

LAKE WALES
The City's population increase in five years as shown by the State Census was the largest in Florida, being:
247 Per Cent

The Highlander

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FLORIDA ONLY BARREN SAND? WELL, HARDLY

HERE'S SUFFICIENT ANSWER FOR NORTH-NEWS FAKER

FLORIDA RAISES GREAT SHARE OF NATION'S TRUCK

Over one third of String Beans, Celery, Tomatoes.

Every once in a while some cheap faker like the one performing for the Scripps-Howard papers rises up to remark that there is nothing but real estate speculation going on in Florida and that if it wasn't for the annual "sucker" crop as he is pleased to call the tourists who annually visit the state because of its wonderful climate there would be little or nothing doing here. About the only difference between the one now tooting and others who have failed to head off Florida in the past is the virulence of Keats remarks.

One way to answer such fellows, if they are worth answering is to point out that the railroads carried more than 1000,000 carloads of produce out of the state last season to be sold at high prices in the north. Another is to point out that in 1923 (the latest year for which figures are available) Florida shipped more than one third of the carlot shipments of string beans, of celery, of peppers and of tomatoes, nearly one third of Cucumbers and 87 per cent of the egg-plant so shipped.

Some figures eh, Keats? J. R. Thomas of Woolfolk, Hume & Thomas, Lake Wales, supplies the figures from the latest federal reports available. Mr. Thomas was formerly commercial agent for the Coast Line and knows how to analyze the figures and how to get at them. Here are his figures showing total

BOOTLEGGERS OF CITRUS FRUITS TO BE WATCHED

Mayo Will try to See that All Obey the Law This Year.

The "bootlegging" vendors of citrus fruit are going to have a hard road to travel during the inspection period this season. So are growers who sell fruit to wagons or trucks without having it inspected, and stamped.

Commissioner of Agriculture Mayo has instructed all inspectors in the citrus belt to keep a sharp look-out for wagons and trucks that go into the groves to load and haul fruit to the market.

The Commissioner points out to the inspectors that it is unlawful for any person to sell, or offer for sale, transport, prepare, receive or deliver for transportation or market, any citrus fruit between August 3, and Nov. 26, in any year, unless such fruit is accompanied by a certificate of inspection and maturity thereof, issued by a duly authorized inspector.

This, he advised, applies with equal force to fruit delivered to wagons and trucks in groves as to that delivered to packing houses. The inspectors are under instructions to rigidly enforce the law in this and all respects.

Attention of the inspectors is called by Commissioner Mayo to provisions of the citrus fruit law fixing fines of \$50, to \$1,000, or by imprisonment for one to twelve months, or both fine and imprisonment for violations of the law.

carlot shipments of several items of truck from the United States and from Florida for the years 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923 and the percentage the Florida shipments bore to the whole for the latter year.

B. Y. P. U. Had A Fine Meeting at Bartow; Winter Haven Winner

Three hundred were guests of the Baptist Young People's Union of Bartow in the quarterly meeting Thursday night of the Polk county B. Y. P. U. Federation, Says the Bartow Record.

The meeting was held in the basement of the First Baptist church. A dinner was served by the local members in opening the evening's entertainment. Following this came a regular program of entertainment featured by a talk by Dr. George Hymen, educational and extension director of the First Baptist Church of Tampa. Musical numbers, which included several songs by a quartette from the Fort Meade union, were interspersed between talks by the leaders in the young people's work.

Winter Haven again won the efficiency banner awarded by the county federation for the greatest number of points scored during the past quarter in the B. Y. P. U. work.

COUNTY W. C. T. U. MEETS AT EAGLE LAKE OCT. 16

To all W. C. T. U. Members and Visitors: By order of the Polk County W. C. T. U. President Mrs. R. N. Jones, of Lake Wales, you are hereby notified of a county institute to be held at Eagle Lake, Friday, Oct. 16, 1925, at 10 A. M. Bring your basket dinner as in other years. Lake Wales Union will furnish iced tea. Mrs. E. P. Day, Corresponding Secretary, county W. C. T. U.

COAST LINE IS DOING MUCH TO IMPROVE LINES

Great Deal of New Building On Foot and Planned in State.

In Florida the Coast Line has recently awarded contracts for its first double tracking south of Jacksonville and it would not be surprising if additional contracts for more work of this character were not signed shortly after completion of the double tracking between Jacksonville and Richmond. The three contracts in Florida are on the Jacksonville-Tampa line, 10 miles from Youkon to Jacksonville, 12 miles between Sanford and Enterprise Junction, and three miles between Ucita and Tampa. These stretches of double track, entering congested terminals, will reduce running time.

A line is being built between Sarasota and Fort Ogden which will provide a shorter route between Tampa and Fort Myers, and eliminate the journey via Lakeland for travelers going directly to Fort Myers from Tampa.

The Fort Myers Southern, a Coast Line subsidiary, has just been opened from Fort Myers to Bonita Springs and construction forces are pushing south to Naples. From Naples the road will be continued to Marco with expectation that it will be completed to that point by January 1, 1927.

The line from Immokalee, the southern terminus of the Haines City-Okeechobee division, to Deep Lake is under construction. At Deep Lake will connect with the Collier railroad, affording a through route to the town of Everglade.

In Polk County a line is being built from Star Lake due east beyond Templeton and will be in use within the next few weeks.

Another important piece of work under way involves what heretofore has been known as the Moore Haven & Clewiston Railroad, operating along the south shore of Lake Okeechobee between Moore Haven and Clewiston. The Coast Line recently took over control of this railroad and is rebuilding it in every particular, improving the railroad and relaying it with heavy steel.

Elswhere in Florida it is constructing numerous passing tracks to accommodate the ever increasing long trains and improving yard facilities at terminals.

Fine Church Services.
LAKE HAMILTON, Oct. 13.—Church service Sunday night was well attended the Church being filled. Good singing is always inspiring. Among some of the songs was "All Hail Emmanuel" and it was well sung. Denver Shreve and Mrs. J. H. Avery, sang a duet "The Great Judgment Morning" after which Rev. Cates delivered a fine sermon. Services at the church every Sunday night at 7:30. Everybody welcome.

LAKELAND WILL STAGE BLOWOUT ARMISTICE DAY

Old Time Fiddlers Contest One of the Attractions.

The Armistice Day celebration at Lakeland this year promises to be the biggest event of the kind in South Florida. Members of the American Legion in charge of the arrangements declare that a full day of entertainment will be provided for all who yearn for excitement and a good time.

The program includes two football games, a monster parade and pageant, band concerts, free acts, three big dances, fireworks, a genuine old-fashioned fiddlers contest and a battle exhibition by the Lakeland and Plant City batteries of the National Guard. Other features will be added to make the day complete.

The old fashioned fiddlers contest bids fair to be one of the most popular numbers. This event is open to all who can play the old time tunes. Entries are invited from all parts of South Florida. Old and young, rich and poor, all are welcome to play their favorite tunes in this revival of old fashioned music.

Prizes of \$30, \$20, \$10, and \$5 are offered to the winners. Old time music, song and special tunes will make up the contest program; the older the tunes the better.

Those who wish to enter the contest for these cash prizes should send their names and mailing addresses to the American Legion Armistice Day Committee, Lakeland.

Church Board Elected.
On Sunday morning October 8th, the following officers were elected at the Christian church.

Elders—Prof. Donoho and M. W. Mason.
Deacons—L. P. Gum, M. M. Elbert, Jay Burns Jr., Buford Gum, Dr. E. E. Wilhoit, J. T. Rhodes, Pallas Gum and J. F. Brantley.

Prof. Donoho is President of the Board and M. W. Mason Vice-President.

Buford Gum, Secretary of the Board M. M. Ebert, Church treasurer, and Pallas Gum Financial Secretary.

The Finance committee consists of Jay Burns Jr., M. M. Ebert, Dr. Wilhoit, J. F. Brantley and J. T. Rhodes.

COUNTY SYSTEM NOW OF PARKS PLAN FOR POLK

County Beautification Commission Hopes to Bring it About.

Plans looking to the establishment of a county system of parks and the employment of a landscape engineer for Polk County were discussed at the Autumn meeting of the Polk County Beautification Commission at Lakeland, last week. According to President S. F. Poole, of Lake Alfred, an extensive program is being worked out and definite action may be expected.

Reports of the work of each section of the county represented in the commission were given by delegates from each of the Polk County following an entertainment program at the Cleveland Heights Clubhouse.

Harry Brown, editor of the Lakeland Star-Telegram, outlined the City of Lakeland's city planning and civic beautification programs, including lakeside parks, zoning, a civic center, and an expenditure of \$1,069,000 on civic buildings of one architectural type in a civic center about Lake Mirror, in the heart of the business district.

Mrs. Jack Pryor representing Haines City, reported on the work done there toward beautification, particularly calling attention to the widening and rebuilding of the Dixie Highway from the Osceola County line to Haines City. This work is to be done, she said, by the Polk County Board of Commissioners.

Paving and park improvement programs were reported by each of the representatives, and C. D. Johnson, of Lakeland, emphasized the need of adequate park facilities telling of his observations on a recent trip through the Pacific Coast States where he visited parks in Los Angeles San Francisco, Tacoma, Portland, Seattle and other cities.

D. Hodson Lewis, manager of the Lakeland chamber of commerce, suggested the creation of regional beautification associations to work with the county association, citing the results obtained by this method in California.

President Poole called attention to the State beautification meeting in Winter Haven, urging all members of the Polk County Commission to attend.

TWO BIG DRAINAGE DISTRICTS TO BE FORMED IN POLK: ONE OF THEM WILL AFFECT LAKE CALOOSA'S LEVEL

Thirty Eight Thousand Acres in First about Livingston, Arbuckle and Reedy; 12,000 in Second Near Lake Caloosia.

Two movements have just been started to form drainage districts involving approximately 50,000 acres of land in the Frostproof and Babson Park section. It is claimed that these drainage districts will regulate the levels of several lakes, preventing them from overflowing in flood times and from dropping too low in dry seasons, and reclaim thousands of acres of overflowed land.

One of these two districts will embrace approximately 38,000 acres of land between Lakes Livingston and Arbuckle, Lake Reedy, Tiger Creek, along Blue Jordan Creek and east. It will be formed in accordance with the State Drainage law, providing for the organization of the district, maintenance, direction of work, etc.

The other district if created, is to come through a petition to the State Legislature in special session this winter and involves about 12,000 acres of land between Lake Caloosia and the line of the Seaboard Air Line, running one mile south of the Frostproof-Fort Meade road and on the west side of Lake Clinch. In this district the people of Babson Park generally are much interested. C. V. Turner of Bartow will be chief engineer for both districts if formed.

The plan for draining the lowlands around the east shore of Lake Caloosia so far as it is known to The Highlander, is contained in the following notice that a local bill will be presented to the special session of the legislature, now being printed in the Bartow Record.

DRAINAGE NOTICE

"Babson Park, Florida:
"We, the undersigned residents in, and taxpayers on, the lands herein after described, hereby give notice that at the special session of the Legislature of the State of Florida,

to be held in November, 1925, we will apply to the said special session of the Legislature for the passage of a special Act incorporating the following described lands in Polk County, Florida, to-wit:

Sections 32, 33, 34, 35, fraction 1 Section 36, Township 30 South, Range 27 East; fractional Sections 1 and 2, all Sections 3 and 4, all Sections 5 and 9 East of railroad, Section 10, fractional Sections 11, 12, 13, and 14, Section 15, and all Section 16, East of railroad, Section 22, fractional sections 23 and 24, Sections 25 and 26, East one-half Section 27, Sections 35, and 36, Township 31, S. Range 27, East; West one-half of fractional Sections 6, 7, and 18, West one-half of Section 19, and fractional Sections 30 and 31, Township 31, South, Range 28 East;

"For the purpose of draining and reclaiming certain lowlands lying around and adjacent to Crooked Lake Lake Clinch and Lake Gordon, and for the purpose of enlarging the present canal between Crooked Lake and Lake Clinch, and to construct and maintain in said canal proper control works so as to maintain the surface level of the water in Crooked Lake at a height to be agreed upon by all interested land owners and to be stated in said Special Act.

"Dated at Babson Park, Florida, September 18, 1925.

"F. L. CODY
"CHARLES FORBES
"H. W. BENNETT.
"R. B. Huffaker, Atty."

The territory outlined covers the west and southeast shores of the lake. Just what the plan is The Highlander is not prepared to say at this time, nor is it informed what meetings have been held if any to determine the level at which the lake shall be held though it is said in the notice that the level is to be stated in the bill.

CARLOAD SHIPMENTS OF VEGETABLES FROM ALL POINTS IN THE UNITED STATES AS COMPARED WITH FLORIDA ALONE. FOR THE YEARS 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923.

VARIETY	Total U. S. Shipments			From Florida.			Florida. 1923 Pctg.
	1920	1921	1922	1923	1920	1922	
Asparagus	1226	902	767	785	0	0	0
Beans, String	1473	1600	2631	3328	547	407	1846
Cabbage	32587	32289	40078	37262	4584	1619	1225
Celery	9729	12635	14151	16909	2656	4214	4955
Cucumbers	3689	4832	5349	5700	835	1414	2034
Egg Plant	236	321	272	271	161	281	267
Lettuce	13788	18738	22240	29485	2940	2267	3310
Peppers	2700	2534	2821	2407	948	1067	1355
Tomatoes	18352	17425	26723	24906	4144	5795	10261
Potatoes	185176	218001	245407	241554	3445	2389	5046

Polk County Sent a Delegation of Six To The State Prison

The first of Polk's delegation to the State prison farm and penitentiary at Raiford left last week six strong under the care of adequate guards.

The prisoners taken included Aura Lagrove, Fred Griffin and Lewis Williams, convicted of highway robbery in a case in which they were charged with holding up and robbing a filling station keeper at Loughman. The youths were white boys who had started south. It was established that they had left their old Ford in Orlando and stolen a Chrysler. All evidence tended to show that they had gone south with the intention of robbing their way through. Judge Olliphant gave sentences of three years each.

The remaining white prisoner was Earnest Beasley, of Lakeland, sentenced three years for criminally attacking a young white girl of that city.

Two negroes, Joe Cox and Willie Green, sent up for five years for working a confidence game on their brethren, completed the sextette.

The September term of court established a record for Polk county in the number of men convicted or pleading guilty to serious offences and receiving sentences to prison. Several remain in the local jail awaiting guards to take them to the state prison.

Embroidery Club Meeting.
LAKE HAMILTON, Oct. 13.—The Embroidery Club met Wednesday afternoon Oct. 7, at the Community house with 25 members and two guests, Mrs. J. G. Weaver and Mrs. Watkins. A social time was had. Mrs. W. A. Rubush and Mrs. E. Rubush were hostesses. The next meeting will be Oct. 21.

THE Merchants who advertise in this paper will give you best values for your money.

FRUIT MUST BE THE VERY BEST TO GET PASSED

Mayo's Inspectors will Keep close Watch On all Movements.

Every orange and every grapefruit in each one of the 15,000,000 boxes forecast as Florida's crop this year must be ripe, juicy and sweet before it is shipped out of the state. With instructions to this effect firmly fixed in their minds 100 or more agents have been sent by the Commissioner of Agriculture, to packing houses of the state to enforce the new green fruit law enacted by the Legislature. Co-operating with the State inspectors will be those of the Federal Government. Any fruit offered for shipment that is found unfit to eat will be condemned and destroyed.

Under provisions of the new law, which was drafted by representatives of 85 per cent of the citrus growers of the state, shippers must obtain from inspectors certificates showing that fruit offered for transportation meets the requirements laid down in the law. Heavy penalties are provided not only for the shipper but also for the transportation company that accepts for shipment fruit that is not accompanied by certificate.

The inspection forces will be constantly in touch with directing headquarters at Orlando, and will be shifted from place to place throughout the inspection season. Wherever they find fruit that does not meet legal requirements it will be reported to headquarters. The chief of the division immediately will dispatch a special crew to make a final test. If this test confirms that of the regular inspectors the fruit will be destroyed.

Prior to sending the inspectors into the field Commissioner Mayo made it plain to them that it was his intention to enforce the new law to the letter.

"It is my purpose, in carrying out the wishes of the fruit growers of this state by rigidly enforcing the law," declares Mr. Mayo, "to ensure

SPENCE SUCCEEDS GEORGE AS S. A. L. PASSENGER AGENT

E. J. Spence, has recently succeeded E. J. George, who had held the position of passenger traffic agent at Lake Wales, since the opening of the F. W. and N. road last January. Mr. George has entered the restaurant business at Lake Wales, where passenger headquarters are maintained. Mr. Spence has been in the employ of the S. A. L. the past six months, having come to them from the Pullman Company, with whom he had been connected the past six years. Mr. Spence is a native Floridian and made Jacksonville his home until his removal to Lake Wales. He has pledged himself to continue the good work started by his predecessor and will at all times work for the mutual interests of his road and the general public. He and his charming family are living in the Winecoff apartments.

THE HIGHLANDER'S COMEDIANS

UNCLE HANK

Just when a feller thinks he understands a woman, she shortens her skirt to throw him off th' track.

MICKIE SAYS—

"TH' RADIO KIN BROADCAST MUSIC SWELL, BUT WHEN IT COMES TO BROADCASTING TH' HOME NEWS, THEY ANY NOBODY KIN BROADCAST IT LIKE US, BY GOSH!"

WE LIKE THIS TOWN

Read Your Home Paper and Keep Bored!

ASSESSED VALUATION LAKE WALES

1920	\$126,000
1921	168,000
1922	2,868,541
1923	4,160,225
1924	4,734,617
1925	(est.) 7,000,000