

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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This City is entitled to Free Delivery of mail from its postal receipts, the total for the past year being:
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STATE REALTORS STAGE FLORIDA CONTEST HERE

FLORIDA'S MOST ELOQUENT REALTOR TO BE PICKED.

CONVENTION TO HOLD BIGGEST MEETING HERE

Fully 500 Delegates From Lakeland Session Coming to Lake Wales.

The man who can't talk poetically about Florida after a trip through the Scenic Highlands doesn't deserve to be a realtor. Probably this is the reason that impels the Florida Association of Real Estate Boards which meets at Lakeland next week to hold its prize event of the session, the determination of who is the most eloquent realtor in Florida, in this city.

At the close of the regular session in Lakeland Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 4, the members of the convention, some 600 of them, will be loaded into cars for a trip through Winter Haven and the Scenic Highlands of Florida to this city where the annual contest for the two cups for the most eloquent realtor will be staged.

The affair will be in charge of the Lake Wales Realty Board and Secretary John Paver heads a joint committee from the chamber of commerce and the realty board which is arranging for the affair, as follows: H. A. Thullberry, M. M. Ebert, Frank Holland, A. R. Hutchens, W. H. Shafer and J. E. Worthington.

As an example to Northern friends the contest will be staged in the open air on the banks of Crystal Lake. A stand will be placed in the bowl of the natural amphitheatre formed by Crystal Park so that the spectators may have seats on the hillside in full view and hearing of the contestants. There were eight orators in the field last year and it is certain this number will be increased this time.

The 500 delegates and friends are expected to reach Lake Wales about 6 o'clock after their trip down the Ridge. The Lake Wales Woman's Club will serve them a buffet lunch on the park lawn after which the oratory will be unceremonious. John Paver will be the local emcee. Arrangements are being made to take care of parking the 100 or so cars that will bring the delegates here. After the speech-making there will be dancing on the asphalt paving on the banks of Crystal Lake. With the full moon this feature of the affair ought to furnish the realtors with many a tale to tell their northern visitors.

Search for the silver tongued orator of Florida is being instituted by the Florida Association of Real Estate Boards. This is being done through the speakers contests to be held as part of the annual convention of the Florida Association at Lakeland, Nov. 3, 4, and 5. The contest to be staged in Lake Wales on the night of Nov. 4.

The Wallace Memorial Trophy will be given to the best five minute talk on the "Home Town" and the Hammond Trophy will be awarded to the best 10 minute talk on Florida. Added to be given to the woman who makes the best showing in the Wallace and Hammond contests regardless of whether she wins one of the two major prizes.

To have every one of the 33 Florida boards represented in these contests is the purpose of the officers of the association. To this end an urgent request is being sent out by President Rose that each board hold an elimination contest and send the representative to represent his respective board.

The rules are the same for each event. They are as follows:

- 1. Five (ten) minutes will be allowed each speaker.
2. Each speaker must be an active or salesman member of the Board he represents.
3. The order in which speakers are to be called upon shall be determined by lot.
4. Judgment will be based upon subject matter, composition and delivery.
5. The trophy shall not be awarded the same Board at two consecutive sessions.
6. The name of the winning Board and year in which the trophy is held shall be engraved on the trophy, and the trophy held by the winning Board until the next Annual Convention.
7. In case of tie, the trophy shall be held six months by each winning board, the first to hold it being decided by lot.
8. All Boards entering a representative in the Contest must notify the Secretary of the Florida Association of Real Estate Boards not later than Nov. 1st.
9. At a meeting of the Governors the names of all such Boards will be placed in a box and their representatives prepared to enter the Contest in the order drawn.
The Florida Association has had a most satisfactory development dur-

Lake Wales Gets Free Mail Delivery Dec. 1st; First on the Ridge

Mrs. A. C. Thullberry Given Surprise on Her 73rd Birthday

Mrs. A. C. Thullberry was given a surprise dinner Saturday evening in honor of her seventy-third birthday. In order that the surprise might be complete she was taken for a ride by Miss Gertrude Jones, and when she returned home she found the table set, dinner prepared and her children and grandchildren gathered together.

Mrs. Thullberry is one of the first residents of Lake Wales. She came here thirteen years ago from Allerton, Ill., when the town was a mere hamlet.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Mason, Howard Thullberry and Mrs. Clarence Thullberry. The grandchildren who attended the dinner were: Helen, Gertrude and Ruth Jones, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jones, Ralph Davis, Martha Thullberry and Howard Thullberry, Jr.

HOPES TO KEEP GREEN FRUIT OFF MARKET ENTIRELY

Supervising Inspector For Mayo Tells of Plans.

B. Jay Owens of Tallahassee, supervising inspector in charge of the enforcement of the new green fruit law for Nathan Mayo, commissioner of agriculture, was in Lake Wales a few days ago on his way to Orlando where he will make his home during the fruit shipping season.

Mr. Mayo's heart is set on the proper enforcement of the green fruit law, it being his opinion that in stopping the sending of green fruit to the markets there will be a great step in advance for the growers. Mr. Owen was in the service last year and for a part of the time was stationed in this section. He was the inspector in charge of the destruction of some 1,700 boxes of grapefruit near here that could not meet the acid test.

It is not likely this year's enforcement will see many spectacular things like that because the new law provides that no fruit can be moved without a certificate that it has passed the test which means that there will be no "bootleg" fruit because the carriers will not accept it without the certificate.

When Mr. Owens was here there were 88 packing houses open and many more have opened in the meanwhile. At that time he had 40 men in the field and expected to increase the number to 100 or more if needed. S. F. Lusk of Bartow was to have charge of this section of Polk county and will have five inspectors in his charge.

Oak Ridge Hotel at West Lake Wales Burned to Ground

West Lake Wales, Oct. 27.—The Oak Ridge hotel owned by Briggs & Smith, but occupied by Mr. and Mrs. M. Campbell burned to the ground Friday morning. The fire started in the kitchen but it is not known how it originated.

Mr. Campbell is night hostler at the Seaboard yards and was on duty at the time. Mrs. Campbell was the only one of the family in the house, although every room was occupied. When Mrs. Campbell discovered the fire she heard a noise about 2:30 a. m. Getting up she found the whole kitchen on fire and falling in. She shot several times to wake up the people in the house. Everyone escaped without injury although no clothing or household goods were saved.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell's many friends regret their misfortune and are willing to help in any way.

ing the past year. From a membership of approximately 1,000 a year ago more than 2,000 Realtors are now members of the association in 65 boards. A score, or more of newly organized boards are seeking admission into the State and National associations.

BABSON PARK DOESN'T WANT LAKE LOWERED

Sentiment Expressed at Public Meeting Monday Night.

Babson Park, Oct. 27.—Lowering of the level of Lake Caloosa was the subject of discussion at a meeting of the Babson Park Board of Trade Monday evening.

The sentiment against tampering with the lake level was very strong and emphatic. There is a movement on foot to create a drainage district for the purpose of making it possible to lower the lake level, which was referred to in the last issue of the Highlander.

Many vigorous protests have been sent in by non-resident owners of land on or near the lake, as a result of the Highlander article, and manifestly there is little or no sympathy with the move, aside from those who own the low lands at the lower end of the lake, and who acquired their interests very recently.

Lake Caloosa is admittedly one of the most beautiful bodies of water in the state, and one of the greatest assets that Babson Park, Lake Wales and South Florida has, and to in any way meddle with it or interfere with its natural condition seems little less than a disaster and it is only natural that strenuous objection should be made to the tampering with its level. We believe every effort should be made by the property owners at Babson Park to maintain Crooked Lake as nature made it, and this effort should have the support of Lake Wales and other nearby communities.

DELAVERGE EXPRESSES HIMSELF ON SPOILIATION

To The Editor of The Highlander: I should like to express an opinion in regard to the proposal to lower Crooked Lake which the bill to come before the State Legislature in November amounts to, and may I add that this view in general is shared by a majority of the citizens in this vicinity. My intention is to be brief as I know your space, Mr. Editor, is valuable.

Lower Crooked Lake and you lower values for miles around. You deprive people who bought property on the Lake years ago of their just and established rights.

Lower Crooked Lake and the health giving and medicinal quality of the water would become flat, stale and unprofitable. The future water supply for a community whose demands would be constantly increasing would be deeply endangered. There have been dry years when you could walk dry shod from Wirts Peninsula to the shore. At such a time every drop of water would have real value. Think of the drought in North Carolina and South Carolina this season. Be warned. It could have happened right here.

Lower Crooked Lake and you deprive every citizen of this State of so much of their human rights, for every creation of nature is beautiful, long by nature to the people and should never be diminished or tarnished for private gain. Once you have broken the marvelous mirror of Crooked Lake you have gone far to ruin it and changed a miracle of beauty into mud flats.

I know the plausible arguments that are used for the lowering of the Lake, but testing them I sense them as unsound planking to carry the Public Interest safely over. In an enterprise, of this kind in which the first Commercial combination is safe and honorable, it is found to pass into other hands that cannot be trusted and when once cupidity has glusted itself at the expense and expense of Crooked Lake you will have a separate chain of small lakes that in the dry seasons would be polly-wog-ponds filled with alligators. You think this is a joke now, but some dry spell will wake up and find it a very practical one.

Lower Crooked Lake by taking away hundreds of acres of its present length and just to so great an extent do you affect the equality of the climate in this region and increase the liability of frost.

A final word of warning. Trust no Guarantee however pleasant, but demand in the name of the citizens of this section of Polk county, and of the People of Florida in general that they leave Crooked Lake alone. They cannot improve on it really. George H. De La Vergne. Babson Park, Fla.

Newly Weds Reach Home. Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Handelman arrived from the north Sunday and were guests at Hotel Wales until Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Handelman were married Oct. 14, at Newark, New Jersey. They will make their home in the Temple Caldwell building for the present.

MAKE PLANS TO ADVERTISE THE RIDGE COUNTRY

Associated Boards of Trade Held Fine Meeting Last Week.

CODY'S ASPIRATIONS FOR THE SCENIC HIGHLANDS

Put State Road No. 8 in good condition especially through Polk County. A paid secretary for the Associated Boards of Trade. Beautification of the Scenic Highway. Carry advertising scheme for the Scenic Highlands to completion.

About 50 delegates, representing Boards of Trade were present at the regular quarterly meeting of the Associated Boards of Trade of the Scenic Highlands, held at Sebring last week. Arthur Cody, new president of the Associated Boards presided for the first time in place of George F. Kellogg, for 10 years president of the Board, who was present to see his successor take charge. Mr. Cody made an excellent presiding officer but to many of the old members it hardly seemed "legal" not to see Mr. Kellogg in the chair.

E. W. Kent of Lake Hamilton voiced a protest against any relocation of the Scenic Highway that would take it far to the east of the present route and Gilbert Freeman spoke against any relocation of the Highway that would take it off the Ridge, pointing out that this would destroy it as a "Scenic Highway". A motion was passed protesting any relocation of the road and a committee composed of Mark W. Lance, Avon Park, E. W. Kent, Lake Hamilton, and Sen. E. J. Etheredge, DeSoto City, was named to wait on the state road board and voice such protest.

Sen. Etheredge brought up the matter of Federal designation of state roads and showed that State Road No. 8 might be designated as a federal road if the proper effort were made with the department of agriculture at Washington. He was appointed a committee to lay the matter before the board and a special collection taken up to defray his expenses to Washington.

J. E. Worthington, chairman of the advertising committee reported that the plans to advertise State Road No. 8 were about completed by the Lesan-Carr Advertising agency and would be put into effect early in December soon after the road is opened when a campaign of advertising will be started in state papers with maps showing the Ridge towns. About \$12,000 will be available for the purpose if it is started. Little had been done on the booklet he reported, and the matter was given much consideration. Subscriptions for about \$500 worth of the books were made at the meeting and one will be issued in about 30 days it is expected.

President Cody outlined his aspirations for the Ridge as shown above and the plans were endorsed so that there will be a united effort along the line of bringing them to pass.

Dr. Mark Sample of Haines City outlined a plan for a road from Cleveland, through Marietta, Asheville, and Greenville, S. C., to Lake City, Leesburg and the Ridge and it was endorsed.

One or two spoke in favor of better detour signs than are generally put up, pointing out that Frostproof has been an especial offender along this line. The question of great motorcades was discussed at some length in view of the fact that the Seaboard is soon to entertain the ticket agents and expressions were heard for and against them. George E. Sebring asked if the Scenic Highlands didn't owe a little to the Seaboard and it was evident that this turned the point. At any rate the motorcade will be entertaining. T. L. Wetmore and J. E. Worthington were the Lake Wales delegates present. The next meeting will be held at DeSoto City.

Gave Dinner Party. Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Jones gave a 6 o'clock dinner Saturday evening in honor of the 18th birthday of their daughter, Helen. The guests present were the Misses Bessie and Louise Briggs, Katherine Brantly, Ruby Paige, Pauline Anderson, Jessie Lee Edwards, Virginia Burtz, Helen Kincaid, Juanita Wetmore and Ruth Jones.

Lake of the Hills

Lake of the Hills community and their friends will hold a masquerade party at the Club House Friday evening, Oct. 30th at 7:30 p. m. A harvest Supper can be obtained at the booths. Various costume prizes will be awarded.

Folk Music Feature of Music Club Last Week; Fine Program

Following is the excellent musical program given by the music department of the Lake Wales Woman's Club at the meeting of the department last Thursday. The matter of folk music was given special attention and two excellent talks on this subject featured the afternoon. The program:

- Talk on Folk Music—Mrs. M. R. Anderson and Miss Florene Johnson.
(a) All Thru the Night, (Welsh); Believe Me if all Those Endearing Young Charms (Irish); How Can I Leave Thee (English)—Miss Elizabeth Cathcart.
Norwegian Bridal Procession (by Grieg)—Miss Jo Rutherford.
(a) Drink to Me Only with Thine Eyes (English); (b) Coming Thru the Rye (Scottish)—Mrs. A. J. Knill.
Irish Tune from the County Derry Country Gardens—Mrs. Lee A. Wheeler.
(a) Oh! No, John, No! (English), by Cecil Sharpe; (b) Carmelia (Southern California), by Gertrude Ross—Mrs. F. M. Campbell.
Santa Lucia (Page 34) Old Italian Club.

BAND GAVE ITS FIRST CONCERT THURSDAY NIGHT

Another Will be Given on Nov. 5; Band Stand Needed.

The Lake Wales band gave the first concert of the season Thursday evening in front of the Arcade, in the presence of a large crowd. There will be no concert this week, as several of the members have been unable to attend band practice. However, on the evening of November 5 the second program will be given, according to R. C. Chaffin.

Lake Wales has a bright prospect for a real band this winter, and community pride should be aroused by the efforts of this group of men who are voluntarily giving their time and money to support this organization. The members of the band are playing under a disadvantage as they have no bandstand, and the business men of the town should gladly contribute toward erecting such a stand. Winter Haven, Bartow and neighboring towns have bands; Lake Wales has their equal and should encourage it in every possible way.

Hollow Tile Plant To Be Opened Soon In Old Crate Mill

A new hollow tile plant is about to be opened in the former crate mill on the Scenic Highway within the next 10 days. Machinery and equipment is enroute. The plant will have a daily capacity of about 3,500 tile at the start but when all the machinery is installed the capacity will be about 12,000 per day.

The name of the Company is the Diamond Concrete Products Co., composed of Homer Eckstein, formerly of Tilton formerly of Los Angeles, of Wheeling, West Virginia and Dan-Columbia.

Every city of importance in Florida was visited by Messrs. Eckstein and Tilton and they finally decided on Lake Wales on account of its location, railroads, and proximity to the Diamond Sand Mine. Formal announcement will appear in the Highlander of the opening when inspection of the finest plant in the state will be invited.

Dr. Len Broughton Will Hold a Series Of Meetings in City

Dr. Len G. Broughton, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jacksonville, will begin a meeting with the First Baptist Church in Lake Wales November 23. D. L. Spooner, musical director and assistant to Dr. Broughton, will have charge of the music.

This announcement will be of interest not only to the Baptists of Lake Wales and the surrounding country, but also to many others who know Dr. Broughton or know of his successful ministry in this country and in England.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY HAD VERY PLEASANT MEETING

The missionary society of the Methodist Church met at the home of Mrs. John Wetmore on the afternoon of Oct. 20. Many members were present. A course in home missionary work was started under the leadership of Mrs. C. J. Hurlbut. The study promises to be most interesting as it deals with many problems of the present day. After the lesson Miss Juanita Wetmore sang a solo and the hostess served delightful refreshments.

RECEIPTS HAVE LONG ENTITLED CITY TO SERVICE.

CENTRAL PART OF THE TOWN WAS INCLUDED

Comes As Surprise, Recent Inference Being No Change.

This city is to have free mail delivery, the first city on the Ridge to be granted this privilege, the postmistress, Mrs. B. D. Flagg, having been given notice to inaugurate free delivery of mail through a large part of the city on Dec. 1.

The receipts of the office have for more than two years been sufficient to entitle the office to free delivery but the other requirements, paving sidewalks, etc., had not been met in sufficient form to entitle the office to free delivery. Some time ago Inspector Stone was here and looked the situation over making a favorable report and at last the order to put in the new service has followed.

The receipts for the fiscal year ending in June were \$17,245 and for the first nine months of this calendar year they were about \$14,500. For the fiscal year ending next June it is entirely probable that the receipts of the office will run to fully \$25,000. Lake Wales postal receipts are and have been for some years the largest of any town on the Ridge.

The following, quoted from Inspector Stone's report, gives the territory in which the free delivery will take effect. Roughly it will run from First street to Lake Wales, and on the north and south will take in Seminole avenue to Polk Avenue. The report:

"In the investigation of the proposed establishment of delivery service at your office, it was found that the following streets meet the requirements, or will meet them when street signs are erected, the houses numbered and mail receptacles provided: Stuart Ave., First Street to railroad.

- Park Ave., West Wetmore Street, east to Lake.
Orange Avenue.
Sessoms Avenue.
Seminole Ave., Second Street to Boulevard.
First Street, Park Avenue to Boulevard.
Central Avenue, First Street to Lake.
Tillman Street.
Bullard Avenue, Wetmore Street to Lake.
Polk Avenue, Second Street to Lake.
Johnson Avenue, Railroad to Lake.
Third Street, Seminole to Central.
Second Street, railroad to Polk.
Boulevard, Seminole to Polk.

"It is believed that one carrier by the use of a bicycle can make two deliveries a day to this section." Mrs. Flagg was somewhat surprised when word came that free delivery was to be granted. When she attended the meeting of postmasters with Second Assistant Postmaster Bartlett at Miami a few weeks ago the inference was given that there would be no extension of the free delivery service at this time.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH IS SHOWING FINE GROWTH

The worship at the Christian church Sunday was very helpful and inspiring. There was a splendid attendance and four persons were added to the membership. Mrs. Dr. Williams brought a message in song and Dr. Dubber's sermon on the subject "The Offering that Came Too Late" was a heart-searching message. A new class in the Bible School is being organized composed of young people. The church is experiencing a fine growth. On next Sunday Dr. Dubber's subject will be "The Light That Glorifies God." Mr. Norman Bunting will sing. The Women's Council will meet at the church Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

WEEK OF PRAYER IN M. E. CHURCH FOR NEXT WEEK

The week of prayer will be observed in the Methodist Church with special prayer services by the various departments of the Woman's Missionary Society, the first week in November. The Junior Missionary society under the direction of Mrs. Pat Nelson, the Young Ladies Circle with Miss Juanita Wetmore as leader. The Adult society at its regular monthly meeting Monday evening, and at prayer meeting at Lake of the Hills, Tuesday night, and the regular Prayer meeting at the Church Wednesday night.

Novi Libri Club. The Novi Libri Club will meet November 14 at 3:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. James A. Curtis.