

Letters Of A Florida Citrus Grower To His Nephew

III. From Jonas Ariand at Hammock Groves, Florida, to Samuel Newcomer, Bentonville, Mich.

Dear Sam:

You have put a wrong construction on my last letter. I didn't mean you to believe the fellows speculating in fruit in Florida are crooks and confidence men. Some are not above reproach, but there are others who are just about ordinary business men with average human failings.

However, as a grower I haven't much use for any of them. For instance, there is one fruit buyer I know pretty well. He is about as decent a citizen as you will find; has the usual one wife and some mighty nice children. If he were doing something else for a living he would be an asset to his community. As it is, he is a liability and I'll tell you why:

Last December Oscar Harland sold him his crop of Valencia for two dollars on the ton, Oscar being hard up and needing money mighty bad. Now when this Christmas gentleman came to pick these oranges this spring he figured up his expense and considered that he cost him about three dollars plus a nickel packed and on the car. So, needing a little money right at that time himself, he decided to sell a lot of '33 oranges in a box. He figured to net himself about three dollars and ninety cents a box. Now, you might wonder why I should kick about this. It is not because he cleared eighty-five cents profit on his investment and risk, but I do kick because he didn't know what the fruit was worth. Our own Association had two cars of Valencia just sold in the same town where he sold his, which the Florida Citrus Exchange had sold for us net just about six dollars at the packing house. This well meaning gentleman just naturally knocked the bottom out of prices for several days in the town where he sold this fruit, and cost us and a lot of other growers considerable money.

I am citing you a single instance, but each season furnishes hundreds of instances of this sort. Most of these speculators haven't any real line on the market and the actual worth of fruit. In the last few years we have had at times some remarkably good prices, but I'll tell you honestly, none of us really knows yet what Florida oranges and grapefruit are worth, as measured by the law of supply and demand, just because of this bit-or-miss selling.

I have seen cases where speculators in some years bought seedling oranges at fifty cents a box, and less, from growers who were plumb up against it, and then sold them for a quick profit of maybe ten or fifteen cents a box, when the growers' actual cost of production maybe ran to seventy-five or eighty cents a box. The big trouble with these speculator fellows is that generally they have no interest in the growers' line of production or in obtaining the value of the fruit except so far as shows them a profit on their purchases. More than once they have furnished the paving stones of good intentions that let the citrus business go straight to the Devil's hangout.

Once upon a time some used to argue that they served a purpose in furnishing ready money to growers who just had to have it; but that time is past. Allied with our selling agency, the Florida Citrus Exchange, we now have our own crop-loan organization, the Growers' Loan & Guaranty Company. Any member of the Exchange through it can have the cash he needs about all the money that is good for him, on payment of just legal interest; and does not have to pay an outrageous rate for money through letting some other fellow make a profit on his fruit.

You are your own boss, or at least that good looking wife of yours lets you think you are, and it is up to you to make your own decision. Whatever you decide to do with our fruit is no skin off my nose. However, I am reasonably sure you will in the long run do what most all of us have done who have made a real success of growing fruit; that is, join the ranks of the Florida Citrus Exchange where your own organization will make sense at actual cost, and you will get back the full worth of your fruit as sold in the markets.

Give Etta and the kids my love and fix things up so you can come down this winter all of you and pay a visit to

Your lonesome Uncle, JONAS.

IV. From Jonas Ariand at Hammock Groves, Florida, to Samuel Newcomer, Bentonville, Mich.

Dear Sam:

You never were more wrong in your life than when you figured that I and others who belong to the Florida Citrus Exchange are warged in our views and "bitter" toward speculative fruit buyers.

The situation is just this: There is only just so much fruit each crop year and no matter how hard we may compete to get fruit we can't increase the crop. It is not like two manufacturing concerns putting out, say, vacuum cleaners where the harder they compete the more vacuum cleaners both sell. The market is thus enlarged. On the contrary, the more the co-operative movement spreads in Florida the less fruit there is left for the speculators to handle. As the movement grows, consequently speculators are bound to be put out of business. In view of this it is only natural that they should fight and fight hard in order to keep themselves in business. It is a pretty sorry people dog, that won't try to give a bulldog a tussle if he is caught in a corner.

The co-operative movement in Florida has been, and is, steadily growing. A considerable number of fellows who have made a living out of the fruit game have been caught in corners more or less. Some of them have fought pretty hard and pretty bitterly. One of the favorite methods is by "propaganda." That is, a rather nice-sounding word the war gave us to cover a pretty nasty sort of activity. In a big organization like ours, with about five thousand growers, there are bound to be a certain number of folks who will believe part of everything they hear. Therefore, when some of my fellow-members hear some rumor that we are paying our directors at Tampa ten thousand dollars a year, instead of a measly little per diem to cover expenses that most men wouldn't let drag them away from their business, they will get excited and will spread a bit, until finally someone of them comes out with it, and the real facts can be brought out and the matter laid at rest. These things are awkward and at times confusing. We live them down, in the course of time, and go right on ahead. Just here, I want to tell you we are going ahead right along.

However, you cannot talk about a man, or a set of men, behind his back or their backs and obtain any large portion of love and esteem when the talk gets known. Also, the very fellows who at first were misled by such propaganda are apt to feel pretty hard when they find out the true facts.

I don't want you to believe we have reached the millennium here in Florida and that our nice wooly grower-lambs are lying down in peace with the speculative interest. No, not if the lambs know it. Facts is facts, however; and the growers having learned the fruit speculators mean no good to the industry in which the growers have their money tied up, feel justified in setting forth the real state of affairs to those who, like you, are lacking experience in these things. That does not necessarily imply any bitterness at all.

The School of Experience don't put out correspondence courses; and I don't know if you can be expected to get much good out of these letters. However, I find the writing of them is good for me. Previously, I have thought out a lot of these things in a hazy sort of way, but writing you has served to focus my mind and I see them more clearly than ever before. I believe I am a better and more loyal Exchange member, for having written them.

Tell the kids I wrote the new necktie they sent me to church last Sunday, and George Hopper, our village wit, said I was all dressed up like a new felling station. Bless their hearts, bless the kids for me and accept best love for Etta and yourself, from

Your Uncle, JONAS.

These letters constitute the second installment of a series. Additional ones will be published in early issues.

Home Thoughts

Wife (away from home)—Horror! I forgot to turn off the electric iron! Husband—It's all right. Nothing will burn long—I forgot to turn off the water in the bathtub.—From Kasper, Stockholm.

New Priest—I am told, Mrs. Murphy, that you boast of two fine healthy boys. Mrs. Murphy—Divil a boast, yer riviness. Share I do be, agorin' for this fifty times a day.—Boston Transcript.

CURTIS LANGFORD, IN DESPONDENT MOOD AND ILL, KILLS HIMSELF

BLOWS BRAINS OUT AS WIFE IS CLEARING AWAY DINNER

Curtis Langford, prominent locally and in Fort Meade, where he formerly lived, killed himself Tuesday, shortly after dinner. Dreading over business troubles and his illness, which has been severe, he given as the reason for the act, by friends. He would also have been arrested as soon as able to leave the house, on a warrant charging implication in moonshining operations. Langford had already been arrested for this charge. He went two bullets into his head right after dinner, while Mrs. Langford was clearing away the dinner dishes, and died about a week, without regaining consciousness.

He leaves a wife, two little daughters here; a brother, Charles Langford, at Fort Meade; a sister, a Mrs. Woods, at Winter Haven; a sister at West Palm Beach, and two more cousins, uncles and other relatives in various parts of South Florida, the Langford family being one of the most prominent of the pioneer families in the middle of the southern half of the peninsula. His father, R. C. ("Cab") Langford, died a few months ago at Fort Meade.

The moonshine warrant was sworn out last week, following the discovery of a huge copper distillery near the Langford hog ranch southwest of Avon Park, at which time George McClelland, alleged to be Langford's partner in the still operations, was arrested. The warrant was not served on Mr. Langford, as he was ill at his home. He was advised of the situation by Marvin L. L. Marsh, Mr. Langford has been ill for two weeks, and only during the past few days was he able to be out of bed.

Mrs. Langford returned home Thursday and under her care he has been improving. He was sitting up Tuesday morning. He had complained of bad collections during the morning. Mrs. Langford told neighbors after the tragedy. He was unusually quiet and ate practically no dinner. She left him in the front bedroom, sitting in a rocking chair, while she cleaned up the dinner dishes.

Two quick shots startled her. She fell over on the floor in a pool of blood ran screaming to one of the neighbors. The first arrivals found the dying man gripping a .28 special revolver. There were only two cartridges in it, both of them having been exploded.

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bone and inflicted only a deep scalp wound. The other, entering the head at the base of the brain and below and just back of the right ear, had torn its way into the brain, leaving a huge hole from which the injured man's life blood ebbed.

Langford never uttered a word after the deed and left no message as to the cause. His attorneys ascribe it to moonshining over business troubles. Mrs. Langford is nearing a nervous breakdown and can not talk, but her earlier conversation with the neighbors bears out this belief.

The still, in the operation of which Langford was implicated, was captured by Sheriff Bob Hancock after a four-day vigil, last week. It says he finally saw McClelland go to the still, sample the "back" and stir it. The still that McClelland was armed, tools with marks on them and other evidence, is said by the sheriff to have implicated Langford. The officers, after watching McClelland, waited until he left before entering the camp. They searched the place, took the still down and came to town. They swore out the two warrants. Bond was furnished by McClelland and bond was ready for Langford as soon as he was able to get out.

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In the World of Women

MRS. WILLIAMS HONORED AT DELIGHTFUL SURPRISE

Mrs. E. O. Williams, president of the Woman's Club, was delightfully surprised late Saturday afternoon, when a group of her friends gathered at her home on Lake Lotella with delectable viands of all kinds to feast on.

The occasion was the birthday of Mrs. Williams, and, as the merry convalescers hoped, the party was a complete surprise. The affair was a chicken supper with all the requisites to make it a very pleasant one. The birthday cake was beautiful with its illumination and the entire party enjoyed themselves greatly.

Those honoring Mrs. Williams were Mesdames Philip Leigh, L. Blank, A. Ellison and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bennett and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dilley, Rev. Benjamin Stock, Mr. Roswell Cutler, Capt. Frank Rao, Mr. E. O. Williams, Miss Annie Whithall, Byron Ellison and Dwight Cooper.

LE GRANDE-CHAPMAN

An interesting item in this week's news is the announcement of the engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Willa LeGrande of Wauchula to J. V. Chapman of Avon Park, on Sept. 21, in Wauchula.

Mr. Chapman is the popular cashier of the First National Bank and Miss LeGrande has numbers of friends here, where she has visited frequently, the guest of Mrs. J. H. Strimfellow.

MRS. STEBBINS HOSTESS

Mrs. Gilbert Stebbins entertained Thursday afternoon with a pleasant five hundred party. Four tables enjoyed this game until late in the afternoon.

LAKE TULANE SCENE OF PLEASANT PARTY

The banks of Lake Tulane was the scene of another delightful party Tuesday evening, when Miss Mayme Lee Durance entertained a number of friends with a combined swimming party and chicken supper.

Bonfires lightened up the shadows and swimming was enjoyed for a short time. After the swim an appetizing course of cats were served, which was followed by a round of merry-making around the fire.

Miss Durance was assisted by her mother, Mrs. S. P. Durance. Among the guests were Misses Beasley Palmer, Elberta Sanifer of Tampa, Bertha Guttridge, Elie Harris, Marjorie Lacey, Beatrice Bass, Edna Freeman and Dorothy Durance and Messrs. Tom Caldwell, Fred Crews, Melville Bass, Olin Clark, Milford Dilley, Curtis Lawson, Mark Lance, C. R. Ginn, Bill Smith and Fred Durance.

INTERESTING GAME OF BRIDGE

Mrs. C. E. Lanier was the hostess to the Bridge Club this week at her pretty home. The rooms were beautiful with a few choice flowers to add to their attractiveness.

Two tables of bridge, as usual, formed the game and a very interesting afternoon was spent in this popular pastime.

Miss Lanier served a delicious course of pineapple iced, cake and stuffed dates.

Those present included Mrs. H. E. Gordin, Mrs. Nell Trent, Mrs. C. E. Skipper, Mrs. Herbert Reck, Mrs. T. H. Lander, Mrs. Lanier and Misses Ethel Sawyer and Myrtle Jack.

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED SUNDAY

On last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stevenson celebrated the eighth anniversary of their wedding with a delightful dinner party at their pretty home, Lilydale. Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson were married in Hendersonville, N.C.

The guests on this occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stobben and Mrs. Fred Stevens.

MISS SANDIFER COMPLIMENTED

Miss Elberta Sandifer, an attractive visitor from Tampa, was the honoree at a delightful party at the home of Mrs. Gilbert Freeman.

Pretty cut flowers adorned the rooms and added to the liveliness of the scene. Dancing and games passed the evening away, interspersed with promenade periods, vari-colored cards being used to mark the periods.

Iced punch was served throughout the evening, and later refreshments of ice cream and malisacos were served.

Among those present were Misses Beatrice Bass, Beasley Palmer, Elie Harris, Mayme Lee Durance, Edna Freeman, Rebecca Caldwell, Mrs. Gilbert Freeman and the honoree and Messrs. Mark Lance, Tom Caldwell, Milford Dutton, O'Sullivan, Lois, Curtis Lawson, Fred Crews, Melville Bass, C. R. Ginn and Gilbert Freeman.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PARTY

The Epworth League is planning a very unique birthday party for Friday night. Games and contests will carry out the birthday idea. Canning little bags will be given each invited guest to deposit pennies according to the date of their birthday.

Miss Sadie Holton will be the hostess at this much anticipated party and the guests will be the leaguers and their friends.

LADIES' AID TO MEET

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church will have their regular meeting with Mrs. Charles Harris next Tuesday at her home on Lake Denon.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Harry Stodden is visiting Miss Stella Mitchell in Sebring for a few days.

Mrs. C. F. Touchton and young son are here, the guests of Mrs. W. C. Touchton.

Miss Vera McGinnis and Miss Beasley Palmer motored to Lakeland Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Lacey motored to Wauchula for a short pleasure trip Sunday afternoon.

Miss Eleanor Dirks of Tampa is visiting Miss Hettie Fabor and will be here for about two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Durance returned Sunday from a brief trip to Washington and New York.

Mrs. P. J. Ripberger, who is reporter on the Sebring Messenger, was in town Tuesday on business.

Miss Sadie Myers is visiting friends in Lakeland and will return to Avon Park the first of next week.

Mrs. Myers and son Frank and little daughter Fay of Tampa are visiting Mrs. W. D. Cameron for a few days.

An attractive Tampion visiting in the city is Miss Elberta Sandifer, who is the house guest of Miss Edna Freeman.

Miss Bertha Cameron returned Friday morning to Avon Park after a pleasant vacation in Tampa, the guest of friends.

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Misses Sadie Holton and Lutrell Martin, who have been guests of friends in Wauchula the past week, will be home today.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Stebbins and Mr. and Mrs. Nell Trent were the guests of friends in Tampa last Saturday, just going over for the day.

Mrs. Lucy Crumley and pretty daughter, Miss Ruby, have returned from Denver, Col., where they had been since the close of school in May.

Mrs. E. C. Dusenbury, who has been visiting relatives in Kissimmee, returned to Avon Park Sunday with Mr. Dusenbury, who motored there after her.

Misses Virginia and Elizabeth Miller and Miss Marie Smith of Haines City were the attractive guests of Miss Hettie Fabor Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. English were among those journeying to Tampa this week. Mr. and Mrs. English left Thursday and plan to return on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith, Nelson Smith and Mrs. L. E. Bass and son Jessica motored to St. Petersburg Sunday and plan to be gone for a week.

Mrs. J. L. Cloud and little daughter have returned from a pleasant visit with friends in Georgia. While there Mrs. Cloud was complimented with a number of social affairs.

Miss Bertha Guttridge returned from Tampa Saturday with Mrs. Phil Lacey and Mrs. C. E. Guttridge. Miss Guttridge has been visiting her sister, Mrs. C. B. Jones, for the past week.

Miss Alice Dutton, who is a pretty teacher in the school here, has returned from a short visit in Dade City. Previous to the visit there, she attended the summer normal at Gainesville.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Winter left Monday for an extensive trip to Michigan, first going to Grand Rapids, where they will spend a short time, then to Cove Lake, where is located their summer home. Mr. and Mrs. Winter plan to be gone until about Oct. 15.

Mrs. H. C. Peelman, who has been visiting her daughter here, Mrs. D. D. Crews, left Tuesday for Jacksonville, Monday afternoon Mrs. Peelman, who is prominent in Baptist Missionary work, met with the Baptist Missionary Society. En route home she will conduct Baptist missionary gathering in Lake Wales and Haines City.

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Schert Hall of Zolfo was in Avon Park on business Monday.

Dr. Eugene Clower of Cairo, Ga., was in Avon Park Sunday.

Rev. S. F. Durrance of Wauchula was greeting friends here Monday.

O. H. Clements and Alice Dickinson were visitors in Haines City Sunday.

R. L. Harris and Otto Skipper transacted business in Wauchula Monday.

Fred Peden left Sunday for the Isle of Pines for an indefinite time.

B. B. Andrews was in Tampa Monday and Tuesday, attending to business.

W. D. Tripp, cashier of the Everglades State Bank, was here Tuesday on business.

Duncan Palmer, C. E. Ginn and W. T. Cornell motored to Fort Meade Sunday afternoon.

Harry Stodden motored to Tampa Tuesday on a business mission, returning Wednesday.

J. W. Parker of Bowling Green was here Monday, greeting friends and transacting business.

C. E. Lanier, prominent banker, returned from a week's business trip to New York last Friday.

E. Skipper, well-known orange grower and cattle man of Crewville, was a visitor here Tuesday.

Horace Garner, another Arcadian visiting on the Ridge the past week, returned to Arcadia Monday.

Leon Starkey returned to Arcadia Friday morning. Mr. Starkey has been here on a short vacation.

George Merrill, prominent man about town, returned from a business trip to Jacksonville Sunday.

Friends of William Dart will be glad to know that he has left the hospital and gone to Dart's Camp.

Leroy Dunn, assistant manager of the Florida Ice & Power Co., at Lake Wales, was here Monday and Tuesday.

Wm. Haven was represented here Tuesday by J. W. Bowen, who spent the day here attending to business.

Curtis Lawton, after three months in Tennessee, South Carolina and Georgia, arrived in town Sunday night.

B. F. Adams has returned to Fort Myers, where he is employed, after a week's vacation spent here with his family.

Charles Moffett, Henry Lander and Chesley Skipper motored to the East Coast Saturday, visiting Fort Lauderdale and Miami.

Miss Bertha Chinn has been the guest of Mrs. A. J. Marsh and family at their lovely home on Lake Brantwood for a few days.

C. P. Anderson arrived in Avon Park the first part of the week. Mr. Anderson has been spending the past few weeks in the north.

Bill Smith of Avon Park and Kistner, is shopping for Mrs. Fred Smith in New York store during the time Mrs. Smith is on her vacation.

George Adams, former editor of the Pilot, and his family will arrive in Avon Park the latter part of the week. Mr. Adams, with his family, have been having a much needed rest in Bristol, Ind., most of the time being spent on a lake.

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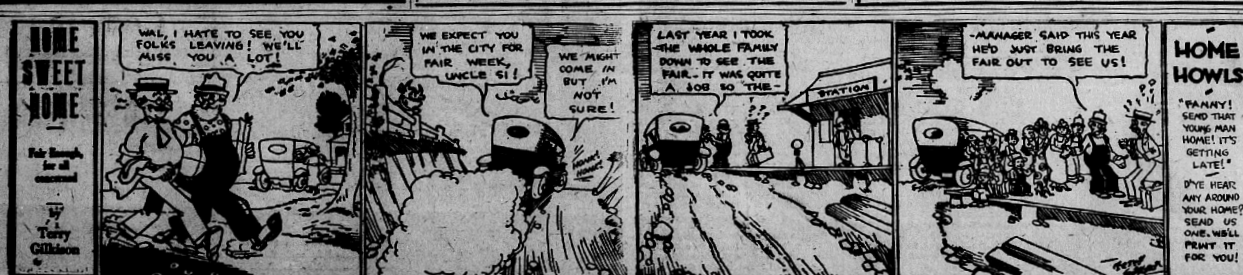
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JINGLE OF 15,000,000 FARM DOLLARS IN THE M'CORMICK WEDDING

SON FORMER HARVESTER KING SPLITS HIS FORTUNE

When Harold F. McCormick, son of old Cyrus McCormick, the inventor of the wheat binder, was married to Mme. Ganna Walska the other day, there echoed the clank of some fifteen million American farm dollars.

Country America is not much interested in the doings of millionaires, but the name McCormick is different because it is known in every farm yard in the United States. The McCormick millions are made up of dollars paid in for farm machinery during the last half century.

What Man Will Do For Love The marriage of Harold McCormick to the thrice married Polish opera singer, Ganna Walska is the story of a man of great wealth, swayed by love, who gave up one of America's greatest industrial positions, the presidency of the International Harvester Company, stripped himself of a large part of his huge fortune and unmade two marriages (his own and that of Mme. Walska), in order to wed the woman of his choice.

It is estimated that it cost him \$15,000,000. These figures include the settlement with his former wife of a settlement of \$5,000,000 on his new wife and the cost of the two divorces.

Harold McCormick's first wife was Edith Rockefeller, daughter of John D. Rockefeller, the world's richest man.

ON COUNTRY AMERICA'S DOLLARS

It is estimated Harold McCormick of Harvester Company, sliced fifteen million off fortune to wed opera singer.



FORMER MRS. M'CORMICK

Harold F. McCormick, until recently chairman of the Board of Directors of the International Harvester Company, is reported to have sacrificed fifteen million dollars of the fortune made off farm machinery to wed the woman of his choice.

Harold F. McCormick, the widow-divorcee opera singer, McCormick, pre-nuptial settlement on his present bride and the cost of two divorces, his own and that of his bride's from Alexander Smith Cochran.

Harvester king's fortune in half to wed the woman of his choice. And he now says: "The ambition of my life is to see her recognized as the greatest woman singer in the world."

That means he will spend the rest of the McCormick millions if necessary for her success—or failure.

Edith Rockefeller McCormick, the spurned wife, from her high social throne can have a finger in the pie, or failure of her former husband's love bride when the latter is ready for her grand opera test.

But will she? Maybe it will not be necessary.

Maybe Harold McCormick, blinded and swayed by love, is following a will of his own, and there no imagination qualities in a voice which do not exist. What do you think?

HOPE TO LOCATE ROAD 8 AT OCTOBER MEETING

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After the east Engineer Benson discussed the trials of an engineer, trying to work as fast as the people wanted him to and as well as his profession and honesty demanded. The resolution asking attention to past appropriations preceded his talk.

Mr. Harris made an impressive talk of appreciation of the efforts of the local board of trade, band and citizens generally, and had a resolution of thanks passed. T. V. Conway, Sebring, invited the next meeting there November and there was no opposition, so the Circle City gets the quarterly meeting.

NEGRO DIES OF WOUNDS INFLICTED BY HIS WIFE

Jim Dunbar, a negro employed at the crate mill, died Tuesday afternoon from gunshot wounds inflicted by his wife, Annie Dunbar, who claims she was enraged and threatened to knock her down. She claims he had previously beaten her and locked her in her room, while he went on a spree. Dunbar refused to discuss the matter after he was shot, though conscious until close to the end. The shooting took place Monday morning, a load of buckshot entering the man's arm near the shoulder and almost tearing the arm off. He was too weak from loss of blood when brought to the doctor's office to stand the shock of amputation, and the next morning it was too late. Annie Dunbar is held in the county jail to await the outcome of the grand jury's deliberations.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS PARTY

Mrs. Fred Stevens, school superintendent of the Methodist church, was the charming hostess to the members of P. M. Stivender's class of young boys. Mr. Stivender was the instigator of this pleasant outing.

After an hour in the water, swimming and boating, they repaired to the house, where games and refreshments were indulged in.

An appreciative "yell" for their host and hostess told the story of the good time.

SOME BIG ENTERTAINMENT DURING FARMERS' WEEK

During farmers' week at the university every facility that will add to the comfort and entertainment of the visitors will be available.

The Y. M. C. A. will be open, and offers a place to go and enjoy music, games, magazines and newspapers. In addition it is equipped with writing tables and stationery for the use of those who attend. The library of the experiment station will be open to all, and it contains a large amount of agricultural literature, including many of the leading agricultural journals and newspapers.

The university dormitories have screened, comfortable rooms with running water and shower baths, and all that is necessary for those who come is to bring their bed linen, towels and pillows.

One afternoon during the week will be taken up with a pleasure trip to a nearby bathing resort, where special water sports and entertainment will be provided. It would be advisable for those coming to bring their bathing suits.

There will be a display of machinery on the campus with some one in charge to explain its use and operation. Everything will be done for the pleasure and comfort of those who can attend, and a hearty welcome is extended to all.

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AUTO OWNERS PAY OVER A MILLION AND HALF TAX

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By special act of the 1921 session of the legislature, Monroe county receives back all the money paid in by citizens of that county after deducting the 6 per cent allowed to defray the expense of getting tags out.

Among the larger counties which paid in more than \$100,000 each are Duval, \$184,498; Dade, \$162,735; Hillsborough, \$102,729; Polk, \$100,398. After deducting the 6 per cent for collecting the amounts going back to these counties are: Duval, \$42,837; Dade, \$38,242; Hillsborough, \$33,889; Polk, \$23,711.

The only county paying less than \$1,000 is that of Dixie, which paid \$784. Four counties, Orange, \$75,882; Volusia, \$38,624; Palm Beach, \$26,743; Pinellas, \$20,985, pay amounts between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

The amount paid by Escambia is \$37,222.22 and will receive back \$5,913.35. The amount paid in by Leon county is \$13,269.85 and will receive back \$5,141.22.



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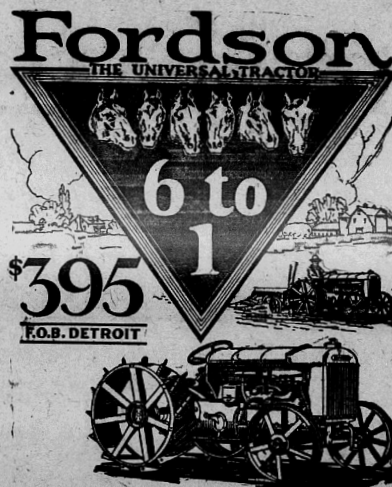
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Trip From Indiana to Avon Park Cost Adams \$55 for Five

FORMER EDITOR OF THE
PILOT MAKES 1,400 IN
NINE DAYS

Thousands Planning to Visit in Florida

PILOT'S STORY OF THE TRIP
OF ENGLAND, WIDELY
COPIED IN NORTH

Fourteen hundred miles in nine days at a total expense of \$55.39, including all the fringes, is the record made by George W. Adams and his family of five from Bristol, Ind., to Avon Park. "It proves," he says, "that it is cheaper to fly over to Florida than to stay in the north and pay twelve dollars a ton for coal, like they will have to pay this winter."

Mr. Adams, former editor of the Highlands County Pilot here, kept a record of the trip for his "old love" and it reads like a fairy story to one new to the financing of that delightful mode of travel—camping out as you go.

Leaving Bristol Wednesday and arriving here the next morning, Friday, Mr. Adams reports that he found the roads not bad, while Alabama is building some mighty fine roads. Practically all the towns along the line of the Florida short route, he reports, are providing tourist camps, some of them equipped with shower baths and other conveniences.

From Louisville, Tenn., the Adams car touched West Point, Elizabethtown, Nashville, crossed the Tennessee river at Gunterville, Ala., and finishing the remainder of the trip via the Florida short line—Huntsville, Anniston, Talladega, Sylacauga, Sylvester, Ala., Columbus and Quitman, Ga., and Madison, Live Oak, Ocala, Leesburg, Groveland, Winter Haven, Lake Wales and Avon Park.

Mr. Adams had scores of inquiries regarding the cost of a trip to Florida by auto and kept the detailed record. His summary follows: Seventy gallons of gas, \$22.64; Repairs and vulcanizing tubes, \$2.85; "Painting" Avon Park, Florida, on car, 1.00; Bridge and ferry tolls, .25; Telegram, .45; Hotel (one night when it rained), 7.15; Groceries, fruit and incidentals, 19.00.

Total, \$55.39. Average per person, \$11.02. The fiver carried the camping outfit and all meals but two were camp except one, when it rained. "I believe literally thousands of northerners will motor to Florida this year," said Mr. Adams. "The article on W. R. England's trip between Avon Park and Washington that cost \$89 including hotel bills, has been reprinted from the Pilot in scores of cities and towns in the middle west, exciting considerable comment because of the general interest in this subject."

"There will be hundreds who will prefer to travel by auto and hundreds who will come that way because it is more reasonable in cost. Both classes should be welcomed to Florida, and the wider range we can give to actual cost figures such as Mr. England's and mine and others who make the trip, the more good Florida will derive. Coal is high and it and the railroad strike are affecting things considerably."

Accompanying Mr. Adams was Mrs. Adams and their children, Irvin, Mary and Wilma. They traveled 4,700 miles, coming and going side trips to points in Northern Indiana and Southern Michigan.

IAKE TRAGEDY IS NARROWLY AVERTED

Called to the scene by the cries of the "old" son, Mrs. E. L. Greene, Sebring, rescued from drowning Ryherd, her second son, last Saturday night. The children had been playing in the boat house at the F. A. Sebring place, near from their home. The lake was very high now and the water there was over his head. Edgar Lee, his brother, seven years old, realized that it was also too deep for him and rushed toward his home screaming. The mother heard the cry, as did others, but she was the first to the water and the little boy had just come to the top and seemed helpless. She jumped in and pulled him out, shaking him violently and was rewarded by a gasp. Sam Dagering and George Warriner arrived by this time and after several minutes of hard work the child was revived and carried to his home.

JAMES L. LAWRENCE MARVELS AT AVON PARK'S PROGRESS

FIRST BRICK BUILDING WAS
BEING COMPLETED WHEN
HE CAME 8 YEARS AGO

It took James L. Lawrence, assistant general manager of the Tampa Hardware Company, a few minutes to wake up to Avon Park and Sebring when he "hit" Highlands county Tuesday after an eight-year absence. "I never saw the like of it for development almost over night," he said. "The last time I made this territory, about eight years ago, they were just completing the only brick building in town, and at Sebring, J. B. Brown had just finished one of the first buildings on the Circle. And to find Avon Park's main street made of brick and lined with brick and stucco, is enough to make one marvel at the remarkable possibilities of a country that has produced two such gems over night."

"And I find the same thing all along the Ridge. Lake Wales wasn't known when I came across that country eight years ago and now it is a thriving community yielding with Avon Park, Sebring and others for first honors in progress."

Mr. Lawrence admitted he'd probably be hunting some spot on the Ridge one of these days for a country home "if they don't grow up so fast I have to move out here sooner."

BOOSTERS MUST PAY FOR RATS MONTHLY FOR AND IN ADVANCE

Effective with the first meeting in the first month, members of Avon Park's Boosters' Club will have the "tax" for their luncheons included in the dues. The dues for the year must be paid in advance, the secretary of the club notified the members in advance of the extent of their absence and collected on the spot. The club decided to curb the absentee habit and have the secretary the labor of looking the "gang" up each Wednesday afternoon. Some failed to show up, also after advising they would be present. Under the present arrangement, however, late a member may be.

STATE AUDITOR FINDS HIGHLANDS COUNTY'S RECORD IN GOOD SHAPE

Highlands county records are in first-class shape, according to the state auditor, who has made his report to the comptroller after an exhaustive investigation. His letter follows: "Highlands County, Aug. 11, 1922. Hon. Ernest Ames, state comptroller, Tallahassee, Fla. Dear Sir: I have just concluded an examination and check of the accounts of the officials of the above named county, and submit below my report on same."

The clerk of court has accounted for all tax certificates charged to him and has been prompt in making reports and remittances. The clerk is rapidly shaping the business of his office into systematic form. He is keeping his accounts in very good shape.

The county judge has accounted for and deposited to the general school fund all collections from hunting and trapper licenses issued and kept the usual records of the office in very good shape.

The tax collector has accounted for all collections of Aug. 1 of state and county taxes, including polls and license. He has a very good system of accounting in triplicate, and his books are posted up to date.

The sheriff accounted for all collections of fines and forfeitures and has the following fine and cost books on hand: Enoch Hinds, bond due June 3, 1922, \$110. Levi Harris, bond due Aug. 22, 1922, \$230.54. Bascom Hollingsworth, Aug. 1, 1922, \$200. School Board and Board of County Commissioners. I checked the accounts and reports of the above named boards and found such reports and accounts to be correct in all essentials.

Respectfully submitted, LEROY R. CAMPBELL, State Auditor.

LEYS MOVE HERE

Another new family to make their home here is Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Ley. Arcadia, who have secured the Webster home here and will occupy it. Mr. Ley is county stenographer for this judicial circuit and owns a small grove near Avon Park.

HIGHLANDS FRUIT RIPEING --BEGIN SHIPPING SEPT. 15

SOME IS ALREADY FULLY
COLORED--WILL HAVE
350,000 BOXES

Avon Park will be shipping grapefruit within a fortnight—good specimens and wonderfully juicy grapefruit—according to Samuel P. Durrance, who brought in some fine specimens yesterday from the big Pittsburgh-Florida groves in the north end of the city. The fruit, perfectly round, of good size, and heavy, is practically fully colored right now. In two weeks it will be fully colored in large enough quantities to ship, while hundreds of boxes will be ripe enough, though not fully colored. More than 40,000 boxes of fruit will be shipped from the bearing units of the association's 4,400 acres of grove this season and the big packing house is being prepared to handle the early moving fruit.

The Sebring packing house will open before the last of September, according to Manager Lee Creves, who is getting ready now to handle the record crop for the Sebring house. The Avon Park Citrus Growers Association will start shipping in October.

Highlands county—its trees nurtured during the long spring drought by water retained in the clay soil after trees in other sections were suffering for lack of water—will be one of the few counties in the state to produce more citrus fruit than it did last year.

Manager N. G. Langford, of the local exchange, said that the fruit from the Avon Park section of the county will produce 150,000 boxes of fruit this year, while the Sebring section will produce around 200,000 boxes. This estimate is concerned in by Mr. Durrance, one of the best posted citrus men in the state. "About 70 to 80 per cent of the fruit will move through the Florida Citrus Exchange's two houses here and one house at Sebring, it is now, though some growers haven't made the final decision yet."

BAPTIST LADIES WILL CANVAS FOR BUNDLES FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

The Baptist Women's Missionary Society is taking over the work of canvassing Avon Park for clothes for the destitute Russians. This is the headline in foreign work at present and cities in Florida and all over the United States are doing the same.

There are millions of people in Ukraine, Russia, in a state of starvation and destitution, one half million of whom no aid can save. Will you help them some of the clothing, shoes, coats, felt hats, caps, shirts, shoes, socks and stockings.

The ladies have chosen Friday and Saturday to canvass the town and the two days will be designated "bundle days." Every home will be visited and each are asked to have the clothes ready so that there will be no delay, if not convenient to give clothes, money in any amount will be welcomed.

The clothes and money collected will be immediately sent to Washington and will be taken care of by officials there. The motto of this campaign is "Freely ye have received, freely give."

EPWORTH LEAGUE UNION TRACK MEET LABOR DAY AROUSING ENTHUSIASM

The league of the Highlands Epworth League Union will meet on the Kenilworth Lodge grounds Monday to compete in a field meet for a beautiful silver loving cup. There will be a prize for the boy and the girl who win the most individual points. The program is as follows:

Morning—Tennis tournament, men's singles, girls' singles, men's doubles, girls' doubles, mixed doubles.

Noon—Basket dinner on grounds. 2 p. m.—Track meet. Fifty-yard dash, girls; 75-yard dash, girls; 100-yard dash, boys; 220-yard relay, girls; 440-yard relay, boys; standing broad jump, boys; running broad jump, boys; running broad jump, girls; running high jump, girls; baseball throw, girls; basket ball throw, girls.

Swimming meet—Twenty-five-yard swim, girls; 50-yard swim, girls; 100-yard swim, boys; 75-yard swim, boys; four-mile endurance swim, girls; three-four-mile endurance swim, boys; distance swim under water, girls; distance swim under water, boys.

The regular monthly meeting of the union will be held at the meet instead of Friday night, Sept. 3, as was planned.

LAND DEAL

William Shump, a prominent business man of Maryland, has purchased 320 acres of land east of town. The deal was negotiated through the energetic efforts of M. W. Lance, one of the local real estate men.

Palmdale Can Meet the Highlands County Road

"SCRIBBLER" SAYS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WRONG IN
TELLING ROAD MEET NO CHANCE TO RUN
SCENIC HIGHWAY "DUE SOUTH"

Palmdale, Aug. 31.—Some people are naturally from mere location and environment distinguished (Constantinople, for instance). Others achieve distinction, as has Boone Haven. Some have distinction thrust upon them, as has Palmdale, at the hands of two honorable county commissioners, who publicly and officially proclaimed at Avon Park that our district is not able to bond for a five-mile stretch of road to meet the Sebring Highway at our northern boundary.

County commissioners are elected to serve all their respective counties, rather than knock any portion of it. We brand this statement as false as well as negligent and we rise to correct it. Come on with the Sebring Highway to any point who please the people of Highlands county. We will meet you at the line and then ask our county engineer to correct his blue-print by crediting Palmdale with at least one road leading out of it. It is absolutely true that we have fairly good roads to Fort Myers and Punta Gorda, both graded and for which we are paying. We can even get to Moore Haven over one of these roads with its connections. The blue print does not show that, however. We

are at a loss to know just why our hired men should take such infinite pains to misrepresent any part of these things, good friends of Highlands county. Build your road to the county line at any point you please. We will meet you.

Penny of rain, but not too much for August. The weather is simply superb and not a dengue "skeeter" is getting in any work. We are not annoyed very much down here by either gnats or mosquitoes at any season.

Our towns have literally been painted white with green trimmings lately. P. F. Caldwell and Will Boatright are the leading artists. Sabbath school every Sunday with preaching quite often, is our social feature.

The public school will open in a few days with a man teacher, whose name has thus far been withheld from the public.

F. C. Payne, the railroad agent, lately bought Mrs. Bent's farm, two miles north of town. The place is well equipped with buildings as well as fairly stocked. Since Mr. Payne has experienced in tropical crops and

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Ridge Girl Wins Beauty Contest

Miss Mildred Brantley of Lake Wales

A Ridge girl, Miss Mildred Brantley of Lake Wales, has been acclaimed the most beautiful girl in Florida by the judges in the beauty contest recently conducted by the Tampa Daily Times. The decision was based on photographs, nearly 600 of which were entered.

Miss Brantley, who has just graduated from high school and is only 18 years of age, will receive a cash prize of \$500, given by the Times, and her picture will be published by leading newspapers and magazines all over the country. She will also be asked to play in the movies.

The contest brought out the fact that Florida is a state of beautiful girls. In the opinion of the judges, who worked many hours over the hundreds of photographs submitted.

Prepare for the Fair

Every Highlands county man who grows or raises anything should begin immediately planning for the fair. Special preparations should be made to take the best citrus fruits, best truck, best corn, and best fruit and vegetables to Tampa in February.

Will You Get in Line Today?

The Pilot has been asked to secure promises from growers who will co-operate with the county-wide fair committee.

The names of persons who offer their best in response to this call of the county will be published.

Write Today

Tell us what you may have or will try to have. The committee must have the names of willing co-operators. It must have an idea of what it can get. It will help, and it needs help. If you are willing to help, and don't know how, write anyway.

But Do It Today

Address Fair Committee, Care Pilot, Avon Park, Fla.

MURDER CASES ON DOCKET FOR THE SEPTEMBER TERM

FRANK PRESTON AND THE
DUNBAR NEGRESS UP
TO GRAND JURY

Frank Preston, charged with killing Frank Sebring, and Anne Dunbar, charged with killing her husband, both murders having been committed near the Pittsburgh-Florida avenue, east and south of town, may face trial at this term of circuit court at Sebring, beginning Sept. 1.

The grand jury has been called, and the venire is being called. The panel drawn follows: W. J. J. Garrow, Sam Dimmling, B. W. Fields, Henry O. Myers, G. E. Capwell, W. H. Rogers, H. E. Adair, Jesse Coasting, Lee, C. R. Ginn, S. F. Bobb, W. A. Sabin, C. E. Wolfe, John Hood, George Foltz, Clifford Davis, A. E. Withers, George Martin, W. A. Hendon, S. C. Henderson, Frank George Kellogg, H. Alsop, J. V. Chapman, George E. Sebring, L. M. Starnes, H. Gribble, H. Zachary, E. W. Keiser, S. D. Gordin, P. A. Ruhl, Sam Shepherd, H. Huch, Charles E. Sebring.

Cottrine, the victim of Preston's alleged assault, was at the time of his death working for a sawmill and the dispute between the two men is said to have originated about some overtime which Preston felt was being forced upon him without pay. Preston was at the time occupying one of the houses belonging to the Pittsburgh people and it is claimed that when Cottrine went to his residence to ask him to move out after he had expressed his intention of quitting, a dispute arose, resulting in Cottrine's death as a result of a severe abdominal wound, inflicted by a sharp knife. Preston left the county and surrendered to Sheriff Johnson of Polk county, who in turn gave him over to the Highlands officers.

Cottrine is survived by a widow and six children, apparently ranging in age from fourteen on down to one year. Outside of Preston's relatives, it is understood that there were no actual eye-witnesses to the cutting. It is a certainty that the Preston defense is to be led by Attorney Luther Johnson, one of the ablest criminal lawyers in the state.

The negress claims to have shot her husband directly in the chest, the epithet which he applied to her. The gunshot from a single-barrel gun took effect in the right arm, tearing away the flesh to the left and rear of the bone, and indicating that his back was turned when the shot was fired. He was rushed to Avon Park, where Dr. Smith gave him surgical treatment as he could, but the loss of blood, together with other possible complications, resulted in his death within twenty-four hours. The woman, who was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Ames, made no statement to Sheriff Hancock about the shooting; in fact she seemed rather jubilant over her accomplishment, asserting that the negro had not been treating her and her family "right" in a number of essential ways, and her upbraiding of him for his shiftlessness, she said, resulted in his killing her, a name which she would take from no one.

SEBRING TO PAVE THREE MORE STREETS

Sebring is enjoying the unusual distinction of having enough money left from its recent bond issue to put in the first half mile of paving. The McDonald Construction Company is now engaged in paving the following streets:

North Ridgewood drive, railroad to the city limits; North Lakeview drive to the city limits; Park, from Franklin to Mangle avenue; Euclalytus, from Maple to Lemon; Lemon, from Pine to city limits (through colored section); Lime, from Ridgewood to Park avenue; Pomgranite, from Pine to Euclalytus; Maple, from Pine to intersection of Euclalytus; Mangro, from Ridgewood to Magnolia; Magnolia, from Pine to Euclalytus; Oak, from Ridgewood to Euclalytus; Poinsettia, from Pine to Euclalytus; Euclalytus, from Lakeview drive to Poinsettia; Commerce, from Pine to city limits, to be subdivided. All city alleys are to be paved.

The work is progressing rapidly. Nearly all of the streets are graded and ready for the crushed stone. The asphalt plant is in operation, and the work will be completed as speedily as is consistent with good workmanship. It is estimated that approximately \$185,000 of the appropriation still remained unused, the council at a special meeting last night, approved a second more streets and one alley.

OPEN REGISTRATION BOOKS

The registration books will be open Mondays and Saturdays with Fred M. Smith as registration officer, at the Smith-McCormick store on Main street. Registration for the general election will be held, as practically everybody has registered.

NEW TRANSFER LINE

Ernest Barahal has inaugurated another transfer and drayage service in this city. He is making arrangements with W. T. Andrews hardware store.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY TO HAVE BIG EXHIBIT AT SOUTH FLORIDA FAIR

RECK, AVON PARK COMMITTEEMAN, IS GETTING UP TOPNOTCH EXHIBIT

Highlands county is going to the South Florida Fair in Tampa in February with the best exhibit that has been sent to a fair from this section of the state. "Uncle Billy" King, chairman of the county commission, announcing at the Boarders' Club following a talk by George F. Kellogg and the reading of an editorial that appeared in the Pilot of last week, that the county commissioners had decided to appropriate up to \$200 for the expense of an exhibit at the fair. He stated further that on an exhibit from DeSoto county—a large part of which was furnished from the Highlands section—several years ago \$5,500 in prizes were taken. That exhibit cost only \$800, he stated, and he believes that as good a one can be gotten together now, with the co-operation of \$500 or a little over. Herbert F. R. Reck was selected as committee man from Avon Park, to represent this community on a county-wide committee to have charge—in conjunction with the commissioners—of getting together the Highlands exhibit. Gilbert Freeman was selected to seek, through publicity and other channels, the names of possible exhibitors and what they might be expected to contribute to the county's exhibit. D. F. Canfield, who is county tax collector, and who will make scores of tractors and growers between now and fair time, has agreed to make his office at Sebring another center for the collection in advance of data on possible exhibits. Mr. Reck and Secretary Charles H. Moffatt were instructed to get in touch with B. L. Laird, whom it is understood, will represent Sebring on a county committee, and any others who have already been selected by any communities, and select at the best space to be had at this date at the fair. In event they can not get in touch with Mr. Laird right away, they are to go ahead and choose the best that can be secured. It is expected that the committee of one from each community will call into its membership any other assistance it may need. The committee is to be expected to make an intensive campaign, beginning immediately, to line up exhibits of everything that is produced in the county. J. A. Caldwell, manager of the Mutual Cattle Company and the Avon Manufacturing Company at Avon Park, the combination being the largest cattle manufacturing plant in the state, offered to furnish boxes and crates for all exhibits and to contribute them to the cause. He will also assist in arranging the booth. A space 40x20 feet, or its equivalent, is to be sought from the fair

association, it was decided, Mr. King with his previous experience in fair exhibits—stating that he considered that size space sufficient and large enough to permit of a prize-winning exhibit.

The women will be asked to participate, the manner of taking the also being left to the county committee, the instructions to Committee men Reck from the club merely being to be sure that the women were urged to join heartily with fancy work, art work, canning and preserving.

The committees are to get to work immediately. With Sebring and Avon Park committeemen named, they are to ask DeSoto City, Bessinger, Hicoria, Lake Stearns, Venus and other communities to select representatives on the committee, after which it will organize and continue the active campaign until February.

CROOKED LAKE GROWERS TO BUILD PACKING HOUSE

There seems to be more than a rumor that the growers of Crooked Lake district will soon construct a packing house. A site has been under consideration for quite a while, and it needs but a few get-together meetings to start the movement into an actuality. The young groves of the section have begun to produce quite heavily.

CONTRACT IS LET FOR A BIGGER GROVELAND HOUSE

The Groveland Citrus Growers Association last Saturday awarded the contract to John N. Nelson for making a large addition to their packing house on Broad street. This addition will be 20x20 feet and will enable the association to increase their output to a big extent. Work will commence at once.

PLANT IRISH POTATO CROP

Not later than Sept. 1 is the time to plant a fall crop of Irish potatoes, says Prof. W. L. Floyd of the Florida Agricultural College. For the need use small potatoes of the spring crop, and it is easier to sprout them before planting, which can be done by placing them on moist ground in a shaded place for two weeks. Plant only those that show sprouts putting out, because all potatoes will not germinate readily. This accounts for most poor stands of Irish potatoes.

The soil should be moist, well supplied with humus, broken deeply, and fertilized liberally with a fertilizer containing about 4 per cent ammonia, 6 per cent phosphoric acid and 8 per cent potash. The potatoes should be dropped further apart than spring potatoes as they require much moisture from October and November are often dry months.

Do not expect as large a yield as in the spring. This will provide a good supply for the home, and the surplus usually finds ready sale on the local market.

Have you Tried a Meal at Bass Cafe? If not, why not?

TO PLAN SOME WAY TO GET RID OF PESTS IN POLK COUNTY GROVES

CONFERENCE CALLED FOR SEPT. 5 AT BARTOW TO CONSIDER

At a special meeting of the board of directors of the Bartow chamber of commerce held Monday night, a letter was drafted to be sent to every chamber of commerce or other commercial body within the confines of Polk county, asking that meetings be called and delegates elected to attend a conference to be held in the circuit court house of Bartow at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 5, for the purpose of discussing ways and means to rid Polk county of "sawly bark" and other citrus pests. Every public organization is asked to co-operate with the officers and directors of the commercial body of its city to the end that as many delegates, citrus fruit growers and others interested in the welfare of Polk county as possible be sent to the Bartow meeting.

TOURIST RATES OCT. 1

The Florida Development Board has been advised by W. H. Howard, chairman, Southeastern Passenger Association, that railroad officials expect to inaugurate sale of winter tourist rate tickets to Florida on Oct. 1, and if the connecting lines in other passenger associations will agree to arrangement, the final return limit will be extended to June 15, 1923, which is fifteen days later than the limit has been in past years. The tickets will be on sale daily up to and including April 30, 1923.

DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO MEET

A call has been issued for the regular quarterly meeting of directors of the Florida Development Board, to be held in their offices at Jacksonville on Sept. 5. Following are the names and addresses of the directors: President, Jules M. Burgieres, West Palm Beach; first vice-president, William L. Wilson, Panama City; treasurer, A. G. Cammer, Jacksonville; secretary, A. A. Conit, Jacksonville; F. C. Grover, Jacksonville; W. M. Igoe, Eustis; Burdett Loomis, Jr., Pierce; D. M. Lowry,

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LAKE ALFRED HOUSE IS TO COLOR PARSON BROWNS

The Lake Alfred packing house has during the past few days completed coloring rooms to the capacity of three carloads in the interior of the present building, which will enable the growers to ship their early oranges, "Parson Browns," through their own house this coming season.

Farmer: Gosh, man, you run right square into the creek.
Injured Bystander: Gosh, I'm just learning to drive. I was going along fine until I saw that bridge coming up the road and I turned to the right to let it pass.

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THE TIME IS SHORT

Florida Property Is Increasing in Value Every Day

Particularly is this true of property on the Scenic Highlands and in and adjacent to Avon Park. Our city is growing rapidly, new buildings being started nearly every day. Of course this adds to the value of all property, whether in the city or adjacent thereto.

"HILLCREST" is close to the city limits of Avon Park. Its groves are increasing in value every day. The trees are growing nicely and show a healthy appearance, making an investment with the Scenic Highlands Development Company an attractive one. In fact, one has but to see the young groves, note the painstaking care being given the trees, consider the location and then ascertain what grove properties are selling for all around us, to become convinced that "HILLCREST" is a gilt-edge proposition.

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