

The Lake Wales Highlander.

DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF THE "CROWN JEWEL OF THE RIDGE" IN PARTICULAR AND THE SCENIC HIGHLANDS OF FLORIDA IN GENERAL

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CROOKED LAKE WILL NOW BE BABSON PARK

BIG MILL WILL RUN NIGHT AND DAY AT ONCE

WILL REMODEL AT ONCE SO AS TO HAVE CAPACITY OF 100,000 FEET DAILY: TIMBER TO LAST 15 YEARS

News of the utmost importance, not only to Lake Wales, but to this section and to the state is carried in the announcement made yesterday by R. F. Innis that Mr. W. C. Sherman of Millville, Florida and Dothan, Ala., has taken over the big mill of the Consolidated Crate & Lumber Co. here and also its timber holdings between here and the Kissimmee river and will operate the mill to its fullest capacity at once.

A night and day force will be put on, the mill will be remodelled to provide for a cut of at least 100,000 feet a day and operations will be pushed both at the mill and in the lumber camps at Sumica and other points on the Seaboard in the Consolidated lumber holdings.

A company is now being formed, probably to be known as the W. C. Sherman Co. though the incorporation papers have not yet been drawn. It will be capitalized at \$250,000 and will take over the immense mill here and the 247,000 acres of timber land between here and the Kissimmee, held by the Consolidated.

It is estimated that there are at least 500,000,000 feet of lumber to be cut and this, even with the increased capacity of the mill will provide a cut for 15 years to come at least, Mr. Innis said.

Not less than 150 men will be employed here and in the woods and things will hum once more at the mill as they did when the plant was building three years ago.

There are about 15 well made homes at the mill which will be occupied by Mr. Innis and other white people who will be employed at the mill. In addition to these homes will be put up for number of colored families work to be started at once. Mr. Innis and his family will occupy one of the homes at the mill. The hotel there will probably be maintained as was the original intention. For some time it has been run as a boarding house by Mrs. Betty Lee.

Mr. W. C. Sherman is one of the big factors in the lumber business in West Florida. His big mill at Millville on St. Andrews bay is one of the big institutions of the state. He maintains home at Dothan, Ala., but his interests are largely centered around St. Andrews Bay. It is a decided piece of good fortune to Lake Wales and this part of the state to have him take an interest here.

Mr. R. F. Innis who will manage the big plant here is a thorough sawmill and lumber man. He has been with the Sherman interests for many years and knows the lumber game thoroughly. He is a business man who will be a most desirable acquisition to South Florida.

The big mill has been shut down since the winter of 1920-21. In fact it operated for but a short time after its completion. The lumber market went to pieces and the mill was shut down rather than cut up the timber on a falling market, so it was stated. Since then it has been in the hands of caretakers only and things looked pretty quiet around the big plant. Lake Wales will be glad to see it humming again and that is the condition Mr. Innis expects to put it in with the least possible delay.

The lumber will be cut mainly for export and domestic trade, the Sherman connections being wide, but some will be sold locally, Mr. Innis said. Export stuff will be shipped through the port of Tampa.

Bible Class Is Growing

Last Sunday the Men's Bible class at the Baptist church had 40 in attendance. Rev. E. A. Albritton is teacher and is making the lessons most attractive to the class. The goal of the class is 100 members within the next 60 days. From time to time it is expected to bring in able speakers from other towns to address the class. L. J. Johnson, attendance officer of the school, is interested in working up a large class.

Baptist Food Sale

The ladies of the Baptist church will give a food sale in the entrance to stairway State Bank Building, Saturday afternoon, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. This is to help the Church Building Fund and is a worthy cause. The patronage of the people will be much appreciated. Every Baptist woman in town is asked to donate something in the way of cakes, pies, home-made candy, preserves, jelly, sandwiches, etc.

Pittsburg Man Plans Grove

Mr. and Mrs. Ammon Scott of Winter Haven and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith of Pittsburg, Penn., spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Curtis on the Bartow road. Mr. Smith has bought 40 acres of Mr. Scott at Hesperides and is setting a grove. The Smiths expect to spend their winters here in the future.

DOING GOOD WORK

Associated Boards of Trade Praised for Efforts

Committees for the Coming Year Named: Board Promotes Ridge Interests.

The Highlander is indebted to Mark W. Lance of Avon Park, the efficient secretary of the Associated Boards of Trade of the Scenic Highlands, for the following list of committees for the coming year appointed by President George F. Kellogg.

Railroads: Isaac Horn, Haines City; A. M. Pettit, Dundee; T. L. Wetmore, Lake Wales; E. S. Byron, Crooked Lake; F. E. Ohlinger, Frostproof; F. P. Burch, Avon Park; A. E. Lawrence, Sebring.

Finance: G. E. Kletzin, Dundee; R. O. Philpot, Haines City; J. E. Worthington, Lake Wales; E. S. Byron, Crooked Lake; Arthur Cody, Frostproof; E. P. Burch, Avon Park; E. A. Lawrence, Sebring.

Good Roads: W. M. Lance, Avon Park; R. O. Philpot, Haines City; W. P. Rouse, Dundee; J. B. Briggs, Lake Wales; E. S. Byron, Crooked Lake; J. Maxey, Frostproof; G. E. Bobb, Sebring.

Legislation: Dr. Martin Sample, Haines City; A. N. Pettit, Dundee; J. E. Worthington, Lake Wales; H. R. Loudon, Crooked Lake; John Maxey, Frostproof; W. M. Lance, Avon Park; F. T. Haskins, Sebring.

Advertising: H. R. Loudon, Crooked Lake; Isaac Van Horn, Haines City; A. M. Pettit, Dundee; J. E. Worthington, Lake Wales; E. P. Burch, Avon Park; F. T. Haskins, Sebring; Arthur Cody, Frostproof.

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Daily Thought.

Nothing so hard but search will find it out.—Herriek.

GOOD APPEARANCES

An Asset Either to a Town Or An Individual

Yarnell Tells Bartow Kiwanis Club What It Will Mean to Lake Wales; Much Land Sold

"The value of appearances in communities as well as in individuals was very succinctly set forth by I. A. Yarnell, in his address before the Kiwanis club at the regular Friday noon luncheon at The Oaks," says the Bartow Record, "when he told of a lady, a tourist from Chattanooga, who bought several thousand dollars worth of Lake Wales property when she saw the improvements being made in that city in the form of paved streets. Mr. Yarnell also suggested that communities which are striving to induce buyers of lands to invest, confine their efforts to bring in people of means rather than the men and women who must depend upon personal effort to make improvements."

"Mr. Yarnell added that since Jan. 1, \$300,000 worth of property had been sold at Highland Park and that these sales had been made to men and women in financial position to vastly improve their holdings, who had come unsolicited and who bought because they believed in the future of the state and particularly that section.

"The Kiwanians were highly entertained by Mr. Yarnell, who was the guest of Vet. L. Brown; by "Ham" Hamilton, coach of the Springfield foot ball association, as the guest of T. T. Hatton, and by F. Burkart, representative of a grapefruit canning concern of New York, who was the guest of George H. Clements.

"Mr. Burkart said he had been sent to Bartow on a scouting expedition by his firm which is desirous of finding a location for one or two plants to be devoted to canning grapefruit, which is destined to be one of the most important industries of Florida.

"We would like to have a plant capable of turning out 200,000 cases of grapefruit each season," said Mr. Burkart. "This plant would furnish a market for about 500 tons of grapefruit which cannot be marketed as fresh fruit. While it would not be a large plant, it would be a boon to the community in which it was located, be a forerunner of additional plants to be built as the business develops. Such a plant would furnish employment for between 250 and 300 men and women at good wages."

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

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KEEP GOMME BUSY

County Agent Makes Report for March

Height of Several Towns in Polk; Iron Mountain, 324.9 Highest Point.

I give here a general report of my activities during March. This has been one of the busiest months experienced. Calls are coming in daily for assistance and information. Many new settlers are coming in and I have passed on several parcels of land. The county has been fairly well covered this month. Eighty-four farmers and growers have been visited on different subjects by request. Thirty other people have been visited for various causes, and 166 people visited the office for information. Held 15 conferences with business men, 401 of official letters were written, 358 Government and State bulletins distributed by request, and 9 meetings attended with an attendance of 200. There were 1220 county booklets distributed and 725 maps and 224 letters were written to people requiring information regarding Polk county. The new typewriter and mimeograph does much to hasten the work. No less than 1950 miles have been travelled from March 1 to 31.

I give this report so that the people of the county can see what takes place in the county agents office. All taxpayers are entitled to know what their money is spent for. I am many dates behind, but will pick these up as soon as possible people wanting my services will please write me at my office. My weeks schedule is made up Saturday in my personal organ, the Florida Bull of this month, paid a fine tribute to the work of the Associated Boards, urging that other sections similarly situated should try the same plan. Mr. Van Horn pointed out that not the least of the things accomplished by the board was the fostering of a spirit of good will and friendliness between the towns along the ridge. This is to large extent due to the excellent work of the president and secretary.

We have had many inquiries in regard to the elevation of some of the towns in the county, and according to the Government survey, the following are given: Bartow 115 ft. above sea level, Lakeland 203 ft., Haines City 157 ft., Homeland 134 ft., Fort Meade 130 ft., Crooked Lake, 132 ft.

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HEADQUARTERS OF BABSON'S GREAT ORGANIZATION WILL BE IN FLORIDA DURING WINTER: BUYS TOWN SITE

Crooked Lake is to be Babson Park, Roger W. Babson, statistician and world famous writer on economic topics having backed his oft expressed faith in Florida by acquiring about 400 acres of land at the north end of Crooked Lake, including most of the townsite. He proposes to bring his great organization from Wellesley Hills, Mass., here for future winters and will prepare the way this summer in order that next winters work may be done in Florida.

The deal has been on foot for about two weeks but was closed Monday, according to Mr. Babson who left for the north today. A new townsite will be laid out by Frederick Law Olmstead and it is certain that a new town will spring up in the wake of Mr. Babson's organization.

The deal was put through by members of the Crooked Lake Townsite Co., prominent in this work having been Frank L. Cody, J. W. Carson, one of the original developers of this section, Chester R. Smith of St. Paul, and others interested in the townsite and in the Crooked Lake section. Suggestion of the change of name came from them, as they saw in it a great asset for this section.

The members of this organization take it on themselves to clear up whatever there may be that might prevent Mr. Babson having a clear field in which to build his proposed town.

His idea is to bring his organization to Florida for the winter, perhaps four or five months each year. His present organization is centered at Wellesley Hills, Mass., and it is his idea to build up a duplicate plant here for the winter season.

All of his work would be done from this as a headquarters and mailings would go out from Babson Park. The importance of this in direct way may be summarized by the prediction that it would raise the postoffice to one of the second class at once. The Babson letters for instance, go each week to 300 daily newspapers with a daily circulation of more than 10,000,000. In addition to this he has other services that make up a very large total.

Mr. Babson was interested in Florida through his residence this year at the Mountain Lake Club. He has often expressed the idea that Florida is due to forge rapidly to the front and has backed his words by this and other expressions of his faith.

The Crooked Lake Board of Trade has given out the following in regard to the deal.

"In January 1922 the Crooked Lake Board of Trade passed Resolutions favoring a change of name of the town. Since that date they have been debating a suitable name. Now as the residents are talking of forming a bank and as they did not want to call it "Crooked," the question has been brought to a head. A special meeting of the Board of Trade was held last Saturday to discuss the matter.

"In view of what Mr. Babson has done for Florida and the fact he is universally known as "Florida's Friend" it was unanimously agreed that the townsite be named after him, "Babson Park."

"On Monday a committee waited upon Mr. Babson and he assented. Moreover to show his interest, he offered to help by erecting a fine building. He has engaged E. M. Parson & Co., the architects for Mountain Lake, and Olmstead Bros., will do the landscape work."

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BUILD WHITE WAY

Park Ave. to Have Better Lighting System

Contract Let to Clarence L. Carey and Work Will Be Done About May 15th.

Park ave. is to come in out of the dark very soon, a contract having been entered into with Clarence L. Carey for the installation of a "white way" along the business portion of the street from the Scenic Highway to First street, a distance of two blocks.

There will be 28 lights in the two squares, divided equally on each side of the street. A handsome post of modern design with one light to the post will be used and the installation will be creditable to the merchants and in keeping with the development being planned for the street.

Much the material is at hand but there is likely to be some delay on the main cable, which will not be here until about May 1. It is probable that the installation will be complete about May 15. Heavy cable will be laid down to take care of future needs. Mr. Carey arranged yesterday for the street crossings necessary at Market street so as to have them in ahead of the paving. Jesse Rhodes worked out the plans for the white way, got the signature of the property holders on the dotted line and deserves credit for putting the plan across.

and indeed the highest point known in the state, so far as the United States Geological Survey is informed, is the top of Iron Mountain on the Mountain Lake Corporation's property, now owned by E. W. Bok and being developed by him as a bird sanctuary. The height is 324.9 feet according to the Survey which says "this is the highest point yet known in Florida." It is said to be the highest point within 75 miles of the Atlantic Ocean between Orange Mountain, New Jersey and the mouth of the Rio Grande. Mountain Lake, at its foot, is 142 feet above sea level. Lake Wales is in the neighborhood of 200 feet above sea level.

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