mediterranean countries will certainly have the oranges to spare for heavy shipments to the United States. In Palestine exports of oranges grew in less than a decade from 20,000 boxes annually to over 2,200,000 boxes, and began to compete seriously with Spanish oranges in England. In fact just before the war, when I was with the department of commerce in Washington, an inquiry came from Turkey asking if there were a market in the United States for oranges from Palestine. Orange culture along the Syrian coast from Beirut to Haifa, and down at Jaffa, was extending rapidly when the war acted as a check. Orange groves are again being extended there and it is thought that Palestine, under new and fostering government, will be able to surpass even Spain in orange production. Such were even the indications before the war.

Spain produces over 20,000,000 boxes of oranges annually, and Italy over 11,000,000 boxes. From these two countries were derived our imports of about 60,000 (Florida size) boxes in 1913. That, of course, made little impression on our big American markets. But it will be a different story if Italy and Spain dump several ship loads of their oranges in New York.

Now as to oranges from the West Indies. Most of the islands are small and mountainous, and necessarily grow many other crops. Yet the oranges they do produce cost them little and they will be able to ship quite a few more, especially as ocean freight rates drop. I have ascertained from the United States shipping board the rates on citrus fruit from Jamaica to Atlantic ports, as follows:

From Kingston, Jamaica—Standard boxes, per box, 72 cents; barrels, per barrel, \$1.44.

From outports, Jamaica—Standard boxes, per box, 87c; barrels, per barrel, \$1.74.

These rates are applicable to Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York, and are the present rates which were effective Aug. 1, 1919.

I look for these rates to decrease rather than increase. Ocean freight rates on citrus fruit from Cuba to our Atlantic ports are probably a little less. Cuba and Jamaica are the principal shippers of these fruits to American markets. Cuba has a preferential discount of 20 per cent on the regular customs duty of one-half of 1 cent. Imports of oranges from Jamaica and Cuba during the winter season of 1919-20 totalled in value about \$40,000. Imports from Porto Rico came in free of duty and totaled 225,000 boxes—quite a showing for our island possession. I learn from the bureau of markets in Washington that the citrus growing belt in Porto Rico is not extensive, being in a coastal strip 40 miles long and 1 to 10 miles wide. Sounds like Scenic Highlands Ridge, doesn't it? But, of course, many other crops are grown in that Porto Rican belt, and we may not, therefore, look for a very big expansion in groves there. In the same period last winter Porto Rico shipped us 170,000 boxes of grapefruit. Receipts of grapefruit from Cuba and Jamaica in the same time, given in value, were about \$100,000.

Yours very truly,

C. S. Donaldson.

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THREE-WEEKS OLD PIG BRINGS BIG PRICE

At Live Oak a few days ago a three-week old pig from the famous Suwannee Farms sold at auction for \$725. The purchaser was L. S. Brown of Jennings, who will raise the animal to head the herd of his 5,000-acre farm in Hamilton county. This baby pig is the son of Liberator, the celebrated \$50,000 boar, and its mother is a litter mate of Checkers, a sow that sold for \$20,000.

Get In Now

The big land purchases in central counties of Florida, together with the numerous but less spectacular small deals in realty, give emphatic notice to "get in" while there is a possibility to make real estate investments in this state while first prices continue to prevail. Developments of Florida land are coming, sure as sunrise, and are going to increase enormously the productive wealth of the state as well as enrich the developer who proceeds on sane and safe plans. —Times-Union.

Mr. Vaughan, Farmer Tells How He Lost All His Price Seed Corn

"Some time ago sent away for some pedigreed seed corn. Put it in a gunny sack and hung it on a rope suspended from roof. Rats got it all—how beats me, but they did because I got 5 dead whoppers in the morning after trying RAT-SNAP." Three sizes, 35c, 65c, \$1.25. Sold and guaranteed by F. C. Rice, Avon Park Drug Co., Park Mercantile Co.

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PROJECT TO RECLAIM MUCH VALUABLE LAND

The Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce is reviving an old project started and abandoned before the World War to reclaim about 14,000 acres of rich agricultural and trucking land near that city by creating a special drainage district. When the work is completed it will open up for year-round cultivation some of the richest lands in the state, which will put Punta Gorda on the map in capital letters.

Chicken Resort

Boil an old fat fowl tender, put in enough water to have about two quarts when done, drain this, add boiled rice to thicken, lump butter, teaspoonful saffron, clove, garlic, half onion minced fine, dash paprika, salt and black pepper. Serve instead of soup with toasted crackers.

Advertise in The Pilot.

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A VISIT TO "SUNNY CREST," ONE OF OUR SHOW PLACES

(Continued From Page 1)

case they did not care to handle the entire proposition themselves. Each five acres is planted so that the owner will have a variety of fruits for home use and only the best varieties for market. In addition ample lake front property has been reserved for building sites and we know of no place in Florida where there is a site more attractive than on the south shore of Lake Letta. This is one of the most beautiful bodies of water to be found in the Scenic Highlands, which is noted for the number of beautiful lakes to be found there. It is almost round, is nearly a mile and a half across each way and is so close to Little Bonnet lake and Lake Letta that with but a small expenditure of money canals could be cut connecting the three lakes and making one of the most attractive places in the world for boating, bathing and fishing. Messrs. Hartt, who are both great lovers of aquatic sports, are having a 23-foot launch built, equipped with a 6-horse-power engine, and will erect a pier and improve a splendid bathing beach.

The home surroundings at "Sunny Crest" are all that one could desire. In every detail comfort and beauty have been the two ideas, and from the number of ornamental plants, shrubs and flowers in evidence on every hand, we surmise that both Mrs. Hartt, Sr., and Mrs. Hartt, Jr., have proved important factors in the planning of these modern homes. And they are modern homes, for a Delco lighting plant furnishes electric lights and power for operating the labor-saving electrical appliances used there and a windmill and storage tank supplies running water for use in the houses and on the surrounding grounds.

Where there any troublesome insects, such as mosquitoes, in these Scenic Highlands, "Sunny Crest" would be free from them, for at such an elevation, with no opportunity for water to stand and provide breeding places, mosquitoes could not exist. Located nearly on the apex of this beautiful hill, the occupants of the pretty bungalows receive the benefit of every breeze that blows, no matter from what direction it comes, and even in the hottest weather the nights can be enjoyed on the spacious sleeping porches with which the bungalows have been provided.

In addition to the splendid citrus land at "Sunny Crest," there is a considerable amount of ideal garden land, the fertility of which can be judged from the fact that Mr. Hartt last year planted about half an acre to sweet potatoes, which he gave a smart treatment of fertilizer, intending to fertilize them again when he cultivated. He was so busy when it came time to cultivate that he had to neglect it, consequently the potatoes received no more fertilizer and no cultivation whatever. Hogs got in and ate up fully one-half the crop. Both families used all they wanted for the tables and in addition more than a hundred dollars worth were sold. On the same land they raised strawberries, having them for table use before Christmas.

In planting fruits near the house Messrs. Hartt have shown excellent judgment, for they have planted a variety and in sufficient quantity not only to have plenty for home use, but some for market. Mangoes, avocados, peaches, figs, pineapples—all are showing splendid growth, and a row of pecan trees, which have not had the care they should have received, is doing nicely.

We wish we had more space to devote to "Sunny Crest." It is going to be one of the show places of Florida and already presents such great attractions that we are going to invite ourselves out there again some of these days and drink in the beauties of nature, take a ride in that power boat, catch some of those fish in Lake Letta and enjoy a good visit with these enterprising and cultured people.

Fighting H. C. L.
The wide brim of a hat for women that has been patented can be removed, giving its owner the appearance of possessing two hats.

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FORMER ICE PLANT MAN- AGER "BETWEEN DEVIL AND DEEP BLUE SEA"

(Continued From First Page)

"Florida Ice & Power Co."

"E. D. Ellis, General Manager."

The Pilot has no interest in the controversy as to whom is at fault for the abominable service we have been receiving from the Florida Ice and Power Company, both in its failure to supply our citizens with ice and the poor electric light and power service.

From the tenor of the letters published above, it would seem that the company desires to shirk the responsibility and place same upon Mr. Lawton, who has been its local manager.

If Mr. Lawton has failed in his duty to the people of Avon Park, then the management is to blame for not displacing Mr. Lawton and employing a man who would render efficient service. The Florida Ice and Power Company cannot truthfully claim it did not know the existing conditions at this place. Time and again The Pilot has pointed out the inefficiency of the service and a copy of the paper is mailed regularly to the Florida Ice and Power Company at Lake Wales. A statement that these articles were not read would have to be taken with a grain of salt, for certain reasons.

Legged to have been made by an official of the company, as to what he was going to do to us for publishing such articles were brought to us by several reputable citizens. We are still living and still kicking about the service, although we did cease complaining for a time, because we believed the Florida Ice and Power Company was endeavoring to remedy matters. We have also been informed by a reputable Avon Park business man that one of the officials told him that "Avon Park people didn't have the nerve to establish an ice plant in competition with Mr. Stewart."

And right there is where we find "the fly in the ointment." Avon Park people did "have the nerve" to form a committee for the purpose of furnishing ice and rendering the service we should have had, but have not received.

Mr. Lawton informs us that it was by orders from an official of the company that he supplied Sebring with ice manufactured here, when the same was needed in this town. It does not stand to reason that Mr. Lawton would deprive the citizens of the town in which he resides of ice in order to supply another town, unless he had received his orders from higher up.

Mr. Lawton as been censured (unjustly, we think) by our citizens for being loyal to the company and now the company censures him for being loyal to the people of Avon Park. It rather places Tom "between the devil and the deep blue sea," but until more evidence than an insinuation is given the public, fair-minded men will draw their own conclusions and those conclusions will not be unfavorable to the former manager of this plant.

We are glad better service is promised and will be just as glad to praise efficient service as we are loath to condemn inefficiency or neglect.

PRISONERS OF STATE FARM SAID TO BE ABSOLUTELY ON HONOR

The Williston Progress says: "The editor of The Progress made a combined pleasure and business trip to Jacksonville this week, stopping over at Raiford for a day on the way there. On our stay at Raiford we were the guest of Superintendent Blitch at the state farm, where we saw the finest poultry plant in the state, the greatest dairy in the south and the most wonderful penal institution in the world. We saw nearly five hundred men and women prisoners started out in the early morning without a guard or a gun over them, but all under foremen of their own kind. The prisoners are absolutely on their honor and in two years of Mr. Blitch's time he has lost three prisoners. While we were at the farm, telephone messages came in telling of seven prisoners that had escaped from the road gangs the day before, all under guard."

BIDS WANTED
Notice is hereby given that bids will be received by the town council of the town of Avon Park, Florida, for the loan of money to the town of Avon Park, Florida, in the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) up to and including the date of the meeting of the town council on September 14, 1920, for the purpose of making and loan or loans. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.
GEORGE F. KELLOGG,
Postmaster, Town of Avon Park, Fla.

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"Freckles." Best of us have read the book. Admission 15 and 30 cents

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Alice Brady in "Judy of Rogue's Harbor." Admission 20 and 35 cents

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