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INDUSTRY, FINANCE AND BUSINESS ESTABLISHED HERE PRESAGE PROGRESS

IS NUCLEUS FOR MAKING COMMERCIAL CENTER OF THE RIDGE

DEVELOPMENT TO DATE A SURPRISE

Tremendous Acreage Planted, Crate Mills, Strong Banks, Prosperous Business Aid

Corporations capitalized at more than ten million dollars and with resources running close to double that amount comprise one part of the business and industry of Avon Park, while naval stores, cattle, lumbering and crate industries almost make one forget the fact that this is the premier citrus township of the entire state. Conservative observers are led by disclosures upon investigation to conclude that there is already here the nucleus for the industrial, financial and business capital of the middle part of the real South Florida.

In Avon Park there is one two-million dollar corporation, three million dollar corporations and a half dozen half-million dollar corporations. Not to mention scores of smaller ones, ranging from $400,000 down.

Some idea of the industrial, financial and business interests centering at Avon Park can be gleaned from the following list:

The Corporate Securities Company, with a capital of $500,000 and resources of $600,000, owning a half dozen banks in South Florida, besides having other wide interests.

The Pittsburgh-Florida Company, with a capital of $1,500,000 and resources of $2,934,015, promoting 4,500 acres of citrus groves, nearly all planted, a packing plant and other enterprises akin to citrus culture.

The Scenic Highlands Development Company, with 4,000 acres of citrus land, of which 1,100 are planted. This is capitalized at $500,000, and a packing house is being planned.

The Lake Glenada Company, capitalized at $1,200,000 and owning 1,700 acres of groves.

The DeSoto Land & Lumber Co., capitalized at $400,000, fully paid in.

The Bankers Groves Corporation, the Avon Groves Company and the Highlands Orange Groves Company, owning 200 acres, 200 acres and 100 acres of grove respectively, while the latter owns 4,000 acres of grove lands, too.

There are nearly 1,000,000 trees set in grove in this township and another million trees in nurseries in the township. There are less than 6,000 acres of undeveloped citrus land left in the Avon Park district and about 5,000 acres of rich farming and truck lands, two and a half miles square of the latter being owned and developed by the Red Hill Farms Company, another local corporation.

Two of the biggest crate mills in the state are located here and they turn out 3,500,000 boxes per year, valued at $750,000, two-thirds of which stays here for labor and materials.

There is the C. R. Ginn Lumber Company, operating a sawmill, and also Deen & Childs. The Avon Park Lumber Company is capitalized at $25,000 to operate a novelty and millwork plant. Fleming & Atwell Bros. are just opening a big mill west of town.

Operating on lands adjacent to Avon Park are five big naval stores operators—the McArtan Naval Stores Company, Hagan Bros., the Florida Industrial Company, Deen & Childs and the Fender Naval Stores Company.

A scant ten miles east of Avon Park lies the largest ranch east of the Mississippi river—the Horseshoe Ranch, owned by the Consolidated Lumber Company. It has 130,000 acres and cattle, sheep and hogs are being bred up.

To the south of this lies the Indian Prairie Cattle Company's holdings, [illegible] acres in pasture for thousands [illegible] of cattle.

[illegible]er to town is the Pine Ranch [illegible]e Company ranch and to the [illegible] of town and south, lies the hold[illegible] of the Bridges Cattle Company, [illegible]lized at $350,000 and controlling [illegible] acres; and the Penn-Florida [illegible] Company with 75,000 acres, [illegible] head of stock and capitalized [illegible],000. The last four named cor[illegible]ns have headquarters at Avon [illegible]

[illegible]ng finance all of this are two [illegible]anks—the First National and [illegible]st Trust, with capital and sur[illegible] $200,000 and deposits of a [illegible]llion dollars.

[illegible] Mohawk Fruit & Land Co. con[illegible]ge citrus holdings as do Rob[illegible] Henderson, the latter owning [illegible]ependent packing house here. [illegible]apefruit canning factory will [illegible] low grade fruit next season [illegible] Park, and there are two cit[illegible]ange packing houses here in [illegible] to the independent house. [illegible] exchange house will be built [illegible]d or spring, and two independ[illegible] [illegible] to help handle the [illegible]

IN AVON PARK

The Corporate Securities Company with a capital of $500,000 and resources of $600,000. It owns several banks throughout South Florida.

One national bank and one state bank, with combined capital and surplus of $200,000 and deposits of a half million.

The Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers Association, with capital of $1,500,000, resources of $2,934,015, owning and developing 4,500 acres of citrus fruit, of which 4,000 is already planted. Also packing house and other adjuncts. There are 200,000 trees planted on their property, the largest citrus grove in the world.

The Scenic Highlands Development Company, developing 3,200 acres of citrus lands, of which 1,600 acres are already planted. It is capitalized at $500,000 and has resources of $1,000,000.

The Lake Glenada Company, with capital of $1,200,000 and owning 1,700 acres of citrus land and groves.

The DeSoto Land & Lumber Co., with paid in capital of $400,000.

Red Hill Farms, Inc., controlling one and a half square miles of rich farm and truck land, which it is developing.

DeSoto Holding Corporation, controlling 600 acres of citrus lands.

The largest crate output in Florida—two big mills producing 3,500,000 crates per year with business of $750,000 annually.

Bridges Cattle Company, with $350,000 capital, and controlling 25,000 acres of pasture.

Penn-Florida Cattle Company, capitalized at $300,000, with 10,000 head of cattle and 75,000 acres of pasture.

Avon Park Lumber Company, capitalized at $25,000, and operating a mill work plant here.

C. R. Ginn Lumber Company, operating sawmill and planning mill.

Nearly 1,000,000 trees set in groves in this township.

More than 1,000,000 trees in nurseries.

Less than 6,000 acres of citrus land remaining undeveloped.

Only 5,000 acres of farm lands undeveloped.

Bonds voted and appropriations authorized for $925,000 worth of paved highways in county this summer, all of which Avon Park will be the hub.

Two citrus exchange packing houses and one independent house with another exchange house and an independent house planned for the coming fall.

Mohawk Land & Fruit Co., with large citrus holdings being developed.

Roberts & Henderson, operating large grove property and own packing house.

Four modern hotels and a golf course that offers real sport over rolling hills.

The Horseshoe Ranch—the largest ranch east of the Mississippi, just east of town—130,000 acres of pasture.

The Indian Prairie Cattle Company, with 100,000 acres of pasture under fence and thousands of head of cattle.

Pine Ranch Cattle Company, with several thousand acres of pasture.

Highlands Orange Groves Company, owning 4,000 acres and with more than 100 acres planted to citrus.

Bankers Groves Corporation, owning 200 acres of groves.

Avon Groves Company, with 200 acres planted to grove.

Naval stores industry, with five big operators centering their activities here.

One trunk railroad line here and another building in, with rails at edge of town now and service expected by fall.

Two bus lines radiating north, south and west from town, with plans to follow the road east.

POSTPONE MEET

The regular program meeting of the Woman's Club, planned for tomorrow, has been postponed until March 23.

more than 12,000 acres already planted to fruit.

Highlands county and the state road department will spend $925,000 in the next twelve months laying a system of good roads radiating from Avon Park and the city will build $180,000 worth of streets. Bonds for these projects have already been voted.

The Atlantic Coast Line runs into Avon Park, and the Seaboard Air Line is within four miles of the town with its rails, and will be hauling fruit from Avon Park next fall with a direct line between the Park and Tampa.

The golf course, built last year, is being rebuilt and renovated for the coming rainy season to convert it into one of the finest and sportiest courses in the state. It is built over two hills and alongside Lake Lotela.

There are four modern hotels here, and rates are more reasonable than visitors imagine, scores expressing surprise at the service offered for the rates charged.

Two bus lines operate out of the town—one to Wauchula and the other north and south along the Scenic Highlands, of which Ridge Avon Park is the center.

Four Winter Visitors Buy Homes Here

STRAUBELS, SONNEMANS, BELLS AND MRS. STORER DECIDE

Four winter visitors have cast their lot with Avon Park in the past week and four more winter homes are being opened to the winter colony that grows larger year by year.

Two of Avon Park's prettiest homes were among the week's purchases—Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Bell, prominent Pittsburgh people, buying that gem of beauty that Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Coy have coaxed into being on Lake avenue, while the Anchorage, the ever hospitable lakeside winter home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Madeira, was purchased by H. A. Straubel and family, who are recent arrivals here from Green Bay, Wis. Nestling quietly on the shores of Lake Lotela, the Anchorage with all its native beauty, made a decided appeal to the man from the Great Lakes.

Neither of these sales means that Avon Park loses the families selling. Mr. and Mrs. Coy moved yesterday into the lovely new home Mr. Coy has just completed on Charles street, while Mr. and Mrs. Madeira are already planning to build another home and undoubtedly will choose another site on Lotela.

Mr. Bell takes immediate possession of the Coy home, which with its foreground of wondrous winter blossoming flowers and plants, has long been one of the show bungalows of this section. They will be here several weeks before they return north, and will return early next winter. Mr. Bell, who is a prominent restaurant operator in Pittsburgh, is associated with the Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers Association and has been wintering at Lake Byrd Lodge.

Mr. Straubel and daughter, close personal friends of Mr. Woodruff, were brought here through the efforts of their friend, and have been at the Poinsettia. Mr. Straubel's son, C. A. Straubel, who was here with him a few weeks ago, is a wealthy cheese manufacturer, and with his family will join the elder Mr. Straubel here each winter. Both these sales were through Mark Lance.

The sale of the B. C. Adams cottage near Verona to Mrs. S. W. Storer, a prominent matron from Cleveland, O., was another exchange of the week and adds this popular visitor to the ranks of the permanent winter colony here. Mrs. Storer, who has been at the Poinsettia all season is a close friend of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Connell and Mrs. J. M. White is her daughter.

She left following her purchase for a short visit to St. Petersburg, after which she will return home for the summer, planning to return here early next season to spend the entire winter.

Planning the erection of a handsome winter home for next season, Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Sonneman, popular winter visitors from Washington, who were at the Avon, have purchased a ten-acre tract near H. G. Crapo's and have had Mr. Crapo set the tract in grove. They spent most of the winter in the Thompson cottage, which they leased during their visit here.

These four, with the purchase of the pretty R. I. Harris home, announced last week, by L. Percy Loomis of Tennessee, makes five notable home announcements in ten days.

And the beginning of the making of another resident followed the visit of Thomas R. Lauterback, traveling representative for Kahn of Indianapolis, who found time while measuring Avon Park men for suits at Glenn Spink's Friday and Saturday to decide that he liked the town. He made tentative plans with Mr. Spink to return here in May and invest in a grove proposition.

Raise $4,000 To Have Golf Links for '23

TO PUT WATER ON EACH GREEN AND COMPLETE WORK BEGUN

Renovation of Avon Park's golf links and putting it in the best of condition is assured by the approaching success of the drive to raise $4,000 to put water on each green and keep workers busy during the coming summer growing season. The links, running over rolling and hilly ground on the shore of Lake Lotela, at the edge of the city limits, is one of the sportiest courses in Florida.

Plans are already complete for a watering system that will include the wells, the pumps and a distributing system to deliver water to each green. Experts will be put on the course with instructions to see that the course is in the finest condition for winter play. There will be no playing over the course at all this summer.

The greens will be cut, fertilized and recut at frequent intervals during the next six months and with constant watering possible are expected to be beds of green velvet when winter rolls around again.

The course has been two years in the making. It has almost every variety of hole desired, some of the hazards along the Lake Lotela bluff being as fine as are encountered anywhere.

The links is controlled by the Avon Golf and Country Club and the present plans include the location of a locker room on the course in time for use the coming season.

Meanwhile, plans to put the present course in shape will not interfere with plans for an 18-hole course, which will be added to the golfing facilities of the community next winter, probably. The new links will be carefully planned and will not be rushed. It will be 1925 before it is completed for play—a golf course that will compare with any anywhere.

NEW TANK FOR STANDARD

The Standard Garage is installing a new gasoline pump and storage tank on Main street. The new tank, with a capacity of 555 gallons, will insure a supply when needed, while the single-stroke pump for a five-gallon delivery, will enable quicker service. Clare Mann, who recently bought this business, is endeavoring to build it on a secure foundation of service.

MORE FORDS JOINING THE AVON PARK "HERD"

Oscar Wolff reports the Ford herd still growing around Avon Park, six additions to the local colony having been made during the past fortnight. B. F. Martin, C. E. Lanier, W. G. Overton and Anson Longstreet are riding new touring cars, while J. P. Brooks and Clinton Skipper have added a truck each to the fleet.

ROBERTS INCREASES LINE

Increasing his line of men's shoes, Roberts, Haberdasher, has added the Endicott-Johnson line of men's work shoes, and Avon Park's exclusive men's store is now better equipped than ever to take care of the apparel needs of the male of the species.

Talented Songsters to Assist Local Pastor With a Revival

Rev. C. A. McCall is announcing a 15-day revival service at the Methodist church, in which he, acting as evangelist, will be assisted by the noted gospel singers, Carlson and Longvand, from Montana. There will be daily services at 3:30 and 7:30 p. m., and "just one hour" will be a feature of each service.

The revival starts Sunday, March 18, and runs until April 1.

"In the interest of every legitimate business in the community," Dr. McCall appeals to the business man to attend these services.

ANNOUNCE BEGINNING OF $200,000 HOME BUILDING PROGRAM FOR AVON PARK

Thirty-five Per Cent More Tax Paid This March 1 Than Last

Indications of prosperity that seldom fail are the responses of the public to the demands of the tax collector in the earlier stages of his calls. Highlands county tax payers have paid 35 per cent more of their taxes to date this year than they paid to March 1 last year, according to the report of Tax Collector D. F. Canfield. The fact that the millage was reduced 20 per cent offsets the increase in valuation—leaving the amounts due for the two years about even.

During the four collection months of this term $24,676.32 has been collected. A year ago the total was $18,296.42. The difference is $6,379.90, or 35 per cent.

The first month's collections almost double the first month of a year ago, while both December and February are ahead of last year. January alone was below the previous figures.

The tax books close April 2 and after that date a penalty of 6 per cent with advertising charges and other costs accrue.

PLEDGES STILL COME IN ON TRADE BOARD'S CAMPAIGN FOR FUNDS

Pledges continue to pour into the board of trade in answer to its appeal for $7,500 for the year's program. And so far there has been no personal solicitation. Many of the pledges are accompanying their pledges with the first month's payment ,depositing it in the bank they do business with. Both the local banks accept deposits for the trade board's budget account and pledges with checks can be left at either.

Secretary Burch has just pointed out that board of trade membership fees have been ruled legitimate business expenses under the income tax laws and therefore are deductable in making returns to Uncle Sam.

The out-of-town contributions are still prominent among each week's arrivals, those of the past week including pledges from the Consolidated Land Company, John J. Swearingen, Bartow, and the Sparks Milling Company, Indiana.

Other pledges received included those from:

Chas. E. Lanier
W. E. Rutherford
Chas. H. Moffett
H. C. Garner
H. W. Henderson
P. S. Heath
Geo. F. Smith
A. C. Bauknight
J. L. Cloud
E. G. Todd
Wm. M. Reck
G. E. Welch
J. P. Brooks
Chas. Madeira
Fred Briggs
J. H. Smith
Mrs. M. R. Kilbourn
Byrum Shockley
Carlos Skipper
Anoka Dairy
Raab & Winter
J. E. Ten Eyck

PROMINENT SPEAKER FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH HERE

Dr. T. B. Ray, prominent speaker of the Foreign Mission Board, will be the speaker at a meeting at the Baptist church Friday evening, March 16. Dr. Ray is one of the most logical thinkers and best speakers in the south and Rev. T. O. Baldwin says he is bringing a message that all should hear.

GRAND PRIZE OFFER AT LUXTON'S WITH AN IRON RANGE AND OTHER PRIZES

A cast-iron Continental range absolutely free and twelve useful sets of kitchen and dining room ware at half price is the offer J. M. Luxton is making to patrons of his grocery store. And those who do not desire the handsome big range can take $40 in cash as an alternative.

The twelve sets include an aluminum cooker and roaster set, a dinner set of china, a set of nickel silverware and others. All are sent when a trade button sheet is filled with trade buttons and sent in with $2.89 cash for each set. When all sets have been secured the range is sent, freight prepaid, without any cost whatsoever.

GRAND OFFICER VISITS ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER AND TWO MEMBERS EXALTED

Highlands Chapted No. 43, R. A. M., entertained Ely P. Hubbell, deputy grand high priest from Bradentown, Monday night, on his annual visitation to the local chapter and during the session exalted H. A. Norman and D. W. Williams, both of Sebring, to the degree of Royal Arch Mason.

Refreshments were served following the sessions.

LUXTON'S CAR BURNS

J. M. Luxton's delivery truck—hardly ten days old—was burned up Monday morning on the Wauchula road when it caught fire through a backfire igniting gasoline presumed to be dripped from the tank which had just been filled. Eldred Starkey was driving the car at the time. The flivver was insured, but there will be a net loss of a couple hundred dollars to the popular groceryman.

RAAB AND WINTER ARE ORGANIZED AND READY TO BEGIN WORK

SEVERAL ORDERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN

Raab to Make Home Here Permanently—Start On His Home at Once

Inauguration of a building campaign that will reach a total of thirty to thirty-five homes within the coming twelve months at an aggregate cost of more than $200,000, was announced yesterday by Raab and Winter, contractors and builders, who are also opening up the Raab and Winter subdivision on the top of the hill at the northern edge of the city. The first home to be erected will be a $12,000 residence for J. D. Raab, and before it is finished work will be under way on others, orders for which have already been given. A $12,000 home for H. A. Winter will also be erected, plans having been completed for this and several others.

The Raab home will occupy three lots and front 70 feet on the main highway, while across the parked boulevard the Winter home, also occupying three lots, will front 80 feet on the same highway. They will be two of the finest homes on the Ridge and the others, orders for which have been received, but which can not be announced for several days yet, will be in full keeping with the first.

The new subdivision, which contains 50 lots, is on the top of a hill on the main highway between Avon Park and Frostproof. The developers have hard-surfaced the other three sides of the tract and have hard-surfaced a double boulevard through the center. A one-way street runs on each side of a parkway, comprising the boulevard landscape effect. Palms and flowers have already been planted and the general scheme of beautification is being carried out further. The lots are from 50 to 70 feet frontage and all run back 135 feet.

The builders are prepared to build homes for purchasers of lots—using either the purchaser's plans or plans that are being prepared now for general availability. The buildings are to be restricted both as to type, front building line and cost, insuring a homesite that is sure to be attractive perpetually.

Mr. Raab, who is one of the contracting firm, was for ten years an architect, associated with Burnham & Root, who designed the Chicago Columbian World's Fair buildings. He specialized in fine homes and many of the nicer residences in the Chicago section of the country were designed by him. Both he and Mr. Winter, as furniture manufacturers, have learned many tricks in cutting costs in wood working and are preparing to devote their entire time to their building operations here.

Mr. Raab, who has been spending only his winters here, his furniture plant at Grand Rapids demanding his attention during the summers, will make Avon Park his home in the future, spending the year around here.

The firm will not confine its operations to their subdivision, but plan to enter the general contracting field and are bringing into Avon Park the latest innovations in construction machinery and equipment to insure speed, economy and accuracy.

Work on Mr. Raab's home will begin immediately. Machinery for millwork, etc., will be placed on the ground, reducing the extra haul costs and will be available throughout the operations in the subdivision.

There are no immediate plans for an extensive selling campaign on the subdivisional lots. No drive has been made to date and several lots have been bought and building orders issued. Plans are under way for the houses and as soon as the new purchasers are ready, announcements will be made.

The Raab home is to be built on the colonial style and there will be nothing omitted that would contribute to comfort, convenience or appearance.

MEAN TEMPERATURE FOR FEBRUARY 66—LOWEST IS ONLY 38—HIGHEST 88

Avon Park's mean temperature the past month was 66 degrees and the lowest was only 38, according to U. S. Weather Observer William King, whose monthly summary has been issued, showing that the highest temperature was 88 in February.

Rainfall was not deficient for the month, a total of 1.37 inches being reported, but most of it came in the early part of the month, leaving the last half of the month short some, but an ideal condition for the citrus fruit groves, as there was no "pushed" growth when the cool snap came.

The mean of the minimum temperature for the month was 55 and the average of the highest marks of each day was 77.

REPORT OF COUNTY FINANCES, HIGHLANDS COUNTY

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1922

The following report of the receipts and disbursements of the funds of HIGHLANDS COUNTY for the period ending September 30th, 1922, with the balances and amount of warrants outstanding and a statement of the Assets and Liabilities and the value of County Property except School of the said Highlands County as reported on the 30th day of September, 1922, by the Board of County Commissioners and the Clerk of the Circuit Court is hereby published under the provisions of Chapter 6813, Acts of 1915, Laws of Florida.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller.

Received in Comptroller's office February 17, 1923.

GENERAL FUND

Depository Balance, April 1st, 1922		$ 1,452.91
Outstanding Warrants, April 1st, 1922		None
Net Balance, April 1st, 1922		1,452.91
Receipts for Six Months:		
From (source not designated)		12,613.79
Making Balance		14,066.70
Disbursements for Six Months:		
Salary of Clerk of the Circuit Court as County Auditor and Clerk to County Commissioners	$ 750.00	
Per Diem and Mileage of Commissioners	614.00	
Pay of Sheriff for Attendance on County Commissioners	64.00	
Salaries of Other Officers and Employes:		
Attorney for County Commissioners	400.00	
Supervisor of Registration	320.10	
Court Stenographer	5.00	
Repairs to County Buildings:		
Court House	2,801.64	
Game Warden	100.00	
Furniture and Fixtures for:		
Court House	879.40	
Jail	18.40	
Expenses of County Buildings:		
Light, Fuel and Water	47.75	
Insurance	218.40	
Incidentals	206.88	
Time Warrants	1,500.00	
Care of County Poor:		
Allowance Made to Paupers Outside of Poor Houses and Paid by Warrants	158.68	
General Stationery	461.37	
Record Books	492.99	
Advertising Required by Law	334.85	
Tax Assessor	1,350.00	
Tax Collector	1,913.00	
Commissioners' Bonds	25.00	
Clerk for Recording and General Court Work	4.00	
Widows' Pension	75.00	13,075.02
Depository Balance, September 30th, 1922		991.68

FINE AND FORFEITURE FUND

Depository Balance, April 1st, 1922		$ 132.55
Outstanding Warrants, April 1st, 1922		None
Net Balance, April 1st, 1922		132.55
Receipts for Six Months:		
From Tax Collector, Taxes	$ 4,992.96	
From Comptroller, Redemptions	.04	
From Sheriff, Fines	1,158.17	
From Naval Stores Company, Hire Convicts	135.00	6,286.17
Making Balance		6,418.72
Disbursements for Six Months:		
Cost of Criminal Prosecution:		
Sheriff and Deputies, Cost Bills in Criminal Cases	829.17	
Clerk of the Criminal Court, Cost Bills in Criminal Cases	438.64	
County Prosecuting Attorney, Conviction Fees	300.00	
Witness Fees	52.80	
Court Stenographer in Insolvency Cases	10.00	
Other Expenses of Criminal Prosecution	263.57	
Sheriff's Commission on Fines, etc., Collected	930.73	
Feeding Prisoners	1,115.67	
Transportation Paid for, and Discharge Money Paid to County Convicts worked on Road	6.00	
Pay of Jurors in Criminal Cases, County and Justice Peace Courts	103.60	
Salary of Judge of Juvenile Court	200.00	
Jail Supplies	251.50	4,501.68
Net Balance, September 30th, 1922		1,917.04
Warrants Outstanding, Sept. 30th, 1922		175.35
Depository Balance, September 30th, 1922		2,092.39

ROAD NO. 1 FUND

Depository Balance, April 1st, 1922		$ 1,165.74
Outstanding Warrants, April 1st, 1922		None
Net Balance, April 1st, 1922		1,165.74
Receipts for Six Months:		
From (source not designated)		2,485.17
Making Balance		3,650.91
Disbursements for Six Months:		
Superintendence and Supervision:		
Paid to County Commissioners for Road Inspection	$ 7.50	
Construction and Maintenance of Roads and Bridges:		
Cost of Material	58.33	
Tools and Machinery, Cost and Repairs	3.91	
Paid for Free Labor, other than Guards	443.56	513.30
Depository Balance, September 30th, 1922		3,137.61

ROAD NO. 2 FUND

Depository Balance, April 1st, 1922		$ 858.30
Outstanding Warrants, April 1st, 1922		None
Net Balance, April 1st, 1922		858.30
Receipts for Six Months:		
From (source not designated)		2,485.17
Making Balance		3,343.47
Disbursements for Six Months:		
Construction and Maintenance of Roads and Bridges:		
Cost of Material	$ 53.13	
Tools and Machinery, Cost and Repairs	728.05	
Paid for Free Labor, other than Guards	706.41	
Incidentals	1.50	1,489.09
Leaving Balance		1,854.38
Dr. Error Depository Balance, April 1st, 1922		754.99
Depository Balance, September 30th, 1922		2,609.37

ROAD NO. 3 FUND

Depository Balance, April 1st, 1922		$ 705.68
Outstanding Warrants, April 1st, 1922		None
Net Balance, April 1st, 1922		705.68
Receipts for Six Months:		
From (source not designated)		2,485.18
Making Balance		3,190.86
Disbursements for Six Months:		
Construction and Maintenance of Roads and Bridges:		
Cost of Material	$ 28.73	
Tools and Machinery, Cost and Repairs	22.48	
Paid for Free Labor, other than Guards	910.61	961.82
Depository Balance, September 30th, 1922		2,229.04

ROAD NO. 4 FUND

Depository Balance, April 1st, 1922		$ 1,089.58
Outstanding Warrants, April 1st, 1922		None
Net Balance, April 1st, 1922		1,089.58
Receipts for Six Months:		
From (source not designated)		2,485.18
Making Balance		3,574.76
Disbursements for Six Months:		
Superintendence and Supervision:		
Paid to County Commissioners for Road Inspection	$ 6.15	
Construction and Maintenance of Roads and Bridges:		
Cost of Material	24.23	
Tools and Machinery, Cost and Repairs	18.31	
Paid for Free Labor, other than Guards	184.54	233.23
Depository Balance, September 30th, 1922		3,341.53

ROAD NO. 4 MAINTENANCE FUND

Depository Balance, April 1st, 1922		$ 1,923.62
Outstanding Warrants, April 1st, 1922		None
Net Balance, April 1st, 1922		1,923.62
Receipts for Six Months:		None
Making Balance		1,923.62
Disbursements for Six Months:		None
Depository Balance		1,923.62

ROAD NO. 5 FUND

Depository Balance, April 1st, 1922		$ 666.00
Outstanding Warrants, April 1st, 1922		None
Net Balance, April 1st, 1922		666.00
Receipts for Six Months:		
From (source not designated)		2,485.18
Making Balance		3,151.18
Disbursements for Six Months:		
Superintendence and Supervision:		
Paid to Other Persons for Road Inspection	10.00	
Construction and Maintenance of Roads and Bridges:		
Cost of Material	55.31	
Tools and Machinery, Cost and Repairs	26.66	
Paid for Free Labor, other than Guards	890.36	982.33
Depository Balance, September 30th, 1922		2,168.85

ROAD NO. 5 MAINTENACE FUND

Depository Balance, April 1st, 1922		$ 454.67
Outstanding Warrants, April 1st, 1922		None
Net Balance, April 1st, 1922		454.67
Receipts for Six Months:		
From (source not designated)		9,018.62
Making Balance		9,473.29
Disbursements for Six Months:		
Superintendence and Supervision:		
Paid to County Commissioners for Road Inspection	$ 17.45	
Construction and Maintenance of Roads and Bridges:		
Cost of Material	2,043.23	
Tools and Machinery, Cost and Repairs	196.72	
Paid for Free Labor, other than Guards	4,639.74	
Clay Pit	300.00	
Freight	316.99	7,514.18
Depository Balance, September 30th, 1922		1,959.16

SPECIAL ROAD NO. 8 FUND

Depository Balance, April 1st, 1922		None
Outstanding Warrants, April 1st, 1922		None
Net Balance, April 1st, 1922		None
Receipts for Six Months:		
From (source not designated)		$14,750.00
Making Balance		14,750.00
Disbursements for Six Months:		
Paid County Commissioners for Road Inspection	$ 166.50	
Paid to Other Persons for Road Inspection	11.56	
Cost of Material	7,623.57	
Paid for Free Labor, other than Guards	652.20	
Payment on Accounts of Roads Built by Contract	5,918.48	
Dr. Correct Error	17.25	
Telegrams	5.00	14,629.44
Depository Balance, September 30th, 1922		120.56

ROAD NO. 6 BOND FUND

Trustees' Balance, April 1st, 1922		None
Outstanding Warrants, April 1st, 1922		None
Net Balance, April 1st, 1922		None
Receipts for Six Months:		
From Tax Collector, Taxes	$ 5,380.05	
From Comptroller, Redemptions	1,472.27	$ 6,852.32
Making Balance		6,852.32
Disbursements for Six Months:		
Interest on Bonds	2,408.52	
Error of Collector Paying Receipt:		
Maintenance No. 5	115.20	
Bond Trustees No. 5	460.74	2,984.46
Trustees' Balance, September 30th, 1922		3,867.86

AGRICULTURAL FUND

Depository Balance, April 1st, 1922		$ 160.40
Outstanding Warrants, April 1st, 1922		None
Net Balance, April 1st, 1922		160.40
Receipts for Six Months:		None
Making Balance		160.40
Disbursements for Six Months:		
April 11th, No. 244-A, F. H. Hull Salary to Sept. 11th, at $25.00		150.00
Depository Balance, September 30th, 1922		10.40

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Assets		
Balance Cash in Depositors, all funds	$20,584.19	
Balance Cash in Hands Bond Trustees	3,867.86	
Total Available Assets	$24,452.05	
Liabilities		
Warrants Outstanding for Current Expenses		$ 175.35
Total		$ 175.35

VALUE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

[None Given]

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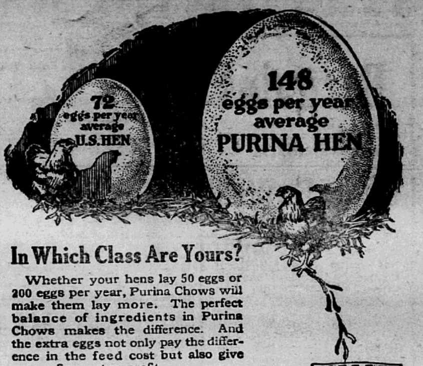

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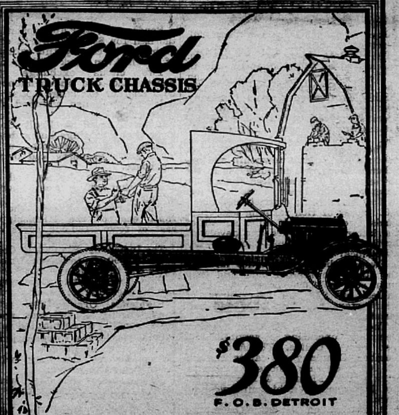

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ONE DOLLAR DID $63 WORTH OF BUSINESS IN WEEK IN AVON PARK

The one-dollar bill put in circulation last Monday by the secretary of the Board of Trade for the purpose of obtaining information on the amount of business that may be done in Avon Park by one dollar in the course of a week, was called in Saturday night.

The travels of this dollar will surprise people not familiar with the circulation of money, from a statistical point of view. This dollar passed through many hands in the week, and did actual business amounting to $63.

On Monday, Feb. 26, Mr. Burch placed it with the First Trust and Savings Company. It passed from there to W. A. Snow, who spent it in the Florida Pharmacy. From there it went to M. W. Lance, then to the Smith-McGinnis Company, J. C. Lawhon and back to the Florida Pharmacy. During the week it was spent in this drug store five different times, and in the Avon Park Drug Store three times. It was held and spent by Mrs. H. C. Garner, Bee Bass, G. J. Mascott and Gilbert Freeman, who left it in Pete Boney's barber shop. From there it passed on to the Bass Cafe, B. H. James Grocery, S. B. Gailey, several other stores, Paul Jenkins, Lee Crews, Miss Strauble, a guest at the Poinsettia hotel, then to S. M. Allen, a guest at Lake Byrd Lodge, the Penn-Carol hotel to Miss Annie Ginn, G. W. Adams, and finally Mr. Burch again obtained it from the Florida Pharmacy.

The amount of business done by this dollar in one week surpasses records made in other towns, and shows what a little money will do if freely circulated and spent in Avon Park. Bills were paid with this bill and goods were purchased. If people circulated all money as this particular dollar was circulated this town would be very prosperous. In other words, the idea of "You pay me, I'll pay him, and he'll pay you," does just what it says—brings back to a man just what he spends and more. This experiment shows what can be done to promote home spending, and increasing the prosperity of the city and community. The moral is: "Spend your dollars in Avon Park."

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY EXPERT TO SHOW COST OF THE TICK

Development of the beef and dairy cattle industries in tick free or working counties in Florida will be given wide publicity through a series of articles by William Jackson, assistant live stock editor, United States bureau of animal industry, who has recently visited Gadsden, Palm Beach, Broward and Dade counties, by request of the Florida Development Board to officials in Washington, that the achievements following eradication of cattle fever ticks be written up and made available to the people throughout the nation.

His articles on Gadsden county will feature the increase in price received for beef cattle as soon as the government authorized interstate movement to open markets, and the cattle feeding operations by the tobacco growers in that county to get high-class fertilizer for their extensive production of fine quality shade tobacco.

He will correct the misapprehension existing in some minds that cattle have to be acclimated in Florida before they can attain their normal condition, by quoting official records. The pure-bred Guernsey, Glenwood Fairfax, 48994, made official record in three and one-half year old class at Herndon, Va., of 6,246.5 pounds of milk containing 303.02 pounds butterfat. After completing test she was shipped by freight to Loxahatchee Farm, West Palm Beach, being seven days on the way; calved four days after being unloaded; was immediately placed on official test and has accredited record as a five-year-old of 11,177.1 pounds of milk containing 582.56 pounds of butterfat. Another cow on same farm has official record as a four-year-old of 12,070 pounds of milk containing 711.9 pounds butterfat and holds the championship for all breeds in the south, except in Virginia, butterfat being the basis for comparison.

DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO MEET

The adjourned meeting of the Florida Development Board will be held in the Seminole Hotel auditorium, Jacksonville, March 14 at 10 a. m., for the purpose of considering amendments to the by-laws to conform with amendments to the charter adopted at a meeting on February 6th, to elect district directors and for consideration of any other business which might come before an annual meeting of the corporation.

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Saint Patrick's Day

Saint Patrick's day is commemorated in memory of Ireland's grand old patron saint.

We have a great regard for the Irish. While they have at times been seemingly unduly oppressed, they have risen pre-eminently above oppression, and some of the most beautiful characters we have ever known were Irish.

An old legend has it that Saint Patrick exterminated all the snakes from Ireland by driving them into the sea. We are not so much interested in this part of the old patron's [illegible]story. The main thing we are interested in is to drive want and poverty from the doors of our people and replace it with thrift and prosperity.

Do you know that a bank account is the very best way in the world to guard against want and dependence? There is no better time to begin than right now. Lay aside something regularly and systematically by depositing it in a good, safe bank, like ours. When you once get the habit you will be surprised how easy it will be. LET US HELP YOU.

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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.

THE END OF THE LINE

There was a young feller named
Ryan,
Who drank H2SO4 for wine.
Joe Lander today,
Got a wireless, they say,
Sayin' Ryan reached the end of the
line. —"Mickie."

How are these radio folks planning their "silent nights" going to get the youngsters to agree.

There is still some hope for prohibition. Tampa is going to spend three millions for water.

"Franchise refused to Purity Springs," says the Tribune headliner. Has it come to that in Tampa?

Avon Park ought to have a Crosby park. And it should be set aside and planted to flowers while O. M. Crosby can enjoy it.

When J. H. Caldwell, J. H. Ross and other folks talk about the impending "timber shortage" they don't mean "gubernatorial timber."

"Treasury spokesmen want dispute about war loans dropped," says a headline. And for once the spokesmen are speaking for the country.

Polk county is talking a $3,000,000 bond issue for roads. If they'd spend a little common sense on this Frostproof road right away we'd be better pleased.

A tourist says that there aren't enough "thank yous" and "good mornings" in the vocabularies of Avon Park store salesfolk. That's food for though for our merchants.

Golf in Florida—magic words that President Harding's visit is sending over 200,000 miles of press wires to 100,000,000 people. We have got to have golf in Avon Park by next fall.

He who tries to make two blades of grass grow where one grew before is a public benefactor. But not so with he who tries to make one blade of grass, barely capable of feeding one, feed two.

About the only thing the matter with Mrs. Avery's declaration that Portia was the perfect woman is that there are several million now living who are certain that the Boston lady went back too far into history.

"If you can't use a horn, there are two trains leaving here daily besides a number of busses," said Rev. C. A. McCall Sunday morning in discussing the need for boosting. That's a good motto for our community.

With Henry Ford almost a certainty in the starter's book for the presidential handicap—about the only thing his opponents are finding themselves able to say against him is that "the Jews will oppose him."

We certainly have to hand it to "Boss" Boston of the Capitol theater for getting the big shows here. The bringing of the "Four Horsemen" to Avon Park was a real achievement for a theater in a community of this size.

The Tribune is going to put up a fifteen-story building. It should be called "The Tribune Tower" and stand as a monument to that paper's tremendous part in the building of the city which Roger Babson says will be the greatest in Florida.

Ford set a business precedent by paying all the debts of the bankrupt Lincoln Motors Company—though not required to by law. He probably wanted to set the precedent so as president of the United States he could show Germany a precedent to follow.

"Feeding the Ridge" is going to be the title we will sing when Sam Durrance gets his packing house under operation. And it will be sweet music to all of us who want to see the burg stand out among those Florida cities which are metropolises in their own sections.

Saturday's Tribune was another Avon Park edition. Stories of the big new main street block, the county road survey contract and the visit of J. O. Cheek and his eulogy of this section—all furnished to the Tribune by the editor of the Pilot—gave the community several hundred dollars worth of worth-while publicity at no cost whatsoever. The Times-Union also carried the same stories.

GOOD WORK, MR. MAYOR

When T. J. McGinnis became mayor of Avon Park those two loyal builders and boosters, J. D. Raab and H. A. Winter, were about discouraged enough to leave. They wanted water to their tract on the hill so they could start building thirty handsome homes. The water company wanted an almost prohibitive figure for extending the mains.

For several weeks it hung in the balance.

Then the council and Mr. McGinnis, asked by the board of trade to do something if possible, got busy. And busy it was.

Finding that letters availed nothing, Mr. McGinnis and the councilmen decided on personal action.

Mr. McGinnis saw the light and water company chiefs. He put the proposition up to them. They hadn't understood things just the way a personal interview could put them—

And when the council met Mr. McGinnis had a satisfactory contract ready for ratification.

Then, and what is more, Raab and Winter announce the beginning of a $200,000 home building movement.

Yes, it was good work.

MAKE THEM PAY THEIR WAY

Pay as you go seems to be a popular spirit of the present days. You see it in the new "pay-as-you-leave" groceries, the cafeterias, the "pay-as-you-enter" trolleys, and what not.

If it is good business for private interests, it certainly behooves the state to consider the possibilities.

We are going to have bus lines and truck lines—some serving a real need and some merely existing because their is a profit—and as a state we have no means of discriminating.

These bus lines and truck lines tear up roads as fast as men can build them—unless we build them strong enough to stand the excess wear of the huge loads that these lines carry.

Let them pay as they go.

That's the solution to the problem. Just because several of them have hired a press agent to spread their "no taxation" propaganda is no reason why the state of Florida should fall for it. A gasoline tax—and a two or three cent tax at that—is the only way to make these people pay any half just proportion of the damage they do.

They will tell you that such a tax will burden the automobile driver—which is pure bosh. What difference does it make to the automobile owner whether he pays the state $600,000 a year tax on gasoline or $600,000 a year tax on real estate. Mr. Average Citizen doesn't figure anything saved either way—

But Mr. Truck Line Operator and Bus Line Operators and Company see their way out—

If there is no gasoline tax, they pay practically no tax at all. Few—we were about to say none—of the men who have come into the state and established transportation systems under our present system that practically exempts them from taxation, own as much real estate per bus as the average farmer who owns his flivver.

That is where they dodge taxation. The flivver owner also owns real estate—and generally a sizeable portion. Gas tax or real estate tax are all the same to him.

But the only way to collect from the companies operating the big busses, destroying more road per day than the flivver does per year, is a gasoline tax.

It is strictly up to the legislature to make them pay their share. And if they can devise any surer method of reaching the road-devouring vehicles without burdening the thousands of cars that use the road and leave, let them use it. But a real estate tax will not do it.

It's got to be gasoline—or an excess-size tire levy.

LET'S STRETCH IT OUT!

It seldom is possible for a people to stretch public dollars three-fold without attendant hardships.

This fact is all the more reason that such an opportunity should not be passed by when it happens to be around.

Avon Park voted $60,000 in bonds to build streets. Those bonds are—or soon will be—sold. That money is supposed to build $60,000 worth of streets—about four or five miles.

That $60,000 and the proper civic spirit will build $180,000 worth of streets—about twelve to fifteen miles—and make Avon Park the best paved community in Florida.

Those paved streets will treble the value of abutting and other property within five years.

The method of stretching this $60,000 to build $180,000 worth of streets is simple—it is the same method that has enabled Lake Wales to pave thirteen miles of streets, Sebring to pave ten miles, Tampa to pave 150 miles with brick and asphalt block, and other communities to do likewise.

The method has been tried and proven. There is no doubt. It is no experiment. Avon Park can not fail.

The method is simply that of issuing city bonds for one-third of the paving cost and paving certificates for the other two-thirds, the abutting property owners assuming one-third each. These certificates run for any given term of years, generally ten years. The payments on them are far less than the annual increase in value of the property. They are generally less than the part of the increase that can be directly attributed to the proximity of the paving.

If ever a community needed paving, we must admit Avon Park is that community. We need far more than the $60,000 will build. We need miles that we can not bond for under the bonding limitations.

We who happen to live on the streets that are slated to be paved have no right to refuse those living on other streets an equal right to living on paved streets.

There is only one way.

Stretch that $60,000 three-fold.

THE BOARD OF TRADE DRIVE

Pledges are continuing to come in from the people of Avon Park, and the budget fund is growing rapidly. The work to be accomplished by the money obtained through this drive will benefit every man and woman and every business in the city. The board of trade is organized for the good of all and for the continued upbuilding of Avon Park. Every individual has cause to work with and for the things the board is trying to do. But money is necessary to do these things. And so the call is made upon all the people to do their part in the work for the community. All people who live in Avon Park, who own property here, who have a business here, are responsible for the success or failure of the city as a progressive city. The man or woman who has pledged any amount, large or small, for the work planned, has exhibited civic pride in the community, but a next door neighbor or adjoining property owner, or business man, may be profiting from and by that pledge, and will secure some of the advantages created thereby, without ever contributing his money or his work. We should get after these people and make them see the light. Let them help with their legal tender and coin of service, the organization that has been doing things and wants to do more. As a matter of necessity, the board of trade in its upbuilding work is entitled to the permanent support of every worth-while citizen and property owner, that it may continue to represent the expressed will of the community and be able to make its influence and power for good radiate even more strongly in the future of the city. Is there a worth-while property owner or business man or citizen of Avon Park who can offer a logical and reasonable excuse for not supporting this drive? Would you as a property owner wish to keep your investments in Avon Park for any length of time unless there was an organized effort to protect your interests and promote and advance the welfare of all?

Every community has a number of selfish individuals who are not disposed to give their time or money for any purpose, unless in turn they are assured a direct personal profit in dollars and cents. This community has but few and therefore is no exception to the rule. It is now time that such citizens and property owners awaken to the fact that they have the same civic responsibilities as those who are making the work of the board of trade possible. Our ambition is to make Avon Park the most prosperous and most contended city of its size in the state. We can do it with the united support of all the people.

CHANDLER OPENS OFFICES

Dr. I. W. Chandler, Welborn physician, and a brother of the specialist at Tampa, has moved here and opened offices in the Brickell block.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. E. Wayne Evans of Phoenixville, Pa., spent Monday at the Poinsettia.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Ginn, Sr., and little daughter Edith were Bartow visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. Cecil Durrance of Wauchula spent the first of the week in the city as the guest of her mother, Mrs. Ettie Kesler.

A. J. Dunham, prominent business man of Arcadia, spent Sunday in Avon Park as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stringfellow.

J. D. Raab, C. A. Skipper, C. E. Skipper, C. E. Lanier, H. A. Winter and Henry Idema formed a fishing party to Lake Istokpoga over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Smith, Miss Lydia Evans and Mrs. William Dart spent Friday in Sebring enjoying the parade, speeches and a very interesting program.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Winter, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Idema and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Raab, who have been visiting various points on the East Coast for the past week, returned Friday.

F. M. Noble of Lander, Wyo., spent the early part of the week at the Poinsettia. Mr. Noble is a hotel man and is much pleased with Florida as a whole and especially with the Ridge.

C. Frank Richardson, A. J. Nichols, G. W. Whipple and G. G. Collins have gone to Fisheating creek seeking fish. They are equipped to get some choice ones if the finny tribe is at all inclined to bite.

Mrs. B. H. James and young son have gone to Alturas for several days ,accompanying Mrs. T. B. Langford home, after the Polk county matron had spent the week-end here at the James home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Storetz of Daytona and Kaiser, W. Va., and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Cardskadon of Headsville, W. Va., were sight-seeing along the Ridge Thursday, stopping in Avon Park to visit their old friend, C. R. Head.

Lucian Wolff, the bright young son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Wolff, broke his leg while playing with a number of young folks early in the week. The injured member is healing nicely and it is not expected there will be any permanent effects.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra G. Smith have closed their winter home here and are going to St. Petersburg for a short visit before starting north to their home at Manchester, N. Y. These popular winter visitors plan to return again next fall.

O. M. Crosby, founder of Avon Park, left Tuesday morning for St. Petersburg on business for the Scenic Highlands Development Company, with which he is associated. Mr. Crosby will be here again before returning north for the summer.

Mrs. Ollier of Tampa and Mrs. A. D. Cash of Covington, Va., Mrs. H. E. McDonald of Roanoke, Va., Mrs. M. H. Pedigo of Roanoke, Va., and James E. ohn, Jr., formed a motor party from Tampa looking over the Ridge and stopping at the Poinsettia Mon-

A TREAT FOR ALL THOSE WHO ENJOY A REAL DATE

Dates, direct from Mesopotamia, so fresh that they almost melt in the mouth, are among the latest arrivals at B. H. James' store. These were imported direct through a New York jobber and "followed through" to Avon Jark without delay.

NOTICE OF MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS FOR INCREASING CAPITAL STOCK OF THE HIGHLANDS ORANGE GROVES COMPANY.

Public notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of the Highlands Orange Groves Company, a Florida corporation, will be held at the office of the said Company, at Avon Park, Florida, on the 21st day of April, 1923, at 10 a. m., for the purpose of considering and voting upon a proposition to increase the capital stock of said company from One Hundred Thousand Dollars to Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Dated at the office of the said corporation, Avon Park, Florida, this 15th day of March, 1923.

C. E. LANIER,
President.
C. H. MOFFETT,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers Association, a corporation, on the 16th day of April, 1923, will apply to the Governor of the State of Florida at Tallahassee, for Letters Patent, authorizing the following amendments to the charter of said corporation, to-wit:

1. That Article 6 of the charter of said corporation be amended so as to read as follows:

"The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which the corporation can at any time subject itself shall be $1,000,000.00."

2. By adding to said charter immediately after Article 6 and before Article 7, an article to be known as Article 6-a, to read as follows:

"The Directors are authorized and empowered in their discretion to issue and sell bonds of the corporation in an amount or amounts not exceeding in the aggregate the authorized debt limit of the corporation, which bonds may be convertible into stock or to carry a stock purchase privilege and such other provisions as the Directors may authorize which bonds may be sold to such persons or corporations at such prices, or for such considerations, and upon such terms, as the Directors may determine and without first offering such bonds to the stockholders for purchase or procuring waivers from the stockholders as a pre-requisite to the sale of such bonds to persons other than stockholders. The payment of such bonds with interest may be secured by mortgage trust deed or otherwise on the property, both real and personal, of the corporation and provision may be made by the Directors for an interest and sinking fund for the retirement of such bonds."

Dated this the..........day of March, 1923.
C. P. ANDERSON,
President.
(Corporate Seal)
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Service---

That word includes everything that is desirable in our customers. Our own service includes:

Satisfactory Work
Satisfactory Materials
Satisfactory Delivery
Satisfactory Prices

And with it all we try to be satisfactorily prompt in completion of work left in our care. And nothing we can do to make better or improve the "job" is overlooked.

NEW FILLING STATION

Our new filling station is being installed now. It will give us greater capacity for gas storage and insure a supply. The one-stroke pump will quicken the delivery of the gas to your car.

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STANDARD GARAGE
Service That Satisfies

The Service

That our policy towards commissions permits is proving popular with the people of Avon Park and the surrounding sections.

We appreciate the response to our requests for your patronage and will endeavor to

Better Our Service

Every man's prescription is his own. He can take it to the drug store he desires to. We pay no commissions to physicians for sending the prescriptions here.

We Give Service to You

For Your Favor to Us in Bringing It Here

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J. B. STRINGFELLOW, Manager
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Easter Footwear

You can step into our store right here in AVON PARK and find a wider range of NEW STYLE, a higher degree of quality, and a lower price-mark than is possible in any of the big city shops.

Spring styles for women include Colonials, Center Lace, Strap Pumps, Brogues and Oxfords. The leathers are fine and details carefully executed. Suedes, Russians, Satins, Patents, Kids, Brown Two-Tones and Plain—

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In the World of Women

MUSIC DEPARTMENT HOLDS ITS FIRST PROGRAM MEETING

The new music department of the Avon Park Woman's Club held its first regular meeting Friday afternoon, following a preliminary for organizing and adopting a constitution.

During the business session the members were urged to preserve for reference the constitution of the department published in the March 8th issue of the Pilot. It was also decided that there would be no encores, following the custom of all music clubs and departments.

The chairman, Miss Furlow Anderson, gave some timely personals and other news from The Etude, dwelling particularly on the efforts of teachers in various states to have credits given for music, everywhere recognized as an important branch.

The program followed, each number a credit to the performer, and enjoyed by those present:

Grand Valse Caprice—Miss Mabel Russell.

Mendelssohn's Spring Song.

Love Sends a Little Gift of Roses—Mrs. Moffett, accompanied by Mrs. Stringfellow.

The chairman then introduced Mrs. Rowe of Youngstown, O., who gave an informal talk on the work of the Music Club of Youngstown, in a wonderfully interesting manner, interjecting many fine suggestions for the local club's guidance in the future.

The Youngstown club started out by being a selfishly exclusive organization of twenty-five members, later learning its mistake and now has a membership of 1,200, furnishing high class home talent programs constantly, frequently bringing artists of the music world to Youngstown, giving programs for the blind, also for the county poor, fostering music in the schools, holding a "week of music" every year, with a different attraction each night, a band concert, a community sing, a choral club night, etc.; during this week holding a "memory contest" in the schools, giving a prize to the one remembering the most names of pieces that have been played frequently for them during the two weeks preceding this test—a practice that trains memory, ear and cultivates a taste for good music.

Above all, Mrs. Rowe advised to cultivate a taste for the best music, discouraging jazz, which is really not music at all.

Mrs. Rowe had read the department's constitution, and complimented the members on having arranged to be "inclusive" instead of "exclusive," by providing for associate and student members.

The president of the Youngstown Music Club sent the following message to the local department, just starting on its mission of usefulness:

"Please say to the ladies that the music club of Youngstown will be most proud if they can help in any way, and also tell them we appreciate that a loyal member of our club is in their midst, and can give them a message." The latter part of the message Mrs. Rowe's modesty tried to withhold.

The ladies extended hearty thanks to Mrs. Rowe for her interesting and helpful talk and also asked her to convey to the president of the Youngstown club the appreciation of the department of the greetings she had extended.

A vocal solo, "A Dream Song," by Mrs. Mickler, accompanied by Mrs. Jenks, closed the program.

As a short time still remained, Miss Anderson distributed paper and pencils, then announced the name of fourteen well known composers. Though exposing how unobservant people are inevery-day life, this little spelling match proved a happy ending to the first meeting of this important department, and the interest on the part of those present augurs well for its future.

FANNIE CROSBY SONG SERVICE

A Fannie Crosby song service featured the evening service at the Methodist church Sunday night, preceeded by a short talk by O. M. Crosby, who told how his noted cousin wrote several of her famous hymns. The stories were interesting to a large Sunday night gathering.

E. E. Thompson preceeded Mr. Crosby with a short talk on "Why I Came to Avon Park," giving some interesting anecdotes along with pointers on the things that attract men and women to a community.

PICNIC ON LAKE LOTELA

The Central avenue colony were jolly picknickers on the golf links on Lake Lotela Friday afternoon. A delicious basket lunch was prepared by the ladies. Games and a jolly good time were enjoyed by the following: Mrs. B. H. James and family, Mrs. B. B. Andrews, Mrs. Douglas Andrews, Mrs. N. G. Langford and little daughter, Mrs. M. C. Whitehurst and family, Mrs. A. E. Conoley and family, Mrs. H. H. Hughes and Miss Lola Skipper.

POTTER PROUD FATHER

Arnold S. Potter, genial chief of the Coast Line's dispatching office here, is wearing the smile that won't come off. The newcomer at his home is a seven and a half pound boy, who is going to be Arnold S. Potter, Jr. Both the mother and the youngster are doing nicely.

MRS. DART AND MRS. MARSH HONORED BY THEIR FRIENDS

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ellison was the scene of a delightful birthday party Friday evening for Mesdames Wm. Dart and L. M. Marsh. The jolly crowd gathered in the reception room of the lovely Ellison home, where much merriment was made over childhood games. Delicious ice cream and cake were served by the hostess, assisted by Mesdames D. F. Canfield, F. M. Smith and Miss Lydia Evans.

The following enjoyed the hospitality which always predominates in the Ellison home: Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Canfield, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Spink, Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Merwin, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lander, Mr. and Mrs. John Hood, Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Farnell, Mr. and Mrs. James Aitchinson, and Mesdames Henry Stevenson, L. E. Bass, Demos Mandis, H. D. Meyers, Anna Carpenter, W. A. Sargent, F. P. Reeves, Ada J. Canfield, Harry Dilley, Henry Timm, N. T. Smith, G. W. Adams and Miss Annie Whitnall, Miss Lydia Evans and Captain Rae and Captain Mallory.

CONGENIAL PARTY TO CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY OF MOTHER OF AVON PARK

Mrs. Eunice Bell, in her grove surrounded home on Lake avenue, entertained at dinner Friday night for a small party that included four generations—Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Mason, Mrs. James McBrayer and little Josephine McBrayer. It was Mrs. Bell's ninetieth anniversary.

O. M. Crosby, the founder of Avon Park, was among those present, and he toasted the hostess as "the mother of Avon Park."

Rev. Benjamin Stock, Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Merwin and others were among those who were guests on this happy occasion.

BIG CAKE FOR MR. ANDERSON BUT CANDLES "DON'T COUNT"

A big cake with all the fixings—even to the candles, though he would not stand for the counting of them—featured an enjoyable evening at Lake Byrd Lodge, when more than a score of friends of A. V. Anderson surprised him with a lot of data on his birthdays that he didn't know they all knew.

There were presents for the genial head of the First Trust and Savings Company and a turkey dinner with all the fixings.

SURPRISE MRS. ALLEN WITH PARTY AT LODGE

One of the week's most delightful surprises was a birthday party given for Mrs. S. M. Allen, New York, who is a guest at Lake Byrd Lodge. The guests at this delightful spot took their fellow guest by surprise with the event in which a number of her friends participated. The big birthday cake with its candles was a delightful feature of the evening and the opening of the many presents added to the enjoyment that they have become heavily interested locally and with a golf course assured for next season, are planning to return earlier next winter and are already counting on bringing some of their New York friends with them.

BRIDGE WITH MRS. LANDER

The Bridge Club met at the Avon Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. T. H. Lander as hostess. Three tables enjoyed the game until late afternoon, at which time the hostess served a delicious lunch consisting of a salad course, cake and punch.

The following members and guests enjoyed the occasion: Mesdames W. M. Reck, Susie Stubbs, G. W. Whipple, Herbert Reck, H. E. Godwin, C. E. Skipper, J. B. Stringfellow, Earl Hart, McKee Elwell, J. D. Raab and Henry Idemia.

GUILD PLANS SUPPER

The Episcopal Guild met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Wm. Dart, with Mrs. Dart and Mrs. Albert Ellison as hostesses. A large number attended. The chief business of the meeting was the discussion of the St. Patrick's supper, which will be given Friday, Feb. 16. Delicious refreshments of pear salad, pimento sandwiches, coffee, cake and punch were served by the hostess.

Your Easter Hat

Now is the time

SPRING STYLES

Reflecting the mode of the moment, these new arrivals in women's spring hats are awaiting your early selection.

Newest Trimmings

It is the smart trim which denotes the touch of skilled milliners. You will find on these hats the newest effects for the coming season.

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KATZ BROTHERS

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

W. M. Griffin of Wauchula spent the week-end in the city and Sebring visiting friends.

C. F. Touchton of Dade City was looking after business interests in the city Sunday.

Miss Myrtle Jack and Mrs. C. E. Lanier spent the week-end in Punta Gorda, visiting relatives.

Jim Daniels of Winter Haven motored down the Ridge Saturday, stopping in the city to greet old friends.

E. L. Starkey and Sam Altman, popular young men of Arcadia, spent Sunday in the city with friends and relatives.

D. W. ("Dooley") Farley left for Thomaston, Ga., Saturday, where he will be employed by one of the local drug companies.

W. H. Thompson, prominent contractor of Lakeland and formerly of Avon Park, made a business trip to the city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Harris, who recently sold their lovely home, have moved to the Poinsettia hotel, where they will be located.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Whipple, who make their winter home at the Avon, motored to Orlando the latter part of the week sight-seeing.

Mrs. L. M. Marsh, prominent matron of the city, who has been in Deland for the past week with her sister, returned Saturday.

L. P. Hagan of Sanford was combining business with pleasure in the city the last of the week. Mr. Hagan is in the turpentine business with his brother, Ben Hagan, of this city.

Mrs. William King and Miss Bertha Chinn, who have been ill at the King home on the hill, are able to be out again, and are being welcomed "up again" by their numerous friends.

L. N. Smith, who has been bookkeeper in the Park Mercantile Company store for the past year, left Sunday for Jacksonville, where he will take a position as shipping clerk with the Harmon-Hull Company, wholesale grocery house.

Paul Jordon, son of F. S. Jordon, left Monday for Peoria, Ill., where he will enter the Bradley Horological Institute to take a course in engraving, watch making and jewelry repairing. He will be gone a year and will be associated with his father upon his return.

J. D. Smith of Mariana, formerly a member of the state road department, passed through the city Saturday en route to the East Coast. Mr. Smith stopped for a short time here greeting friends. He is much pleased with the development of the Ridge since his last visit, which was some time ago.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Anderson motored to Bartow Thursday and while Mr. Anderson attended the meeting of the Polk County Sub-Exchange of the Florida Citrus Exchange, Mrs. Anderson visited with some of the many friends, who were neighbors when the Andersons were at Eagle Lake.

Dr. and Mrs. G. C. Kneedler, prominent in Pittsburgh life, are among the late arrivals at Lake Byrd Lodge, where they plan to finish the season. The doctor is one of the Smoky City's most prominent specialists and is interested in the Pittsburgh-Florida Association's holdings in Section 17. This is their third visit to the Highlands and they are much pleased with developments.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Flaugher, prominent visitors in Avon Park from Youngstown, O., have finished their stay at the Lake Byrd Lodge and left Thursday for Miami and West Palm Beach, where they will spend a few days before returning north. Mr. Flaugher is a prominent merchant in Youngstown and contemplates becoming interested locally through the Pittsburgh-Florida Association. They are delighted with the heart of the Scenic Highlands.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Idemia, who have been visiting here as guests of the J. D. Raabs and the H. E. Winters, returned home Wednesday morning with plans already in the making for their return next season—earlier and for a longer stay. Mr. Idema, who is president of one of the largest banks in Michigan, as well as Mrs. Idema, is convinced that the Avon Park section is bound to dominate the commercial side of the Ridge, while as a resort it has delighted them. They are from Grand Rapids.

George W. Bartlett of Chicago and Joliet, who recently visited Avon Park with a party of twenty-five, looking over the Pittsburgh-Florida and other grove developments, writes the Pilot that back in their home they find visions of their visit already luring them towards the Park again. "We were certainly pleased with what we saw," he writes. "The service at the Lodge was superb and the citrus industry as shown to us by the Andersons certainly looms up as a magnet to draw visitors to Avon Park either as grove owners or home owners. We are looking forward to our next trip, which will be annual from now on."

MISS MEREDITH HOSTESS

Miss Grace Meredith was hostess to a number of her friends at her home Saturday afternoon, celebrating her birthday anniversary. Many beautiful and useful gifts were received. Games, music and picture taking were enjoyed throughout the afternoon and delicious punch and cake were served.

The following guests enjoyed the event: Miss Marjorie Lacey, Miss Mary Adams, Mrs. J. H. Randall and her sister-in-law, Mrs. C. Davis, who is visiting her, and Mrs. J. B. Rogers and Bernice Lamb.

HOTEL AVON NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Gale Collins of Mt. Clemons, Mich., who are spending the Winter at the Avon, but have been on the East Coast the past week, returned Saturday. Mrs. Collins, who has had a slight illness, is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Parker, prominent Lake Wales people, were visiting in the city Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Haskins, a well known Winter Haven couple, were visiting friends in Avon Park Sunday.

Methodist Church Bulletin

"THE WORKING CHURCH WITH A CORDIAL WELCOME"

A 47 per cent increase in attendance Sunday over the average for the past three weeks. Watch us grow!

REVIVAL SERVICES begin Sunday, March 18th. The GOSPEL SONG SERVICE, under direction of Messrs. Carlson and Langvand, from Montana, will be a feature of each service—twice each day. The pastor will do the preaching.

Two hours per day for 15 days—just 30 hours—is the investment of time we are asking for the best interests of every legtimate business in town. How many will give us their presence at every service of the meeting?

$25 REWARD! A reward of $25 is offered for any person who can give one good reason why he should not give his heart to God and unite with some church.

Empty church pews are a poor recommendation to visitors who are looking for a home. Every church member should attend every service. "If every church member was just like me, what kind of church would my church be?"

STRANGERS AND VISITORS ARE WELCOME

COME AND LET US SHOW YOU

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You should also know that your credit is just as good here as it is elsewhere, and your patronage appreciated just as much.

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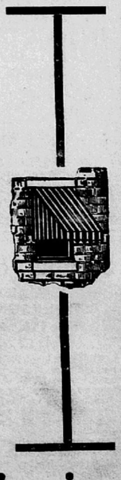

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EVERYTHING FOR THE HOME AND THE FARM

DE SOTO CITY

Last Sunday Rev. J. M. Guest filled the pulpit at Lake Stearns and Rev. J. J. Smith preached at Hicoria. Rev. Yonce came from Avon Park and filled the pulpit here at 11 o'clock and Rev. W. H. McLeod preached at 3:30 in the afternoon and at 7:30 in the evening, which services were the last of a series of services conducted by him since last Wednesday night. The people of this community have been given a rare treat and those who failed to hear these sermons have missed something worth while.

B. B. and F. S. Gehman and families left Tuesday morning for their homes in Souderton, Pa. They are already counting the time until they shall return to their home here.

Mrs. L. T. Farmer, who has been confined to her home for almost three months, is able to be out again.

An enthusiastic meeting of the chamber of commerce was held Monday night and many matters of interest were discussed and among these was the question of building a packing house here, and it was moved and unanimously carried that this body go on record as favoring the owning of their own packing house at this place. Several thousand dollars were subscribed at the meeting for that purpose.

There are a number of forest fires burning in this section of the county which are doing thousands of dollars worth of damage and local people feel that those who are responsible for the origin of the fires should be vigorously prosecuted. If there is not a law on the statute books covering such cases then there should be one enacted, according to prominent growers, and since there are both a senator and a representative from this county they should be seen before they go to Tallahassee and instructed to look after this matter.

Miss Lora Treadway left Monday for Tavares, where she will visit her brother for several days.

W. C. Franks made a business trip to Frostproof Monday.

C. G. Benson of Avon Park came down Monday evening to be present at the meeting of the chamber of commerce and said that when he first came to the Ridge section he could hear expressions like this: "We have the best section in the state," "Watch us come to the front," and "We are bound to win," and many other similar sayings. He heard this so much and being a man of at least average intelligence, if not more, he believed it and he believed it so strong that he bought 80 acres of land near DeSoto City and is now preparing to have it developed, so he is now singing the same song: "We have the best section in the state, and why should we not say it?"

Hard-Boiled Mule

"Hey, Sam, I want my money back. Yo'll said this here mule wasn't blind and he is."

"Huh, what makes you think dat mule am blind?"

"Why. The very minute I turned that mule out in de pasture he run right into a tree."

"Aw gwan. Dat mule ain't blind. He just don't give a dawggone."

Fast, Faster, Fastest

Judge—Ten dollars.

Motorist—Can you change a $20 bill?

Judge—No, but I can change the fine. Twenty dollars.

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All I do is rave and crave,
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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that there will be presented to the Legislature of the State of Florida in the session of 1923, for enactment on behalf of the Town of Avon Park, Highlands County, Florida, an Act reading as follows:

An Act to Legalize, Ratify, Confirm and Validate the Acts and Proceedings of the Town of Avon Park, Highlands County, Florida, and Its Town Council, Officers and Agents, Relating to the Issuance of

Municipal Street Bonds in the sum of sixty thousand dollars ($60,000.00).

Park Bonds in the sum of five thousand dollars ($5,000.00).

Refunding Bonds in the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00).

All in accordance with Ordinance No. 74, adopted by the Town Council on the 8th day of March, A. D. 1922, and the Acts and Ordinances passed in pursuance thereof.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida.

Section 1. That all acts and proceedings of the Town of Avon Park, Highlands County, Florida, and its Town Council, officers and agents relating to the issuance of

Municipal Street Bonds in the sum of sixty thousand dollars ($60,000.00) for the the purpose of opening, widening, grading, paving and hard-surfacing streets of said town.

Park Bonds in the sum of five thousand dollars ($5,000.00), for the purpose of purchasing lands therefor, and establishing parks and properly lighting the same, and for the upkeep and improvements on said parks.

Refunding Bonds in the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00) for the purpose of paying off certain indebtedness now existing in said Town, provided for in the Ordinance duly passed on the 8th day of October, 1922, and subsequent Ordinances and Resolutions relating to the issuance of said bonds, and levying an assessment of a tax sufficient to provide for a sinking fund and interest thereon, and all acts and proceedings done and to be done in connection therewith, and otherwise relating thereto, be and the same are hereby declared to b legally sufficient, and are hereby in all respects approved, legalized, ratified, confirmed and validated. Notwithstanding any want of statutory power or authority and any defect, irregularity and omission in such acts and proceedings; and the said bonds issued and to be issued are hereby declared to be a lien upon all of the property in the said Town of Avon Park; and if the amount of said bonds respectively be not paid as and when the same mature, with interest thereon, the said purchasers thereof may enforce and collect the same as provided by law.

And all taxable property in the said Town of Avon Park shall be liable to an annual tax for the payment of the interest and principal of said Bonds remaining outstanding and unpaid; and the Town Council shall each year levy and collect all such tax upon all the taxable property of said Town, that said be sufficient to pay the interest and principal of said bonds as and when the same respectively become due and payable.

Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall be construed to be remedial and curative of any defect or want of statutory power or authority in any act or proceedings heretofore done or to be done by the said Town of Avon Park, or its Town Council, officers or agents in relation to said bonds, each and every

Municipal Street Bonds in the sum of sixty thousand dollars ($60,000.00).

Park Bonds in the sum of five thousand dollars ($5,000.00).

Refunding Bonds in the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00).

And assessment proceedings, and the same are hereby in all respects approved, legalized, ratified, confirmed and validated.

Section 3. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its becoming a law.

This notice is given pursuant to the requirements of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Florida, as well as resolution adopted at a meeting of the Town Council, held in the council chamber on the 31st day of January, A. D. 1923, by the terms of which said resolution the officers of said Town were directed to give this notice. This January 31st, A. D. 1923.

TOWN OF AVON PARK,
By M. C. WHITEHURST,
Mayor Pro Tem.
Attest:
G. L. CREWS, Clerk.
F1-8-15-22-M1-8-15-22-29

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that there will be presented to the Legislature of the State of Florida in the Session of 1923, for enactment on behalf of the Town of Avon Park, Highlands County, Florida, an Act to read as follows:

An Act to amend Section 8 of Chapter No. 7131 of the Acts of the Legislature of the State of Florida for the year 1915, being an Act entitled

"An Act Granting Additional Rights, Powers and Privileges to the Town of Avon Park, DeSoto County, Florida, in Addition to Its Present Town Charter, and Prescribing a Method for the Issuance of Bonds in Said Town, and Amending in Certain Respects Its Present Charter, and Ratifying the Present Assessment of Taxes in said Town."

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Sec. 8. Whenever it shall be deemed advisable to issue bonds for any of the following purposes:

For raising money for the construction, maintenance or equipment of waterworks; for the purpose of constructing, operating, extending and maintaining a sewerage system, or otherwise promoting the health of the municipality; for the purpose of opening, widening, grading, and paving streets or sidewalks of the town, or for the purpose of opening, purchasing, constructing or maintaining public parks and promenades; for the purpose of erecting school houses, and maintaining a system of public education in the town, or for the purpose of erecting, maintaining or equipping a public library; for the purpose of establishing a fire department for the said town; for the purpose of building or purchasing an electric or other illuminating plant for the use of the town; for the purpose of erecting, equipping or maintaining a public hospital or any other charitable institution; for for the purpose of refunding the indebtedness of said town, or for any one or more of the said purposes.

The Mayor and Town Council are hereby authorized to issue bonds of the town, under seal of the municipality, to an amount not to exceed twenty per cent (20%) of the total assessed valuation of said town to be determined by the assessment next preceding the time at which the issue of said bonds is authorized, which said bonds, when issued, shall be signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the President of the Town Council, and attested by the Town Clerk, with interest coupons accompanying same, which shall be signed in like manner, provided, however, that before said bonds shall be issued, their issuance shall be approved by an affirmative vote of a majority of the electors of the town voting at an election duly called for the purpose by the Town Council, which election shall be regulated in all respects by an ordinance of the town. Such election shall be advertised for not less than four weeks prior to the date upon which it shall be held, in a newspaper published in the Town of Avon Park, and in case no newspaper is published in the Town of Avon Park, by posting same in five (5) public places in said town for a period of not less than four (4) weeks, the contents of said notice to be determined upon by the Town Council, and at said election only qualified electors of the Town of Avon Park shall be allowed to vote, without regard as to ownership of real estate.

Sec. 2. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its becoming a law.

This notice is given pursuant to the requirements of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Florida, as well as Resolution adopted at a meeting of the Town Council held in the council chamber on the 31st day of January, A. D. 1923, by the terms of which said resolution the officers of said town were directed to give this notice. This January 31st, A. D. 1923.

TOWN OF AVON PARK,
By M. C. WHITEHURST,
Mayor Pro Tem.
Attest:
G. L. CREWS, Clerk.
F-1-8-15-22-M-1-8-15-22-29

LEGAL NOTICE

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

W. O. McGeer and E. A. McGeer, Complainants, vs. Charles H. Wingerford and C. H. Hungerford, Defendants.

To the Defendants herein: Charles H. Wingerford and C. H. Hungerford, if living and if deceased to all persons claiming an interest under them, whether as heirs, devisees, grantees or otherwise, and all persons unknown to Complainants claiming an interest in the following described lands, to-wit: The North half (N½) of Lot One (1), in Block (15), in Section Fifteen (15), in Township Thirty-three (33), Range Twenty-eight (28) East, according to the Town Plat of the Town of Avon Park, all of said lands being situated in Highlands County, Florida.

It appearing by a sworn bill and affidavit o fone of the Complainants, filed in this cause, that he does not know and has been unable to ascertain whether you and each of you are alive or deceased and if alive you are a resident other than the State of Florida; that the place of residence of C. H. Hungerford, if alive is at No. 612 Traction Building, Cincinnati, Ohio; that the place of residence of Charles H. Wingerford and all unknown Defendants 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 subpoena upon whom would bind you or either of you and relief being sought against you and each of you in this 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, in Highlands County, State of Florida, on or before the 30th day of March, A. D. 1923, and in default of such appearance, you are hereby notified that the allegationse in 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 31st day of January, A. D. 1923.

C. F. SAUNDERS,
Clerk of Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida.
A. E. LAWRENCE,
Solicitor for Complainants.
F-1-8-15-22-M-1-8-15-22-29

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. Thatcher et al, Defendants.

To the Defendants herein: William H. Thatcher, Ida S. Thatcher, C. S. Thatcher, Roselba P. Thatcher, But D. Isenhour, Atha Isenhour, Charles H. Isenhour, Mable A. Isenhour, Louis P. Newman, Susie M. Newman, Brommie Copeland, R. Dugal Hall, trustee, Charles 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. Thatcher, Ida S. Thatcher, C. S. Thatcher, Rosealba P. Thatcher, Burt D. Isenhour, Atha Isenhour, Charles H. Isenhour, Mable A. Isenhour, Louis P. Newman, Susie M. Newman, Brommie Copeland, R. Dugal 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 the State of Florida, to-wit: Lots 1 and 4 in Block 54, Lots 5 and 7, 10 and 11 in Block 68, 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 Complaint'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, 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 in this cause by the Complainant.

This is, therefore, to require you and each of you to be and appear to said Bill of Complain at the office of the Clerk of the above styled Court at Sebring, Florida, on or before the 2nd day of April, 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 preceeding the said appearance day.

Given under my hand and seal at Sebring, Florida, this 30th day of January, A. D. 1923.

(Seal) C. F. SAUNDERS,
Clerk Circuit Court, Highlands County, Florida.
WHITEHURST & WHITEHURST,
Solicitors for Complainant.
F1-8-15-22-M-1-8-15-22-29

LEGAL NOTICE

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

George W. Crowell, Complainant, vs. Clara D. Farrow, et al, Defendants.

To the Defendants herein: Clara D. Farrow, joined by her husband, Edward S. Farrow; F. W. Hopkins and wife, Feraby C. Hopkins; Florida Development Company, a corporation, and Paul G. Crippen, if living and if dead, their heirs, devisees, grantees or other claimants under the said Clara D. Farrow, F. W. Hopkins and wife Feraby C. Hopkins and Florida Development Company, a corporation, in and to the following described property, situate in the County of Highlands and the State of Florida, to-wit: Lots 1 and 2 in Block 11, Section 15, Township 33 South, Range 28 East. And to all persons unknown to Complainant claiming an interest in the said lands.

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 or either of you are dead or alive. That if alive you are a resident of a state other than the State of Florida; that your place of residence is to Complainant unknown; 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 by the Complainant.

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 April, A. D. 1923, and in default of such appearance you are notified that the allegations in the said Bill of Complaint 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 preceeding the said appearance day.

Given under my hand and seal this the 30th day of January, A. D. 1923.

(Seal) C. F. SAUNDERS,
Clerk Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida.
WHITEHURST & WHITEHURST,
Solicitors for Complainant.
F-1-8-15-22-M-1-8-15-22-29

LEGAL NOTICE

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

D. F. Canfield, Complainant, vs. Mary C. Burleigh, et al., Defendants.

To the Defendants herein: Mary C. Burleigh, John C. Burleigh, Frank Cullen, Oliver M. Crosby, William Becherle, Joseph Schuldice, Abbie R. Dodge, Elizabeth B. Wilson, Robert Waters, Florida Development Company, Highlands Orange Grove Company, David S. Porter and Marie Butterfield, if living, and if dead to all persons claiming an interest under the said Mary C. Burleigh, John C. Burleigh, Frank Cullen, Oliver M. Crosby, William Becherle, Joseph Schuldice, Abbie R. Dodge, Elizabeth B. Wilson, Robert Waters, Florida Development Company, Highlands Orange Grove Company, David S. Porter and Marie Butterfield, whether as heirs, devisees, grantees or otherwise, and all persons unknown to Complainant, claiming an interest in the following described lands, to-wit: Lot Twelve (12), Block Seventy-eight (78), Section Twenty-two (22), Township Thirty-three (33) South, Range Twenty-eight (28) East, and Lot Nine (9), Block Forty (40), in Section Twenty-two (22), Township Thirty-three (33) South, Range Twenty-eight (28), East, as shown by the recorded plat of Avon Park, all of said lands being in Highlands County, Florida.

It appearing by sworn bill and affidavit of Complainant, filed in this cause, that he does not know and has been unable to ascertain whether you and each of you are alive or deceased, 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 this 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, in Highlands County, State of Florida, on or before the 22nd day of March, A. D. 1923, and in default of such appearance, you are notified that the allegations in 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 preceeding said appearance day.

Given under my hand and seal at Sebring, Florida, this 17th day of January, A. D. 1923.

(Seal) C. F. SAUNDERS,
Clerk Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida.
A. E. LAWRENCE,
Solicitor for Complainant.
J25-F1-8-15-22-M1-8-15-22

Fur coats for women are higher in price this year. They are three crying spells more expensive than last year.

NOTICE FOR BIDS

To All Whom It May Concern:

You are hereby notified that the Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County, Florida, will receive bids at the clerk's office at Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, at 11 o'clock on the 27th day of March, 1923, for the purchase, sale and disposition of bonds of said county, aggregating $525,000.00. The issuance of said bonds has heretofore been authorized by an election held in said county for said purpose; said bonds being issued and sold for the purpose of constructing hard surfaced highways in said county; said bonds to draw interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, interest payable semi-annually on January 1st and July 1st of each year. The first interest payment to be due and payable on January 1st, 1924. The principal of said bonds to be in denomination of $500.00 and to be due and payable at the City National Bank in New York City, as follows:

January 1, 1924	$ 5,000.00
January 1, 1925	5,000.00
January 1, 1926	5,000.00
January 1, 1927	5,000.00
January 1, 1928	5,000.00
January 1, 1929	5,000.00
January 1, 1939	5,000.00
January 1, 1931	5,000.00
January 1, 1932	5,000.00
January 1, 1933	5,000.00
January 1, 1935	25,000.00
January 1, 1937	25,000.00
January 1, 1939	25,000.00
January 1, 1940	25,000.00
January 1, 1941	25,000.00
January 1, 1942	25,000.00
January 1, 1943	25,000.00
January 1, 1944	25,000.00
January 1, 1945	25,000.00
January 1, 1946	25,000.00
January 1, 1947	25,000.00
January 1, 1948	25,000.00
January 1, 1949	25,000.00
January 1, 1950	25,000.00
January 1, 1951	25,000.00
January 1, 1952	50,000.00
January 1, 1953	50,000.00

Witness my hand and seal of said county on this the 19th day of February, A. D. 1923.

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

DR. A. H. ABLE
DENTIST
Over First National Bank

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Highlands Bank & Trust Co. Building
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This shoe is guaranteed 100 per cent solid leather, color dark tan, bellows tongue, dirt and waterproof. The actual value of this shoe is $6.00. Owing to this tremendous buy we can offer same to the public at $2.95.

Send correct size. Pay postman on delivery or send money order. If shoes are not as represented we will cheerfully refund your money promptly upon request.

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Milk is for children the food of foods—the greatest food produced.

It contains 16 needed elements, including the six minerals required. In energy value it is rated at 1810 calories per pound.

With cereals it forms a practically complete food, rich in vitamines. A plate-full of some foods doesn't go as far as a dish of cereal and milk. That is why it is so important to make the cereal dish delightful.

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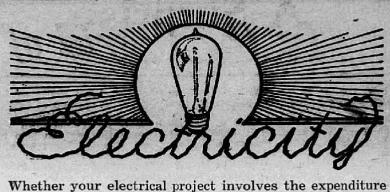

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The Florida Ice and Power Company has resumed the retail delivery of ice and announces the sale of tickets

	Retail	Tickets
20 100-lb. TICKETS	$12.00	$11.00
20 50-lb. TICKETS	7.00	6.00
20 25-lb. TICKETS	4.00	3.50
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and Water

Avon Park Florida

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Eat more of it
FRESH DAILY FROM YOUR GROCER
or at
The Sanitary Bake
Avon Park, Florida. K. F. VIS

LICENSED MASTER PLUMBER, STATE
John W. Foley
PHONE 86
Plumbing and Steam Heating Con
ESTIMATES FURNISHED
Plumbing Fixtures, Repairs, Iron Pipe and F
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Heads, Ventilators, Galvanized Sheets, Cor
Tin Work, Hot Air Furnaces.

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YOU'LL BE SURPRISED!

Prunes that are prunes. Dates that are so fresh they are still soft and almost melt in your mouth.

Dried apples, dried pears—a real treat these—apricots that have the real apricot flavor—raisins.

Those deliciously flavored black walnuts are here, too. And the shell-bark hickories along with a complete line of the "every day" nuts.

B. H. James
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AVON PARK'S CLOSE-IN SUB-DIVISION
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SHADE SANITATION PAVING
On Pretty Lake Tulane
P. M. Stivender
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VALSPAR VARNISHES

A Valspar Experience Contest, with cash awards for the most interesting letters detailing actual experience with Valspar surfaces.

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If you know an instance where any (or all) of the three forms of Valspar has proved its durability and waterproofness under unusually severe conditions of wear, or under some extraordinary circumstance, we ask you to write us about it. And if you have photographs which add interest to your story we will be glad to receive them.

If you know of several instances, tell us about them all. It makes no difference which form of Valspar has been used or what kind of a Valsparred surface it is. Just tell us the facts.

PRIZES

$500 will be awarded to the contestant who sends the letter that the judges agree is the most interesting of all. Five prizes of $100 to those whose letters stand next in interest—ten $50 prizes, one hundred $10 prizes and two hundred $5 prizes will also be distributed—more than 300 prizes in all.

Write Your Experience Now

Let us hear what you know about Valspar. Don't consider your experience as too trifling or commonplace, write us about it. Not everybody can relate a startling occurrence, and it's more than likely many of the prizes will be worn by simple- matter-of-fact stories.

Don't let this chance slip by. A few minutes spent in writing your letters gives you a splendid chance to win a substantial prize. Send in YOUR story. Send it today.

VOLUSIA HOLDS A GREAT POULTRY SHOW AT DAYTONA

Attendance and Interest Outstanding, Educational Phase Featured

The pace in poultry raising in this state is being set by Volusia county, according to reports coming from that county, as well as comments of persons having visited and observed what is going on in that part of the state.

So important is the poultry industry there that a county-wide show is being held annually. The show for 1923 was held Feb. 20-22, at Daytona. In her official report for that week Miss Orpha Cole, home demonstration agent for that county, says:

"The show was a success in every way. More than a thousand people attended. Over seven hundred birds were shown, including every variety of chicken raised in the county, besides turkeys, ducks, geese, guineas, peafowl, pigeons, pheasants and bantams. There were also exhibits of baby chicks.

"Six trios were shown in the boys' and girls' club section, besides an exhibit of homemade brooders and self-feeders. The boys were required to make these instead of the caps and aprons the girls made. Substantial cash prizes were offered on the equipment contest, as well as for the best trio and best male. Two scholarships to the club short course were awarded in poultry work.

"In one booth demonstrations were conducted in egg preservation and candling. An educational exhibit of eggs was also a feature of this booth. Graded and ungraded eggs were shown in contrast. Wholesale and retail packs for marketing in the county were shown, and these were compared with the Cuban and Chinese methods of marketing. A series of posters illustrated to the people the superiority of the home-produced egg over the shipped in or stored egg. Much poultry literature was subscribed for and many conferences in poultry work were held."

OSCAR JOHNSON GETS STAR

Oscar Johnson of the Duck Lake section is among the new Star riders this week, having purchased one of the new cars from Joe Lander.

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Expectation gives place to realization. The new style tendencies so fraught with interest to every woman now take form. Here are the new, the smart, the most strikingly beautiful fashions ever launched for any woman's apparel delight!

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EVERY FACILITY PERTAINING TO MODERN BANKING. WE PAY 5 PER CENT ON SAVINGS DEPOSITS. TODAY OR TOMORROW WILL BE A GOOD TIME TO OPEN A SAVINGS ACCOUNT.

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First Trust & Savings Company

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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.

WE COURT INVESTIGATION

Scenic Highlands Development Company
Avon Park, Florida

Whitehurst & Whitehurst
Attorneys at Law
Office: Room 10, First National Bank Building
Avon Park, Florida

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J. H. McCLELLAND, Clerk.

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by Terry Gilkison
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THE IDEA OSCAR! RIGHT HERE WHERE EVERY BODY KIN SEE YOU!
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SAKES ALIVE, OLLIE! I AIN'T SCRATCHING! I'M LOOKING FOR THE TICKETS!

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And Get a

CONTINENTAL CAST IRON RANGE

FREE

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Staple and Fancy Groceries

Avon Park Florida

LIFE INSURANCE HEADS AND LUMBERMAN STATE AVON PARK IS THE BEST

MEDICAL DIRECTOR SAYS "NO WONDER IT IS HEALTHY HERE"

One look over the Avon Park section has won Henry Loeb, vice-president of the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, and Dr. Morton Snow, chief medical director of the big corporation. It was their first visit, and their host, J. H. Smith of Nashville, saw to it that they saw practically everything that was to be seen during their brief three-day visit.

"It is the finest country I have ever seen," said Dr. Snow, almost taking the words from Mr. Loeb's mouth.

The water supply was the most poignant factor in Dr. Snow's eyes. He was especially impressed by the clearness of the lakes and their apparent depth. "It is no wonder your community is a healthful one," he told Mr. Smith.

Mr. Loeb, who has traveled from end to end of the country and throughout California, did his first piece of orange picking on the Smith grove.

Both of these prominent business men are planning to return to Avon Park next winter and will spend several weeks in the metropolis of the Scenic Highlands.

Mr. Smith left this morning for Tampa, where he will meet P. D. Houston, president of the American National Bank of Nashville and one of the most prominent bankers in Tennessee. Mr. Houston is coming to Florida to see the Ridge and they will motor here with Mr. Smith from Tampa.

Accompanying Mr. Smith to Tampa will be Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Blank and two daughters of Vicksburg, Miss., who have been his guests for several days. Mr. Blank, who is one of the biggest hardwood lumber operators in the south with big mills at Vicksburg and elsewhere, is marveling at the change three years has wrought in Avon Park. He admits he didn't know the town when he first arrived.

They are so delighted that after a short visit in Tampa they will return to Avon Park and finish the season in the Highlands.

These welcome visitors probably will make Avon Park their winter home permanently.

RIGHT OF WAY WRINKLES ON FROSTPROOF ROAD SWEPT OFF

Right of way wrinkles in the state road between Avon Park and Frostproof were smoothed out Monday morning when a delegation from Frostproof came to Avon Park to meet State Senator E. J. Etheredge, State Engineer O. G. Benson and a delegation from the Avon Park Board of Trade to settle the troubles and insure the starting of the road. They did it all.

The state road department has stated that bids will be asked as soon as the right-of-way is deeded and Chairman William King of the Highlands county commissioners, was instructed by the meeting to have a deed form drawn up and the Frostproof and Avon Park boards have pledged themselves to get the signatures immediately.

The obstacles in the proposed route—three 40-acre groves, which would be cut diagonally, were practically swept away when Engineer Benson stated that he realized the troubles and told the delegations that if he were assured there would be "no fire outside of the frying pan for him to hop into," he would survey a practicable route that would run the road east of Hickory lake, between that lake and Lake Livingston. "But there is no use jumping from the frying pan into the fire," he said, "and surveying a new route to find that the folks on it will not give a right-of-way either."

The Frostproof people assured him that all the quarters that would be cut up by running the road east of Hickory lake are wild land and say they think they will be able to give the engineer proper right of way assurance the next few days. The question of the right-of-way between the Fort Meade turnoff and Stuart's corner, and by Stuart's place, was discussed and the Frostproof delegation promised to take care of inducing those interested to help put the road through.

The Pittsburgh-Florida Association directors are willing to give the right-of-way through Section 9 in this county, but stated that permission of individual grove owners will have to be secured. They indicated that inasmuch as each grove owner will get a $28,000 a mile hard road by his door, they believed a request from the state would meet with ready response from the owners.

Mr. Benson explained the cross-sections of the roads and showed that only 50 to 52 feet of the 66-foot right-of-way would have to be actually vacated for road construction. This means that the owners of abutting land can fence and utilize about eight feet of the right-of-way on each side.

The state will put the 16-foot road in the middle, and sod the seven-foot section of earth on each side and cut 18-inch drains along side of this.

In opening the meeting Senator Etheredge told the gathering that it was strictly "up to us to take this road or leave it," and let the state road department divert the funds to some other project. He told of the long fight to get the road ordered built, of the final appropriation of the $280,000 for the job, and stated that now seems a pretty poor time to go to sleep on the job and tell the state road department—by actions, if not in so many words—that the road isn't wanted.

"It is right up to you people to get that right-of-way, if you want this road, and get it quickly," he said. "Judge Phillips and Mr. Green assure me that the minute the right-of-way is given the board will invite bids. That puts it pretty squarely up to us. If we don't get the road, we throw it away ourselves, and we can't with very much grace go after the department for anything else any time soon. I, for one, certainly will not feel like asking for anything else for you—it would be a little too embarrassing for me to try."

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Regular worship will be held in the Brickell auditorium Sunday at 8 p. m. The subject of the sermon will be, "A Most Important Hour in Christ's Redemption of the World."

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COUNTY MAY HAVE TO PAY FOR SITE FOR COURTHOUSE

COST MAY BE FANCY TOO, UNLESS EDGE OF TOWN IS CHOSEN

Though promises were generally implied and as generally understood prior to the county seat election that no matter which community won, the best available site for a court house and jail would be donated to the county by the winning community, it begins to appear that if the county is to have a site for a court house and jail it must pay well for it—and if a desirable site is to be had must actually pay a fancy price for it.

Prices at which sites have been offered the committee named by the county commission to choose a site, range from $6,000 to $25,000. The lowest price is that made by George Sebring—twelve lots on the northern edge of Sebring, a quarter of a mile off the main highway.

The committee, which includes Commissioner G. G. Albritton, County Attorney A. E. Lawrence and Sheriff R. H. Hancock, has been investigating sites and is expected to report that the other offers are out of reason in price.

Efforts of the committee to secure the donation of a site have failed dismally, it is stated.

Mr. Sebring states that his offer of a site was conditioned upon there being no opposition. Members of the county commission, both the old board and the new, say they never heard the condition mentioned and that they fully understood that a site would be furnished in whatever town won.

LEGION GAINS 20 MEMBERS AND SMOKES "ON WELCH"—BIG "FAIR" BEING PLANNED

Avon Park's American Legioners "smoked on" Ed Welch and his outfit at the big meeting Wednesday night when the membership drive came to a close, with the Whitehurst team leading 13 to 7. Twenty new members were among those present and while enjoying the smokes and some sandwiches, which were provided by a committee of the fair sex, plans were laid for advancing the local [illegible] being laid out are those for a fair to be held in the near future.

The outfit paying for the smokes, headed by Ed Welch, included Glenn Spink, Vic Smith, W. R. Davis, Mark Smith, Demos Mandis and A. C. Bauknight. The winning team included Murray C. Whitehurst, John Hood, E. G. Todd, Howard Mattox, Charles Sherman, Paul Harvey and Floyd Johnson.

The sandwiches and refreshments were in the nature of a surprise, the women not "advertising" their plans to feed the boys. This committee included Mrs. Ed Welch, Miss Kate Lutwitzi, Mrs. Margaret Mandis, Mrs. Earl Hartt, Mrs. F. P. Reeves and Mrs. John Hood.

TWO MORE TWENTIES TO BE PLANTED THIS SPRING TO GROVES

The planting of groves goes merrily on, announcement of two more twenties to be planted immediately having been made by Dr. W. C. Touchton this week.

Dr. Touchton and Mr. Baldwin are having a twenty cleared between Lake Fox and Deer lake, southeast of town. This tract has a frontage on both lakes.

To the north of town the doctor is clearing twenty on Lake Pythias. He has just finished planting ten acres on the Frostproof road.

Both these new tracts will be planted this spring.

AtVON PARK SENDS LARGEST DELEGATION TO I.O.O.F MEET

Seventeen Rebekas and I. O. O. F. motored to Winter Haven Wednesday night to attend the confederation there. Avon Park had the largest delegation of any lodge represented and traveled the farthest, which shows the lodges as well as everything else has the "old pep." The following composed the party: Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Mascott, Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Murrish, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Welch, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hougaboom, Mrs. W. R. England and Bobbie, Mrs. A. W. Sargent, Jr., Mrs. F. P. Reeves, Miss Florence Mosier, Miss Helen Smith, Herman Barshal, Herbert Seaverns, P. M. Stivender and Glenn Spink.

SENIORS TO PRESENT THE CLASS PLAY ON APRIL 6

"Mr. Bob," a rollicking comedy, will be presented April 6 by the seniors of the Avon Park high school and tickets will be offered by the pupils during the coming week. Rehearsals indicate that the presentation will be one of the best amateur performances Avon Park has had an opportunity to enjoy.

EPPERSON IS DISTRIBUTING KNIFE STROPS TO PATRONS

"Knife strops" that furnish the keen edge to the "old stag-handled blade" are being distributed by the Park Mercantile Company to patrons of their store by Manager R. C. Epperson.

Prominent Banker is Enthused and Will Winter in Avon Park

Another prominent visitor has joined the ranks of Avon Park and Ridge enthusiasts after a week in the Highlands—P. D. Houston, president of the American National Bank of Nashville, Tenn., chairman of the Nashville clearing house, treasurer of the Tennessee Central railroad and a vice-president of the American Bankers Association, having "found Florida at last." Mith Mrs. Houston, the banker has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith, Nashville, at their hospitable winter home on Lake Viola. Mr. and Mrs. Houston are "coming back next season, and we will spend most of the winter in Avon Park," he told Mr. Smith.

The Houstons have been spending their winters on the coasts, but one glimpse of Avon Park and the Highlands, of which it is the heart, has convinced them that there is no other place for them. They contemplate investing here, already.

"It is superb," said Mr. Houston. "We didn't realize that there was anything to match this in Florida. Our picture of the state had always the sandy costal wastes for the background. The idea of real hills, of rich red clay soils, of miles and miles of gold and green had never entered our vision.

They have started north via the East Coast.

ALL COUNTIES IN ORIGINAL DE SOTO LIABLE FOR BONDS

JUDGE CLAYTON OF U. S. COURT DECIDES FOR THE RICHMOND COMPANY

Judge H. D. Clayton in United States court at Jacksonville, has just rendered a very important decision in the case of Richmond Trust Company vs. the counties of Charlotte, Hardee, Highlands, Glades and DeSoto.

Before DeSoto county was divided into five parts the Murdock Drainage district was created and bonds to the amount of $100,000 issued by the county of DeSoto. These bonds were sold to the Richmond Trust Company. In 1921 the county of DeSoto was divided into the counties of Charlotte, Hardee, Highlands Glades and DeSoto. Some $11,000 or $12,000 of the bonds were paid, but the officials of the various counties could not agree as to the liability of the new territory with reference to the Murdock drainage bonds, and no interest having been paid and no provision having been made to take care of the bonded indebtedness, the Richmond Trust Company, holder of the bonds, instituted suit in the United States court for the southern district of Florida against all of the counties that formerly constituted DeSoto county. Messrs. Cooper, Cooper & Osborne of Jacksonville and Peter O. Knight of Tampa, represent the Richmond Trust Company, and E. J. L'Engle of Jacksonville and J. H. Hancock of Punta Gorda, represent the defendant counties.

Upon a demurrer to the declaration raising the question of the liability of the respective counties, Judge Clayton has just rendered the following decision, which holds all the counties liable in every respect:

"I have given thoughtful consideration to the questions involved in the above styled cause. I have read the briefs very carefully and have examined such of the authorities cited to which I had access, and have reached the conclusions:

"(1) That DeSoto county, as well as the other counties carved out of the original DeSoto county, are liable en bloc on the negotiable bonds sued on;

"(2) That the plaintiff rightfully brought its action at law where a jury can pass on the liability of the defendants if there be any disputed question of fact, and the plaintiff in case of favorable verdict will have judgment against the defendants;

"(3) That the declaration is in harmony with the bonds sued on and not repugnant to either the constitution or the statutes of Florida, but authorized by both;

"(4) That all of the defendants are stopped by the recitals in the bonds and by all the evidential facts showing ratification and acquiescence from setting up any defects in the validation proceedings;

"(5) That should public policy and commercial business mortality, as well as the law, require the payment of these bonds by the counties constituting the original political subdivision known as DeSoto county, Florida; and,

"(6) That the payment of the judgment against all the counties as now constituted will not present any insuperable difficulty if it shall be necessary for the court to issue peremptory mandamus in execution or for the collection of the money adjudged to be due. H. D. CLAYTON, "United States Judge."

"The Call of the North"

The north is calling, hundreds of visitors are feeling the "pull" towards home. The voice of the northland is loud—it is screeching—a veritable blizzard.

News reports bring stories of children freezing to death. Official weather reports tell the story of such possibilities.

And while the northland's call bites bitterly, balmy Florida breezes bring the call of spring—that most delightful of all seasons.

The weather bureau reports the following temperatures at various points:

Chicago	2	Memphis	14	St. Louis	4
Toledo	8	New York	14	Boston	12
Louisville	14	Dodge City	4	Kansas City	2
Washington	18	Des Moines	4	San Diego	50
Avon Park	65	Tampa	60	Miami	68

And snow from the Atlantic to the Pacific—except Florida.

TWELVE WATERFRONT LOTS DONATED TO THE CITY FOR A NEW PARK

Extension of the new park along the shores o fLake Tulane is assured by the delivery of deeds to the waterfrontage of twelve lots by the owners. Secretary F. P. Burch, of the board of trade, has secured the deeds and will present them to the council at its next meeting.

Mrs. J. B. Rogers, owner of four lots; Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, who own six lots and Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Miller, owners of two lots, the total frontage on the lake being 1,200 feet, having deeded all of their lots that lie between the railroad and the lake. This includes the riparian rights and gives the city something to work on. The donations followed requests from Mr. Burch, who pointed out to the owners that the city owned 1,100 feet by 30 feet on the east side of the railroad and that with the lake frontage the city would be in a position to establish a park system in that section that would contribute to general appearances.

KNEEDLER DELIGHTED WITH AVON PARK AND THE RECENT IMPROVEMENT IN THE PILOT

Dr. G. C. Kneedler, prominent Pittsburgh professional man, who has been visiting Avon Park for parts of three winters, has decided to make headquarters here in the future winters. He is delighted with the progress of the town and compliments the Pilot highly on its recent improvement. "I let my subscription run out last spring," he said, "but upon arriving this winter found such [illegible] paper that I am getting back on the list again. I want to keep up with progress of the community and your paper is surely telling the story."

Dr. Kneedler is associated with the Pittsburgh-Florida Association, and believes the greatest need right now is better roads and a railroad linking the two coasts.

Dr. Kneedler leaves this week for home.

ASHEVILLE MOTORCADERS DELIGHTED WITH AVON PARK

Part of the Asheville motorcade was among the state's guests finding the "real winter playground"—N. Buckner, secretary of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, and a close friend of Mark Lance, piloting a section of the "invaders" into the heart of the Scenic Highlands. The party arrived on short notice, but was shown about the community and last night the band entertained with a concert for them at the Hotel Avon.

"I never imagined you had real hills here," Mr. Buckner told Mr. Lance. "It reminds us of home with all the delights of altitude."

In the party were also Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Sumner and daughter, Alice R. Sumner, Hubert Holloway, Asheville, and H. M. Ostendorf, Hendersonville.

HOOSIERS JOIN AVON PARK COLONY AND BUY HOMESITE

Enamored with Avon Park, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hopewell, prominent visitors from Shelburne, Ind., have already purchased building lots here and will make the Park their home each winter, should they decide to continue their summer residence in the Hoosier state.

These welcome additions to the winter colony are parents of Mrs. J. O. Parks, whom they are visiting.

They bought two nice lots in the west side of town, figuring that as Avon Park expands, it will grow westward.

PENNSYLVANIA PAPERMAN TO SPEND WINTERS HERE

O. M. Crosby returned from a short trip to St. Petersburg the last of the week with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McGinley of Morristown, Pa. Mr. McGinley is the manager and secretary of the Times Paper Company of Morristown. He was very much interested in the Ridge and bought property in Hillcrest amounting to $21,500, and expects to make this his future winter home.

FINISH HOME FOR CARTER

The home for W. M. Carter, built by Dr. W. C. Touchton on Verona avenue, has been completed and Mr. and Mrs. Carter, who came here from Date City several months ago, have moved in. It is an attractive little cottage and just a block from the school house.

REOPEN SERVICE GARAGE

W. Lonnie Skipper, proprietor of the Service Garage on Main street, across from the depot, announces he is reopening and will have complete gasoline, oil and garage service.

SCHOOL ELECTION TO BE HELD APRIL 24 TO ELECT THE TRUSTEES

Elections for school trustees and for setting the millage in the Avon Park, DeSoto City and Sebring special tax school districts have been set for April 24 by the school board, the original date set, April 12, having been eliminated by plans of the districts south of DeSoto City to change their boundaries. The elections in these districts will have to await the definite setting of the boundaries by a special act of the legislature.

Sebring is to vote on a ten-mill levy for schools, while the Avon Park trustees are to ask the voters to grant only eight mills special levy. DeSoto City is to vote on ten mills, too.

Boundaries for the districts south of Sebring are being mapped out by patrons of the school in collaboration with Senator E. J. Etheredge and they will be stipulated in a bill he will ask the legislature to pass. The bill will also include the outline of the Avon Park and Sebring districts merely to give them an insured legal status, as no changes in the latter two districts are being sought.

NEW DIPPING VAT AND WATER VAT FOR PINE RANCH

Another big dipping vat is being built on the Pine Ranch Cattle Company's ranch east of town, the owner, S. P. Durrance, announces and its completion will give him three vats which will be ample for handling the stock.

Six new windmills and concrete drinking vats are also being installed at points of vantage throughout the pasture to insure plenty of drinking water through the coming dry season.

BRYANT BRINGS IN A SIXTEEN-POUND CABBAGE GROWN NEAR AVON PARK

Sixteen-pound cabbages—or to be exact sixteen and a half pounds—is the record trophy of the present crop on Palmetto Creek farms, just three miles east of Avon Park. The big beauty was brought in Monday and was on display at James' store.

The cabbage measured three feet across the spread and is one of the largest vegetables that has been seen in Florida.

G. L. Bryant, who has only an acre of his muck farm in cabbage, plans to repeat his celery trick. He has just finished cutting $1,100 worth of celery from less than a half acre patch. The cabbages he is growing now comprise the fourth crop he has taken from this patch in nine months, the rainy season last summer having failed to even "slow" him up.

WINTER & RAAB BEGINNING WORK ON BUILDING PROGRAM

Construction on the first of the houses to be built in the Raab & Winter subdivision will begin the coming week, the past week having seen the erection of a storage house for supplies and a shed to house the modern wood-working equipment, which will be used in the erection of the thirty-odd houses in the program for this section of Avon Park the coming twelve months.

The handsome $12,000 home for J. D. Raab will be the first home built.

LEGION GETS NAMES FOR BOARD OF TRADE TO USE

Lists of the thousands who registered at the Florida Legion booth at the American Legion convention at New Orleans have been furnished the board of trade by Glenn H. Spink, post-commander, who received the lists from the adjutant. Secretary Burch of the board of trade plans to use the lists in advertising Avon Park and literature will be sent to many of them.

CLEVELAND PARTY DELIGHTED

Ed Detering, converted to Hillcrest several years ago ,is back in Avon Park from Cleveland, accompanied by Mrs. Detering and Frank Reidenbach, the latter another Hillcrest enthusiast, and Mrs. George McLeod and Mrs. J. L. Farris, all of the Fifth City.

They are delighted with the progress Avon Park has been making in both industrial and citrus development and are more enthusiastic than ever over their holdings here.

FINISH PAINTING HOME

G. J. Mascott has finished painting the home of Gilbert Freeman on Walnut and Verona and Mr. and Mrs. Freeman have set out Australian oaks and hibiscus on both street sides.

Joe A. Lander, Star-Durant agent, announces that the new Durants are here and he is showing one. A car of Durants and Stars is expected next week.

Construction Begins Next Week on Block North Main Street

Construction work will begin next week on the new 200-foot block to be erected on Main street between Lake and Canfield, by the First Trust, the Verona Investment Company and S. P. Durrance. The contract has been awarded to Wm. Heim, who is in Lakeland now making arrangements to so arrange his contracts there that he can devote almost all of his time to this new block, which will be the largest business block on the Ridge—200 by 100 feet, with a modern meat packing plant to handle the beef from the big stock ranches east and south of town, a theater to seat 700 and with every modern convenience and accessory, the home for the First Trust, which will be one of the most modern banking houses in the state, the home for the Pittsburgh-Florida Fruit Growers Association, the Avon Canning Company and other corporations, a restaurant and three stores.

The structure will represent an investment of better than $75,000 and will be one of the prettiest business blocks in Florida.

The building will be ready for occupancy sometime during the early fall and will be the beginning of the building up of the north side of Main street.

Work will begin first on the Durrance end of the block, on the Lake avenue corner.

Materials are being ordered now and work will be pushed as soon as the first arrives.

GRAPE CULTURE PROMISES MUCH TO HIGHLANDS

TRADE BOARD WORKING UP DATA FINDS SOILS TO BE IDEAL

The growing of such varieties of grapes as have proved to be adapted to this climate and soil is destined to become one of the most important industries. Several varieties have been proven beyond all doubt to be wonderfully adapted to the peculiar soils and much of the land now lying idle and waste, all around Avon Park, might well be used with very great profit for this new fruit industry.

During the past year many hundreds of acres of land heretofore unused, has been planted to grapes throughout certain sections of the state. This industry has been investigated by the Avon Park Board of Trade and the result of this investigation shows that practically all of the soil near this city can be used profitably for grapes.

"We have everything which other sections of the United States have, where grape culture has proven profitable, and have more. Certain data has been secured and this data is on file for the convenience of the public," says Secretary Burch.

Owing to the diseases and insects that attacked the grapes planted by early growers, the industry failed to become what it is destined to become in Florida. Northern California and European grapes have all been tried out in this state on a large scale, but most of them have died out after two or three years. This was due mostly to a certain insect that attacked the roots of the plant. The Florida wild grapes are immune to this insect, and so certain plant breeders, experimented by cross northern and European varieties with them.

These experiments have proven highly successful, and today there are a dozen varieties of bunch grapes that are adapted to Florida and Avon Park, and are now being grown successfully all over the state.

The Florida state experiment station, after full and thorough investigation, has now published its findings, and in addition to these, one has the result of work done by many private and commercial enterprises.

The soil best adapted is a sandy soil, or a sandy loam, and the ordinary white and black sand of this vicinity; the black soil so common near Avon Park, where it is drained.

The soil should be rich in humus and nitrogen and with more or less compact subsoil. The water supply in the soil must be abundant and available during the growing season.

The grape is a dormant plant. Next to water, nitrogen is necessary. An abundance of humus is very desirable because of its effect on the water holding capacity of the soil.

Practically any soil that will grow vegetables will grow grapes. The pine lands around Avon Park are well adapted to this culture.

Grapes may also be grown on very inferior soil, and on such soils cover crops, such as cowpeas or velvet beans, may be planted after the first of July. The best time to plant grapes is in December and the soil should first be well plowed and broken. Rows should be eight to ten feet apart in the row. One-year-old plants should be used. After the plants start budding one-half to one pound of steam bone flour or blood bone and tankage fertilizer should be applied to each plant, where there is in-

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FRUIT CANNERY APPLIES FOR ITS STATE CHARTER

TO BE CAPITALIZED AT $150,000 AND OPEN TO ALL GROWERS

Incorporation of the Avon Canning Company, with a capital stock of $150,000 and plans completed for the installation of a grapefruit canning company is announced this week with publication of notice to apply for charter. The new corporation, which will market its product through the citrus exchange, has tentatively let the contract for the canning factory equipment, and this contract will be formally signed with the American Can Company as soon as the charter is issued, formally authorizing the corporation to operate. Growers, business men, bankers and merchants of Avon Park and the surrounding section have joined together in this enterprise and while two-thirds of the capital stock has already been subscribed, a portion has been reserved for subsequent offering to the growers, who will be allowed to pay for the stock in fruit, making the corporation semi-co-operative in character.

The canning plant will be operating with the first of the coming season's ripening grapefruit, and it is expected that 50,000 cases will be put up. The plant will employ more than one hundred men and women.

The support of every grower in this section will be asked by the plant management, which plans to handle all the fruit that is offered. If necessary the plant will be able to handle 100,000 boxes of fruit by putting on two shifts instead of one, thus inspiring a market for every box of low grade and over-sized fruit that can possibly be grown in the county.

The corporation plans to lease the present packing house of the Pittsburgh-Florida Association, as this organization contemplates the creation of a new packing house to handle the large increase in its growers' crops expected this year. Offices will also be with this association, which has purchased 51 per cent of the stock, paying for it dollar for dollar on the same basis as the other stockholders. "There is to be no bonus stock or organization expenses," said A. V. Anderson in announcing the plans. There are to be no salaries now and until operations actually begin the only expenditures will be on equipment.

The officers and directors of the corporation will be selected at the first annual meeting, which will be in June. They undoubtedly will be men experienced in citrus culture and will employ the best plant heads and canning experts that can be secured for the management of the production end of the plant.

The men who have made possible the organization of this corporation have secured complete data and information on the canning industry, costs of production, operating costs, and market possibilities and prices. Through association with the Florida Citrus Exchange they have access to all the data that the experimental plant at Eagle Lake has made possible and that the plant will not only be a success from the growers' standpoint, but also return suitable dividends to its stockholders is said to be assured.

Assurances of a growing market are made more certain by plans of the citrus exchange to conduct a nation-wide advertising campaign to popularize canned grapefruit in the thousands of small communities which can not be reached without high costs with fresh fruit because of the limited market afforded by small towns, which can not handle car lots or big shipments, therefore having to depend upon express shipments which raise prices.

The handling of the local plant's output by the exchange also insures the lowest selling charges.

Meantime brokers throughout the country are clamoring for canned grapefruit. Inquiries have been received here from important centers in China, Japan and the Philippines, besides the United States jobbing centers. A surprising demand emanates from California, where citrus growers admit they can not grow grapefruit. Possibilities can be measured by the output of canned pineapple. With people using hardly more than a can per week per family of pineapple, America consumes 5,000,000 cases of canned pineapple per year. Grapefruit is an every morning staple with all the world for a market. Statisticians do not anticipate the supply equaling the demand for years to come.

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SOUTH FLORIDA FAIR DIRECTORS HEAR REPORTS OF THE 1923 EXPOSITION

Evidences that the South Florida Fair and Gasparilla Carnival grows better were contained in speeches of short talks by directors of the fair association, city and county officials and guests at the annual banquet of the fair directors at Tampa.

Summarized reports of the fair of 1923, presented by W. G. Brorein president, and chairman of the banquet, showed the growth of the fair in point of attendance and receipts since 1920; while a check for $750 given by the directors as a bonus to P. T. Strieder ,general manager of the fair, eloquently testified to the financial prosperity of the south's greatest exposition.

Following the sumptuous banquet, planned by Maj. Henry Snow, director of buildings and grounds of the fair association and caterer in general for fair feasts, President Brorein epitomized the 1923 fair in a short speech. Receipts from all sources, he stated, were $94,424.25, while expenditures for all purposes, including premiums and all expenses of conducting the fair, were $60,291.70, leaving a net profit from the 1923 fair of $34,132.55.

Expenditures for improvements. mostly incurred prior to the 1923 fair, were $29,033.61, President Brorein stated, leaving an actual balance on hand totaling, with money on hand from the 1922 fair, $9,084.21.

Total admissions at the 1923 fair, according to the summarized report, were 117,228. The fair of 1921 had 104,513 admissions, with total receipts of $78,656.72. For 1922 the admissions were 101,425 ,with total receipts of $79,125.38.

ﬄEntries for 1920 totaled 3,071, with premiums amounting to $6,308.50. In 1921 the entries were 5,531, premiums $9,033.25. For 1922 the entires were 8,385, premiums $15,388.75. The 1923 fair had 10,742 entries and a premium list of $16,374.21.

In his remarks President Brorein stressed the point that the tremendous growth and development of the South Florida Fair from its humble beginning at the court house square seven years ago to its present importance has been the result of whole-souled co-operation on the part of all of the men connected with the association. The fair, he stated, has grown to the point where it may rightly be considered an international exposition; and the 1923 fair was of sucha high standard that already the association has received more requests for reservations of space than has ever before been the case at this time of year. The fair plant now may conservatively be estimated to have a value of at least $175,000, President Brorein stated, and further expansion by the purchase af additional ground and erection of more buildings has become an imperative necessity. President Brorein suggested the advisability of acquiring the tract of land north of the A. C. L. tracks, connecting present grounds with the new by means of a subway under the railroad tracks.

Brorein Honored

In behalf of the fair directors, Maj. Henry Snow presented President Brorein with a beautifully chased and handsomely engraved gold fountain pen and pencil, both bearing on the ends the Rotary wheel.

Mayor-Commissioner Charles H. Brown spoke briefly of the benefits of the fair to Tampa and of the willingness of the city commission to co-operate in every possible way with the fair association in helping to make future fairs even greater successes than those of the past.

Col. D. B. McKay declared that the South Florida Fair has earned recognition as the Florida State Fair, and said the time was coming when it would be recognized as a real international exposition. He suggested the acquisition of additional ground with a frontage on the Hillsborough river, for beautification and so that the river might be utilized for a water carnival and other water sports and attractions during the fair periods.

C. R. McFarland, Dr. L. A. Bize, George Benjamin, Russell Kay, Albert Thornton, Isaac Maas, Esli Knight, all directors of the fair, in short talks emphasized the necessity for acquisition of more ground for the proper growth and development of the fair, and all spoke in high praise of the tireless efforts of President Brorein and General Manager Strieder in bringing the fair to its present place of pre-eminence among fairs and expositions of the entire country.

Pledged Co-Operation

W. J. Barritt, Dr. S. L. Lowry, Maj. James McCants and W. A. Adams, members of the city commission, all spoke briefly, pledging co-operation in every way possible in all efforts of the fair directors and association to improve and enlarge the fair. J. Frank Davies, captain of the 1923 Gasparilla Krewe, thanked the fair directors for their ai dand co-operation in staging the Gasparilla foray on the city, and the pageant that followed, the spectacular success it was.

SOUTHERN STATES CONSIDER FEDERAL FORESTRY BILLS

That President Harding's recent stand for a federal forestry bill indicates the trend of thought in various states is shown by the introduction of bills in the legislatures of Oklahoma, Arkansas and South Carolina providing for the creation of state boards of forestry, says the forest service, United States department o fagriculture.

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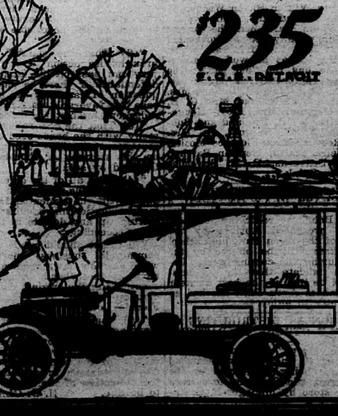

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