

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AVON PARK BOARD OF TRADE

and asks that all members work earnestly for the sale of tickets.

"As a result of our efforts the Western Union Telegraph Company is about to establish a down-town office. As a member of the Associated Boards of Trade, we have worked for and secured improved train service. The railroad company has also agreed

"Good roads leading into town have not been neglected by the board.

This brief review of part of the work of the last year shows that the board of trade has done much for the progress of the town. This has been accomplished by the co-operation of the members, who have taken greater interest in the work than ever before. Avon Park may well be con-

gratulated upon having a strong, well organized, active board of trade.

"For the last few weeks there have been no meetings, except of the board of governors and committees, for the reason that we have no room in which to meet. Arrangements are under way for renting the hall in the new

"There are quite a number in town who should join the board of trade and with proper effort on the part of the membership we can double our number."

great development and progress that will come to Avon Park within the next year or two. With the united, well-directed efforts of the board of trade we will be instrumental in making Avon Park a larger, better town than ever before in which to live and do business.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously, the report of the president was received and a hearty vote of thanks tendered him and his brother officers for the efficient manner in which they had conducted the business of the association.

The application of G. A. Stebbins, F. S. Jordon and Dr. D. D. Crews for membership were received and balloted upon, the applicants being unanimously elected to membership.

No further business appearing before the meeting, same stood adjourned.

**MEMBERS AMERICAN LEGION,
DON'T LET YOUR POST DIE**

Wednesday evening, Jan. 12, at 7:30 o'clock, all ex-service men are urged to be present at a meeting of High

Post Commander Lance states that if Avon Park is to have a post at all it must have a live, active one, and unless the young men who are eligible to membership fall into the ranks, put energy, thought, time and money be-

The following appeal, published in the Florida Chief for the young men of Winter Haven, should be read by every ex-service man in this section of the Scenic Highlands and each one should take an interest in building up

“Boys! There is a work for you young veterans to do. You can do it better by being organized. You have been taught the value of team work. Questions for your betterment and for the betterment of the community will arise. If you are organized and work

together you can better accomplish results. The legion is your organization. If you will you can make it a power for good. Don't let your legion die from lack of interest. You will regret it if you do. Come out to your meetings. Bring that "buddie" along with you. It may look as though they

people have lost interest in you, but they haven't. Tell them what you would like to do. If you wish a clubhouse, say so. You are welcome to the pages in the Chief to say your say. We are for any movement for the good of the town and we believe in the live nest of the American Legion.

Innocent Bystander Cut
A Sunday night brawl at Lak Stearns, about thirty miles south of here, between J. A. Arnett and Patrick Hunter resulted in Clinton War

ren, an innocent bystander, being seriously cut. Arnett and Hunter, it is alleged, engaged in an altercation both drawing knives. Hunter struck at Arnett, the latter dodging behind Warren, who received a severe gasp on the neck. Both participants, we are informed, were severely cut and

taken to Sebring to have their wound dressed, while Warren was brought to Avon Park Monday morning for medical aid. Arnett is reported to be in a serious condition at Lak Stearns and Hunter has been placed in jail at Arcadia.

December Weather
Following were the average temperatures and amount of rainfall recorded by United States Weather Observer William King during the month of December, 1920:

Mean maximum.....	72.7
Mean minimum.....	54.3

Maximum	82
Minimum	39
Rainfall, inches	2.2

Good Bag of Birds
 Col. D. V. Rouse, Clayton Raulen
 son and Love McGiboney were in
 the woods quail hunting Tuesday.

1 They had a splendid day's sport, bagging twenty-seven quail.



OUR TRACTORS REDUCE COST OF GROVE DEVELOPMENT

The first trees planted in Section Seventeen, now in their fourth year, are carrying a good crop of fine fruit—the result of splendid care.

Section Sixteen is entirely planted and the trees are growing rapidly. A visit to our developments prove that our agreement has been fully carried out.

Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers

Association (Incorporated)

PITTSBURGH, PA. AVON PARK, FLA.

HARDEE THIRTY-FIRST GOVERNOR OF FLORIDA; 3 EX-GOVERNORS ALIVE

Hon. Cary A. Hardee of Live Oak will be the thirty-first governor of the state of Florida. When he takes his oath of office and is duly inaugurated, there will be three living ex-governors of the state, viz.: Hon. Albert Gilchrist, Senator Park Trammell and Hon. Sidney J. Catts.

The former governors of Florida are:

Sidney J. Catts—1917 to 1921.
Park Trammell—1913 to 1917.
Albert W. Gilchrist—1909 to 1913.
N. B. Broward—1905 to 1909.
W. S. Jennings—1901 to 1905.
William D. Bloxham—1897 to 1901.
Henry L. Mitchell—1893 to 1897.
Francis P. Fleming—1889 to 1893.
Edward A. Perry—1885 to 1889.
William D. Bloxham—1881 to 1885.
George F. Drew—1877 to 1881.
Marcellus L. Stearns—1873 to 1877 (Republican).
Marcellus L. Stearns—(Acting June to November, 1873).
Oswald B. Hart—1872 to 1873 (died in office)—Republican.
Samuel T. Day—(Acting during impeachment proceedings against Governor Reed)—1872 (Republican).
Harrison Reed—1868 to 1872 (Republican).
David S. Walker—1866 to 1868.
William Marvin—1865 to 1866.
John Milton—1861 to 1865.
Madison S. Perry—1857 to 1861.
James E. Broome—1849 to 1853.
William D. Moseley—1845 to 1849.
John Branch—1844 to 1845.
Richard K. Call—1841 to 1844.
Robert Raymond Reed—1839 to 1841.
Richard K. Call—1836 to 1839.
John H. Eaton—1834 to 1836.
William P. Duval—1822 to 1834.
Andrew Jackson—1821 to 1822.

CLEVELAND (O.) MAN PHASES THE PILOT

"Cleveland, Dec. 28, 1920. "The Highlands Pilot, "Avon Park, Fla. "Gentlemen: I herewith enclose my check, amounting to \$2, for one year's subscription to The Highlands Pilot. At the same time I cannot refrain from expressing my admiration of the way in which your paper is edited. It certainly is not only of great interest to grove owners but the scenic Highlands Development Company, but also a good booster for Avon Park.

"About two years ago, when I visited your city, it was a dead one, but I understand that last year when Mme. Gero stopped there, on her concert tour of the east and west coasts, she found the city an entirely changed one. She expressed not only amazement at the change, for which she gives her unbiased credit to your paper, but also her desire to spend a great deal of her time there, on account of the wonderful climate.

"Avon Park should congratulate itself on having The Highlands Pilot. I hope I hope you will endeavor to do their utmost to support the paper in every way.

"Most sincerely yours, "HENRY GERO."

MASONS TO RAISE FUNDS TO ERECT NEW BUILDING

The Wauchula Masons are going to enter the New Year right by starting off with an effort to raise money to build a magnificent new Masonic building. The building committee has had plans made for a handsome three-story building, 60x100 feet, and at the special meeting last Monday the committee was instructed to canvass the membership of the lodge and see how much money they could raise in this manner.

There are more than one hundred members in the local lodge and if each would subscribe \$200 it would pay half the cost of the building and it would be easy to borrow the balance at a reasonable interest.

The plans provide for two store rooms on the first floor and thirteen office rooms on the second floor. The third floor would have two lodge rooms with a large reception room separating them. The idea of the committee is to have one of these lodge rooms for the Masons and to rent the other to the Wauchula Advocate.

A Story With a Moral

A hunter in the Alleghenies shot a large bald eagle one day. The bird measured seven feet two inches from tip to tip. When the sportsman went to examine his prize he was astonished to find one of the eagle's claws held firmly in a powerful steel trap, to which was attached a chain five feet long. The trap and chain had many marks of vicious blows from his beak, showing how he had vainly endeavored to free himself. While they had not been heavy enough to prevent his flying, the hunter believed they had so impeded and worried him as to be the cause of bringing the great bird within range of his rifle. Many a man with brain, imagination and heart capable of high flight, has been brought within range of the enemy by some tramping passion that held him from his rightful place among the stars.—Santa Tribune.

Easy on Pants

We remember reading the following when we were a boy and it has gone the rounds of the press all over the United States, but we are republishing by request: "Pants are made for men and not for women. Women are made for men and not for pants. Pants are like molasses, they are thinner in hot weather and thicker in cold weather. There has been much discussion as to whether pants are singular or plural. Seem to us that when men wear pants it is plural and when they don't wear pants it is singular. If you want to make the pants last, make the coat first."

Want a Locomotive?

If you want to buy a locomotive, write to the chief of United States engineers, Washington, D. C. He has forty-four deposed locomotives, a portion of these originally built for the Imperial Russian government, 100 of which already have been purchased and now are in operation on American railroads, to be sold at a fixed price of \$25,000 each.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR LETTERS PATENT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will on Feb. 7, 1921, apply to the Governor of Florida for Letters Patent incorporating ourselves, our associates and successors into a body politic and corporate under the name of KATZ BROTHERS.

ETHEL M. KATZ,
ADELE P. KATZ,
E. D. KATZ.

We the undersigned hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of becoming a body politic and corporate under and pursuant to the laws of Florida providing for the formation, management, liabilities and immunities of corporations, and we hereby declare that the following Articles of Incorporation shall constitute and be the charter of said Corporation upon the issuance of Letters Patent according to law.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this corporation shall be KATZ BROTHERS.

ARTICLE II.

The principal place of business of this corporation shall be Avon Park, DeSoto County, Florida, but the Board of Directors may establish branch offices at other places from time to time as may be desired.

ARTICLE III.

The period of existence of this corporation shall be perpetual and it shall exist perpetually.

ARTICLE IV.

The general nature of the business of this corporation shall be to conduct a store or stores for the buying and selling of retail men's, women's, girls' and boys' clothing, furnishing goods, shoes, collars, neckties, shirts, suspenders, underwear, hats, hosiery, jewelry, umbrellas, handkerchiefs, mufflers, bath robes, smoking jackets and gloves; to manufacture, buy, sell and generally deal in millinery, feathers, ribbons, hats, hosiery, notions, articles of wearing apparel, artificial flowers and other millinery specialties, and all other articles of merchandise of a kindred nature; to conduct a store or stores for the purchase and sale, at retail and wholesale, of dry goods, groceries, crockery, glassware, queensware, harness, trappings, articles made of leather, notions, millinery, shoes, boots, toys, confectionery, wall paper, decorations, furniture, hardware, carpets and all other articles of merchandise necessary and convenient for dress and household use; to purchase, improve, develop, hold and enjoy real estate in fee simple, upon ground rent or lease, and to lease, mortgage, and sell the same in such parts or parcels, improved or unimproved, and on such terms as to time and manner of payment as may be agreed upon.

ARTICLE V.

The amount of the capital stock of this corporation shall be Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) divided into One Hundred (100) shares of the par value of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) each. Said capital stock or designated parts thereof shall be paid for in property, labor or services at a just valuation to be fixed by the incorporators at a meeting called for that purpose.

ARTICLE VI.

The business of this corporation shall be conducted by a Board of Directors of not less than three nor more than eight.

ARTICLE VII.

The annual meeting of the stockholders shall be held on the first Monday in February of each year, at 10 o'clock a. m., or as soon thereafter as practicable, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year. The Board of Directors so elected shall meet immediately following adjournment of such annual meeting of the stockholders and shall organize by electing from their own number a President, a First and Second Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

ARTICLE VIII.

The stockholders of this corporation shall at the first annual meeting, or as soon thereafter as practicable, elect the necessary officers and directors for the government of this corporation.

ARTICLE IX.

The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which this corporation shall be subject shall be Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars.

ARTICLE X.

Until the first election of officers the business of this corporation shall be conducted by the following named persons: H. M. Katz, President. Ethel M. Katz, First Vice-President. Adele P. Katz, Second Vice-President. E. D. Katz, Secretary and Treasurer.

ARTICLE XI.

The names and residences of the subscribers to these articles of incorporation, together with the number of shares of the capital stock subscribed by each, set opposite his name, are as follows:

Name	Residence	No. of Shares
H. M. Katz	Kissimmee, Fla.	48
Ethel M. Katz	Kissimmee, Fla.	48
Adele P. Katz	Kissimmee, Fla.	4
E. D. Katz	Kissimmee, Fla.	48

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 28th day of December, A. D. 1920.

H. M. KATZ,
ETHEL M. KATZ,
ADELE P. KATZ,
E. D. KATZ.

STATE OF FLORIDA.

COUNTY OF OSCEOLA.

Be it known that before me, the undersigned Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared H. M. Katz, Adele P. Katz, Ethel M. Katz and E. D. Katz, to me well known and known to me to be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing printed Charter of the KATZ BROTHERS, and each severally acknowledged that he or she executed the same for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed official seal this 28th day of December, A. D. 1920.

(Seal) W. B. CRAWFORD,
Notary Public, State of Florida at Large.

House Wiring

I am still in the business of house wiring and will do your work promptly.

In a Satisfactory Manner

and in accordance with the rules of the Underwriters. Before having your house wired or letting the contract let me give you an estimate.

W. G. McGiboney

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Avon Park, Florida

Well Driving and Pipe Fitting

"Cutler Gets the Water"

ELECTRIC AND GASOLINE MOTORS

Prompt Service

Satisfactory Work

Low Prices

ROSSELL CUTLER

Avon Park, Florida

Royal Tailoring Line

Clothes Called for and Delivered

Roberts Pressing Club

CLEANING AND PRESSING

French Dry Cleaning a Specialty

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Avon Park Florida

The Sanitary Market

A GOOD MEAL

Depends upon the quality of your MEAT

We specialize in quality and service

Try us and you will become one of our regular customers

The Sanitary Market

F. C. GILLINS, Prop.

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Avon Park Florida

Smith Tire Service

ARCADIA, FLA.

Box 247

MAXWELL AGENCY

and TRUCK TIRES REPAIRED

Out of Town Orders Given Prompt Attention

DR. D. C. CREWS

Dentist

Office: First National Bank Building

Avon Park, Florida

Florida Ice and Power Co.

PURE CRYSTAL ICE ELECTRICITY AND WATER

Avon Park

Florida

GROCERIES OF QUALITY

Prompt Deliveries.

PHONE 19

B. H. James

Buy a Homesite

And Let It Grow in Value While You Are Paying For It

NO SAFER INVESTMENT

can be made than in town lots in a growing town. Avon Park is growing wonderfully and values are increasing daily. You can take a good profit in a short time and will not realize that you have made an investment if you

BUY A LOT IN BLOCK SIXTY-FOUR

Beautiful location on the crest of a hill overlooking the town; on asphalt pavement; electric lights and water brought to your door.

EASY PAYMENTS

NO INTEREST

Norton T. Smith

Avon Park, Florida

OFFICE: MASONIC TEMPLE

TUCKER'S SOLILOQUIES

Wife's Cigars

He lives now somewhere up in the stars

And never again will tease her;

At Christmas she bought him a box of cigars

And he smoked a couple to please her.

If you are anxious to lay up something, learn the brickmason's trade.

Taking the Long Chances

Many ambitious young men and women seem to be possessed to go to the cities for positions. One out of every nine of this class in New York City becomes an object of public charity and one out of four is buried at public expense. Many of this class might have been successful and happy in their home town. The cities are sink holes that draw thousands of young men and women from home to take the one to nine chance.

Cheer to Sheel

A subscriber in arrears to his town paper was dying. The editor dropped in to see him. "How do you feel?" he asked. "All looks bright before me," gasped the subscriber. "I thought so," said the editor. "You will see the blaze in about ten minutes."

Feared the Worst

A wife said to her husband: "Your son's extravagance is increasing. Now he wants an auto."

"That's all right," he replied. "I thought he wanted to start a newspaper."

Limited Membership

The best member's club I know of has one member and it holds an all-day session every day in the week.

No Pockets in Shrouds

As we journey through life let us live by the way. We are here today and gone tomorrow and there are no pockets in a shroud.

No Inducement to Move

The funeral of a workman in Japan costs 83 cents. If the family desires an especially fine one, it will cost as much as \$125. The price of a coffin is 20 cents. Rates for cremation are from 40 to 70 cents.

Answers to Questions

The largest map in the Ordnance Survey map of England, costing twenty millions.

The largest history was that of the War of the Rebellion, by Uncle Sam, weighing 500 pounds.

The greatest canal is the Suez; ninety-five miles long, twenty-six feet deep and costing \$100,000,000.

The longest canal is the Imperial canal in China. It is 1,000 miles long.

The longest fence is in Australia. It is 1,236 miles in length.

The largest insect is the Central America moth, which measures sixteen inches from tip to tip of wings.

The largest flower grows in Sumatra and is three feet in diameter, weighing fifteen pounds. Its color is white.

The largest dam is the Quebec Bridge dam in New York.

The hottest place on earth is the southeastern portion of Persia.

New Year's Eve Party

Mrs. Harry Dille entertained the Sewing Club New Year's eve at progressive hearts. A midnight dinner of roast beef, cranberries, scalloped potatoes, hot rolls, pickles, plum pudding with sauce, coffee and chocolate and divinity fudge was served and the New Year ushered in by a merry party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. John Hood, Mrs. L. H. Park and daughter, Maribna, A. B. Hanson, Mrs. Fred Smith, Miss Whipple, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hart and daughter Lois, Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Skipper, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sherman and Mildred and Sadie Myers.

Real estate, that's all, Stivender.

Sure Happiness

FOR YOUR FAMILY

Christmas 1921

WITH EVERY BANK BOOK
in our
WEEKLY PAYMENT PLAN

Christmas Savings Clubs

It satisfies Father, Mother, Sister, Brother, Wife or Sweetheart as the surest plan for XMAS prosperity. JOIN and taste the fruits of thrift.

First National Bank

Your Automobile

will last much longer, run better and give you more satisfaction and enjoyment if you

Repair Work and Overhauling

is done by expert workmen. Automobile repairing is our business and we give all work brought to us our most careful attention.

Let Us Serve You

GASOLINE OIL ACCESSORIES
Tires and Tubes Supplies of All Kinds

The Standard Garage

WELCH BROS., Proprietors
AVON PARK, FLORIDA

Mostris Fruit Store

The people of Avon Park will be interested in learning that the new proprietor of the Fruit Store comes here exceptionally well recommended and that it is his intention to furnish those who desire strictly first-class fruits and everything usually carried in such a store with only the best the market affords.

Your patronage will be appreciated

Fresh Fruits, Canned Goods, Cigars, Tobacco, Cigarettes, Fresh Roasted Peanuts, Bottled Cool Drinks of All Kinds

OUR MOTTO IS: QUALITY AND SERVICE

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Stivender sells real estate.

New satin hats at Miss Bass' millinery shop.

A. E. Conoley is the owner of a new Oakland Six.

C. E. Lanier was a business visitor in Tampa Tuesday.

Doughnuts—they are good for the kiddies. At Clarke's Grocery.

Commissioner S. P. Durrance made his official visit to Arcadia Monday.

We make your storage battery new.

W. F. Babcock, Sebring, Fla. Stiff Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Lander enjoyed an automobile trip to Tampa Tuesday.

A. D. Roberts was transacting official business in Arcadia Monday and Tuesday.

The Rev. Sam Durrance of New Hope was among the Avon Park visitors Tuesday.

For Sale—About twenty laying hens. Inquire of Ellis West, at James Grocery Store.

Miss Martha Park and A. B. Hansen entertained Mr. and Mrs. John Hood at Sunday dinner.

R. L. Harris and R. W. Swearingen motored to Bartow, Winter Haven and Lake Wales Tuesday.

Storage batteries rebuilt, repaired and recharged. W. P. Babcock, Sebring.

Sterling Canter of Tampa and Ralph Burleigh of Dundee spent Sunday here with old school chums.

Good awful good Doughboy Doughnuts, made famous by the lassies "over there." At Clarke's Grocery.

Helen Smith left Monday morning for Rollins College, after having spent the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Smith.

H. E. Coy last week sold the little green bungalow near Lake avenue to Mrs. John B. Rogers, who, with her sister, will occupy same after April 1st.

Will the lady who picked up the silk bag with crochet top, containing lorgnettes, Monday night of last week at the Melville Comedians' tent, please return to this office?

C. E. Edwards spent a couple of days last week assisting M. D. Holt move his blooded stock from his farm near Tampa to Avon Park. The moving was done by truck.

Mrs. M. A. Dunlap and little daughter of Jenkins, Ky., arrived in Avon Park a few days ago to spend six weeks with Mrs. Dunlap's sisters, Mrs. Stoney Amick and Miss McCord.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Park and children, Caroline and Lee, accompanied by Miss Della Whipple, spent Sunday in Bartow, attending the Presbyterian church services and visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. McCurdy and son Fred and Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Doty departed Wednesday for their homes in Pittsburgh, Pa., and Cleveland O., after having spent several delightful weeks at Lake Byrd Lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Kelly and little son of Ebeers, Ga., arrived here Thursday to spend several weeks with Mrs. Kelly's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Holt. Mr. Kelly hopes to dispose of his property in Georgia and make Avon Park his home.

A "widow's party" was held at the home of Capt. F. C. Rae last Friday, chaperoned by the captain's sister, Mrs. Norton T. Smith. The guests merrily munched and dined for Captain Rae, while he employed his time sewing (so he says). Ten cakes and candies were served and the occasion was a most enjoyable one. Being a widow is the qualification required to participate in these events, which Captain Rae hopes will be of frequent occurrence.

INTERESTING FACTS CONCERNING BLUEBERRIES AND HUCKLEBERRIES

(By F. Joseph, Tampa, Fla.)

Fruit growing is one of the chief industries of the south. In looking around for varieties of fruits to be grown for profit it would be well to give the southern orchard blueberry due consideration. This fruit has been studied by some for a generation or more, and by careful selection and improvement by cultivation for a good many years they have proven beyond a doubt the commercial value and the many special advantages of this plant over any other variety of fruit.

The expense of developing a blueberry orchard is very little compared with the cost of developing orchards of other fruits. The yearly outlay per acre until the grove pays a handsome dividend is very small; in fact, the land between the trees can be used to such good advantage in growing vegetables, without material injury to the blueberry plants, that often several hundred dollars per acre can be made in growing vegetables, which is far beyond the expense of growing the blueberries. Often the grove on a single acre of vegetables for one year will pay the entire cost of developing the same acre of blueberries, including the original cost of the blueberry plants and providing a handsome profit for the labor besides.

A single well developed blueberry plant has been known to yield twenty quarts at one picking and over forty quarts during the season. Of these blueberry trees are planted 12 feet apart each way, making 302 plants to an acre but frequently they are planted in rows 12 feet apart and the plants 6 feet apart in the row, making 604 plants to the acre. Forty cents a quart was a common retail price for blueberries last season.

Of course forty cents per quart and forty quarts per plant, with 604 plants per acre, would mean an enormous yield and a most profitable crop for a single acre; but, it would hardly be expected that every plant would produce equal to the best. Even twenty quarts per plant would be an enormous yield, but of course ten quarts per plant would be very low, conservative estimate for a mature grove to yield year after year, as with reasonable care the plants produce very full and large crops every year. Where planted in groves and well cared for, there has never been known, to the writer's knowledge, a failure of the blueberry crop, and the demand for the fruit has always been much greater than the supply in every city of the United States. Neither trees nor fruit have ever been destroyed by insects and no diseases have ever yet been known to affect them enough to require spraying; moreover, no crop has ever been destroyed by frost. Thus it is plain that this is one of the best and surest fruits to grow that there is.

Thousands of dollars have been expended in the south in attempts to develop profitable fruits, partial and often total failure resulting from frost. Other fruits have required the expenditure of thousands of dollars for protection by spraying against insects and diseases. You take no such chances when you plant the orchard blueberry tree. With blueberries profitable returns usually begin with the second year, increasing annually till the plants are fully matured, after which handsome and sure yields are obtainable yearly.

While these plants do remarkably well with commercial fertilizer, the fact should not be overlooked that they do better with the use of leaf mould or sour manure yearly. The absence of which any green crop can be plowed under after the summer rains, which will provide the necessary food for the berries. Though these blueberries do exceptionally well on old land, they do still better on newly cleared land without liming or sweetening.

Among the many varieties of blueberries and huckleberries which have been classified, the southern orchard tree blueberry is being extensively planted this season. It grows from six to twelve feet high and is a very heavy yielder of large, delicious berries, sometimes measuring half an inch or more in diameter. The ripening period for middle Florida is May, June and July and about a month later in North Florida and adjoining states.

Quite a number of early orchard tree blueberries are also being planted. This is similar to the southern orchard tree blueberry, except that the berry is much smaller and it fruits much earlier, but is of a very fine quality, ripening early in May and in some places the latter part of April.

The fact should not be overlooked that these two blueberries ripen when other fruits are scarce. There is always a good demand for the fruit for pies, sauces and for canning purposes. When properly picked and crates they can be shipped to any part of the United States without icing, and there have never been any markets oversupplied with blueberries or huckleberries. The highest market prices can always be expected.

Until the tree blueberries were cultivated there were no plants to speak of on the market for commercial purposes. The thought prevailed that they could be grown successfully only in swampy lands. These new varieties have been growing and producing successfully on ordinary upland fruit and vegetable soils, as well as on low cultivated lands, for years. In this fact lies much of the value of these plants. You are not experimenting when you set out an orchard of these plants for profit. The writer knows of one grove in its fourteenth year, yielding bountifully and showing no signs of deterioration. This is beyond doubt the best fruit for any one to plant, especially in the south, whether it is desired to grow a small quantity of fruit for home use or for local markets or shipping purposes. No garden or fruit orchard is complete without ten or a dozen of these plants. They do remarkably well in all the southern states and there are varieties available adapted to the northern states also.

We make your storage battery new. W. F. Babcock, Sebring, Fla. Stiff

Also in Florida There is said to be a shortage of 100,000 homes in Chicago.

Highlands Chapter No. 42, R. A. M.

Convocations every second and fourth Monday in Masonic Temple, 7:30 p. m.

Visiting companions cordially welcomed.

W. M. Reck, High Priest. J. J. Jamour, Secretary.

Consult Stivender for real estate bargains.

A. E. LAWRENCE

Attorney-at-Law Room No. 5, Highlands Bank and Trust Building Sebring, Florida

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

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Without the three Ion sisters this old world would not progress very rapidly, for it is through Inspiration that we first dream of a Florida orange grove, through Perspiration that the young grove is started, and through Application of your earnings that the completed grove is purchased.

Let me show you the wonderful little ten-acre grove that will fit your desires and pocketbook.

Mark W. Lance

Insurance REALTOR Citrus Groves

R. I. HARRIS

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

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GENERAL CONTRACTOR

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Phone 59

Avon Park, Fla.



A great acreage has been cleared and plowing will soon be started on the land comprising the first unit of sales. We are up to our schedule of development and tree planting will begin early in 1921.

"Watch Your Investment Grow"

Citrus Groves and By-Products Company

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Avon Park, Fla.

We make your storage battery new. W. F. Babcock, Sebring, Fla. Stiff

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A happy and prosperous New Year, Governor Hardee.

Avon Park is now ablaze with beautiful ligonia bloom.

Let the scenic Highlands be well represented at the South Florida Fair.

Cats will now have to "run on his reputation," which is so bad it will not take him far.

The winter amusement course provided by the board of trade is a splendid one. Don't miss a number.

Look over your printed matter and see what you will need for the year 1921. Then place your order early.

Don't start the new year by crying "hard times." That will do more to make hard times than any other one thing.

It is said to cost less than \$3 a head to raise deer in Alaska. It costs considerably more than that to kill them in Florida.

It doesn't pay to buy cheap, shoddy goods. When you buy cheap goods, materials. And incidentally, it pays to buy at home.

If you have a grievance against your neighbor, resolve to wipe it off the date and begin a new friendship with the new year.

It was some joke on those prohibition officers at Lexington, Ky., who discovered that forty cases of "rot-tied in bond" was only colored water.

The grand sweepstakes prize at the South Florida Fair will probably be carried off by DeSoto, Manatee, Polk county. DeSoto can get it if she tries.

Bank clearings in Tampa and Jacksonville showed splendid increases during the year 1920 over that of 1921. The average increase of the two cities being 22.3 per cent.

A Tacoma (Wash.) woman received a half million dollars for a Christmas present. Which goes to show that there is a little money left in this good old U. S. A., after all.

The year 1920 was a record-breaking one in the history of sports of all kinds. What's the matter with making 1921 a record-breaking year in the history of business legitimate business, we mean?

President Wilson recently refused an offer of \$150,000 to write an article of his own selection on the subject that it wasn't worth it. There are thousands of people in the United States who heartily agree with him.

"The big one and corn crops in Florida should keep the enforcement officers busy for another year," says the Times-Union. No doubt they will, for those enforcement officers are about the busiest busy-bodies decent citizens ever had to contend with.

After reading the expressions of every newspaper in the state as regards pardoning Mendenhall, we don't have any cabinet officer to announce that he was "agin it." The announcement would have carried a little more weight, however, had it been made a little earlier.

Transpositions of letters sometimes cause embarrassing as well as ludicrous mistakes to appear in the newspapers. We respectfully refer the DeSoto County News to the fourteenth line of the seventh paragraph in its editorial of Dec. 24 under caption "Labor Forces Have Ridden," etc.

Tampa Tribune says President Harding will have 250,000 jobs to give out. Now if the president wants to render a real service to his country he will disburse with those 250,000 jobs and ask congress to reduce taxation in the sum that would have been paid out to at least 250,000 worthless employees.

Times-Union: "Congress is now expected to make a world's record with the brakes all set and skid chains added." And it had better do so if the republican party expects to remain in power more than four years. The party has everything in its own way and there'll be no chance of side-stepping if it fails to fulfill its pre-election promises.

None of the big mail-order houses pay a penny toward the upkeep of our public institutions or for the improvement of our town. Still, there are people who send their money to Chicago, New York and other large cities, when better articles could be bought in our Florida towns and cities for the same money or even less.

Times-Union says "all along the county highways the old gray mule can be seen twisting the juice of Florida's sugar crop. And pretty soon if one searches carefully along the by-ways no doubt many little wreaths of smoke will be found curling heavenward and the atmosphere will contain faint odors that will arouse the suspicions of those busy enforcement officers."

The Baptists have always had the reputation of standing by one another through thick and thin, but Dr. Robert S. McArthur, noted New York pastor and president of the World Alliance Baptists, couldn't stomach our erratic governor and at last recently offered up a fervent prayer that the Lord might rebuke him for his infamous conduct and make him understand that he should "respect his high position and responsibility."

THE NEW YEAR

New Year's day was a perfect Florida winter day and we may well accept its brightness as an omen of what is in store for the coming year. Everything points to a bright future. New buildings, new roads, new improvements are increasing their capital; the First National Bank is contemplating increasing its capital from \$100,000 to \$100,000; a new bank in addition, with a capital of \$20,000, will soon open its doors, serving our growing city three substantial banks; new business enterprises are being added; thousands of acres of new groves will be set; our cattle mills have their products sold in advance, and a number of our citizens will build new residences.

These are hopeful signs and point to a year of business activity even surpassing that of last year, which was a remarkable one, even though conditions worked against us in the way of building, it being almost impossible to secure material and labor.

The cost of living alone nearly all lines is being reduced and while this reduction there must necessarily follow a reduction in wages, the labor line will be just as well or better off than heretofore, because of the increased purchasing power of the dollar.

The larger portion of our citrus crop will remain in the hands of the universal feeling seems to prevail that those who have held their crop will receive good prices.

During the year 1920 our merchants did a splendid business, but we firmly believe that this year the volume will be increased and that conditions will come that will give the merchants a greater feeling of security. Market conditions are shaping themselves so that the feeling of uncertainty which has dominated the market all over the country will be replaced by a feeling of confidence.

The prosperity of Avon Park, however, depends entirely upon her people. If we would be prosperous we must all work in harmony and unison. Those who make their money in Avon Park should spend it here. Such a course will enable our merchants to carry better lines of merchandise and attract outside trade to the city.

Probably a reduction in the price of the trade which has left Avon Park during the last year was because of the fact that in the larger towns better assortments from which to make selections were obtainable. But by being loyal to home merchants we can soon have just as large stocks to select from as can be found anywhere in the smaller cities.

We feel sure that if Avon Park merchants will be loyal to Avon Park merchants the latter will equally as loyal and show their appreciation by carrying larger stocks and selling at the lowest possible margin of profit.

Let us make the year 1921 a record-breaking one in the history of this beautiful and growing city.

THE NEWSPAPER GAME

Uncle Billy Stevens of the Moore Haven Times, in bemoaning the loss of his printer, writes the following in a letter to Pete Ruhl of the Sebring White Way: "There is nothing in the printing game—except hard work and cunning. I get them here, and you get them. So does Adams; and poor Harry Gann died just in time." We are inclined to think when Uncle Billy penned those lines he was suffering from indigestion or gow. We have found the newspaper game a most fascinating one and in its playing we have realized much of a pleasant nature.

True, the newspaper man does not always get credit for his efforts and many times he is justly criticized. But were he not subjected to criticism he might well consider his efforts lost and that he had missed his vocation in life. While the newspaper game may not be as lucrative from a financial standpoint as some other lines of business, it is rich in many ways. There's a certain degree of satisfaction in the knowledge that you have comforted the sorrowing, sympathized with the erring, brought smiles to the cheeks of children, assisted in the growth and development of your community, upheld its religious and educational institutions, and done your bit in an attempt at bettering humanity. There's a satisfaction in all those things far greater than in piling up riches or working for fame. And we have found the newspaper game a fairly lucrative one and the worth while people really appreciative of our efforts. The opinions of those who cannot be classed as worth-while people do not worry us.

A MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION

With the beginning of the New Year why would it not be a good plan for our merchants to get together and organize a merchants' association—an association for the purpose of getting together and forming a price combination, but an association whose objective is the betterment of business, the keeping of Avon Park trade in Avon Park and ways and means to induce outside trade to come here, mutual protection against the dead-beat and a harmonious discussion of those vexatious problems which always confront to a greater or lesser degree every man engaged in business.

Such an association would not only result in much benefit to the merchants themselves, but would work for the good of Avon Park and her citizens in general. A more friendly and harmonious relation would exist between merchants and this relation would naturally result in savings and spread to their patrons.

And another feature of such an organization would be the absolute protection guaranteed against those who are in the habit of trading on credit at one place as long as the merchant will extend credit, then transferring their patronage to other merchants or sending out of town to supply their needs. This would inevitably result in lower prices, with increased net profits, for everyone knows that a merchant who does a credit business must add a sufficient per cent to the price of his merchandise to cover losses occasioned by bad debts.

There is not a merchant in Avon

Park who desires to charge more for his merchandise than the same quality can be purchased in any of the surrounding towns. We have no profiteers and from conversation with some of our leading merchants we are satisfied that they are not making an unjust profit on their goods. It is simply a matter of better credit and better business is not on a cash basis in Avon Park and of necessity there must be more or less loss on goods sold. Our merchant informed us last Tuesday that if he had no bad accounts he would easily sell for 10 per cent less and make more profit than he was making now. Eliminate these bad debts and you will not hear so much talk about the high price of commodities in Avon Park.

With a live merchants' association losses from bad accounts would be reduced to a minimum, for every merchant in the association would be kept informed as to the credit of the patrons and the man who did not pay his bills at one stage would be unable to obtain credit elsewhere.

And in this connection, we want to say right here that a great deal depends on the people themselves. Many people who owe small accounts think, "Well, we haven't done much to much this month, so I'll just let it go another month and make it something worth while." The small account would make but little difference to the merchant, but if he has a hundred such bills at one stage would be a viewpoint, the amount in the aggregate is large and handicaps the merchant when his accounts with wholesalers are due. If everyone paid promptly, merchants would never have to borrow in order to meet their obligations. Every time they have to borrow it means 8 or 10 per cent.

Let's get together and organize an association that will not only benefit the merchants, but will benefit the customers as well.

HARDEE'S OPPORTUNITY

Cary A. Hardee has the loyalty and confidence of more than a hundred thousand voters, who are not watching him to see whether or not he makes good, but are taking it for granted that he will. The people believe in Mr. Hardee and are expecting great things of his administration. He has the necessary ability, courage, energy and Floridaian instinct. His devotion to the sacred insti-

tutions of this republic and his loyalty to properly constituted authority are another almost to fantasy, so it is natural to expect Cary A. Hardee to be the law and order governor of Florida that Calvin Coolidge has been in Massachusetts, and the Lord knows Florida has drifted dangerously away from both the laws of God and man in the last four years. A little more business in government and less politics and the playing thereof in public affairs will be helpful to the commonwealth.—St. Augustine Record.

DOES ADVERTISING PAY?

Does advertising pay? Always, and sometimes it makes a fortune for the man who foots the bill. An Atlanta soft drink concern, with its modest capitalization of \$50,000, in creased its assets by \$1,370,000 in its last statement, and is now worth \$5,772,647. It has \$1,283,000 in real estate and a \$2,924,898 surplus, all built on advertising. An automobile corporation reports increased sales of over \$13,000,000 last year—due to increased advertising. A cereal company reports a gain in gross earnings of \$1,356,972, or 67 per cent increase in two years. Advertising did it. On the other hand, a biscuit company, which reduced its advertising appropriation for last year shows profits shrunk from \$731,172 to \$422,371. These figures will prove interesting both to advertisers and non-advertisers.—St. Augustine Record.

Anyway, the New Year promises better government for fair Florida.

Florida will now get four years of safe and sane legislation. Glory be!

Will the board of trade get busy now and assist in making a creditable exhibit for the South Florida Fair?

No, the chicken-pox is not caused by eating chickens, but one is likely to get as many spots as is caused by disease if caught stealing chickens.

Times-Union: "Barrenness says that congress is to blame for the postoffice department deficit. He seems to want to have a whole herd of goats." There are several thousand newspaper men in the United States who have comprised Buleen's herd, all of whom will be thankful when his crook is handed to another shepherd.

Ideal weather on New Year's day, which may be taken as a good omen.

Tampa Tribune gets a little better all the time—especially noticeable when it issues a 56-page edition, as it did Sunday, Dec. 19.

Jack Worthington is on the committee mapping out the itinerary of the National Editorial Association. It's up to you, Jack, to see that the scenic Highlands receives a visit from these gentlemen and their wives.

Congressman Frank Clark has introduced a bill in congress, which, if passed, will have a wholesome effect in ridding the nation's capital of those human vamps, commonly known as "mashers." Conviction means a year's imprisonment. Only fault we see in the bill is the penalty is not severe enough.

The Times-Union Philosopher says: "The woman who expects her husband never to drink, smoke, swear or go out ought to have married a gold fish." We think the more appropriate fish would have been the jelly-fish.

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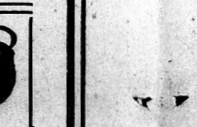
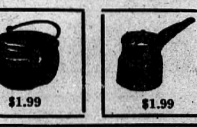
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Mid-Season Millinery

A large stock of new spring styles in HATS will soon be received and placed on sale at

LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES.

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DON'T MISS THIS SPLENDID ENTERTAINMENT

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Stivender sells real estate. Extra copies of The Pilot are 5 cents each.

New satin hats at Miss Bass' millinery shop.

J. B. Peden was transacting business in Arcadia Monday.

C. E. Lanier was transacting business in Arcadia Tuesday.

John H. Hood spent Monday in Arcadia transacting business.

For Sale—Six-room bungalow on Lake Avenue. See J. R. Ganey. 415

Fresh-made Doughboy Doughnuts that taste like more at Clarke's Grocery.

Florence and Nell Raines were guests of Miss Ethel Dickinson Saturday.

Strained honey and 3-year-old Carmen grape vines for sale. Mrs. H. Stevenson.

R. I. Harris and W. P. Brooks spent Monday transacting business in Brownsville.

A. M. Smith of Arbuckle was transacting business and greeting friends here Monday.

S. E. Roberts and W. M. Hauptman of Zolfo were transacting business here Tuesday.

Mrs. George L. Crews returned Friday from a few days' visit with relatives near Arcadia.

For Sale—That handsome new cottage, corner Lake Avenue and Charles street. See H. E. Coy.

C. A. Clark accompanied by some friends from the west, spent Tuesday on Arbuckle fishing.

Aaron Harvey went to Fort Meade Tuesday night, where he has accepted a position with A. Brantley & Son.

Storage batteries rebuilt, repaired and recharged. W. P. Babcock, 511t

Miss Georgia Le Barnes returned Monday from Bartow, where she had been spending two weeks with her sister.

The handsome new cottage, corner Lake Avenue and Charles street, now make you a fine home. It's for sale by H. E. Coy.

A word to the wise is sufficient, but a whole library would not convince the otherwise. Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

Dr. W. C. Touchton has had one of the newest fences in town erected around his grove property on South Verona Avenue.

J. V. Chapman is having the interior of his handsome bungalow decorated this week. G. J. Mascott is doing the work.

J. B. Peden held morning and evening services last Sunday at Bridges, over on the Charlotte Harbor & Northern railroad.

Mrs. Roy Waters and baby returned to Avon Park Saturday night, after having spent the holidays with relatives in Lakeland.

When you buy something cheap you feel good when you buy it, but you feel rotten every time you drink it. Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hunt returned to their home in Haines City Tuesday morning, after having spent several days here, guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Williams.

Miss Leora Edwards returned to Arcadia Friday, after having spent several days here with her father, C. E. Edwards. Miss Edwards is employed in a millinery store in Arcadia.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Schulte, who had been the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Norvin, for the last two months, departed Tuesday for Los Angeles, Calif., where they will make their future home.

Mrs. Ella Lyons and daughter Grace of Chocoma, Fla., are expected here today or tomorrow to spend the winter. They will occupy the W. T. Hall bungalow. They spent last winter with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maderia, out on Lake Lotela, and made many friends who will welcome their return this winter.

An interesting New Year's party was held at the home of Charles Fator New Year's eve. Casino and pool were played and refreshments of hot chocolate and cake were served. The guests were Thelma Clark, Lettie Nellie and Mary Pabor, John Murphy, Clyde Vaughn, Fred Pedeh, Raymond Diley and Charles Pabor.

John Engelbrecht of Topeka, Kas., arrived in Avon Park Sunday morning, having been summoned here by his daughter, Mrs. Oscar Johnson, on account of the serious condition of her husband, who passed away Saturday morning. Mr. Engelbrecht arrived in time to attend the last rites and will remain here several weeks with his daughter.

C. F. Richardson, who has recently installed a Doughboy doughnut-making machine at Clarke's store, brought us in a sample of his product one day last week. We are particularly fond of doughnuts and consider ourselves something of a connoisseur as to quality of these circles of air with appetizing rings around them, and we can truthfully say that the doughnuts made by Mr. Richardson are as near like those "mother used to make" as we have tasted in a long while.

Miss Vera McGinnis entertained a number of her friends Thursday evening of last week, music, progressive talking and a talking contest providing a full measure of enjoyment to the happy gathering. The talking contest was unique, a prize being offered to the one who could say the most in a minute's time. Miss Ellie Harris was the winner of the prize, a handsome crepe de chine handkerchief. An appetizing luncheon of chicken salad, sandwiches, pickles, olives, hot chocolate and cream and chocolate and fruit cake was served. The guests were Ellie Harris, Beasley Palmer, Mabel Russell, Louise Palmer, Thelma Ervin, Alfred Cochran, Fred Pedeh, Len Starkey, Fred Crews, W. O. Spear and DeWitt Green.

New satin hats at Miss Bass' millinery shop.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Harris spent yesterday in Lake Wales.

W. J. Newburn was transacting business in Arcadia Monday.

Mrs. A. H. Darracot of Lakeland spent Monday in Avon Park.

C. A. Skipper motored to Tampa and St. Petersburg Wednesday.

Leroy Dunn of Lake Wales was a business visitor here Wednesday.

Sheriff Joe Hampton has reappointed A. D. Roberts as deputy sheriff for this district.

Hugh G. Agricola of Gadsden, Ala., son of Otto Agricola, is expected here Sunday to spend several days.

G. L. Crews and Lee are spending several days this week down on Josephine creek fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. DeBordave and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Buchanan spent Friday of last week in Tampa.

L. A. Wolff, B. H. Starkey, Mrs. H. C. Hinton and daughter and Mary Woods motored to Sebring Wednesday afternoon.

T. L. Osteen, who has large sawmill interests near here, spent Wednesday with his friend G. W. Tompkins at the Hotel Avon.

E. C. Allen, B. F. Martin and C. P. Turner left last Sunday on a business trip to Adairville, Ga., where they will spend a week.

Miss Leona Cloud returned to Southern College Monday, after having spent the holidays here with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. L. Cloud.

Mrs. S. P. Durranee and children departed Monday for Nashville, Tenn., where they will enter Drake.

Lipscomb College for the remainder of the term.

Mrs. H. C. Peelman of Jacksonville, secretary of the Woman's Board of Union of Florida, spent Sunday in Avon Park, leaving Monday morning for Lakeland.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Wev of Arcadia, who own a large tract of land in and near Avon Park, accompanied by their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Byrd, spent Wednesday in Avon Park.

Members of Highlands Chapter No. 42, Royal Arch Masons, are reminded that Monday night is regular convocation night. All members are urged to be present and visiting companions are welcome.

Mrs. John H. Hood and Miss Martha Park have opened a gift shop in L. A. Wolff & Son's grocery store, as soon as remodeling of the Park building on Lake Avenue is completed they will have display rooms there.

Little Lois Harts, who was operated on Wednesday for appendicitis by Dr. Simmons of Arcadia, assisted by Dr. J. L. Cloud of this city, a trained nurse from Tampa had been operated on and it is hoped the patient will soon recover.

L. R. Lewis purchased a new Oshkosh four-wheel drive truck the latter part of December and says that he is not afraid of sand. Mr. Lewis was one of the first subscribers to The Pilot and has been a constant reader since its first issue. When you have nothing it will pay you to see him.

The Exchange packing house began operations again Monday morning, after having been shut down since Dec. 15. Manager Stoddard informs us that they are not working a full force and are only turning out one or two cars of about two cars of grapefruit daily. He says the Exchange has in its neighborhood 10,000 boxes of already been shipped for the late fruit.

Wednesday we received a pleasant visit from J. R. Holland of Miami, who is a director in the Florida Citrus Development Company and had just arrived in Avon Park for a few days sojourn and on business in connection with his investments. This is his second visit to our beautiful little city and he notes with pleasure many improvements since he was here before.

expressed the hope that some time in the near future he might become a permanent resident of Avon Park, as he is very much in love with the town and its surrounding country.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Storer and daughter Miss Margaret, and Mrs. E. S. Costello, Mrs. W. C. Bevan and niece, Miss Marie Bevan, of Cleveland, O., arrived in Avon Park Monday morning for a couple of weeks' sojourn at the Avon. Mr. and Mrs. Storer are grove owners with the Seaside Highlands Development Company, and from the expressions of delight over that company's splendid development and the natural beauty of Avon Park and the surrounding country, made by the other members of the party, we are of the opinion they will also become identified with Hillcrest.

A recent addition to the transportation facilities of the Ridge is the Seaside Highlands Bus Line. This line is operated by M. D. Holt & Son, who are running the best passenger auto we have yet seen, between Avon Park and Haines City, making the trip via Winter Haven. The schedule is convenient for passengers who desire to make connections at Haines City for Jacksonville and points north, as well as for those coming from the north. At Winter Haven connections are made with auto lines for all points. We wish Messrs. Holt much success in their venture, which supplies a long-felt want.

A new dressmaking establishment, to be known as the Elite Shop, has been opened in the small building in the millinery parlors of Miss Roberta Bass, by Mme. Gaines of Peoria, Ill. Mme. Gaines is a graduate of the Keister Ladies' Tailoring College in St. Louis and has taken a post-graduate course in New York City. She is a competent designer as well as dressmaker, having taught designing and dressmaking in Peoria several years. She comes here well recommended and the ladies of Avon Park and vicinity are invited to call and get acquainted. See her advertisement on another page.

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A FULL LINE OF MAGAZINES

FRESH MILK AT THE SODA FOUNTAIN

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Get your prescriptions filled here by a Registered Pharmacist

McGinnis Pharmacy

ED CARNES, Manager

Grant Orr of Arcadia was transacting business here Wednesday.

B. W. Fidler and daughter, a business visitor in Avon Park yesterday.

Q. A. Hunt spent several days in St. Cloud this week renewing acquaintance with old comrades.

Walter Moring of Tampa spent several days in Avon Park this week, leaving yesterday for Jacksonville.

Dr. J. P. Hibborn of Orlando filled the Methodist pulpit here Sunday night, preaching to a large congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hopewell of Washington, Ind., arrived here Wednesday night and are spending a few days at Hollyhurst. They expect to spend the remainder of the winter here if they can secure quarters.

The firm name of the Ford Sales Company of this place has been changed to the Highlands Motor Company. We understand there has been no change in the management and that W. M. Griffin will remain here as local manager.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Anderson this week moved out to Lake Byrd Lodge, where they will spend the winter months. R. C. Petersen and family will occupy the house they vacated and L. M. Marsh and family the house vacated by the Petersens, which Mr. Marsh has purchased.

A delightful picnic was held out at Lake Lotela New Year's day by a gathering of Indiana people composed of Mr. and Mrs. James Hogan, Mrs. Ira Drake, Harley Bonnett, daughter-in-law and grandson, J. O. Paris and family, B. H. Starkey and family, Eliza West and family and Q. A. Hunt and family.

The Rev. Benjamin F. Stock, pastor of the Congregational church of New Year's day was the recipient of a token of high esteem in which he is held by the people of Avon Park. A day or two before the New Year dawned Mrs. W. A. Marshall conceived the idea of some substantial token of appreciation should be tendered Mr. Stock for his splendid and unselfish services here, and circulated a subscription paper among our merchants and others, regardless of denominational preference, and in a short time secured \$100, which was presented to Mr. Stock New Year's day.

Card of Thanks

To those who so loyally supported me in the diamond ring contest, I wish to express my sincere thanks.

VIRGINIA DICKINSON.

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YOUR PATRONAGE SOLICITED

STRAWBERRY and GARDEN LAND

To any party who will build a house and clear and plant to garden I will deed lake front and give seven years to pay.

E. D. PUTNEY, Avon Park, Fla.

New Dressmaking Parlors

THE ELITE SHOP

Mme. Gaines announces the opening of the Elite Shop in the Millinery Parlors of Miss Roberta Bass in the Brickell Building. Mme. Gaines is a graduate of Keister College and is an expert in

Dressmaking and Designing

Expert Coat Making Plain and Fancy Dressmaking Evening Gowns a Specialty

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Entrance on Lake Avenue

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The motto of this bank is "Service." It is always our aim to render such service as will show our appreciation of your patronage and confidence.

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to open an account with this bank. Large or small, no matter which, we want your account in the handling of it will give you the service to which you are entitled.

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C. E. LANIER, SECRETARY
TREASURER

A FEW FACTS ABOUT FLORIDA

By MOSES FOLSOM

Florida was the first state in the union visited by white men from Europe to begin settlement. There is much historical material about the state, which you should know of, a good deal more than to pore over happenings in Europe, Asia and Africa two or three thousand years ago. Our state has in turn been under the Spanish, French, English and American flags. You are here and very much alive, and knowledge about the pyramids in distant Egypt and the sand covered cities of Asia Minor, the builders of which are nameless and long forgotten, will not buy a ride on the street car, nor give you credit at the store for a loaf of bread.

Florida became American territory in 1821, by virtue of a treaty concluded in 1819. It became a territory March 3, 1822, with Andrew Jackson as first governor. It became a state March 3, 1845, in the same bill with Iowa, in the days when a free state and a slave state were jointly admitted to maintain an equal balance of power in the senate. The first governor was William D. Moseley, a Whig.

Florida is the only growing state in the union. The coral insect is building up islands at the south end of the state, and constantly adding to our landed area. Florida is the largest state east of the Mississippi, Georgia alone excepted.

Florida has not been a large printer of books, yet few states have had more printed about it, as in the beginning of white man's knowledge of America, all of the continent north of Mexico was known as Florida, and books about the wonderland, thought in some cases to be the East Indies, were printed in Spain, in France, in England, in Cuba, and even in Mexico. The catalogues of the congressional library in Washington contain over 1,800 Florida titles, available to visitors only in the magnificent reading room of the finest library building in the world. Persons interested in citrus fruits will find Prof. H. Harold Hume's "Citrus Fruits and Their Culture," just what is needed. Prof. Hume also has a book of pecans, and you will find Prof. P. H. Rolfs' book, entitled "Subtropical Vegetable Gardening," to serve them in many ways. The catalogues of many of the Florida nurseries contain much valuable information for persons desiring to grow citrus fruits. The publication of the state department of agriculture, the state superintendent of public instruction, the state geologist, the state chemist, the state experiment station and other state institutions, can be made of use by persons engaged in a study of Florida and its resources. Many romances and novels have plots located in the state, volumes in public libraries and book stores.

St. Augustine is the oldest city in the United States. Key West is the most southerly city in the United States and has a ferry carrying railroad cars to and from Havana, Cuba. Miami is the biggest town for size in the United States. Tampa is a factory town without smokestacks, but produces more stuff to make smoke by human agency than any other in the country. St. Petersburg is the sunshine city. The Great City is the strawberry center. Sanford is the celery city. Pensacola has the naval station for the gulf, an aviation school. Jacksonville is the largest city. Tallahassee is the capital.

Florida has more sea coast than any other state. It has more rainfall, and more underground and available in artesian wells, than any other state. Geologists say that the available underground water supply if brought to the surface would cover the entire state 200 feet deep. Okeechobee is the largest lake solely within one state, and the St. Johns flows north a longer distance than any other river in a single state.

Florida has the best fishing advantages of any of the states. Our waters, both fresh and salt, still water in lakes, running water in rivers, and swelling tides in the seas, contain more than 600 varieties of fish. You can go fishing here and when the waters of the north are covered with thick ice. We have fine beaches, with splendid bathing privileges, along our shore, and in our seas are oysters, shrimp, clams, crabs and big turtles. The only sponge fisheries in America are in Florida.

Florida has the largest phosphate mines in America, and the only mines of fuller's earth, with mines in kash, for making pottery. Florida is the union in the production of naval stores—turpentine and rosin. Florida has some of the largest springs in America with outlets large enough for steamboats.

Florida is the only state which over its entire area something can be grown in every month. Strawberries are ripe and roses in bloom in the open air at Christmas time when in the north the ground is covered with snow. It is the first in the spring markets of the country with lettuce, celery and other garden products and annually ships thousands of cars.

Florida ships thousands of cars of watermelons every year to northern markets. Jefferson county is the largest producer of watermelon seed of any in the United States. Florida ships more cars of tomatoes than all other states combined. The largest pecan grove—72,000 trees—exists in Leon county. The pecan is the finest nut known to commerce. It does not grow anywhere except in America.

Florida has more kinds of trees than any other state in the union, and among them are two kinds that are not known to botanists in any other part of the world. Florida produces the finest citrus fruits in this country and annually ships thousands of cars. Trees produce fruit, nuts, oil, dyes, drugs, chemists, sweets, tar, rosin and turpentine, lumber and other things of value to man. The only camphor industry in America is in Florida, and the camphor tree is most attractive for street or yard trees. We have a great variety of temperate and sub-tropical shrubs, vines, flowers, grasses and mosses. The orchid grows wild. Our state produces coconuts, bananas, mangoes, avocado pears and other rare fruits. Florida is one of three states producing sea island and long staple cotton, for making thread and hosiery material.

Florida has the best climate in the United States. Mild winds from surrounding seas temper the heat of summer and the cold of winter. It has no dangerous storms. Its population by the census of 1920 was 966,206.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

New satin hats at Miss Bass' millinery shop.

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W. A. Marshall is driving a new Auburn Beauty Six roadster.

C. A. Skipper made a business trip to Bartow Friday of last week.

We repair all makes of storage batteries. W. P. Babcock, Sebring, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whidden of near Greenville spent Saturday in Avon Park.

Extra copies of The Pilot are on sale at the Avon Park Drug Company's store.

Doughnuts — Something to eat that's a treat; pure and wholesome. At Clark's Grocery.

W. T. Hall went to Tampa last Friday and will be located at the Tampa Bay hotel until about April 1.

The Misses Ruth and Roberta Bass spent Thursday afternoon and Friday of last week in Tampa shopping.

C. F. Kuddell of Aberdeen, Md., arrived in Avon Park Wednesday of last week with the intention of remaining here permanently.

Found — Pocketbook containing a sum of money. Owner can have same by calling at this office, proving property and paying for this advertisement.

Miss Allamace Reeves of Union City, Tenn., arrived in Avon Park Sunday night to spend a month with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ott and Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Ott.

Prof. R. T. Cornelius, who had been here two weeks visiting his family, who are among our winter guests, departed for Nashville Monday to resume his college work.

Col. and Mrs. R. P. Davidson of Lake Geneva, Wis., left for their home last week, after having spent a short time here at their beautiful home, Hollyhurst, out on Lake Lotela, with Mr. Davidson's mother and sister.

W. F. Luckie and son William and W. H. Terry of Acklone, Ga., spent Friday night of last week with D. A. Sapp and family on Lake Anoka. Mr. Luckie is a lumber man and is looking over the "Ridge" with the expectation of investing.

Miss Joy Aitchison of Grimsby, Ont., Canada, who with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Aitchison, is spending the winter in Lakeland, spent several days here this week with former school friends. Mr. and Mrs. Aitchison spent the winter here several years ago and made many friends, who were disappointed because of their inability to secure quarters here for the winter.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Following is Sheriff Dishong's report to the board of county commissioners of the activities of his office during the month of December:

Drunk	8
Manufacturing liquor and selling same	10
Violating school laws	2
Gambling	20
Aggravated assault	3
Assault and battery	3
Breaking and entering	3
Violating labor contract	5
Violating game law	1
Obtaining goods by false pretense	1
Proximity	2
Receiving stolen property	2
Issuing bad checks	1
Grand larceny	2
Number of cases	63
Plead guilty	34
Gave bond to county court	11
Bound over to grand jury	8
Committed to jail	6
Dismissed on payment costs	4
Number of cases	63
Cash fines and costs collected during December	\$2,027.85
Fine and cost notes on hand	\$40.36
Convicts on county roads today	12
Prisoners in jail during month	79
Prisoners in jail today	28
Prisoners captured for other counties	1
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J. L. DISHONG, Sheriff DeSoto County Florida.

Sheriff Dishong has furnished these monthly reports ever since he was elected into the office, in order to show the taxpayers just what he and his deputies were doing. In retiring from the office, where he has served faithfully, he expresses the hope that his successor will receive the hearty cooperation of the press and the people in upholding the laws.

Sheriff Dishong has done his best to render efficient service and desires to thank the people for the co-operation they have extended him. In a position of that kind, one naturally makes many enemies, but Mr. Dishong has made many friends as well and retires from the office with the most friendly feelings toward all.

Freight Rates Hurt California. California truck growers complain that the increased freight rates will put them out of business. They say that the new rates on celery, lettuce, etc., approximately 50 per cent, will paralyze the vegetable growing industry of that state as far as the eastern markets are concerned. The railroads may need the money, but crops cannot be grown at a loss.

Our Unnaturalized Aliens. There are 8,000,000 unnaturalized aliens in the United States.

Hush Up Government Clerks

Casual conversations will no longer be permitted to lighten the labors of the day at the state, war and navy building in Washington. The superintendent has imposed the obligation of silence upon all but official business, and in each case, he says, it must be proved to be official business. The penalty for the first infraction of the rule will be the loss of a day's pay. What further errors are in store for those who offend a second time can only be surmised. "Such punishment as the circumstances warrant" is the cryptic threat.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

United States Making Toys

The United States has forged ahead as a maker of toys since the beginning of the world war and taken the place of Germany in the world's market. During the past year this country has exported millions of dollars' worth of toys.

Time for Care. "These short skirts do make a lot of women look like little girls." "That's right. You've got to be careful who you try to put on the head newsies."—London Opinionist.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Court of the County Judge, DeSoto County, State of Florida. In re Estate of Sophia J. Lanier. To all creditors, legatees, distributees and all persons having claims or demands against said estate: You and each of you, are hereby notified and required to present any claims and demands which you, or either of you, may have against the estate of Sophia J. Lanier, deceased, late of DeSoto County, Florida, to the undersigned C. E. Lanier, Administrator of said estate, within two years from the date hereof.

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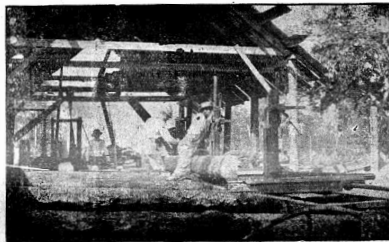
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FLORIDA WELCOMES AND PROVIDES FOR ALL

Each winter the migration from the north and middle west Florida increases. This season the southward tide promises to exceed even that of last year which is accredited the largest in history. It is a democratic throng which flows into the peninsula state—the multi-millionaire, the moderately well-to-do, and even those of meager means. For Florida welcomes and provides for all. There are all types of hotels from the most palatial and expensive to the simplest; there are winter homes from magnificent villas to humble bungalows.

Lack of living accommodations to meet the influx of visitors has led many to own or rent winter homes in Florida. Many people have proved that with vegetable and fruit gardens of their own they can escape the rigors of the northern winter and live more comfortably and economically in Florida.

Florida's resorts are divided geographically into three main divisions—the east coast chain, those which cluster about the interior lake and river region, and the west coast recreation centers, built for the most part upon indentations of the gulf.

Tourist traffic by motor, train or steamship pours into and out of the state through two main gateways, Jacksonville on the northeast, Pensacola on the northwest. Into the former, over the trains of the Atlantic Coast Line, the Seaboard Air Line, and the Southern Railway. Into the latter lead the Louisville & Nashville and connecting lines. At Jacksonville begins the Florida East Coast System intersecting the seagirt resorts of the Atlantic as far as Key West, where the traveler may embark for the short sail to Havana. The water route from the north to Florida is by the Clyde Line from New York to Jacksonville, also by Merchants and Miners Transportation Company.

Bordering the Atlantic is a constellation of world-famous resorts, including St. Augustine; Ormond, of golf fame; Daytona, with its matchless beach; Palm Beach, glittering with gold and fashion; Miami, the paradise of yachters; Long Key Camp, rendezvous of veteran fishermen, only to mention the more famous. From Long Key there is that never to be forgotten rail ride on the Overseas viaduct and coral islets to Key West.

On the myriad lakes and rivers of the interior, surrounded by the picturesque of tropical scenery or citrus groves, are the St. Johns river sorts, with attractive Palatka and Sanford at the head of navigation; Ocala, with its tropical river; Lakeland, in the district of a thousand orange groves and lakes, big and little Orlando in the citrus belt, just to mention a few of the interior attractions.

Facing the deep bays and sand-rimmed peninsula of the Gulf Coast is a veritable Riviera, including Pensacola on its beautiful bay; Tarpon Springs, with its bay and river; St. Petersburg, the "sunshine city of the Pinellas Peninsula"; Tampa with its attractive hotels and beautiful parks; Sarasota, Bradenton, Fort Myers, whose front door is Caloosahatchee bay, to enumerate only a few of the west coast chain. These interior and gulf ports are reached by either the Seaboard Air Line or the Atlantic Coast Line.

Nearly all the Florida resorts have in common excellent golf courses, motoring, fishing, boating, tennis, yachting, and in some cases flying, as pastime. And with the "interior attractions" should have been mentioned the scenic Highlands, on which is located the beautiful city of Avon Park, a city that stands third in increase in population, according to the United States census, and whose more improvements have been made during the last year, in proportion to population, than anywhere else in the state. A city with three beautiful lakes wholly or partly within the corporate limits, and with twenty-six additional lakes in the township. A city where the very atmosphere breathes a cordial welcome and where health, wealth and happiness await those who seek these blessings in the sunny southland.

Indeed, it would be difficult to find a locality offering more attractions for those who enjoy outdoor life, refined social atmosphere and the beauties of nature, or for those who seek profitable investment, health and happiness, than right here in this section of the Scenic Highlands.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Kathleen S. Hambrough Chespe died at her home in Greensboro, Ala. Dec. 6, 1920. She was the eldest daughter of Albert Hambrough, Esq., of Steep Hill Castle, Ventnor, Isle of Wight, and was born July 7, 1847, and married in 1870 to John H. Chespe of Old Park, Ventnor. They immediately took charge of his father's coffee plantation on the island of Ceylon. Following a residence in France, they moved to Canada. In 1892 the family moved to Charlottesville, Va., where Mr. Chespe died. In 1899 Mrs. Chespe moved to Avon Park and was a faithful worker in the Episcopal church.

Mrs. Chespe leaves four sons, three sisters and one brother to mourn her loss. She was buried by the side of her husband at Charlottesville, Va. Her many friends in Avon Park remember her as a most generous and loving person.

"Twas a shadowy valley, lone and dim,
And then a deep and darkly rolling river;
And then a flood of light, a seraph's hymn,
And God's own smile forever and forever."

Aksa Million for Fire Protection Secretary of Agriculture Meredith has asked congress for an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to enable the department, through the forest service, to co-operate with the states in a forest fire protection and other forestry work in the next fiscal year.

Grove profits depend not alone on fruit production, but just as much upon securing full market values, assured by the Florida Citrus Exchange

Membership in the Florida Citrus Exchange requires only the ability to co-operate. No initiation fees, no membership dues. For information, consult the manager of nearest association or sub-exchange, or write to the business manager at Tampa.



MYSTERY OF A PACK OF CARDS

A private soldier by the name of John Orton was taken before a magistrate recently for playing cards during divine service. It appears that a sergeant commanded the soldiers at the church and when the person had read the prayers he took the test. Those who had a little bible took it out, but this soldier had neither a bible or common prayer book, but pulling out a pack of cards, he spread them before him. He just looked at one card and read it another. The sergeant of the company saw him and said, "John, put up the cards; this is no place for them."

"Never mind that," said John. When the service was over the constable took John before the mayor.

"Well," said the mayor, "what have you brought this soldier here for?" "For playing cards in church."

"Well, soldier, what have you to say for yourself?" "Much, sir, I hope."

"Very good; if not I will punish you more than ever man was punished."

"I have been," said the soldier, "about six weeks on the march. I have neither bible nor common prayer book. I have nothing but a pack of cards and I will satisfy your worship of the deity of my intentions, and spreading the cards before the mayor, he began with the ace. 'When I see the king of my intentions, I see God; when I see the deuce it reminds me of Father and Son; when I see the trey it reminds me of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; when I see the four-spot it reminds me of the four evangelists that preached—Matthew, Mark, Luke and John; when I meet the five it reminds me of the five virgins that trimmed their lamps—there were ten, but five were wise and five were foolish and were when I see the six it reminds me of the six days the Lord made heaven and earth; when I see the seven it reminds me that on the seventh day He rested from the great work He had created, and hallowed it; when I see the eight it reminds me of the eight righteous persons that were saved when God destroyed the world, viz., Noah and his wife, with three sons and their wives; when I see the nine it reminds me of the nine lepers that were cleansed by our Saviour—there were nine out of ten who never returned thanks; when I see the ten it reminds me of the Ten Commandments which God handed down to Moses on the tablet of stone; when I see the king it reminds me of King of Heaven, which is God Almighty; when I see the queen it reminds me of the Queen of Sheba, who visited Solomon, for she was as wise as a woman as he was a man. She brought with her fifty boys and fifty girls, all dressed in boys' apparel, for King Solomon to tell which were boys and which were girls. King Solomon sent for water for them to wash. The girls washed to the elbow and the boys to the wrist, so King Solomon told by that."

"Well," said the mayor, "you have given a good description of all the

cards but one."

"What is that?" "The knave," said the mayor. "I will give your honor a description of that, too, if you will not be angry."

"I will not," said the mayor, "if you do not term me to be the knave."

"Well," said the soldier, "the greatest knave that I know of is the constable that brought me here."

"I do not know," said the mayor, "if he is the greatest knave, but I know he is the greatest fool."

"When I count how many spots in a pack of cards I find three hundred and sixty-five, as many as there are

days in a year; when I count the number of cards in a pack I find there are fifty-two, the number of weeks in a year; I find there are twelve picture cards in a pack, representing the number of months in a year; and on counting the tricks I find thirteen, the number of weeks in a quarter. So you see, sir, a pack of cards serves for a Bible, almanac and common prayer book."—Nashville (Tenn.) Banner.

Their Mascots

Soldiers of the Spanish armada are said to have carried with them dolls and children's playthings as mascots.

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OSCAR D. JOHNSON
SUCCEEDED TO DEATH
NEW YEARS MORNING

The people of Avon Park were saddened Sunday morning by the news that Oscar D. Johnson, one of our rising young business men and a citizen of sterling worth, had passed on to the Valley of the Shadow of Death.

Mr. Johnson was 28 years, 8 months and 21 days old and had been in poor health ever since leaving the service of his country in 1918, due to having been gassed and to exposure on the battlefields of France.

Deceased leaves to mourn his loss a wife and son, mother, father, two sisters and two grandfathers, all of Avon Park, besides a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Funeral services were on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the Rev. A. D. Buck officiating. Interment was made in the Avon Park cemetery, a large concourse of sorrowing friends attending the last rites.

As a token of high esteem in which the deceased was held in the community, many beautiful floral offerings were in evidence.

Oscar D. Johnson was born in Silver Lake, Kan., May 18, 1892. He was married to Miss Mabel Engelbrecht in Silver Lake, Kan., Feb. 12, 1919, bringing her to Avon Park a few days after the marriage ceremony was performed, and where they had resided ever since.

In 1917, he enlisted in the army, going into camp at Camp Funston, Kan. He was a member of the 88th Division, known as the "All-Kansas Division." He left Camp Funston with his regiment in 1917, and reached Camp Mills, L. I., May 28, 1917, sailing for France June 4.

He was in the front line of the drive and went "over the top" Sept. 8, 1918. For ten months he was on guard duty and lying in the dugouts during the days, subjected to exposure from rain and mud.

On the battlefield between Rheims, France and Metz, Germany, he fought, sometimes in water, and was wounded by the poisonous gas attacks by the Germans. From these poisonous gases his lungs were affected and to lung trouble arising from which his death was caused.

From which his death was caused, he was taken to the hospital, where he remained until Jan. 4 of the following year, on which date he sailed from St. Nazaire, France, on the Huron, arriving in Newport News, Va., Jan. 18, from where he was taken to Camp Funston, Kan., where he was discharged from the service.

Oscar Johnson was a young man of sterling worth and splendid qualifications. His military service was one of which one might feel justly proud and his patriotism and love of home and country were remarkable.

On coming to Avon Park, after his discharge from the army, Mr. Johnson was associated with his father in the nursery business, the firm being known as M. T. Johnson & Sons.

He possessed splendid qualifications and had made an enviable reputation for honesty and integrity. In the death of his father, his wife and child have lost a kind and loving husband and father, his parents and grandparents a devoted son and grandson and the people of Avon Park a citizen of sterling worth.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved ones.

FLORIDA HAS MILLIONS OF ACRES FOR FARMER

According to the quarterly bulletin issued by the commissioner of agriculture, W. C. Coker, Florida has 35,111,040 acres; in actual cultivation, 1,636,283, leaving not in cultivation, 33,474,757.

The total assessed value of real property for 1918 was \$222,756,666; and for personal property, \$201,215,269, making a value of 1919 was \$121,639,000.

During the last three and one-half decades the population of Florida has increased 400 per cent. The fifteenth biennial report of the census shows the number of pieces of mail matter sent in reply to inquiries as over 254,000.

Planning Aerial Defense

The navy department of defense has prepared a scheme for aerial defense according to which by March next the Yokosuka naval base will have fifty-two seaplanes, eleven balloons, eleven airplanes and twenty-two training airplanes. Forty-two more will be based at Kure, fifty-two at Sasebo and 100 at Misawa. Arrangements are also being made to carry one of two seaplanes on each warship attached to the battle fleet. National airplane workshops are being established near Hiroshima and large training aerodrome will be located at Lake Kammigaura, a large inland lagoon about thirty miles from Tokyo. Training will commence there when the English naval instructors from England arrive next spring.

Easter Lilies from Seed

The practicability of propagating Easter lilies from seed, rendering as practically independent of the Dutch and Bermuda bulbs, has been demonstrated at the experiment farm of the United States department of agriculture, at Arlington, Va. Lily seeds have been brought to fall flower within fifteen months, while the first to fifteen blossoms apiece, while from four to five have been considered a good average by florists using imported bulbs. The United States last year imported 10,000,000 lily bulbs from Japan at an expense of approximately \$2,000,000. In no state does the lily reach higher perfection than in Florida, and earlier in the season.

Record Year for Mint Service

The fiscal year ending June 30, 1920, was another record year for the mint service as regards number of pieces of coin manufactured, the domestic coinage totaling 738,565,150 pieces as compared with 434,078,438 in the prior year, and 714,139,119 in the fiscal year 1917-18, the latter year having made the previous high record.

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EXPLORATION EXPEDITIONS
ARE NOW GETTING READY
FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

Sixteen exploration expeditions are now in progress or in contemplation after four years of inactivity in this line of scientific research due to the great war. Most of these enterprises have been undertaken or projected since the armistice and they recall the fact that Mother Earth still has important biological, zoological, geological, ethnological and meteorological problems which are still unsolved.

One of the most important of these enterprises is the British Antarctic expedition, headed by Commander John Leachman Cope, F. R. S. G. S. formerly of the British navy. It is financed for \$750,000, includes five ships, 120 men, several airplanes and extensive wireless apparatus. The undertaking is to require five years and its objects are the circumnavigation of the Antarctic sea, a dash to the South Pole, the location of new whaling grounds, and the discovery of supposedly rich gold, silver, coal and ruby fields.

Carl, Count Amundsen, who discovered the South Pole in 1911, left Nome, Alaska, last August in an attempt to reach the North Pole. His ship, the Maud, had already spent sixteen months in Arctic north of Asia and Europe, and had successfully made the northeast passage. He expected the Maud to be locked in the ice pack and to drift toward the pole when the Arctic winter set in.

In negotiating his way to Nome he was frequently compelled to land, and he was last heard of at East Cape, about 170 miles northwest of Nome in the Bearing Strait. The explorer, on account of high wages and scarcity of men, was handicapped by lack of help, his only companions being three sailors and an Eskimo cook.

The other interesting expeditions projected or now under way are as follows:

Siberia—Captain Axel Landmark and Captain John Vatsky, in a 500-foot power boat on a 4,000-mile voyage to the Kolyma river, using a primitive craft made in 1878 by Nordenskiöld, a Swedish explorer on his voyage from Norway to Japan via the Arctic ocean.

Greenland—Knut Rasmussen, Danish explorer, who returned from the east coast late in 1919, after studying Eskimo tribes, is preparing for another expedition of one year's duration. Lange Koch, another Dane, is planning a scientific survey of North Greenland, his main purpose being to establish Danish sovereignty in that territory.

Africa—Four expeditions are in progress, namely, the Macfie ethnological expedition to Central Africa for the purpose of studying the habits of the chief pastoral tribes of the interior, the expedition of the British Natural History Museum to the west coast and the expedition of the Danish Museum of Natural History to the west coast of Africa.

Italy—The expedition of the Italian Somaliland into the Italian Somaliland and the ethnological tour of the Italian Somaliland into the Italian Somaliland.

Japan—The expedition of the Japanese government to the Japanese government to the Japanese government.

China—The expedition of the Chinese government to the Chinese government to the Chinese government.

India—The expedition of the Indian government to the Indian government to the Indian government.

Australia—The expedition of the Australian government to the Australian government to the Australian government.

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