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RIDGE SPORTSMEN ORGANIZING CLUB FOR ROD AND GUN

CHARLOTTE HARBOR CLUB TO INVITE LOVERS OF SPORT WORLD OVER

Organization of a hunting and fishing club as an adjunct to the Ridge country and with fishing grounds and hunting reserve within easy motoring distance of what is expected to be the tourist center of the state, has been practically completed by Avon Park, Lake Wales and Punta Gorda business men and sportsmen. The Charlotte Harbor Club, with large acreage on Charlotte Harbor, is to be made a mecca for the nimrod and the angler. Robert I. Harris, local business factor, announced that the land has been bought and is being held ready for the incorporation of the club. He, with other Avon Park men, interested some Lake Wales business men in the matter and Friday more than a score from Avon Park and Lake Wales went to Punta Gorda, where nearly 100 persons attended a fish fry on the property, three miles south of Punta Gorda. Punta Gorda business men and sportsmen were interested, resulting in Mr. Harris' announcement today, after another trip to the coast city, that the club is assured. Plans for the sportsmen's paradise will be rushed through.

The site chosen is ideally situated. It is only a few hundred yards from the bay, fronting a mile on the river. Safe anchorage for small craft and yachts is afforded and the grandest fishing in the world is at the front door. Charlotte Harbor has long been noted as the home of the tarpon, and part of this tract, heavily wooded, is alive with game.

Just a few minutes ride to the east is the Punta Gorda golf links, and a batching beach stretches along Charlotte Harbor to the west of the tract. The beach is government owned and therefore available to the club members.

A $20,000 club house is to be erected with twenty-two rooms for guests and families and a stag floor finished in rustic style on the third floor. To finance the affair and maintain the club house cottage sites will be sold along the river, which will be boulevarded and landscaped.

Members will be restricted to the highest type of business and professional men throughout the country, and the buildings will all be of the most modern design.

It is to be maintained along lines somewhat different from some notable clubs somewhat similar—one principal difference having been announced by Mr. Harris when he first undertook the organization. There is to be a ban on booze. "It must be such a place that any man will not hesitate to bring his family with him," said Mr. Harris.

Part of the tract—fine citrus land—is to be set in grove. And some idea of the possibilities may be seen in a dozen scattered trees which were left when fire devastated the grove once there. These trees, without any attention in several years are laden with fruit this year until the limbs bend almost to the ground.

The tract is fenced and landscape artists are already considering plans for its beautification and a system of roads and walks through the property.

It is expected to have the club house completed and ready in the near future. A boathouse will be finished also and the club will maintain a number of craft with tackle for its members. Guides will, of course, be available if desired.

The site is only three hours ride from Avon Park and but little more from Lake Wales or Sebring. It is an hour from Arcadia and Fort Myers and but two hours from Wauchula and Fort Meade.

Those who went from here to the fish fry were: Henry West, H. C. Garner, William King, B. H. James, A. E. Ellison, G. L. Pentecost, C. E. Gainey, G. L. Crews, Rev. C. E. Gutteridge, S. W. Lawhon, H. A. Winter, W. D. Trippe, Sr., C. P. Turner, W. D. Trippe, Jr., R. I. Harris and Gilbert Parker from Lake Wales. G. H. Gibbond, Alf Branning, Thomas Parker and S. F. Curtis went. H. D. Everette from Winter Haven and W. T. Lackey, who is manager of the Cloudland Park Club, accompanied him.

NATIONAL GUARD PAY APPROXIMATES $25,000

Twenty-five thousand dollars in round figures is what the pay checks of the Florida National Guard covering the period from July 1 to Sept. 1 will amount to when the outstanding pay rolls of one or two organizations come in.

This money is for armory drill pay of the guard units situated in sixteen cities and towns of Florida, while the engineer companies at Panama City and Century did not draw pay for this period, having just been mustered into service.

This amount would be practically doubled if every man in the guard drew pay for 100 per cent attendance, and every officer qualified for maximum pay status.

TO PLANT TREE FOR EVERY ONE CUT FOR LOCAL FRUIT BOXES

THE PITTSBURGH-FLORIDA ASSOCIATION TO INSURE SUPPLY

Buys a $250,000 Tract Near Town

Get 20,000 Acres and Will Lumber It in Scientific Way—Is First Reforestration Project

Purchase of a tract of 20,000 acres of virgin pine timber, three miles southeast of Avon Park, by the Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers Association, is accompanied by the announcement of the first extensive reforestation scheme in the state. The association—a co-operative planting, growing and marketing fruit organization —plans to use the tract only to supply crates to handle the fruit from the 4,400 acres of citrus fruit it controls, and announces that for every tree cut another will be planted. Any that grow up wild will merely increase the stand.

The deal involved a transfer of approximately a quarter million dollars. The Consolidated Land Company was the former owner.

With its members owning 4,400 acres of citrus fruit, which will be producing a half million boxes of fruit within the next few years, and with the timber shortage growing more acute every year, the officers of the Pittsburgh-Florida Association decided several months ago that it was essential that some steps be taken to insure boxes for the crops of members.

The reforestation plan announced was decided upon and the hunt for a sufficiently large tract of timber, close by Avon Park, was begun. The tract purchased is almost "in town." It is adjacent to the big crate mills here which employ 400 men and can be easily tapped by a short branch from the present logging road of the crate mills.

The tract is only one mile from the association's holdings on Lake Letta.

The tract will cut close to 4,000 feet to the acre or a yield of 80,000,000 feet in thirty years. This will be 8,000,000 feet per year or approximately 1,000,000 boxes.

This will more than supply the association's wants, and by moderation, that will be practiced the first few years—when not more than a half million crate per year will be required on an average—it will allow 35 years growth on the first cut before a recut will be necessary. By that time the reforested areas will yield as heavily as on the first cut.

The reforestration policy will be carried out in a scientific way. An expert will be employed to supervise the work. Small timber will not be cut, only the larger sizes being touched to insure maintenance of the stand.

While the tract is to be turpentined prior to cutting, it is to be tapped only as permitted by the reforestration expert who will be in charge. Nothing but matured trees will be touched.

In this way the association will have a steady supply of crate material almost indefinitely, while it is confidently expected that under ordinary conditions existing at present the crate situation in Florida will be critical in fifteen years and that thirty years will see the timber wiped out. Only extensive reforestration can avert the elimination of Florida from the ranks of timber states; only repetition of the steps just announced and on a large scale can save Florida from having to import at a high expense crates in which to move the fruit crops.

Only a small portion of the tract just purchased has been turpentined. None of it has been cut over. It is fenced and is a wonderful sample of virgin pine forest. The soil is considered exceptionally good for growth of the pines and the reforestration task is expected to be an easy one to carry out.

The association is affiliated with the sub-exchange of the Florida Citrus Exchange, which owns one of the big crate mills here, and the crates can be manufactured at this mill, until such a time as the association decides to erect its own crate mill.

TOUCHTON BUYS DAIGER BUILDING IN DADE CITY

C. F. Touchton has bought from the Bank of Pasco County the Daiger building on the corner of Meridian and Cherry streets in Dade City. He will make a number of changes, converting the two large store room into three good sized ones, two of which will front on Cherry street.

The room fronting on Meridian street will be occupied by Mr. Touchton himself, who will move his Dade City drug store to this location. One of the other rooms will, in all probability, be used by D. C. Wright, who is now occupying the entire building. The other room will be for rent, and at the rate the city is starting to grow Mr. Touchton has no doubt of his ability to easily secure a good tenant.

COAST LINE PLANNING PARK ACROSS TRACKS AT END OF THE MALL

BLOCK ALREADY CLEARED AND CONOLEY ASKS FOR PARKING

With the new city administration already planning to get to work on the Mall that runs through the heart of the city, the Atlantic Coast Line has gotten under way its own plan and probably will have the block to the right of the depot included in any city beautiful plan that is decided upon. The block has already been cleared and Agent Conoley expects to have division headquarters authorize assurance that the road will co-operate in the city's plans.

The block is just across the railroad tracks from the west end of the Mall that runs from State Road No. 8 to the railroad.

The block is 250 by 100 feet and stretches out in front of one side of the depot. Mr. Conoley's idea is that the road will fence the block in, plant it to grass and place trees and shrubbery at points named by the city's landscape man. As soon as the plantings are advanced far enough the fence will be taken down and the tract maintained as a part of the park system.

The tract runs from the railroad to Central avenue and from Main street to the group of section houses northwest of the depot.

A good place for a junk dealer's establishment would be almost any grade crossing.—Detroit Motor News.

In LaPorte, Ind., a baby born with two tongues will live. No, it is a boy.—Worchester Post.

County Officers Are Sworn in and William King Heads the Board

CONTRACT FOR OFFICES AT $212 PER MONTH OR $2,550 PER YEAR—NEW ROADS ASKED IN LAKE STEARNS NEIGHBORHOOD

The new county officers were sworn in at the commissioners' meeting Monday and Tuesday and the new board organized Monday night, re-electing William King, from District No. 1, Avon Park, as chairman.

The officers sworn in were:

D. F. Canfield, tax collector, bond $30,000, with F. C. Rae, A. V. Anderson, William Hart, Mrs. Ada Canfield, Herbert Seaverns and H. E. Coy as sureties.

C. F. Saunders, clerk of circuit court.

Frank Manley, school commissioner from District No. 3, with bond of $2,000, by Ed L. Hainz and A. C. Heacock.

T. H. Lander, school commissioner for Avon Park district, $2,000 bond, signed by C. E. Skipper, C. E. Lanier, T. J. Medinger, C. A. Skipper.

R. H. Hancock, sheriff, bond $2,000, signed by W. L. Crews, James Carlton and W. E. Hendry.

Commissioners William King, G. G. Albritton, C. L. Pierce, H. L. Waters and W. W. Williams.

The board entered into a contract with the Sebring-Hainz Building Company for offices and court room for the coming year at $212.50 per month or $2,560 per year.

L. L. Henderson and others, from the Lake Stearns neighborhood, petitioned for a road as follows:

Beginning at railroad crossing, situated on range line dividing ranges 29 and 30 east, approximately 1,800 feet south of northwest corner of township 37, range 30 east, thence south along the range line to Lake Stearns, thence along east side of said lake to point of intersection of said range line, thence along south side to a point on southwest side of lake 250 feet north of section line dividing sections 1 and 12 of township 37, range 29 east, which point is point of beginning street as shown on plats of Lake Groves Co. holdings, which are on record in the county clerk's office; thence along said street in a westerly direction to Lake Stearns to a point one-half mile west of Catfish creek, where old county road from Arcadia touches lake; thence along said county road in a westerly direction a distance of two miles, more or less, running from Arcadia by way of the south end of Lake Stearns and north side of Lake Stearns to old town place on Lake Serena to the old town place on Lake Huntley, beginning at a point 700 feet south of railroad (which is point of beginning of road petitioned for), where old county road cuts across road asked for and running westerly along north side of Lake Serena, and on in southwest direction to where it again strikes road asked for, a distance of about three-quarters of a mile, be discontinued.

The petition was filed and it was ordered that L. L. Henderson, A. Poppell and F. H. Lewis be appointed viewers.

R. H. Hancock, sheriff, moved that J. R. McLeod be appointed deputy sheriff for Highlands county, where upon the said J. R. McLeod produced his bond as such in the sum of $1,000, conditioned according to law, with Chas. C. Cobb and Basil Bowden as his sureties, which was approved by the board.

Check for $361.10 was received from Ernest Amos, comptroller, to be applied to auto license tax, which was deposited to the credit of license tax.

The agreement made with F. T. Haskins and E. D. Treadwell, attorneys, to look after the matter of Lake Stearns road, which work is required, was produced and confirmed and ordered to be recorded. They are to receive $1,600 for all legal work in connection with the bonds.

T. U. Jackson, secretary and treasurer for bond trustees for bonded road district No. 4, produced and filed report, which was ordered recorded. It follows:

Special road and bridge district No. 4 has a balance in First National Bank of Avon Park of $2,162.28; First National Bank of Avon Park, sinking fund, $610.12; Highlands Bank & Trust Co., $750; Bank of Sebring, $750. Total in banks, $4,662.28.

The following banks were designated as depositories for year 1923: General fund, First National Bank of Avon Park; fines and forfeits, First National Bank of Sebring; commissioners district No. 1, First National Bank of Avon Park; commissioner's district No. 2, Highlands Bank & Trust Co.; commissioners district No. 3, Highlands Bank & Trust Co.; commissioners district No. 4, Highlands Bank & Trust Co.; commissioners district No. 5, First National Bank of Sebring; maintenance bonded road No. 4, Highlands Bank & Trust Co.; maintenance bonded road No. 5, First Trust & Savings Co.; bonded road No. 6, First National Bank of Avon Park.

The bonds required to be executed by the above depositories were fixed at the following: First National Bank of Avon Park, $2,000; First National Bank of Sebring, $1,000; First Trust & Savings Co., $2,000; Highlands Bank & Trust Co., $2,000, which were made and approved.

A communication was received from B. L. Laird relative to Istokpoga drainage canal, and the clerk was directed to answer it, expressing the interest manifested by this board in that project and the desire for its completion.

Joab Edwards, county enumerator for Highlands county, produced his

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BRYANT TO GET $60,000 FOR HIS MUCK NEAR CITY

GIVES OPTION TO SEBRING CAPITALISTS—SAID TO BE FINEST IN STATE

Development of a tract of 160 acres of what is said to be some of the richest muck land in the state is expected to follow the purchase of this tract, two miles east of Avon Park and bordering on the township. An option for twenty days at $30,000 for the tract has been given capitalists at Sebring by G. L. Bryant, who homesteaded the quarter section ten years ago, before there was a railroad into this section and when there was no road within four miles of the property.

All but 40 acres of the tract is the blackest kind of muck and it is fed by two springs and drained by three creeks, the principal one of which is Palmetto creek, which has supplied many a lawn and garden in Avon Park with muck for fertilizer. The forty that is not muck is a corner of the Ridge that runs along the middle of Florida.

During the severe wet spell in September, when practically every spot of black ground in Florida was flooded with freshet after freshet, Mr. Bryant worked his Palmetto creek place steadily and is now supplying Avon Park and neighboring towns with some of the finest truck to be found anywhere. The three creeks afford perfect drainage and at the lowest spot, the tract is twenty feet higher than Moore Haven.

According to Mr. Bryant, he understands the holders of the option are organizing a stock company to be capitalized at $100,000 to develop the tract. They plan to clear it all and plant it this winter and anticipate moving a car a day of truck and vegetables during the spring season. "And they can do it," says Mr. Bryant, who will get off an unheard of celery crop right after Christmas.

Tax Collections For November Are 80 Per Cent Ahead 1921

Eighty per cent more taxes were paid in November by Highlands county tax payers than were paid last November, according to D. F. Canfield tax collector, who announced today that the total collections for the month just passed were $12,653.35, against only $ 7,026.09 for November, 1921. He has issued 409 receipts as against 262 receipts for the same month a year ago, or 50 per cent increase in number of receipts.

The poll tax receipts have exceeded all expectations for the entire year already and are still going. The budget made up by the commissioners anticipated $140 poll taxes for the year and $317 has been paid up, or almost double, with eleven months to go and a bond election to swell the entire to pay.

Incidentally, poll taxes must be paid on or before Dec. 30 to qualify voters in the bond election for $600,000 for good roads, to be held Jan. 23.

The increase in taxes collected during November is to be considered remarkable in view of the fact that the millage was reduced 25 per cent this year over last year with only a normal 10 per cent increase in valuations.

GAILEY MOVES BACK TO AVON PARK AND PLANS TO BUILD SIX NEW HOUSES

Six new houses, and probably seven, to help relieve the shortage in Avon Park are contemplated by S. B. Gailey, Georgian, who formerly spent his winters here and who has returned here after several seasons in Lake Wales, where he operated a sawmill. Mr. Gailey owns a two-acre block in the heart of the residential section, just a block off State Road No. 8 through the city, and has already started work on the first of the cottages. He will occupy this with his family and will follow with the second as soon as the first is completed. J. D. Williams, local contractor, will build the cottages.

Mr. Gailey is one of the greatest believers in the Ridge that is to be found anywhere and he is particularly delighted with Avon Park and its prospects for a big future.

FLORIDA OFFERS CHRISTMAS PRESENT TO EVERY CITIZEN

The state offers a unique Christmas present to every citizen regardless of school training, age, present location or occupation, according to B. C. Riley, director of the general extension division, University of Florida, at Gainesville, who says:

Florida, through the general extension division of the state university, offers a hundred correspondence-study scholarships in every county to farmers, school teachers and other citizens, young or old, who desire practical, useful, usable information or an opportunity to finish their education.

All students must register before Jan. 1. A scholarship entitles the holder to enroll in any one of the following courses, with the understanding that the work must be finished within three months.

Following is a list of the courses available at this time:

Commercial Courses

Citizens who desire practical instruction in commercial subjects will probably find courses that suit their needs in the following list of subjects:

Elementary bookkeeping, commercial arithmetic, letter writing, spelling, penmanship, commercial English, typewriting.

Civil Service Courses

Civil service courses are designed to prepare students for government positions or to qualify them for better positions. The courses which are offered in order to prepare the student for government positions are:

Spelling, arithmetic, letter writing, penmanship, civil government, English, geography of United States, shorthand, typewriting.

High School Courses

High school courses are offered to anyone who has been able to complete his secondary school work. Credits earned are accepted by the university and the Florida State College for Women for admission, without further examination.

English, history, civics, algebra, geometry, Latin.

Teachers Review Courses

The following courses are designed to prepare teachers for the regular teachers' examination.

Orthography, reading, arithmetic, English grammar, composition, geography, psychology, physics, general history, U. S. history, physiology, theory and practice of teaching, agriculture, civil government, botany, zoology, physical geography, algebra, nature study, drawing, manual training, school singing, rhetoric, English literature.

Agricultural Reading Courses

The agricultural reading courses include:

Elementary agriculture, soils, tillage, drainage and irrigation, manures and fertilizers, fertilizers and crops, field crops, poultry production, types and breeds of live stock, dairy production, pork production, citrus fruits and citrus culture, co-operation in agriculture, trucking.

For further information write to the general extension division of the University of Florida at Gainesville.

FROSTPROOF ROAD TO COME IN OVER CEMETERY ROAD

GIVES TWO HIGHWAYS TO NORTH FROM AVON PARK

Two highways into Avon Park from Frostproof and the north will be the result of the state road department's decision to divert State Road No. 8 from the present flatwoods route east of Lake Livingston and Lakes Damon and Pythias, to one across the hills that run southward on the west side of these lakes. And the new route will be a mile shorter.

Engineer C. G. Benson, after going over both routes, reports that the present route is impractical and expensive, both as to first cost and maintenance. The nearly four miles across the flatwoods just east of Livingston also detract from the scenic beauty of the route.

The new route offers a perfectly drained location, one hill after another—a realistic continuation of the Scenic Highway—will cost $50,000 or more less to build from the bottom up than the present route would cost to rebuild and surface; gives two highways where one would be the result of building over the present route.

The present clay road, if relieved of the heavy traffic of trucks, busses and similar destructive traffic can be maintained very easily to serve pleasure traffic that might desire to use it. And running, as it does, through hundreds of acres of beautiful groves, it will undoubtedly attract many.

The new route will enter and leave Frostproof as the present one does, as far as Wilson's corner, which turn is eliminated. The entrance and exit at Avon Park will be via Main street and the cemetery road, the latter running north and south a half mile west of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad.

There will be no grade crossings on the entire route of ten miles, the only crossing being just north of the Highlands line and the latter has already completed negotiations with the Seaboard Air Line for cutting through the hill and the road department will "go over the hill, bridging the railroad.

This will be the first "bridge" built by the state road department in South Florida.

According to Mr. Benson the new location runs on by Wilson's corner in a southerly direction. The present road turns east there. About a quarter of a mile south of the corner, the line turns southwest, over high ground to the west side of Hickory lake. Rounding the lake it will run almost due south and across Society creek west of Lake Livingston. The old ford will be the crossing place and there is only 3,400 feet of the flatwoods to cross. All of this is admirably drained by the creek.

The road continues on high ground west of the Livingston bayhead to the Seaboard tracks in the southeast corner of section 30, one mile north of the Highlands county line and one and a half miles northwest of Lake Vigo.

Crossing the railroad, the highway will swing on a circle through section 31 and parallel the Seaboard tracks east of Barefoot lake and south of Lake Nemo to Lake Byrd. It will run northeast of Lake Byrd and strike the old road between sections 15 and 16, known as the old cemetery road, which it will follow to the Avon Park-Wauchula asphalt road, thence eastward on Main street into Avon Park.

Mr. Benson is rapidly completing his engineering preliminaries and expects to have everything ready by early January, at which be time the department will advertise for bids for construction. The contract will be let in March, and the new highway will be completed by fall.

LAND OFFICER AND WIFE IN AVON PARK LOOKING OVER GROVE HOLDINGS

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Obenchain of Washington, D. C., have arrived in Avon Park and are guests of Hotel Avon. Mr. Obenchain is the administrative officer of the general land office and has just completed, in connection with ex-Governor William Spry of Utah, commissioner of the office, inspection of the local land offices at Jackson, Miss., Baton Rouge, La., Montgomery, Ala., and Gainesville, Fla., for the purpose of obtaining uniformity in work throughout the public land service and arranging all land matters up to date.

It has been two years since Mr. and Mrs. Obenchain have visited this vicinity. They are agreeably surprised at the great improvements in the town and the surrounding country in that time and decided that in a few years Avon Park will be properly designated as a city and the county one of the richest in the state. They are interested in the Hillcrest groves, the development of which has far exceeded their expectations, according to their report. They are also subscribers to the Pilot, to which they look forward each week with great pleasure.

This may be an awful country, but garment makers' figures show we are all getting fatter.—Wichita Beacon.

AVON PARK, THE TOWN WITH AN ANCESTRY

"Lying to the north central portion of the new county of Highlands is Avon Park, a town with an ancestry. It is interesting to delve back into the history of Avon and ride in fancy with those old-time Englishmen that made trips in tally-hos from as far north as Orlando," writes Frank Whitman in the Florida Grower. "I have been told that orange growing was far from the plans of these first people in, unless it was thought to be just a useful and delicious fruit to raise for home consumption, and for that reason some trees were planted. This is intended in no wise to be an historical sketch. There are too many other things to write about in summing up those possibilities and advantages of Avon Park to delve very far back. Just the same it is an attractive feature of any story I think to make deductions of the impressions of the very first settlers—what they thought, what they planted, why they came, and what they wrote back home to the far-off countries from whence they came.

"There must have been an attraction to those who had to undergo supreme hardships to get to Avon Park, which was railroadless and certainly auto-roadless in those earlking times. In a former story I dwelt considerably on the early history of Avon Park when it was first 'discovered,' or at least settled. There were some Englishmen and English women. One at least was a developer of sorts for today can be seen old seedling trees growing all over the dooryards of Avon Park. Indeed I know of no town in the state that has quite so many oranges and grapefruit growing right in town on practically every lot. There are trees nearly 25 years old—seedlings of course.

"It is excellent fruit, too, and I know of one city lot, not so very large, in Avon Park, that produces no mean income for its owner. The trees are old, were planted 'way back there sometime, and grow so close together that cultivation other than by hand is impossible. Undoubtedly these dooryard groves are the results of the plantings of the first people in, who wanted fruit for their own use. I don't believe there was much thought of orange or grapefruit growing as a commercial possibility by these early people. For one reason, and it is a very potent one, I think, there was absolutely no method of transportation that would get fruit to the markets. For this all-important reason I deduce that folks came to Avon Park because it was attractive as a winter home. Its beautiful location, lying as it does on the lakes and hills, had its appeal. Gardening was possible, also, on the rich lands lying around in pockets. The raising of stock was easy. All these advantages, in a climate probably second to none on earth, were the reason for the foundation of Avon Park, and they still exist today, fostered and added to by man-made improvements.

"And so you have the Avon Park of today, a town of attainments; with every sort of civic improvement in the way of asphalt paving that covers quite a few miles of its street, sidewalks, city parking, electric light, ice and water plants, and schools and churches that take care of a population that is constantly increasing. Business houses there are, too, that must of necessity carry large stocks, as the place is a 'feeder' for an extensive territory. Describing what Avon Park has would be just about a description of any other nice and modern little city in our land. Man, at least modern man, demands quite a few things that make for his comfort and well-being, and Avon Park has them.

"Commercially, the place is as important as any city of its size I know of in Florida. There are industries, manufactures, a great deal of them having to do with the culture and shipment of citrus fruits. With the increase of population lines have come into being to satisfy that demand mentioned above. The railroad which touches here could tell some tales if the shipping clerks would open their books about shipments of fruit and naval stores. One of the largest crate factories in the country is located just to the south of the town, and so many people are employed that a good-sized village of neat-appearing homes has sprung up to house the large number of employes.

"The place has not grown as fast as a number of others, perhaps, for the reason that the people have been busy for a decade or so clearing and planting. In order to clinch this deduction I will just give you the acreage as determined by a pretty accurate citrus census, covering a radius of five miles around Avon Park, which is given authoritatively as 10,200 acres. The back country has been developing while the town has progressed slowly. In the past two years, however, all this has changed, for I saw bungalows and other style homes by the hundreds that didn't exist at the time of my last story. The foundation in that splendid back country just naturally made itself felt in the town proper, and the result has been a steady growth as naturally as the moon influences the tides. And there is something to grow upon, a 'backbone,' as it were, as solid as Gibraltar.

"A description of the town and near-vicinity would naturally have to start in a literal smother of citrus groves, with all their sweet incense when the bloom is on and when the spicy fruit is hanging in great golden globes—and end there. The hills of Avon Park are a sight for the gods to feast their eyes upon. The lakes are clear and deep past belief. Lakes, hills and groves—that's Avon Park—and you can't beat the place for scenic grandeur. The homes are mostly built in quiet, homey style, and decorative plantings have lent their aid in pretty style to the general effect of utter liveableness. Some fine buildings grace the main thoroughfares and the asphalt roadways certainly are an invitation to drive around and see the many pretty things so apparent on the landscape.

"The lakes, a number of which lie in and border on the townsite, certainly deserve a paragraph of their own—so here goes. Most of them are large in dimension, some small, but they are all certainly clear and deep, with shaded shore lines running up to the deep woods or splendid groves. The water in them all is palatable and soft, boating and bathing is a delight, and fishing a grand pastime. As an adjunct to a hillside, for an addition to a generally bewitching tout ensemble, commend me to a pretty lake—if you are speaking in terms of beauty, if you please.

"And so, Avon Park is old—and it is quaint. It has beauty that is without the appearance of newness in any of its phases. It has foundation that should make it grow and grow. Good business is already there on account of demand, which should make more and more business. Homes are going up rapidly. I saw a full two dozen in course of construction during just a short drive. This means growth if I know the signs, and it means also that those citrus hills are beginning to make themselves felt in no small manner. When one hears a little of the history of the place one is inclined to think that no town of any size was projected originally. Whatever the impression gained from this place is on the jump right now. It is right up in the van of the march of progress. A study of the production figures will assure one of this beyond the preadventure of a doubt.

"I noted on this trip a sterling civic improvement. Some old buildings that stood on the main thoroughfare in the center of the town have been demolished, the town has purchased the lots and made a Central Park of the plot, with wide driveways on each side. Plantings are being made and in just a short time there will be a park located right in the center of the town that the people of the town can well be proud of. Civic pride you see has come to the fore right along with increased production. I have watched with great interest the real awakening of Avon Park, knowing that there was a slumbering giant concealed somewhere on the hills of citrus stretching to the horizon on all sides. The awakening was slow, but it was sure. Today there is a new Avon Park, brightly clothed, fast moving, and progressive. No man could ask for more than to get into just such a community as this—where additional growth is certain and the foundation lies so deep.

"I don't know whether I am telling all this in a concise manner or not—or even if it is all understandable—but I was impressed by my visit and the knowledge that was forced upon me of just what is happening in and to Avon Park I as bewildering and pleasing. I glory in achievements in our Florida towns just the same as though they were my own. You who have followed my writings must know this. And so I am proud of Avon Park and its accomplishments, and in the future that lies so brightly before it. There isn't an apparent thing in the way of the advancement of the place, for all things are in shape for just that happy state of affairs. I have heard skeptics say: 'O' just wait till a freeze comes." In answer to this I will say that such a thing has never happened in this district to a killing degree; it isn't at all likely to happen. The frost protection is as perfect as any place in the state, and that should be good enough. A freeze that would put the groves of Avon Park literally out of commission would be a calamity that would shrivel the entire state. Rather absurd talk, this, I think.

"Florida has its detractors, I suppose, the same as any state that is so much in the limelight, but we seem to be going ahead in a manner truly astonishing for all of that. In Avon Park there are many groves over 25 years of age. During this quarter century the frost has touched here lightly, but not to any killing degree. If anyone thinks there is the slightest lack of confidence among the developers of the district let them go there and see the thousands of acres of young groves that are planted and that are being planted. No argument is necessary about the minimum of risk for the young trees. Everybody's planting and everybody isn't crazy, I take it. The test of time has been well applied and confidence born of knowledge prevails.

"Now a little about some developments so large that they take their place among the citrus wonders of the country. First, the Pittsburgh-Florida Company, with much more than two square miles of citrus trees growing splendidly and producing to the extent that a company packing house has been built to pack and ship the fruit. I watched these immense plantings from the start and never at any time has there been any hesitation in the progress made. This company has a homesite plan that is very attractive to the unit holders. On Lake Byrd there are hillside lots —large lots—that have the virtue of being on the property and charming to the last degree. Roadways have been constructed that lead all over the huge property. It was one of the sights of my life to again go over this splendid proposition, see the progress that has been made, and view the promise of bumper crops to come this season. I didn't get the last season's production, but they must have been large to judge from the activities at the company packing house.

"Lake Byrd Lodge, located on the lake of the same name, is of log construction, and is a modern hotel open to club members and other discriminating people. The building scheme is of rough logs, giving up the appearance of a log camp, but with all modern improvements. A description of the interior is just about beyond me, but there is old-fashioned and unique comfort in every nook and a gleaming brightness in the outlook from the windows over beautiful Lake Byrd. The whole effect is novel and unique, I should say, and should be a relief as well as an unusual experience to those who are lucky enough to pass a time within its walls. There are some fine ornamental plantings in the grounds proper and a red sand clay road leading all around the lake.

"Now another development that is not destined to take its place in the ranks of greatness in the citrus line, but is already great—Hillcrest. This fine proposition had best be seen, for it is one of those things that describing would be but to bewilder. It lies just a short distance to the north of Avon Park, less than three miles, I am sure, on some hills and lakes that for sheer beauty of scenery fairly take the breath of the one who looks upon the place for the first time. Beautiful Lakes Damon and Pythias lie at the foot of some hills that have been reserved for homesites, and some parks and a clubhouse. Roadways are planned that will wind in and out about the parks and club, and at the bottom of the eminences and along the nearest lake will be planted tropical gardens. No town is complete, but it is a homesite and clubhouse site only.

"Sounds like a dream, doesn't it? But you will not be of that opinion when I say that 640 acres of Hillcrest have been planted. This means one square mile of citrus trees! It now looms up as a rather sizeable proposition, does it not? The trees were three years old at the time I saw them and I believe I will look in vain for anything like them for some time to come. I told you of Hillcrest in my last story. I told you of the plan for cultural care. I thought then it was good. I think it is great now that I have seen the results. There is no pressing selling campaign on at either Hillcrest or the Pittsburgh-Florida proposition. This is not real estate talk. I am telling of them for the reason that they are something big to talk about whenever one mentions Avon Park. You may write to the Pittsburgh people at Avon Park. If you want to know more of Hillcrest address W. M. Reck, same place.

"At Lake Glenada there is another development started that looks good in its embryo state. The location is splendid and much clearing and planting has been done. From the appearance of things here is another famous thing starting for Avon Park. On the banks of the numerous lakes that grace the district are some groves and homes that can best be classed as estates, I think. Many of the groves are large heavy bearers, and the quality of fruit is something that no one has ever questioned. The appearance is in keeping with the quality. There is a soil here that gives fine color and splendid quality to the Avon Park fruit. The Florida Citrus Exchange is represented in the Avon Park Citrus Growers' Association. There is a large membership and a packing house fully up to all known standards of modernity.

"I haven't told it all nor do I intend to. I hope I have said enough to get you interested. If so, address a communication to the Chamber of Commerce of Avon Park and receive more details. There are plenty of things of interest here to more than repay a visit also. There is a fine hotel of the first class and others that can cater to your wants nicely. A visit this winter will just about confirm anything I have here written. You may not be a citrus grower, nor even a would-be citrus grower. In this event, all things considered, Avon Park would be about the ideal place for a home winter and summer, if you would like to settle down where the climate is ideal, the water healthful, and nature is at her very best at all times of the year.

"The pictures accompanying this article will convey a pretty good idea of the section, but unfortunately they cannot convey what is Avon Park's chiefest charm—color. Flowers riot everywhere in the townsite and in the countryside. The lakes sparkle and the hills stretch away seemingly to infinitude. On them are groves—always the groves. I would like to have the brush of an artist to convey it all to you as it really is. I have often wished I could write in colors. I believe I could have a much better time than I do if this were possible—and a more interesting and fascinating one I am sure. The new road plan of the new county of Highlands embraces many improvements for Avon Park. It seems to me that now would be the logical time to go to Avon Park—or at least get posted on something you might think would appeal to you. The section is very versatile and presents many possibilities outside of the citrus fruit lines.

"You might think over the fact that the cost of clothing (extra woolens) and your winter's fuel will come pretty close to keeping you through the winter in Florida. There are plenty of places here where you can live cheaply and comfortably through what is designated "winter" down here. Avon Park is one of these. What say? I can do no more, unless I send you a railroad ticket. You might object to this on the grounds that we would make ourselves talked about. In all seriousness I recommend Avon Park."

NEWSPAPERS GIVE BEST ADVERTISING RESULTS

"Newspapers are selected as principal advertising mediums for our use because:

"Newspaper space affords the best opportunity in local advertising for the educational type of copy necessary to introduce a complete line of products.

"The placing of newspaper advertising can be so regulated that the copy will fit current circumstances, and always be timely, making it possible to present our products to readers just when they are for sale in the stores.

"Newspapers, better than any other media have surveyed their zones of influence with sufficient thoroughness and accuracy to be of aid to our sales force by showing the number and nature of retail outlets and by giving valuable co-operation in connection with the distribution of our products."

The above is from a general circular to all offices, issued April 10, 1922, by the American Fruit Growers, Inc., headquarters at Pittsburgh, outlining and giving the reasons for the advertising policy of that organization. This policy was determined upon only after many conferences participated in by important men of the company and by the largest advertising agency in the United States, which places its national advertising. It shows their belief that newspaper advertising is the one best advertising buy.

The American Fruit Growers, Inc., further evidence their faith in this, it is reported, by contracting with selected northern papers for what is said to be the largest amount of space used in any one year by any advertisers of perishable foodstuffs.

NOTICE

To the Stockholders of the First Trust & Savings Co., Avon Park, Fla.:

The adjourned annual meeting of the stockholders of the First Trust & Savings Co. will be held in their banking rooms Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1923, at 10:30 a. m.

C. H. MOFFETT,
Secretary.

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Once a year for four years the wife of an Irishman who lived in New York had presented him with a fine baby. Then for several years there were no more children. When a friend asked Pat about it, he replied: "I don't want any more children because I read once that every fifth baby born in New York was a Jew."—Florida Magazine.

Child's Eyelashes Bitten Off!

Glenn Herrick, noted scientist, says "Down south I saw roaches so bad, they actually ate the eyelashes off a sleeping child!" Just another example of these deadly pests. Roaches must be wiped out for health's sake! Use Royal Guaranteed Roach Powder. 10c and 25c. Sold and guaranteed by FLORIDA PHARMACY
Avon Park, Fla.

DOLLS

Dozens of Dolls for as many dozen little girls' cuddly arms. Walking, Talking, Dressed and Undressed Dolls. Store happiness away for Christmas Day by selecting one of these Dolls today.

Spinks Variety Store

Remove the Cause!!

CHIROPRACTIC teaches that the backbone is composed of movable segments (vertebrae), between which the nerves emit that lead from the brain to all parts of the body; that these spinal points sometimes become slightly misaligned and press upon the spinal nerves and that this pressure impairs the work of the nerve so that it doesn't properly transmit either mental impulses or vibrations.

For instance: If the nerves leading to the stomach are pressed upon or pinched, we have stomach trouble; if it is the nerves to the liver that are pinched we have liver trouble; pressure on the optic nerve will produce blindness, on the auditory nerve deafness and so on through the entire list of inco-ordinations, i. e., diseases.

Chiropractic teaches that all that is necessary for the complete restoration to health is that the point of impingement be found and the vertebra adjusted to its normal position, thus permitting "Innate Intelligence," the only power on earth that heals, cures or mends, to restore the organs to health.

Chiropractors do not cure, they simply ADJUST THE MISALIGNED VERTEBRA, thus permitting NATURE to cure, heal and repair the member.

DR. G. B. AUSTIN, M. T.
MECHANO-THERAPY
Room 6, First National Bank Building
Monday, Wednesday and Friday—9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

You Save When You Trade Here

New Florida Syrup
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Heinz Extra Spiced Sour Pickles in Bulk
30 CTS. PER DOZ.

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JORDON, JEWELRY
BIG VALUES FOR LITTLE MONEY

Craftsmen of the World Are at Work Again

SUCH jewelry selections have not been offered for beautiful design, excellent workmanship and clever conception. Among the popular offerings are La Tosca pearls in strings, rings of rubies, sapphires and other precious stones.

SHE WILL LIKE THESE
Vanity Cases
Nickel and silver plated.....$8.00 to $9.00
Sterling silver.....$20.00
Mesh Bags at.....$10.00 and $12.00

Wrist Watch
White gold, cushion form, white gold buckle. Swiss movement.....$25.00
Elgin movement.....$35.00

Bar Pin
Sterling.....$1.25 to $6.50
Gold, set with various stones.....$2.50 to $7.50

HE WILL LIKE THESE
A Gold Watch
20-Year open-face case, Waltham or Elgin.....$20.00
Cigarette Cases.....$3.00 to $12.00

A Gold Ring
Signet or jewel set ring of 14 karat gold. Choice of stones.....$5.00 to $12.00

Cuff Links
Solid gold and gold filled, engraved edge, center plain for monogram. Pair.....$3.00 to $8.00

A Christmas Selection Unsurpassed

Woman's Club Active in Building Up Community

Activities of the Woman's Club extend to all parts of community, civic and public betterment, and the annual report of the work of the club, submitted by Mrs. Blanche G. Williams, the president, shows just how big a factor the club has been. The report follows:

"In the beginning of the year we decided to give most of our time to community work, health work and education, also forming a child welfare department of the Woman's Club.

"Another very important work of the club was the raising of funds for the school when it was announced that they would close for lack of county funds. All proceeds of entertainments given after the middle of February went to the school funds. By this and the united efforts of all the church societies and picture show we succeeded in adding two months to the grades and three to the high school.

"Community Service — Under the head of community service may be mentioned our letters to the mayor on the violations of the prohibition amendment, violations against the ordinances on gambling, notices to the marshal for inspection of several public nuisances, our celebration of Armistice day, purchase of lamps and lighting the community Christmas tree, donating $17 to the light and water fund for the school. But one of the best things we have succeeded in putting aside the sum of $115 for our community house, which is to be our club headquarters.

"American Citizenship—Under this heading we may class our letter to President Harding, asking for the appointment of Mrs. Alice Ames Winter, president of the F. F. W. C., to a place on the council of the arms conference at Washington, D. C. Likewise the letter to Col. W. H. Thompson, of the advisory committee of the conference, protesting against the use of submarines, poison gas and other means of destruction. Lessons in citizenship, the study of the town charter and procuring two hundred copies of a moral code for boys and girls.

"Our Charity Work—We took care of one family, furnishing groceries and clothing. A Christmas fund of $81.07 was raised by tagging and nearly all of it was spent on baskets for the worthy poor. Besides local charity the club gave $10 to the girls' scholarship fund, $5 on victrola as Christmas present to the home of epileptics and feeble minded at Gainesville and $15 to the Florida home for orphan children at Jacksonville.

"Our Health Work — A public health lecture was given by R. H. Hixon, executive secretary of the Florida Health Association. From this lecture and the sale of Red Cross seals we were rewarded by the health association by the holding of a one day tuberculosis clinic. Assisted by two special nurses forty-one subjects were examined. An address by Mrs. Lewis on the health work in Arlington County, Va. Ordinance of pure food and the protection of food from flies were studied. Also a visit from Dr. Blinn of the state board of health, concerning the smallpox and typhoid situations.

"Our Educational Work—Addresses on "Woman in Politics," bond issue and child labor laws by local talent. Other educational matters were the endorsement of the different resolutions which were passed from time to time, one asking for a reform in the state school laws, by which members of the state board of education will be appointed from men and women trained as school workers and not ex-officio. We endorsed the candidacy of Mrs. Edgar L. Lewis of Fort Pierce for state superintendent of public instruction. Another to vote for the 10-mill tax for the support of our public schools, and to vote into office good men and women who are qualified to do the work we want done, regardless of party.

"Our Social Meetings—Hallowe'en party, reception and Valentine dinner given by the Woman's Club for the Board of Trade was a combination social affair and community benefit for relief work. Social and art exhibit at the Arrowhead hotel, given by the Sebring Woman's Club was enjoyed by our members.

From May to October there were no meetings as most of our members were away. We held a few executive meetings and two special meetings to discuss the advisability of organizing a Highlands County Federation of Woman's Clubs, which proved a failure, as the members thought it too premature at this time.

"Officers—President, Mrs. Blanche G. Williams; recording secretary, Mrs. Carlos E. Skipper; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Charles S. Donaldson; treasurer, Mrs. Olive Armstrong.

"Work — Civic, education, public health, legislation, child welfare.

"Membership, 86. Place of meeting, high school auditorium. Time of meeting, first and third Friday of each month.

"Respectfully submitted,
"BLANCHE G. WILLIAMS,
"President."

GERMANY LOST ONLY THE WAR

Truly America is nothing if not magnificent. Germany can attest to that. While no country in the world is carrying more than 5,000,000,000 of worthless paper marks, the United States is the proud possessor of German paper currency to the extent of 80,000,000,000 marks, bought at an average price of $12 per thousand. Today German marks are selling at 70 cents a thousand.

Translated into American currency America has invested $960,000,000 in German money since the armistice and the investment today is worth only $56,000,000. The loss therefore rests at $904,000,000, with a strong possibility that it will increase.

Disclosures show that America has given to Germany since the end of the war more than twice the amount of gold the Germanic government has paid in war indemnities to the entire combination of the allies up to date.

Surely greed, and the desire to get something for nothing, has led the country into dangerous paths. The best that American gets out of the situation is a laugh, because indirectly the whole nation will suffer from the Saturnalia of speculation that has led down the lane of folly.

However, our big city brothers undoubtedly will hesitate before smiling again when the simple, unsuspecting countryman falls a victim to the astute gold brick swindler of the city. Germany has unloaded on the city slickers the most gigantic financial in ignus fatuous in the history of the ages. The Mississippi Bubble is a piker's game compared with it. Such national idiocy, like the wisdom of the Lord, passeth all understanding. Truly can it be said that Germany has lost nothing but the war.

Facts at hand show that the absorption of this printing phantom currency has been brought about chiefly by American citizens of German origin, which serves only to show that "sympathetic interest" in the fatherland did not end with the laying down of arms. But to this has been added greed for gold on the part of city leeches of undoubted American origin and it has created a situation that is deplorable both from a moral and financial standpoint.

In Spain motors still are regarded as more or less of a luxury. With exception of the cities and adjacent territories there are few roads good enough even for trucks.

Take a Chance! Take a Chance!

Old Lady—"Here, my little man, is a penny for you."

Small Boy—"I'll match you, lady, whether you make it a nickel or keep the penny."

TIPS ON CUTTING FOOD COSTS

To those who look on a bit dubiously and sometimes feel inclined to ask what good they personally get from having a national government, a current bulletin of the department of agriculture should prove interesting. The food experts there are endeavoring to "educate" the public, as the dispatches have it, in how to save money on food. Lists of things to eat that should suffice for a family for a week are given, based on nutritive value and monetary price. It's an alluring list, especially from the financial point of view.

So far there has been no protest from the farm bloc. But one may be forthcoming soon. For the bloc can hardly approve of the government's showing people how to cut down the cost of living. The bloc is working through a long, hot summer to raise the cost of living by a sky-high tariff.

In any case the prudent citizen with a limited bank account may well stick the department's bulletin away for future use. It is valuable and enlightening even now. But if the tariff goes through it will be almost an indispensable household article.

Sherlock Dines

"Take it away—take it away. I can't eat incubator chickens."

"Beg pardon, sir, but how do you know it is an incubator chicken?"

"Easy. Only a chicken without a mother sends grow up to be as tough as this one."

Store Open Evenings Until Christmas

If It's for a Man Get It At a Man's Store

No Secrets

MEN are only boys grown up—especially at Christmas time—when it's easy as sin to tell "just what they want." There is no reason why woman should fret and fume over what to give HIM. Follow his footsteps of filling past wants and they will lead you HERE—to a man's store. Our practical gifts on display will fairly scream out his likes.

If you'd say to him — "Shirt, Necktie, Muffler, Sweater, Collars, Pajamas, Housecoat, Bathrobe, Socks or Umbrella," he'd say "Sure. Fine, certainly." So don't fuss around. Come here first and make your selections from bright new stocks.

SILK CRAVATS

All silk cravats of splendid qualities, in an unusual extensive variety of new colorful patterns.

A low price that suggests the purchase of many. Boxed as gifts,

$1.00

ALL LEATHER TRAVELING BAGS, $10.00

MEN'S COAT SWEATERS

Men find lots of comfort in wearing these sweaters. All sizes,

$4.50 to $10.00

MEN'S CAPS

Lined caps, in the dark colors suitable for general wear,

$1.00 to $6.50

MEN'S GLOVES

They are of cape skin, in tan, brown and black and are featured specially as gifts.

LEATHER PUTTEES

$5.00

MEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS

25c

Of sheer linen, damask linen and voiles — an assortment seldom to be had at this price. Very remarkable in quality.

MEN'S SHOES

$5.00 to $10.00

MEN'S SILK HOSIERY

Thread silk hosiery in many two color combinations, brown, blue or white with black, attractively clocked. All reinforced at toes and heels.

75c to $1.50 per pair

MEN'S BELT BUCKLES

Of sterling silver, with pierced monogram to order—a highly appreciated gift.

50c

SILK SHIRTS

Stripped Jersey, Broadcloth, Crepe de Chine—the heavy silks that men very definitely prefer.

$5.00 to $6.50

SHOP EARLY

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Roberts Haberdasher

EXCLUSIVE MEN'S WEAR STORE

Avon Park, Florida

PLANT LICE THREATEN TO DO MUCH DAMAGE

May Be Controlled by Tobacco Sprays or Dusts

Plant lice—little insects which suck tender plants to death—have become very numerous in Florida Fardens and truck fields because of the dry weather of November and are threatening to do great damage to the trucking industry, according to J. R. Watson, entomologist of the Florida experiment station.

Many plants—such as turnips, radishes, celery, lettuce and petsai—are being attacked by the small insects and unless measures to combat them are taken at once, the damage will be serious.

Tobacco extracts are recommended for this purpose. Use 1 part of black leaf 40 to 800 parts of water. To made it spread and stick better, add 4 or 5 pounds of soa pto each 50 gallons of the solution.

Dusts composed of lime treated with nicotine sulphate, recently placed on the market, are efficient insecticides for plant lice. They are very effective and are much more quickly applied than is a spray. In order to use them to advantage, however, it is necessary that a dusting machine be used. A number of very good hand dusters are on the market and can be bought for from $10 to $25 each.

In speaking of plant lice—or aphids—and their natural enemies, Professor Watson says, "Aphids are most preyed upon by lady beetles and a number of other predators. In a colony of aphids one usually notices some that are greatly swollen and spherical in shape. These have been parasitized by minute wasp-like insects. These numerous enemies usually check the aphids pretty well, but occasionally they need help in the way of sprays or dusts.

"During damp weather in Florida aphids are fairly well controlled by fungous diseases, but during dry weather these diseases are not sufficiently active."

MANY PRIZES WON BY FLORIDA EXPERIMENT STATION CATTLE

Money won on every individual animal entered and 21 ribbons awarded to 18 head of cattle, that was the record of the cattle entered at the recent state fair in Jacksonville from the University of Florida experiment station, according to a statement issued by John M. Scott, animal industrialist.

The awards were: One grand champion, seven firsts, seven seconds, and six thirds. These 21 prizes were won by 18 animals, all of which, without exception, brought away money from the fair.

The placings were as follows:

Jersey herd—Grand champion cow, senior champion bull, senior champion cow, first prize for bull over three and under four years, first and third for cow over four years, first for cow over three and under four years, first and second for heifer over two and under three years, first for herd, second for calf herd, second for get of sire, and second and third for produce of cow.

Holstein herd—First for junior yearling bull.

Hereford herd—Second for yearling bull, and third for junior yearling heifer.

Aberdeen-Angus herd—Second for two-year-old bull, and first and third for fat steers.

The cow, Majesty's Noble Lassie (492336), which won the grand championship, was bred and raised on the experiment station farm, as were all of the 18 except one.

Professor Scott expressed himself as being highly pleased with the awards and the distinction won by this experimental herd. When asked to explain the sweeping success of the herd he answered, "Good blood and good feed tell the story."

SPRAY FOR SAN JOSE SCALE TO SAVE THE PEACH TREES

"The greatest enemy of peach, plum and pear trees is the San Jose scale," declares J. R. Watson, entomologist of the Florida experiment station, who goes on to say that this insect is so small that a tree often becomes severely infested before the trouble is noticed.

Certainly this fact makes it imperative that the fruit grower—whether he be the owner of acres of trees or only a few in the home yard—use care to see that this insect is stamped out while the season is favorable.

The signs of its presence are discolored areas, usually reddish or pinkish, on the twigs. The twigs soon become dry in appearance and if the infestation is severe, die back. The death of the limbs follows and finally the entire tree dies.

A hand lens is needed to find and identify these scale insects. They are grayish in color, very small (about a twenty-fifth of an inch in diameter), nearly round in outline, and convex in section with a nipple-like elevation in the center.

Professor Watson advises the use of concentrated lime-sulphur as a control spray. This solution may be made at home, but growers usually prefer to buy it ready made. Use one part of the solution to eight parts of water. Since at this strength all leaves, blossoms and young buds are destroyed, do not appl yit only when the trees are dormant. In South Florida this will be some time in December, but in North Florida the spraying may be postponed until January.

The grower who desires to prepare his own spraying material should call upon his county agent or write to the College of Agriculture, Gainesville, for instructions.

Subscribe for the Pilot.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Allison Binger vs. Mary E. Binger.

Bill for Divorce.

To the Defendant herein named, Mary E. Binger. Greetings:

It appearing by a sworn bill and affidavit of complainant filed in this cause that you are a resident of the United States, but of a State other than the State of Florida, a more particular residence being to complainant unknown and that you are over the age of twenty-one years; and that there is no person in the State of Florida, service of a subpoena upon whom would bind you and relief being sought against you.

This, therefore, is to require you to be and appear to said Bill of Complaint at the office of the Clerk of the above styled Court at Sebring, Florida, on or before the 5th day of January, A. D. 1923. And in default of such appearance, you are notified that the allegations of the said bill will be taken as confessed by you.

It is further ordered that this order be published in the Highlands County Pilot, a newspaper of general circulation, published in Highlands County, Florida, for a period of four consecutive weeks.

Given under my hand and seal at Sebring, Florida, this 5th day of December, A. D. 1922.

C. F. SAUNDERS,
(Seal) Clerk.
D. V. ROUSE,
Attorney for Complainant.

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NOTICE OF MASTER'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that under and pursuant to a final decree heretofore entered on the Chancery side of the Circuit Court for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for the County of Highlands, Florida, herein, Floy L. Smith, joined by her husband, H. B. Smith, were complainants and the W. R. England Hardware Company, was the defendant, I will offer for sale at public outcry at the west door of the Court House of Highlands County on the 1st day of January, A. D. 1923, between the legal hours for sale, the following described property, to-wit:

All the stock of merchandise of the said W. R. England Hardware Company and all store furniture and fixtures and all accounts and notes receivable.

Dated this 4th day of December, A. D. 1922.

A. E. LAWRENCE,
Special Master.

D7-14-21-28

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Court of County Judge of Highlands County, Florida.

In Re Estate of Mrs. E. A. Seaverns, Deceased.

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 and all claims and demands which you, or any of you, may have against the estate of Mrs. E. A. Seaverns, deceased, late of Highlands County, Florida, to the undersigned administrator of said estate, within two years from the date hereof.

Dated this 5th day of December, A. D. 1922.

HERBERT SEAVERNS,
Administrator.

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ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Masonic Temple Association will be held Jan. 1, 1923, at 7:30 o'clock in the association rooms for the purpose of electing officers and transaction of such business that may come before the meeting.

J. J. JAMOUR,
Secretary.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

Mrs. F. L. Smith, joined by her husband, H. B. Smith, Complainant, vs. Herman H. Dean, et al, Defendants.

TO THE DEFENDANTS HEREIN: Herman H. Dean and Gardner Green and Florida Development Company, a corporation, and if dead, all persons claiming an interest under said Herman H. Dean and Gardner Green and Florida Development Company, a corporation, whether as heirs, devisees, grantees, or otherwise, in and to the property hereinafter described and to all persons unknown to Complainant, claiming an interest in the following described lands, to-wit: Lots 13, 14 and 15, in Block 58, Section 22, Township 33 South, Range 28 East.

It appearing by sworn bill and affidavit of Complainant's solicitors, filed in this cause, that they do not know and have been unable to ascertain whether you and each of you are dead or alive, that they believe that there are persons interested in the above described property whose names are to them unknown, that you and each of you above named, if living, are residents of a State other than the State of Florida, that your place of residence is unknown to the Complainant, that you and each of you are over the age of twenty-one years and that there is no person in the State of Florida service of a subpoena upon whom would bind you or either of you, and relief being sought against you and each of you in said cause.

This is, therefore, to require you and each of you to be and appear to said bill of complaint at the office of the Clerk of the above styled Court at Sebring, Florida, on or before the 2nd day of January, A. D. 1923, and in default of such appearance you are notified that the allegations in the said bill will be taken as confessed by you and each of you.

It is further ordered that this order be published in the Highlands County Pilot, a newspaper of general circulation, published in Highlands County, Florida, for a period of eight consecutive weeks next preceding said appearance day.

Given under my hand and seal at Sebring, Florida, this 30th day of October, A. D. 1922.

(Seal) C. F. SAUNDERS,
Clerk Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida.

WHITEHURST & WHITEHURST,
Solicitors for Complainant.

N2-9-16-23-30-D7-14-21-28

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Mrs. Maud Park, joined by her husband, I. H. Park, Complainant, vs. Theron Hayward, et al, Defendants.

To the Defendants herein: Theron Hayward, Mary Wood and the Florida Development Company, a corporation, if living, and if dead, all persons claiming an interest under the said Theron Hayward and Florida Development Company, whether as heirs, devisees, grantees, or otherwise, in and to the following described property, to-wit:

Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12, in Block 45, Section 22, Township 34 South, Range 28 East.

It appearing by sworn bill and affidavit of complainant's solicitors, filed in this cause, that they do not know and have been unable to ascertain whether you and each of you are dead or alive, and if alive you are a resident of a state other than the State of Florida, That your place of residence is unknown to complainant, that you and each of you are over the age of twenty-one years and that there is no person in the State of Florida service of a subpoena upon whom would bind you or either of you and relief being sought against you and each of you in said cause.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

William King, Complainant, vs. William H. Thacher, et al, Defendants.

To the Defendants herein: William H. Thacher, Ida S. Thacher, C. S. Thacher, Roscella P. Thacher, Burt D. Isenhour, Atha Isenhour, Charles H. Isenhour, Mable A. Isenhour, Louis F. Newman, Susie M. Newman, Bromnie Copeland, R. Durzl Hall, Trustee, Charlie A. Brown, Abbie R. Dodge, Helene Kobold, Cora Gertrude Allen, if living and if dead, all parties claiming an interest under the said William H. Thacher, Ida S. Thacher, C. S. Thacher, Roscella P. Thacher, Burt D. Isenhour, Atha Isenhour, Charles H. Isenhour, Mable A. Isenhour, Louis F. Newman, Susie M. Newman, Bromnie Copeland, R. Durzl Hall, trustee, Charles A. Brown, Abbie R. Dodge, Helene Kobold, Cora Gertrude Allen, deceased, whether as heirs, devisees, grantees or otherwise, in and to the following described property, situate and being in the County of Highlands and State of Florida, to-wit:

Lots 1 and 4 in Block 54; Lots 6, 7, 10 and 11 in Block 55; Lots 19 and 22, in Block 69; in Section 22 and the west one-half of Lot 14, in Block 4, Section 23 of Township 33 South, Range 28 East.

It appearing by sworn bill and affidavit of complainant's solicitors filed in this cause that they do not know and have been unable to ascertain whether you and each of you are dead or alive, and that if alive you are a resident of a state other than the State of Florida, that your place of residence is unknown to complainant and that you and each of you are over the age of twenty-one years, and that there is no person in the State of Florida service of a subpoena upon whom would bind you or either of you and relief being sought against you and each of you in this cause.

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The Pilot
Avon Park, Florida

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In the eyes of men, neck ties hold first place as Christmas gifts. And because this is true we have arranged a sale which should bring every person in town here for Christmas neckwear.

Silk and knit four-in-hands—imported and domestic silks — a variety of handsome patterns and colors. This week only—

95 Cents

Women's Christmas Slippers

Full Assortment

Slippers compel thoughts of home. Included in our showing may be found every desirable style for boudoir and house wear and at prices which represent great savings for those who choose early.

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An exceptionally good value in Slippers, with heels and pompon $1.00

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Of black patent kid, chic in every line. Light sole and smart heel $1.25

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GILBERT FREEMAN, Editor

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TELEPHONE 29

To insure change of advertisement in current issue copy must be in our hands by 9 o'clock a. m., Wednesday.

BIBLE THOUGHT —FOR TODAY—

Bible Thoughts memorized, will prove a priceless heritage in after years.

GOD LOVES THE GOOD: Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart.—Psalm 73:1.

It looks as though Avon Park has got a real mayor.

Have you joined the Good Fellow Santa Claus Toy Fund?

What is it which increases, yet does not? The German mark.

Pay your poll tax before Dec. 30. Then vote your hardest for the bonds.

"Blind Youth" they talk about is probably blinding the motorist in front of him.

Speaking of driving, would you say a girl who elopes with a chauffeur was driven to it?

We are hoping Hardee county gets those million dollar roads in her Christmas stocking.

Santa Claus will do well to hesitate around Main street and the Mall before going elsewhere.

How about beautifying along our new north and south highway, Messrs. County Commissioners?

Your mite with the Good Fellow Santa Claus Fund will make Christmas for one more boy or girl.

My, isn't Main street and the Mall beginning to look nice with the new paving "growing on the north half.

No wonder this is a fast age. Scientists are telling us that the blood in a man's body travels 168 miles every day.

A man's brain attains its maximum weight at twenty years, says the scientist. And these young folks know it too.

Only ten days to Christmas eve. And Avon Park stores have about the best selection of Christmas goods to be found anywhere.

If your friend can't differ with you on a public question and still be your friend, he wasn't much to begin with, says the Wauchula Advocate.

They say corporations have no soul. But the Atlantic Coast Line is going to have a flower garden around our depot to join up with the Mall.

They say "a flapper by any other name would be as flapperish." Then why such a rumpus about them. They've been with us since Noah was a pup.

Don't drown your fear in booze or beer—but dip your soul in courage. Hootch just postpones your fear-wrung moans and charges you demurrage.

The fact that we've got 10,200 acres of groves in or bordering the Avon Park township isn't stopping a dozen more folks from planting another 250 acres.

You may injure a brother's human career by unjust treatment or accusation; but compensation will give him a running start over you in another cycle of existence.

Just the clearing away of the grass and weeds makes that block in front of the depot look 100 per cent better. But wait until Agent Conoley and the A. C. L. finish it.

President Harding says he can not see how the expenses of government can be cut. His eye-sight probably has suffered a severe strain during his campaign for president.

Adoption of the policy of planting a tree for every one cut by the Pittsburgh-Florida Association on its recently purchased timber tract, is the inauguration of a bigger day in Florida lumbering.

A dozen investors from Chicago and Cleveland last Saturday and eighteen coming Thursday on a special car from New York seems to indicate that Avon Park is going to have a real winter—and several summers later, too.

Frostproof has decided that the new route for the state road to Avon Park is desirable. We never could see why we should stop the state from building us a brand new road opening up new territory and leaving us two roads instead of one.

The cry that good hunting is all gone seems an fetched in fact of the fact that a party of four hunters made three trips to the woods near Avon Park within a space of two weeks and three different members of the party got a deer—one per trip.

FLORIDA'S GREATEST CHARITY

The past year has been a very trying one for every charitable institution and agency in the state. None have had a more difficult time than the Children's Home Society of Florida—which has had over thirteen hundred children—from every portion of the state—and from wee babies on up—come under its aid and care already this year.

In spite of every conceivable effort the society has had a deficit in five of the eleven months past—a deficit which has run over six thousand dollars, and which the society is trying hard to meet before the close of the present year.

Just now the entire thought of the home society is turned to Christmas, for that is one day when every child, orphan children especially, should be made comfortable and happy. An urgent appeal is being sent out by the society, therefore, for Christmas donations of money from individuals, churches, lodges, schools, Sunday schools, young peoples societies, Woman's Clubs, Rotary, Kiwanis and all other organizations of every kind in the state. This appeal is for money —for good homes for homeless children and for Christmas joy boxes for the kiddies at the two homes of the society in Jacksonville and in Pensacola.

The good people of this county are urged to send in their contributions of money to the state treasurer, R. V. Covington, 428 St. James building, Jacksonville, to send applications for children to Marcus C. Fagg, state superintendent, at the same address, and to send all joy boxes, barrels of supplies to 1304 Riverside avenue, Jacksonville, or to the West Florida Children's Home, Seventh avenue and Jordan street, Pensacola. Do it now, please, before you forget.

GIVE THEM A FLAG

Reverence for the flag of our country is the foundation stone on which patriotism is built. A child of six can learn to salute the flag, understand what its bright colors mean, an honor its stars' folds, long before it can understand what America is, or stands for.

But you can't teach a child to reverence a flag unless you have a flag with which to teach.

An American flag should fly over every public school in the land, and be draped upon the walls of every school room. It is the least expensive way of teaching patriotism, and the most effective.

Not all municipalities put patriotism above dollars. We have known instances where civic bodies had to come to the rescue of schools, and give the flag the city fathers were too penurious to buy. And now we learn that in the nation's capital, the very seat of Americanism, the home of the government, more than half the elementary school rooms have no flags, and many others have flags in a tattered, torn, and dirty condition.

An American public school without a flag, a church without a Bible, a child without a mother—pitiful examples of things that should not be. But there is no way to give a motherless child back its mother. And if there was ever a Christian church too poor to buy a Bible, we have never heard of it. It remains for this, the richest, most prosperous, supposedly most enlightened government in the world, to deny to the schools of its ow ncapital city, the few dollars necessary to teach its own children to honor and reverence its own flag!

ANSWERS CALL TO DUTY

Six women and four men, employes of the Bell Telephone Company, have just received the Theodore N. Vail medal for noteworthy public service and heroism on duty. One 20-year-old lay received a gold medal and $500 in cash; the others received a silver medal each and $250 in cash.

The men and women who received these awards did their duty, sticking to their posts during five and flood, rescuing others, warming imperilled people, saving threatened property from robbers, rescuing companions from electrocution, etc., without any idea of reward. Nor does the medal and the cash make the heroism any greater. But it does make it more valuable to the community, because it brings before others the inspiring example of those who put service above self, who risked their lives unselfishly for others, who practiced true brotherhood.

The telephone company honors itself, in honoring these, its servants. It shows that a great corporation has a heart, and an appreciation of the glory that is in that immortal sentence, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend." None of these had to lay down their lives; but they were willing; they counted not life against service.

Clubs, organizations, lodges, fraternities, looking for something to do which is not charity and yet is public service, can well consider whether a yearly award of a medal and a cash payment, to that man and woman, or those men and women, who have most inspired their fellows by unselfish heroism in their community, is not the answer to the problem they face.

FORCE EUROPE TO PAY

Why the public does not rise on its haunches and burst into a roar of laughter that would echo around the world when suggestions are made that Uncle Sam should cancel Europe's war debts, like the wisdom of the Lord, passeth understanding.

Last year the easy Americanns paid Germany $960,000,000 for worthless marks. As fast as German printing presses could turn out the financial junk good American dollars were poured into Germany to bring them to the land of the free.

In addition to this stupendous folly Americun tourists spent in Germany $750,000,000, which foots up just about 13 per cent of the entire war debt. And the end is not yet.

American money is even now turning the wheels of German industry. American brains are even now working to help solve the German national problems.

This year American children will play with German toys to the exclusion of toys of American manufacture.

Summed up, America stands today the world's great easy mark. Charged with being a nation of dollar worshippers, we find ourselves the easy victims of every shrewd European trickster and governmental propagandaist.

It is time we put a definite end to serious consideration of debt repudiation.

Now is the time to talk real strict accountability.

Let Washington announce that Europe to the last nation must pay her debts, and to the last farthing.

PINEY WOODS PHILOSOPHY

By Dr. W. A. MacKenzie

Vladivostok is now seeing red.

It should never be quiet in a bank, for money always talks.

If your career is punctured, pump her up with courage. It will roll you home.

COUNTY OFFICERS SWORN IN; WILLIAM KING HEADS BOARD

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report, which was examined by the board and approved and his claim approved and certified to the state board of agriculture.

R. H. Hancock, sheriff, was directed to go after the prisoners leased to the Naval Supplies Co., and to deliver them to H. D. Evans at Murdock and have contract signed by him for the hire, according to the terms of his proposition, made to the board.

W. W. Williams was directed to arrange for a janitor for court room and offices.

The following claims were allowed:

General Fund—Perry Etheredge, $28.80; R. H. Hancock, $44; H. L. Waters, $12.40; Mrs. Anna T. Reck, $3; A. Binger, $3; J. M. Garst, $3; Frank Webster, $3; L. P. Bowers, $3; H. W. Townsend, $3; Mrs. L. C. Pearce, $3; John Carter, $3; Elsie Hendry, $3; W. E. Hendry, $3; J. B. Bunch, $3;Wm. King, $42.; A. M. McAulay, $40; G. G. Albritton, $10; M. W. Lance, $7; F. S. Prior, $3; J. G. McClurg, $3; Ike Dottery, $3; Frank Wood, $3; W. H. McClelland, $3; J. A. Farmer, $3; Mrs. Sallie Pearce, $3; P. A. Correll, $3; Geo. Mathis, $3; J. J. Rothgerry, $3; C. H. Shackelford, $3; J. E. Graham, $24; W. W. Williams, $59; L. C. Pearce, $14; J. R. Bennett, $3; L. M. Marsh, $3; A. Butts, $3; L. T. Farmer, $6.60; L. P. Austin, $3; H. L. Waters, $8; Willie Williams, $; Earl Williams, $3; C. M. Hendry, $9.50; William Gilles, $3; Tom Carlton, $3.

Road District No. 1—C. R. Ginn Lumber Co., $37.76; Smith-McGinnis Co., $13.66; B. F. Martin, $27.

Road District No. 2—J. E. Graham, $3.46; W. C. Peacock, $18.18; C. F. York, $3; J. E. Graham, $1; J. L. Smith, $157.06; R. L. O'Berry, $50.50; J. W. Duncan, $86.75; C. F. York, $129.70; Sebring Lumber Co., $35.93; C. W. Collins, $154; W. C. Peacock, $18.18; Sebring Garage & Machine Co., $70.39; Sebring Builders Supply Co., $22.30.

Road District No. 3—John Franklin, $20.25; F. B. Tauchen, $56.43; F. L. Woods, $54; Perry Etheredge, $27.58; Tom Lee, $20.25; Sebring Lumber Co., $4; F. L. Woods, $64.78; Gingry & Newman, $14.11; Wm. Hicks, $4; Bernard Etheredge, $; C. D. Drawdy, $72.78; DeSoto Groves Co., $37.26; Matthew McCanico, $20.25; H. E. Galloway, $8.66; J. H. Twitty, $18.20; L. T. Farmer, $33.67; F. N. K Bailey, $22; W. S. Ewing, $75; Willard Franks, $22.77; O. S. Bowles, $6.09; Aubry Wilson, $12.50; Phillip Correll, $7.

Road District No. 4—F. B. Tauchen, $18; Farr & DeVane, $85.40; Farr & DeVane, $1,337.05; A. C. L. R. R. Co., $1,776.46; A. C. L. R. R. Co., $4.

Road District No. 5—W. W. Williams, $10; J. M. Hogan, $32; J. W. Payne, $7.50; B. C. Collins, $24; Sam Sseperd, $30; H. T. Rowell, $42; Mrs. M. V. Pearce, $15; Orrin Mathis, $4; Riley Sheperd, $8; Jordon Sheperd, $27; H. G. Cassels, $40; H. G. Cassels, $40; Wesley Gaskins, $4; L. W. Summerall, $20; C. R. Mathis, $30; H. C. Rimes, $4; Jones Lumber Co., $9.85; H. G. Cassels, $15.

Bonded Road No. 6—Chase National Zank, $1,624.05.

Special State Road No. 8—A. C. L. R. R. Co., $472.76; Farr & DeVane, $2,574.10; J. H. Hood, $125; A. C. L. R. R. Co., $623; J. W. Farr & Co., $239.20; E. W. Pooser, $9.45; Farr & DeVans, $20.12; A. M. McAulay, $4; W. A. Roberts, $8.50.

Maintenance No. 5—Wm. King, $2.78; Gingry & Newman, $3.45; W. C. Waldron, $110.90; L. C. Pearce, $220; Glid Road Machine Co., $18; J. W. Duncan, $417.50.

Agricultural Fund—A. F. Hull, $87.50.

General Fund—H. & W. B. Drew Co., $4.58; B. A. Cope & Co., $25; Ed L. Hainz, $160; Field Art Shop, 90c; Avon Park Printing Co., $1.50; Wm. King, $3; Mrs. Ella Hargreves, $10; Mrs. Frank L. Costine, $10; A. Binger, $8.40; D. F. Canfield, $150; C. F. Saunders, $127.60; B. L. Laird, $15.75; R. J. McMurray, $7; W. U. Tel. Co., $10.76; Manley Drug Co., $2.95; R. L. Shaw, $; Mrs. Rosa L. Ellis, $; Thos. Whitehouse, $4.81; Sebring Light & Water Co., $10.80; A. E. Lawrence, $50; Wm. King, $7.42; Mitchell Telephone Co., $10.55; Jas. Carlton, $100; White Way, $47.60; Wm. King, $4.25; Mrs. Mattie Thomas, $10; A. F. Spooner & Son, $10.45; Dr. R. J. McMurray, $25.

Fine and Forfeiture Fund—R. H. Hancock, $64.78; Sebring Gibson, $169; J. A. Farmer, $50; Dr. J. L. Cloud, $2; R. H. Hancock, $64.78; Sebring Light & Water Co., $21.30; W. C. Spencer, $16.20; First National Bank, $116.67; D. V. Rouse, $161.75; A. E. Lawrence, $50; W. U. Tel. Co., $4.97; Rexall Store, $8.90.

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For Sale or Exchange—One-acre lot, 7-room house, lights and bath; 48 fruit trees on lot; on Lakeview Ave. H. C. Hinton. 12-7-4tp

FOR SALE—Modern home, bungalow style, on Lake avenue; three bedrooms, dining room, living room, kitchen, two big screened porches, and all modern conveniences; garage, lawn, flowers and fruit trees; an ideal home place and at a bargain. G. A. Stebbins, owner.

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Rooms for Rent—Furnished or unfurnished; house in grove at Shadow Lawn. C. S. Miller, Box 461, Avon Park. D14-2tp

Mule for Sale — $60. J. Blohm, Lake Byrd Lodge. D14-tf

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PROGRAM
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Monday, Dec. 18

MONDAY

"Shame"

With an All-Star Cast

This picture is one of the five Super-Special Fox productions. Those who saw "THUNDERCLAP" will know that you will be more than pleased. Also a special two-reel Snub Pollard comedy.

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

"Mind the Paint Girl"

This is one of the First National brand new productions and is said to be one of the best program pictures released lately. The picture is just out of the studios and this should convince you that we are keeping up our reputation of "Nothing but the Best." Also Aesop Fable and Snub Pollard comedy.

SATURDAY

"Just Toney"

With Tom Mix

This is a story of Tom Mix's horse. It was adapted from the novel "Alcatraz" by Max Brand. The story was published serially in one of the world's greatest magazines and was read and praised by millions. The picture is a 1923 production and is the first of our new pictures under a new contract. There will be two shows of this picture; the first starts promptly at 7:15 and the second show at 9. The millions of Mix fans say this is one of the greatest productions he has ever made. Also a special Christine comedy.

COMING — CHRISTMAS DAY — Shirley Mason in "YOUTH MUST HAVE LOVE." This picture was chosen from a list of fifty productions.

DON'T FAIL to see Dustin Farnum in "WHILE JUSTICE WAITS," Saturday, Dec. 16, with special comedy

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Oversize Steering Wheels, Radiator Ornaments and a multitude of fine practical articles to insure a Merry Christmas to the motorist.

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HONOR O. E. S. MATRON

A lovely 6 o'clock dinner will be given by Lee Chapter No. 85, Order of the Eastern Star, Thursday evening in honor of Mrs. Anna H. Schneider, grand matron of the grand chapter of the state of Florida. Mrs. Schneider is here on her official visit to this chapter.

HOTEL AVON NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Wolcott of Cleveland, O., were guests of the Avon a few days this week, while inspecting their holdings with the Hillcrest company.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ellis, who have been here several days, left last Thursday to take a bird's-eye view of Tampa, St. Petersburg and Boca Grande, before returning to their home at Cleveland, O. This was Mrs. Ellis' first visit to the Park, with which she was very much pleased. Mr. Ellis is interested in the Hillcrest property here.

J. W. Mayhaw, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga., was a Thursday business visitor here.

D. H. Sorrell, Jr., of Jacksonville spent Thursday transacting business in the city.

Ellis Gibson, W. Lights, M. Hoover and E. L. Wirt, all prominent business men of Bartow, were business visitors of the city Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sonnemann, who motored from Washington, expecting to go to the coast for the winter, but were so pleased with the Park they have decided to stay here. Mr. Sonnemann is a contractor and will work in the city this winter. They are living in the Thompson bungalow.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Gompkins of New York City were looking over the city Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Matthews and son and Edna W. Brohawn ,all of Baltimore, spent the week-end in the city.

T. C. Edwards of Jacksonville was a business visitor of Avon Park Saturday.

L. G. Bruce of Bartow spent Saturday in the city on business.

H. Torney of Baltimore visited the city Monday.

D. M. McKey of Plant City was in Avon Park on business Monday.

W. H. MacKauger of Norfolk, Va., was a business visitor of the city the early part of the week.

D. L. Smith, a prominent business man of Arcadia, was in the city Tuesday.

Warning From Health Department

"Everybody is warned against the peril of rats. They carry cholera and typhus germs and spread bubonic plague." Protect your health by wiping out these pests! Start TODAY. Use Royal Guaranteed Rat Paste. SURE—SUDDEN. Destroys all rats. Get a 25c or 50c handy tube. Sold and guaranteed by

FLORIDA PHARMACY

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Wm. Tiles Overton was a business visitor of Winter Haven a couple of days last week.

Mrs. L. E. Bass, Mrs. Lucie Crumbley, Mrs. Horace Garner and Misses Beasley Palmer, Ruby Crumbley and Beatrice Bass were Wauchula visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. S. E. Browning and baby are spending the week with Mrs. Browning's mother, Mrs. E. N. Dickenson of this city.

Misses Hettie and Mary Pabor spent Sunday in Winter Haven visiting friends.

Misses Ruth and Berta Bass and J. A. Lander were Tampa business visitors Monday.

Dr. E. E. Thompson, prominent Chicago physician, was looking over the Pittsburgh-Florida groves this week.

C. L. Richardson spent this week at Lake Byrd Lodge. Mr. Richardson is the Chicago sales manager for the Pittsburgh-Florida company.

E. W. Doty of Cleveland, O., was a guest of Lake Byrd the past week.

F. H. McCurdy and wife spent the week in the city looking after their interests in the Pittsburgh-Florida Association.

Mrs. Jennie Wood of Pittsburgh spent the week-end at Lake Byrd Lodge.

W. B. Reid and J. M. Hall and lovely daughter Ruth were week-end guests of Lake Byrd Lodge. Mr. Hall and Mr. Reid are inspectors for the Washington stockholders of the Pittsburgh-Florida Association. They were very pleased with grove conditions.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Masters and son and Mrs. F. J. Buffington spent the early part of the week in Tampa.

Mrs. A. J. Gross of New Mexico, was here over the week-end visiting friends. Mr. and Mrs. Gross both taught school here several years ago and are now located in New Mexico, where Mr. Gross is pastor of a Baptist church.

Mrs. B. B. Andrews and Mrs. J. B. Stringfellow motored to Sebring Thursday afternoon on business.

H. B. Holmes of Bloomington, Neb., is the guest of S. Y. Hartt and family this week. He is a former newspaper publisher.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Moffett and H. B. Holmes spent Saturday in Tampa and St. Petersburg, looking over the cities.

Mrs. A. C. Dusenbury and young son Cyle, who have been in Kissimmee for the past two weeks, returned Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Godwin, Mrs. A. D. Roberts and M. W. Lance were Tampa visitors Saturday.

Stanley Martin of Dade City is with the Avon Park Drug Company for the holiday rush.

BRENTWOOD LAKE CLUB MEETS

The initial meeting of the season of Brentwood Lake Book and Needle Club was held Wednesday afternoon, with Mrs. Herbert Spencer as the gracious hostess.

Those present were: Mesdames Mary Anable, A. V. Klase, Clifford Pentz, M. Beulah Marsh and Miss Emma Aten.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. George Huscroff were the charming host and hostess at a lovely dinner Friday evening, celebrating Mrs. Huscroff's fiftieth birthday. The few intimate friends enjoying the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Alley, Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson and little granddaughter Genevieve Olds and Ernest Volkey.

GUILD MEETS

The Guild of the Episcopal church met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. William King. After the regular business was attended to the afternoon was pleasantly passed with "chat." The hostess, assisted by her neice, Miss Bertha Chinn, served a delicious lunch of sandwiches, tea and cookies.

THOMPSON TO FILL IN

Rev. E. L. Thompson of Geneva, Ill., will fill the pulpit at the Methodist church Sunday in the absence of Rev. C. E. Gutteridge, who is attending the Florida conference at Tampa this week. His morning subject will be "God's Offspring." His evening subject will be "Human Values."

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Gailey and son Grady will occupy the Ellison bungalaw, across the railroad, this winter.

Lee Crews, Douglas Farley and C. R. Ginn were Wauchula visitors Sunday.

D. F. Canfield motored to Tampa Saturday, returning Sunday with a new Dodge car.

C. W. Adams and family were Zephyrhills visitors Sunday.

C. S. Donaldson left Saturday for Washington, where he will join Mrs. Donaldson for the winter.

Mrs. T. J. McGinnis and Mrs. H. C. Garner were Sebring visitors Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lesley of Chattanooga, Tenn., are visiting Mrs. Lesley's mother, Mrs. Tyler Spink, this week.

J. W. Moore, popular young man of Thomaston, Ga., is visiting Douglas Farley here this week.

E. R. Shackleford of Wauchula was in the city Saturday visiting J. B. Peden.

M. C. and O. G. Whitehurst were Tampa visitors Sunday.

G. W. Adams, N. T. Smith and H. B. Smith were Tampa business visitors Saturday.

Richard Alley is spending the week in Tampa on business.

METHODISTS FINISH YEAR WITH 74 ADDED TO THE CHURCH ROLL

TWELVE ADMITTED SUNDAY; SEVENTEEN OFFER AS MISSIONARIES

Seven were baptized and twelve were received into the church Sunday, following the conclusion of a series of meetings by Miss Alice Crone, Tampa, state Epworth League field secretary. It was the last Sunday of the conference year and the busiest that Rev. C. E. Gutteridge has had. He left Tuesday night for Tampa to attend the annual conference of the church. Within a few minutes Sunday $300 was subscribed that the representatives might enter the conference with a clean report.

The additions Sunday brings the total for the year to 74. And the year marks the completion of the handsome new brick church and the successful liquidation of all obligations, which local Methodists believe to be an unusually creditable record for Rev. Gutteridge, who is just finishing his first year here.

Those baptized were: Mrs. Mamie Lister, Mr. Bowman and child, Willer Lee and Marie Strickland, Eunice Lamb and Pat H. Day. Those received were: W. P. Strickland, P. H. Day, Mrs. Mamie Lister, J. H. Raines, Mrs. Mattie Raines, Nellie Raines, Eunice Lamb, W. T. Connell, E. Barnhill, Mrs. P. C. Beatty, Mrs. Emma Johnson and James P. Johnson.

Seventeen young people volunteered their services for foreign mission work during Miss Crone's meetings and the names, announced by Rev. Gutteridge prior to leaving Tuesday were: Misses Bessie Johnson, Nellie Raines, Ebra Adams, Bertha Raines, Florence Mosher, Morene Day, Eunice Lamb, Grace Meredith, Gladys Meredith, Hazel Bowman, Marjorie Lacey, Mildred Day, Ethel Clark, the latter as a nurse; and Russell Gutteridge and Horace Lamb. Eldred Starkey volunteered as a medical missionary.

JACK KING'S BIG TENT COMEDIAN SHOW COMING

Jack King's Comedians will open a week's engagement in their big $10,000 tent here Monday night with "The Divorce Cure," a four-act drama.

Monday night will be ladies' night, and all the fair sex will be admitted free when accompanied by one adult ticket.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS OF FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF AVON PARK

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Avon Park will be held at the office of said bank in Avon Park, Florida, Tuesday, Jan. 9, 1923, at 4 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing directors and for the transaction of such other business as may legally come before said meeting.

J. V. CHAPMAN,
Cashier.

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TWO GATHER GOLD AT OTT'S SATURDAY NIGHT

Rudy Ashton, from Kissimmee Island, won the first $2.50 gold piece at Ott's Saturday night and the second gold piece went to C. C. McRae.

There will be another award Saturday of this week.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE SUNDAY

There will be baptismal service at the Baptist church Sunday night and Rev. T. O. Baldwin will preach on "Alone With Jesus." He will preach Sunday morning on "The Lord's Supper." Sunday school is at 9:45 and B. Y. P. U. at 6:30.

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YOU couldn't possibly think of anything that will give dad more pleasure than a box of his favorite cigars or other "smokables." Nothing but the highest type cigars are presented here at prices that are truly moderate.

If he smokes a pipe get him a large can of smoking tobacco. Better yet is the gift of a brand new pipe to celebrate Christmas.

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Sweaters
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For Men, Young Men, Younger Men and Boys

DON'T FORGET THAT WE ARE GIVING AWAY THE LARGE WARDROBE TRUNK DECEMBER 23, AT 9 P. M.

KATZ BROTHERS

America's Food and Medicine May Go for Naught if Russians Cannot Secure Clothing

"If Russia's children, and adults as well, are to be saved from death this winter from exposure—after the charity of America has brought them through the famine of last winter, they must be supplied with clothing." This is a concensus of opinion of the American Relief Administration staff in Russia, from Colonel Haskell down to the inspectors, according to their reports to Herbert Hoover, head of the A. R. A.

From every part of Russia where the A. R. A. has been feeding children and adults, and has been instituting sanitation and medical service and inoculations to save literally millions of lives, the story is the same—that the children lack even the barest essentials of underwear, shoes, stockings or outer wear, with which to protect themselves against the rigors of the Russian winter. And the need of aid in this direction for adults, too, is indicated by statements of recently-returned workers, who state that in cases where Russian employes have been given a blanket for extra services the blankets have almost invariably been made into overcoats. Literally millions of children, say reports, have no shoes—an item which in itself may make it impossible for them to go to American Relief child-feeding kitchens. Free shoes and stockings have been provided for 250,000 children who are absolutely without footwear, but the whole problem is beyond the reach of any general funds now available.

The American Relief Administration, to meet this emergency, has put into effect a Clothing Remittance, functioning in every way as does the now world famous Hoover Food Remittance. For twenty dollars, sent to the A. R. A. at 42 Broadway, New York, the following articles, or their equivalent in value, will be delivered to any designated person in Russia: 4 2-3 yards fifty-six inch twenty ounce dark blue wool cloth; 4 yards of thirty-two inch black cotton lining; 3 yards of twenty-seven inch flannel; 16 yards of unbleached muslin; 8 large black ivory buttons; 16 small black ivory buttons; 16 small white bone buttons; 2 spools No. 10 black cotton thread; 2 spools No. 40 white cotton thread.

One package will clothe one adult or two children all winter, and remittances ordered for general relief will be used for neediest cases, thousands of which are heart-breaking.

CALUMET GAINS

Mrs. Helen Harrington Downing has resigned as director of the department of food economics of Armour & Co. Chicago, however, has not lost Mrs. Downing, who is nationally known as one of the leading domestic science experts of the country. She has moved from the big Armour establishment to take charge of the home economics department of the Calumet Baking Powder Company.

Mrs. Downing's new position will afford her a broader field, as the Calumet company have initiated a domestic science campaign, for the benefit of American housewives, that practically will touch every home in the United States.

Subscribe for the Pilot.

Order in the Court Room

"Get the prisoner's name and then go tell his mother."

"Plain, y'r honor, don't you think his mother knows his name."

Well, Read It Your Way

Little Willie Burns,
Yes, little Willie Burns.
He sat on a stove,
Yes, little Willie burns.

Practical Christmas Gifts That Will Delight the Feminine Heart

No woman can resist the beauty of dainty lingerie. It is one of those gifts she always "hopes for." Consequently those who choose these pretty chemise and night-gowns in many pretty styles, are certain of gift-rightness.

Lingerie from Maas Brothers is always correct, and just a little newer and more bewitching. Particular women always prefer lingerie that comes from this big store.

Lingerie is just one of hundreds of gift possibilities that this big store is featuring. You will find gift merchandise of every kind, and quality considered, the prices are lower than elsewhere in Florida.

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Ask a Man Who Owns a Car

What He Wants for Christmas

Right away he'll reel off a list of nifty fittings and accessories that he has long needed, but doesn't care to afford them just now.

Let Us Suggest a Few---

- Drednaut Folding-handle Jack
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- Oversize Steering Wheel
- Windshield Visors
- Foot Accelerator for Fords
- Radiator Ornaments
- Spot Lights
- Drug Headlights for Fords
- Bumpers
- Tire Covers and Locks of all Sorts
- Spartan Horns

These and many other Christmas gift suggestions are to be found at our store. See them today.

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BOB PRESSEY on THE BANKER

In looking through the country town for men of prestige and renown, who build and advertise a place, we find the banker sets the pace. There are some slant-eyed money kings who keep small towns from doing things, but they are scarce—death seals their doom and then their towns enjoy a boom. When you've a chance to make a haul by buying pickles in the fall and peddling pickles in the spring and thus become a pickle king, you do not seek your maiden aunt and spring your coin-extracting chant, you don't salaam and meekly rend your robes before some wealthy friend; they'd help you but—they've spent their jack for camisoles and bric-a-brac. The only chance to make that deal is at the bank; they hear your spiel and pave the way with gold in stacks, for you to pay an income tax. When some subscription project lags, committees call on "money bags"; they smoke his twenty-cent cigars, attend conventions in his cars and corkscrew ducats from his vault to cure the lame, the blind and halt. In time, however, you will learn that even banking worms will turn, and there's no penance that compares with boarding bankers in their lairs. You seek their den with faltering step without your usual nerve and pep and meekly stammer that you've "got some money coming—but your not—at present—fixed to meet that note, you'd like"—the words won't pass your throat. The banker lays his pen aside and says: "Well, Bill, we'll let it ride." Outside the bank you fairly dance and go and buy your kids some pants and several books about the yaks and get your wife a brand new axe. That chap in there behind the bars helps head off half your family jars. Oh, when I leave this earthly sphere I hope some banker will be near to supplement my stingy roll in case I can't pay Charon's toll.

TREAT FOOT ROT EARLY

Disease May Be Cured and Eradicated If Work Is Begun in Time

Citrus foot rot is very destructive disease and develops rapidly, often killing large bearing trees in a single season. The disease is prevalent on trees planted on low land, especially nursery trees. It yields easily to control measures, if such are applied in time, according to the Florida experiment station.

The disease begins in the bark of the crown or main roots, usually at or just below the surface of the soil. It is first noticed by a small area of decayed bark from which there is a slight oozing of gum in small drops. The decayed bark has a water-soaked appearance and a watery gum is usually found beneath.

The treatment for foot rot consists in removing the soil from about the crown roots, exposing all the infected areas. All active diseased areas should be cut out clean to the healthy tissue, and some antiseptic applied, such as crude carbolic acid one part, and water one part, in which a little soap has been dissolved; or avenarius carbolieum, dilute or full strength; or bichloride of mercury one to 1,000 solution.

Where all the diseased areas have been treated the trunk and the exposed roots should be painted with a wash made of equal parts of air-slaked lime and powdered sulphur, mixed with sufficient water to make a thin paste that can be easily applied with a brush. The entire trunk should be painted for three or four feet above the surface of the ground. This prevents further spread of the disease, if the old infected spots are thoroughly cleaned and the diseased parts cut away before treating.

PRISON HELPS THE FARMER

Whether the officials of the International Harvester Company have been more interested in marriages than in machinery may not be decided, but figures given out by the census bureau would indicate that the trust had better pay closer attention to business if it hopes to keep up the exploitation of men who till the soil.

The census department shows that in 1921 there has been a decrease of 41 per cent in the total value of farm machinery products sold as compared with the year before. The largest percentages of decrease appear in horse-drawn vehicles and in tractors and traction engines.

This is a tremendous falling off, but while it has been in progress price reductions on farm machinery manufactured at the Minnesota state prison, granted in response to a request by the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation, have saved farmers of that state $150,000 in a year.

A report from this prison shows that 7,108 farm machines have been sold in the last twelve months, including particularly binders, mowers and rakes. This represents an increase of 139 per cent in the use of binders, 38 per cent in the sale of mowers, and 10 per cent increase in the consumption of rakes.

The manufacture of farm machinery in the state prison comes as a result of farm bureau activity and should prove an inspiration to other states, for seemingly a way has been found to get at least the thin end of the wedge into the iron ring of the Harvester trust that has held around the throat of the farmer for years.

It has been contended that putting on the market the products of prison labor would unhorse business, but if the Harvester trust be unhorsed, nobody will grieve very much.

The farmers pay their share for the support of the restricted criminals, so it is not a bad idea for them to get something out of the labor of their wards.

Larry says if all one's time
That one spends to drink and dine
Could be utilized for sleeping
Eternal life I would be seeking.

SEVEN NIGHTS A WEEK

He—"Why did you call me Jack when I kissed you last night?"
She—"Heavens—I thought it was Wednesday."

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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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Scenic Highlands Development Company
Avon Park, Florida

JOIN NOW

Delay is always dangerous—Procrastination is the thief of time. Therefore, as a wise and sensible human being, walk right up to our Christmas Club window today and say "I Want to Join."

CLUB Forming

The man who wishes he had is always envious of the man who acts when the impulse to save comes to him. Once the habit of saving is formed it grows and grows. Our club is now-forming, offering you the opportunity to become a saver instead of a spender.

WHICH CLASS SUITS YOU?

You May Join One or More of the Following Classes

CLASS 1—First week 1c, second week 2c. Increase each weekly payment 1c and receive in 50 weeks.....$12.75

Class 1-A—First week 50c, second week 49c. Decrease each weekly payment 1c and receive in 50 weeks.....$12.75

CLASS 2—First week 2c, second week 4c. Increase each weekly payment 2c and receive in 50 weeks.....$25.50

CLASS 2-A—First week $1.00, second week 98c. Decrease each weekly payment 2c and receive in 50 weeks.....$25.50

CLASS 5—First week 5c, second week 10c. Increase each weekly payment 5c and receive in 50 weeks.....$63.75

Plus 5% Interest for Prompt Payment

MERRY CHRISTMAS! Santa Claus, reindeer, tinkling sleigh bells, snow, dolls and toys for the children; Christmas Savings Checks for the older ones—Merry Christmas indeed! All the world seems so happy; time of peace and good will towards all men; misery and hardships have no rightful place in such a scene—yet * * * Why is it men continue to squander when with a little or no effort they could save so Christmas for them would be a season of rejoicing. If they would only

Join Our Christmas Savings Club

Some people are naturally thrifty. With them saving is second nature—but there are others—every penny they get seems to slip through their fingers. "Easy comes, easy go" they try to excuse themselves. All is well so long as the sun of prosperity shines, but where are they when the clouds gather and the rainy days set in? "How grand it would be if—IF—I had only saved instead of wasted," you hear Mr. Easyspender remark.

Realizing this condition we organized our Christmas Savings Club under the Goodman plan. With this system it is easy—very easy—to start and easy to keep up the weekly payments. Out of the "change" formerly squandered, the deposits are made—so gradually it is not missed, and at the next Christmas a plump check is ready. Interest helps to increase the amount of the deposits, and, more than anything else, the habit of systematic saving is formed.

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CLASS 5-A — First week $2.50, second week $2.45. Decrease each weekly payment 5c and receive in 50 weeks $63.75

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[Richard Lloyd Jones in Jacksonville Journal]

What Florida needs above everything else is pioneers, men with energy and vision, men who are unafraid to grub ground. We need land-breakers. Surveyors tell us that only about 3 per cent of the tillable soil of this great rich peninsula commonwealth is now under cultivation. If that figure is true it means that we have only gone 3 per cent of the way to realizing that which should be the normal measure of prosperity for Florida. If that figure is true, we should be breaking our very necks to get the other 97 per cent of the prosperity that is before us.

It is encouraging to find that the Southeastern Passenger Association has recently ratified the Florida Realtors Association that it would be glad to meet with a committee on homeseekers' rates to discuss the possibilities of granting attractive rates to the homeseeker.

No railroad that operates in Florida can render Florida a service comparable to that of doing everything in their power to lure the homeseeker here. The railroads that operate in Florida can do nothing from their own purely selfish point of view that will contribute so much to their own good fortune as to lure the homeseeker here.

James J. Hill was the best empire builder that ever got into the railroad business. Commodore Vanderbilt followed a "public-be-damned" policy with his New York Central. It was the wrong policy. He made a vast fortune, but every student of the economic history of the United States knows that it was not he who made it but the great states he crossed. They gave to him invaluable franchises of right of way; gave to him public lands as subsidy. His road became through these GIFTS the inevitable highway of commerce. His was the uncarned increment of the inevitable empire. That which was true of his railroad and his policy has been true of most of the railroads in America.

In like manner the Northern Pacific found its way from the headwaters of the Mississippi to the Puget Sea. Government subsidy, extravagant, wasteful government subsidy, built that railroad and gave the foundation for the Villard fortune.

Jim Hill came along—a packet pilot—and he said: "I'll blaze a trail and build an empire along its way." He did. He told the homeseekers all about the virgin soil of Dakota, of the great grass country with its fruit and wheat possibilities through the wide stretches of Montana. He told the pioneer that if he would go west on his line, he'd carry him there and all that he would take with him. He didn't condescend to meet any realtors association committee. There wasn't any to meet. He was there first. He made them. He had vision enough to see the obvious game. The rewards were real.

Every railroad in Florida ought to have the vision of Jim Hill. It is just plain, good, practical, self-interested business for them to do as much.

Jim Hill said to the pioneer: "Come on, good friends, we are empire builders, you and I." He put personality into his empire building business. He knew the county he was talking about, and he himself was not too busy to talk about it with men who wanted to know about it. He said to the calloused hand that same: "I'll take you into a wilderness. There are few people there and they are far between but that is your chance. There you will find the doors of opportunity thrown open wide. There both hardship and welcome wait. On those broad, rolling prairie stretches boastful banks will some day exhibit their marble counters. Universities will rise. From there statesmen will go to Washington to tell the Wall Street financiers what they can and cannot do. Come with me, good friend, and I will carry you on my line free of cost to you; I will take you from place to place until you find the soil that satisfies. Then I will bring you back where you can pack up your family, box the bedstead, the cook stove, the utensils and the folding melodeon, bring the cows and the colts you have, and the harnesses and whatever else will meet your needs and help you in your start. I will take you and all of yours out there."

And he took the pioneer there. He took thousands of them there. There they faced the lonely winters; they followed the furrow of the plow to the horizon line. From that wilderness they sent back freight trains burdened with the golden grain. They made that empire "the bread basket of the world."

Those pioneers today ride in their six-cylinder cars. Their sons and daughters are proud alumni of the great universities at Vermillion, Grand Forks and Missoula, all of which are larger and older than the University of Florida, which is one of the youngest state universities in the country despite the fact that this is, by our not inaccurate boast, the oldest settled shore on all the North American continent.

We're late. Let's hurry.

Speed up, O Florida! A mighty empire is yours for the having if you'll go get it. Just taking a little tinsel off the tourist's top isn't going to do it.

The railroads must not, by short-sighted, stupid practices hold back this great state any longer. BRING THE PIONEER HERE.

We have the best summer climate south of Pennsylvania's mountains. We have a winter that is better than a Massachusetts' June. This hospitable climate has lured the resorter. Welcome to him! But no great stable wealth is going to come from making this merely the playground for the working world. About everything else this is a workers' state. It is the worker that is going to swell the coffers of our banks until they cannot close the door.

The itinerant hotel-keeper rushes here with his hotel crew from cook to bell boy. The tourist chases after him. It is hosteler's hospitality, not Florida's, which the tourist accepts. To him the tourist pays his fee. The tourist goes back to his field of labor, and the itinerant tavern-keeper takes back the tourists' gold to the same country. That's not empire building. It is good. And it does us some good. So encourage it. But to lure the tourist and content him is the least of the work before us.

The fellow who makes Florida is not the northern millionaire who puts here a palatial house for winter home. The fellow who makes Florida is he who will clear the timber along the banks of the St. Johns and convert that wonderful pathway through the wilderness of the centuries into a beautiful Venetian aisle between shores of orange blossoms.

Because the tourist of means comes here to spend, too many of us have got into the habit of looking upon it as our particular province to play the leech and draw out of him all the gold we can. But that's not empire building. That's not good business or big business. That's stupid, blind, blundering banking when you look at the virgin soil about us waiting these centuries for the advent of the worker.

Too many of us have a disposition here to scoff at what we call "the tin-can tourist, cheap skate, no dosh."

What made Iowa? What made Kansas? What made the Dakotas where Jim Hill took his immigrant friends? It was the "tin-can tourist" of yesterday years—the fellow without money but the fellow with the pioneer courage, the pioneer spirit, the pioneer hope, the pioneer resource and the pioneer patience. These are the things that make money. It is the worker-seeker and not the rest seeker who makes money.

It was the prairie schooner traveler, the fellow who took his family overland by "iron tire" that made the great west rich. Today the greatest agricultural and industrial development in all this broad and wonderful land lies in the southeast. The greatest state and the greatest future is the southeast end of the southeast. Here is the Eldorado—FLORIDA.

California was not made by the tourist who returned but by the tourist who tarried, who went not to quit work but to BEGIN WORK. It was he who saw the gold on the orange, who saw wealth in the bean and fortune in the hen. He's the fellow who made California. And he is the fellow that California is still working, with all the inspiration of her alluring literature, to get.

The flivver of today is the prairie schooner of half a century ago. Despise not the "tin-can tourist." Give him the right hand of fellowship. It's a good business not to see how much we can get out of him but how well we can persuade him to invest HIMSELF, his brawn and his brain, in building Florida into the empire of our dreams. That's business. That's BUILDING.

Production brings profits. We must have people if we produce. We must have more people if we are to make our merchants richer.

Florida has just started. If it be true that but 3 per cent of our tillable soil is under cultivation, we have not scratched the surface of our wealth.

Lure the worker HERE. The climate-chaser and the idler will take care of themselves. It is the worker we want.

The fellow who finds this a charming and delightful place to wait for the day when he is to be the chief object of interest at a first-class funeral is the fellow we need least. The fellow who is going to fill our freight cars and ship holds with the products of this wonderful soil is the fellow we want. It's stupid to sneer him away. It's bad business to insult him. Let's can the term, "tin-can tourist." Let's break our necks to be good to every flivverized prairie schooner that sails this way. Let's make it a business, everybody's business, to give the glad hand to every man, woman and child who comes. Let's rise above the reputation that is ours that we are only a polo ground and a golf link and a rich man's piazza.

Let us lure the home-seeker here. Let us tell the whole world that here in Florida there is wealth for the worker.

EGGS AND POULTRY PLENTIFUL, FORECAST FOR THIS WINTER

This fall and winter eggs and poultry will be plentiful and prices should be low enough to make them economical. Just now storage houses are full of eggs and farmers have increased their flocks of poultry to an unusual extent. On Aug. 1 there were 4,812,248 cases of eggs in storage ,which is about 35 per cent more than the average at this season for the last three years.

Eggs start moving out of storage in summer and the greatest sales of such eggs come in fall and early winter. As a rule, the bulk of storage eggs are sold before the first of January, the activity of the market after that date depending on whether the weather is severe or mild enough to stimulate egg production. An open winter practically eliminates the storage egg early in the season. But this year, regardless of the state of the weather, eggs should be available at very reasonable prices from the start.

Poultry farming, both as a specialty and as a side issue on other farms, has been one of the best paying lines of agricultural work during the last two or three years, which accounts for the large supplies on hand this year. Prices to the farmer, however, have now reached a low point on both eggs and poultry, and he is now marketing poultry freely, but is holding his birds for better prices or using them on the table at home. Poultry fattening stations that are usually crowded at this season are now only about two-thirds full.

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CITY BUILDING IN CENTRAL FLORIDA—DE SOTO CITY

[By the Grower Man]

It might happen elsewhere in this state of wonderful resources, ergo opportunities, but this time I happened to turn my car onto those roads that lead through a very wonderful citrus country that lies just a little to the south of Sebring. I was little prepared to see a thousand acres of young groves in this district through which I pushed quite a few times in almost perfect ignorance of the development that has taken place off the highways—and so I say once more: "In Florida you never can tell!" The section I am writing of is a land of hardwood hills—five thousand acres of them—and I cannot call this wholly a citrus story although this most glorious of all fruits is there (as I said before) to the extent of a thousand acres.

DeSoto City is my theme and it lies in the beautiful county of Highlands, in South Central Florida, a few miles to the south of the city mentioned above. Here is a city in the building and the operation has been going on quietly for quite a little time. I have noted in my time quite a few towns and hamlets established that were born of nothing else than a psychological location. Some of them have prospered, too, on nothing else in this world but just "prospects." The builders have located in a country of possibilities and started a town on the strength of a yet undeveloped back country. Through their efforts in boosting the back country has opened up and prospered—that is, in some instances. I believe DeSoto City to be built in a far better way than that, for the back country was developed first to a goodly extent.

DeSoto City is but a hamlet as yet, but things are decidedly ready for a growth that need have no bounds. Grove planting has already progressed from Sebring down until it is no dream at all to believe that it won't be long until there is a continuous planting between the two places. The state road as planned will run right through the townsite that has been platted, with reservation for a park to make a future playground. Home building has already started and in all my experience I have never seen better looking or more prolific fruit trees than are growing in dooryards in DeSoto City. I saw trees three years of age literally loaded with oranges, tangerines and grapefruit. The homes already up are the very essence of comfort with the nicest of growing ornamentals and flowering shrubs.

The town plan is rather unique, too, although as yet there is only a store and postoffice, with another store just being built. The townsite touches upon a very pretty and "fishy" body of water, Red Beach lake. Just a short distance out is beautiful Lake Josephine, whose prettily wooded shore lines made an ideal picnic grounds for lots of the people who live in the district. This lake is connected with big Lake Istokpoga, about which I have written enough, goodness knows, to make it more than famous. The railroad already touches DeSoto City and a depot of nice proportions and style is contemplated. The whole has been surveyed and platted and I should say that the budding hamlet of DeSoto City is ready for the big reception. Sebring people have bought lands and planted groves and some of them live at DeSoto City, although they are in business at Sebring.

This development lies in a picturesque country, if I ever saw one. There are hills and hills and the predominant growth is hardwood. There are some very huge oaks and such is the vigor of growth that soil fertility must be present. I saw some three-year-old groves that had a fine crop on them, and I can safely say that it has been a long time since I saw such a large body of citrus land in one section. I was told that there are 5000 acres in the company holdings. The land is uniformly good; there can be no doubt of it. Every indication points to this, and the topography makes for the best kind of air and water drainage. I might write to greater lengths on the possibilities here for the planting of citrus fruits, but my conclusions would be just this: "I have never seen better citrus soil here in the state, nor better conditions for the foundation of a citrus community."

It would hardly be correct for me to say that one can secure the land and have a grove planted here at a lower price than anywhere else. I can say this, however, that right now the operation can be done at a surprisingly low figure. Clearing is difficult, but when this has been done a rich rolling land is exposed that citrus trees take to like a duck does to water. The DeSoto City Groves Company is a combination of men that knows the citrus game from bedrock up. Some groves are in their care now that show what they can do and what the soil can do. Three-year-old groves bearing havily are not found everywhere, nor even occasionally. I saw one 80-acre place belonging to Colonel Miller of Kentucky—and Florida—that was just about the most eye-gladdening thing I have seen for some time. One of my pictures shows it to some extent. This gentleman will build a home here at DeSoto City this season.

There are some very fine homesites in the projected town and in the vicinity generally. I might rave a great deal too over the splendid climate the place enjoys—and the water—and not vary a hair's breath from the truth. This country is both beautiful and bountiful. It has an attraction that few can resist. The building has just started and it will be interesting for me to watch the sure growth that is coming. I have confidence in it that is of large dimensions. I saw quite a few homes that show the things that can be done in the way of decorations with a minimum of effort. Dr. Etheredge, who is the representative of the chamber of commerce of DeSoto City, that showed me over the place, has just completed a fine home on the shores of Red Beach lake. The location is superb but hardly better than half a hundred others that I saw.

A thousand acres of splendid citrus groves is surely a foundation on which to build a town, but the esthetic side of this country appeals strongly to me, also. I mean not only the beauty but the fishing and hunting that lies so close. The wild parts of Florida are accessible from here. There are turkeys and deer and bear not so very far away, and the quail shooting is superb. This phase of the section appeals to me here as possibly no other section of Florida does. There is this advantage, too, that is not always found: One can put up a lodge where the healthful conditions abound; or a home right on the edge of the "great wilds"—or at least in easy motoring distance of the places where the wild things can be found.

Lake Josephine and some more lesser lakes lie very close. Those who have never been on lakes that nearly always respond to the efforts of the light tackle caster have a lot coming to them if they contemplate a visit to this district. Lake Istokpoga is what I call "fishing de luxe." I know this lake pretty well and never—positively never—failed to take my quota of fish from this wierdly beautiful lake. There is a guide and motor boats and skiffs for the fisherman always available at Lake Istokpoga. I can tell some wonderful fishing tales in my experiences on Lake Istokpoga. You might believe them and you might not. It all depends on whether you have been there yourself or not. If you are one of those who think that the bears are likely to come out of the woods and get you, disabuse your mind of this impression. They are not that plentiful.

Seldom a week passes by but I mention some opportunity in Florida. Here is one more that fairly glitters in its many phases—but above all, in my mind, is the fact that here one can have a self-supporting home in a very short time. Citrus trees that produce a heavy crop at the age of three years will surely pay a profit at four years, that's sure. There was a time, and not so long ago, when I would have scoffed at the idea of profit-making groves at four years of age. I am going to mend my ways some in this respect, for at DeSoto City groves do wonders at a very tender age. I can do no more or better, I think, than ask you to see this section or at least to write to the chamber of commerce, DeSoto City, Fla. There is nothing for you to lose and if you want my opinion there is much to gain.

This south central section of Florida is coming fast. The railroad is already here and the big state highway has been surveyed and will be an actuality before very long. Development is going on all the time. Values will soon make one of those certain jumps and you will be wondering why you didn't get a piece of this land and plant a grove when things were at their best for a good buy. I am simply quoting a little history now of things that have happened in Florida times without number. Of course I know quite a little about this district, having been through it a number of times and pretty well over on this last visit. You don't know it, perhaps, and this is my sole reason for presenting any sort of argument about it. My pictures here are small, but I believe they will give a pretty good idea of what I am writing about. Look them over.

There is no hotel at DeSoto City as yet, but you can be well looked after in Sebring in this respect. You may golf here if you want to; or you may hunt and fish. While you are doing these things you might inquire for Dr. Etheredge and take a run down to DeSoto City and pick out a piece of land on which to have your grove planted. This latter will be looked after by the company if you care to have them do it. I advise this, and base the assertion on what I have seen of the company's work. Citrus lands of Florida are going fast and it would be pretty hard to buy anywhere as advantageously as at DeSoto City. Colonel Miller's grove was not all planted at one time. This man was a conservative business man and started with much less acreage than he now has. At the time of my visit he had bought more land and is planning for a home in the very near future. You see he has tried the district out and is confident that this is the place. I haven't mentioned any of the groves but Colonel Miller's. There are lot of others and quite a few more homes than noted here. All of them are pretty and fine fruit trees are growing on the lot of at least one very homey-looking place. There isn't the slightest reason in the world why this couldn't be repeated times without number. The locations are there and the soil is ditto.

PERMANENT PASTURES ARE EASY TO HAVE IN FLORIDA

It is not as impossible as most farmers think to have a good permanent pasture in Florida. When such a pasture is spoken of, imported and cultivated grasses are usually thought of. But that is not the only kind of pasture—permanent pasture—that Florida farmers can have.

To meet all conditions and all requirements of a permanent pasture, none is better than the one of volunteer, native carpet grasses, according to W. E. Stokes, grass and forage crop specialist of the Florida experiment station.

In discussing the subject of the permanent pasture, Professor Stokes recently told an audience of Florida cattlemen:

"To have a pasture of this kind is not as difficult and impossible as many of you have been lead to think. Nature has provided us with a wonderful climate, and with this climate and the few grasses which spring up at every opportunity about us we can have excellent pastures where we now have briers and shrubs and rabbits.

"You have all doubtless noticed how readily grasses spring up in old fields, along roadsides and about mill yards, etc. The theory of this is that the seed from wild carpet grasses are easily scattered and that whenever these seed find their way to a spot not covered with trees and undergrowth of bushes, briers and weeds, these grasses quickly establish themselves, furnishing permanent pastures.

"Now, Florida farmers can easily provide the conditions which are necessary for these grasses to get a foothold. Select low, damp areas and clean out the undergrowth, leave only enough trees to provide shade for the stock and keep weeds and tree sprouts mowed down, and the grass will do the rest.

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THERE IS NO HAPPINESS EQUAL TO THE JOY OF GIVING—NO THRILL AS POTENT AS THAT AROUSED BY MAKING OTHERS HAPPY. LET THIS BE YOUR HAPPIEST CHRISTMAS.

For the Ladies

PHILIPPINE EMBROIDERY
GOWNS
GLOVES
SILK AND WOOL SWEATERS
HANDKERCHIEFS
DRESSES
COATS
SUITS
PETTICOATS
HOSIERY
SILK UNDERWEAR
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