

# Among the Farmers

By Howard Kleinberg

When Charles Featherly began his 1898 trek throughout South Florida in a journalistic census of the area's farmers, he identified sections that today are unfamiliar to us.

His series of articles in the *Miami Metropolis* not only serves as a valuable document in the sense of South Florida's fruit and vegetable growing industry but also plays a role in filling in pieces of area's history.

In two previous articles (*Tequesta* XLVIII-1988 and *Tequesta* XLIX 1989), Featherly covered the farmed land around the Miami River, Coconut Grove, Alapattah Prairie, Lemon City, Little River, and Biscayne, the latter being the vicinity of today's Miami Shores.

In his third article, he moved north. He introduced his readers to places such as the Halland Prairie, which we now know as Hallandale, and Modello, which became Dania. He also ventured around Big and Little Snake Creeks, which is the general vicinity of today's North Miami Beach.

Of particular curiosity was an area he identified as Orange Ridge. Some of Miami's premier pioneers, including first mayor John Reilly and Joseph McDonald, were recorded by Featherly as growing citrus at Orange Ridge. A check of area history books, ranging from Dr. Thelma Peters' 1981 *Biscayne Country* and 1976 *Lemon City* to E.V. Blackman's 1921 *Miami and Dade County, Florida* failed to make any mention of Orange Ridge.

Issues of the weekly *Miami Metropolis* occasionally carried articles about the citrus-oriented settlement, but the articles appeared to cease with the start of 1899.

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After much scanning it was found in the March 11, 1898, issue.

"Orange Ridge is a new settlement, situated three miles west of Lemon City, and was a forest three months ago," the unnamed Metropolis correspondent reported. The correspondent then wrote that he, J.W. Ives and E.L. Morse, "started out from Miami, September 15, 1897, and commenced making a road leading from the northeast corner of John Watkins' homestead one mile west from the middle of Section 15 [township 53-41], thence north one mile, which gives us two miles of good road connecting this settlement with the road from Lemon City."

Following that path indicated that Orange Ridge was the site of today's Liberty City and, perhaps, Brownsville.

This was all but confirmed by a 1926 map of greater Miami which, while not identifying the settlement which obviously had long ceased to exist, showed an Orange Ridge Road running in a line equivalent to today's Northwest 22nd Avenue.

The map has Orange Ridge Road going from Northwest 35th Street to Northwest 79th Street.

Also of interest in Featherly's 1898 report was mention of acreage at Biscayne being cultivated by S. D. Reid. Featherly reported that Reid was living on the old Sturtevant homestead and cultivating tomatoes, squash, corn, okra, and eggplant.

Ephram Sturtevant was the father of Julia Tuttle, the mother of Miami.

In the final week of Featherly's survey, he visited Cutler and other portions of South Dade. His description of the fruit and ornamental plants and trees on the S. H. Richmond property in Cutler reveals a rich growing area. At Modelo, he is impressed with G. B. Hinkley's "Four-Mile Hammock" which he called "a perfect dell surrounded with every description of tropical plants money can purchase."

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AMONG THE FARMERS

The Metropolis Scribe Interviews  
Many of Them

ON BISLAYNE PRAIRIE, SNAKE CREEK,  
MODELO, HALLAND AND NEW  
RIVER, AND FINDS

Amazing Increase of Acreage  
This Year Over Last Year.

The METROPOLIS this week continues its interviews with the fruit-growers and truckers of South Dade, the work of Chas. G. Featherly, the junior publisher. This is our fourth week at this work, which has entailed a large amount of hard work and expense. In the first three weeks 248 homes were visited and notes made of what was learned. With this issue this number is increased to 8--.(sic) This week we cover the Biscayne, Snake Creek (Ojus), Halland, Modelo (Dania) and New River (Ft. Lauderdale) sections, completing the work south of New River, with the exception that lack of time prevented a visit to "Tiger Tail Hammock," the place of T. J. West; "Four-Mile Hammock," the Hinckley place, and the Ord pineapple plantation, all at Modelo. These we shall visit next week and close up the work on the mainland by visiting the Cutler section. Again we ask that where omissions or errors have been made that our attention be called to it. It is our purpose to get this information as correct as possible, not only as matter of news but for future reference.

C. GUNBY

Owns 10 acres about midway between Little River and Biscayne, upon which he is putting in three acres of tomatoes.

EDWARD BARNOTT

Has a pleasant home of 100 acres just east of Biscayne station upon which he will cultivate one acre of tomatoes.

## S. D. REID

Is living upon the old Sturtevant homestead just east of Biscayne station. This place was settled by E. T. Sturtevant away back in the 70s, and is a quaint and picturesque old place with its old Southern dwelling house, surrounded by tropical fruit trees and a fine old cocoanut grove. Mr. Reid will cultivate two acres of tomatoes, one acre of squash, one acre okra and one-half acre eggplants himself, and will have cultivated on prairie land of his seven acres of tomatoes, and one-half acre of peppers.

## C. H. IHLE

Has one of those Florida homes which it does one good to look upon. Mr. Ihle has 40 acres, with a nice clearing. Along the front is a grove of magnificent cocoanut trees, while his house is surrounded by 25 different varieties of tropical fruits. He is cultivating two acres of tomatoes and one acre of Irish potatoes.

## W. A. COOK

Has just recently purchased what is known to our readers as the Pinder Farm, adjoining C. H. Ihle's place on the north, out of which he proposes to make a nursery on an extensive scale as rapidly as possible. Mr. Cook is an old orange grower and nurseryman of experience, having been in the business almost continuously since 1868. He has a grove at Orange Ridge, where he also set out groves for Messrs. McDonald & Reilly, Corell, F. I. Wiggins, J. S. Frederick and W. I. Lewis. We found his place to be one tropical grandeur, with 1,000 trees of different varieties already growing, besides about two acres of Porto Rico pineapples. In the way of vegetables Mr. Cook will cultivate five acres of tomatoes, one acre of peppers and one-half acre of eggplants.

## C. M. INGALLS

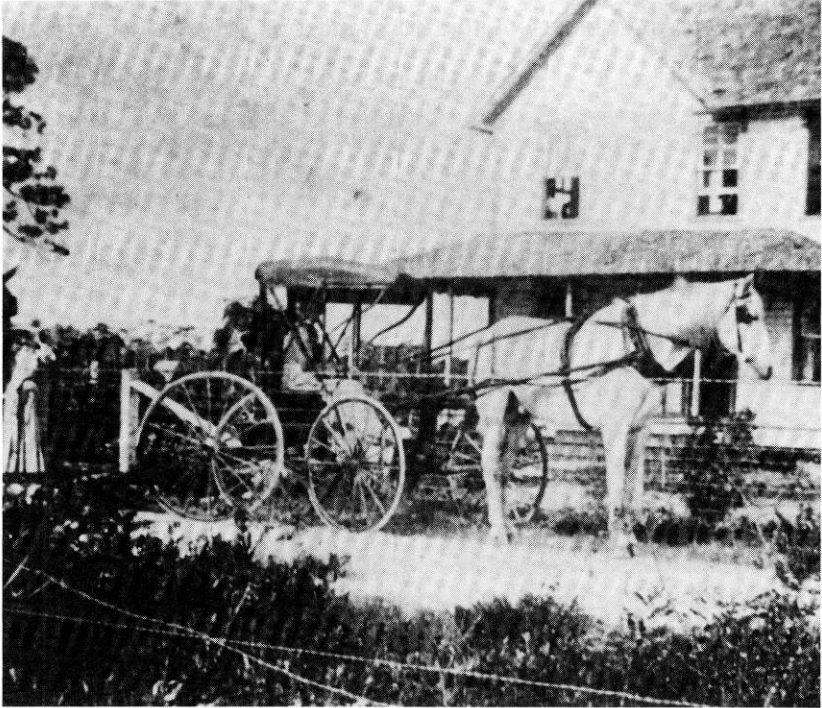
Owns 15 acres of land just across the road from Mr. Cook's place, about 11 acres of which is prairie. He has growing upon his pine land about two acres of young guava trees. In connection with his sons, Ed and Homer, he will put in a crop of five acres of tomatoes on his place, and five acres of tomatoes, one acre of eggplants and one acre of peppers at Little River and seven acres of tomatoes on Biscayne prairie.

## S. BRUSIE

Is working the farm of R. C. Pinder, adjoining the old Pinder Farm

on the north. Here we found a nice lot of mango and alligator pear trees growing. Mr. Pinder has just received the first shipment of orange trees for a 10-acre grove, which will be set out by W. A. Cook. There is being cultivated on the place five acres of tomatoes.

ON BISCAVNE PRAIRIE.



**The Solomon J. Peters family lived at N.E. 2nd Avenue and 74th Street.**

Besides the homes surrounding Biscayne Prairie, we find the following land being worked upon the prairie proper, the crop being tomatoes, except when otherwise specified:

S. J. Peters, 15 acres.

Thos. Peters, 12 acres.

W. I. Peters, three acres.

Nelson Bros., one acre, besides 12 acres which are being worked by the Ingall boys.

H. B. Myers, three acres of tomatoes and one-fourth acre of cucumbers. Mr. Myers also has a homestead 1-1/2 miles northwest of Biscayne

station, with a small clearing and 250 nice trees growing.

George Watkins, four acres.

W. H. Harrington, one acre.

W. G. Carter, three acres.

A. H. McClellan, three acres.

Rulerford 7 Lewis, three acres.

Fifteen acres of tomatoes on Wm. Freeman's place.

J. Peden, three acres of tomatoes and one acre of peppers and eggplants.



The William Freeman family included left to right, George, Mr. Freeman, Ethel, Rebecca, Edison, Mrs. Freeman, and Cora.

J. S. Pardue has 30 acres of prairie land which is being worked as follows: E. A. Hawkins, six acres of tomatoes. T. Garrett, 10 acres of tomatoes, one-half acre of eggplants and one-half acres of peppers. Gus Bausman, five acres of tomatoes, one-fourth acre of eggplants and one-fourth acre of peppers.

Gentry & Jordan, six acres of tomatoes and one-half acre of peppers.

#### CAPT. S. N. ANDREWS

Has a very fine homestead one mile west and one mile north of Biscayne station, upon which he has a clearing of eight acres and a very neat and comfortable residence. He has about 1600 fruit trees of different kinds growing and an acre of pineapples. Mr. Andrews will cultivate two acres of tomatoes and eggplants.

R. C. HUNTER

Has 40 acres of very fine land about two miles up the prairie from Biscayne station. He has 500 young trees of rough lemon stock, which he will bud and set out in the spring. Mr. Hunter's crop consists of four acres of tomatoes, one-fourth acre of eggplants and one-fourth acre of peppers. He has tomatoes from which he will be shipping in 30 days and some eggplants ready for shipment now.

F. F. WILSON'S

Homestead, adjoining Mr. Hunter's place, is a very pretty place, being surrounded by trees and tropical flowers and plants. Charles Spurrier, who is attending the place during the absence of Mr. Wilson in Porto Rico, will put in one-half acre of eggplants and a few cucumbers.

ON HALLAND PRAIRIE.

We found a comfortable settlement of congenial people upon the edge of the rich prairie. They have one store and a large and commodious boarding-house, with new dwellings in the course of construction. The people here, as elsewhere in this section, were busy making their crops, which is tomatoes unless otherwise specified in this report, and is as follows:

J. M. Bryan, Jr., 10 acres.

McIntosh & Paxton, six acres.

Mosley & Hillyard, 10 acres of tomatoes, one acre peppers, one acre eggplants, one acre beans, four acres Irish potatoes and four acres cucumbers and squash.

Charles Anderson, 44 acres.

Nelson Carlson, nine acres.

Sverker Lundberg, 2-1/2 acres.

S. Jostrom, nine acres.

S. M. Wright, three acres.

John Wallace, 4-1/2 acres.

Thure A. Johnson, four acres.

A. Larson, two acres.

O. C. I. Carlson, two acres.

N. A. Carlson, nine acres.

A. Andrews, five acres.

L. Timm, two acres.

Lewis and Wm. Norton, 20 acres.  
W. W. Killam, four acres.  
C. P. Carlson, two acres.  
J. T. Wofford, 10 acres.  
Wm. McRae, five acres.  
H. and A. Geiges, six acres.  
J. P. Owens, five acres.

AT MODELO.

At this thriving and beautiful little village we found every one busy with their crops. Although the crop here will not be as extensive as at some of the other settlements of the county, the prospects are favorable for a large yield. The following is the acreage which will be cultivated:

James Paulson, 12 acres of tomatoes.

Fred Shaw, five acres of tomatoes.

Hance Johnson, seven acres of tomatoes and two acres of beans.

Joe Bell, 1-1/2 acres of tomatoes and one-half acre of beans.

Eskelson & Clark, three acres of tomatoes, one acre of Irish potatoes and four acres of beans. Mr. Clark himself will cultivate three acres of tomatoes.

J. S. Crane, six acres of tomatoes.

R. Crane, two acres of tomatoes.

Charles Chambers, one acre of tomatoes and one acre of beans.

B. J. Sherrard, two acres of tomatoes.

S. E. James, two acres of tomatoes.

Ed Hill, two acres of tomatoes.

J. Randolph, three acres of tomatoes.

OJUS.

At Ojus (Big Snake Creek) six months ago there was only the water tank and section buildings. Now there is a thriving settlement, two stores and a school recently established, with 15 scholars. The people here are badly in need of a station house of some kind, as all fertilizer and other freight is thrown out without anything as a shelter. Here we found a large acreage being cultivated, which is tomatoes unless otherwise specified in this report.

Lightsey & Harrison, seven acres.

H. C. Welch, five acres.



Douglas Bros., four acres.

J. W. Hilton, one acre. Mr. Hilton also has one acre of pineapples.

H. U. Harris, four acres.

House & McLean, five acres.

D. R. Knight, 30 acres.

Abrams & Smith, 7-1/2 acres.

J. B. Combs, two acres.

Abrams & Cosgrove have the land prepared and are setting out five acres of orange trees.

Bull Brothers, 1-1/2 acres of tomatoes, one-half acre of eggplants, one-half acre of peppers, one-half acre of okra and one acre of pineapples.

H. E. Snipes, six acres.

W. C. Sayers, 10 acres.

N. Livermore, 2-1/2 acres.

Edsall & Fort, 10 acres.

J. L. Nugent, one-half acre of tomatoes and one-half acre of eggplants.

#### LITTLE SNAKE CREEK.

At this section of the Ojus country we found a rich and handsome prairie, which is being extensively cultivated. The crop as given below is tomatoes unless otherwise specified.

G. W. and D. A. King, eight acres.

Charles Schuler, five acres.

Edward Tucker, two acres of tomatoes on Capt. Fulford's place.

N. Curry, three acres.

Clements & Dunham, five acres.

McDonald Bros. & Tucker, 22 acres of tomatoes and one acre of eggplants and peppers.

A. H. McCall, 10-1/2 acres of tomatoes and one-half acre of peppers.

Goodrich & Bryan, six acres.

Sloan & Kennett, eight acres.

S. McEaddy, 8-1/2 acres of tomatoes, three acres of eggplants, one acre of peppers and one-half acre of okra.

McLeod & Montfort, seven acres.

Elliott & Phillips, eight acres of tomatoes and one acre of peppers.

W. J. McEaddy, eight acres of tomatoes and one acre of peppers.

Keane & Co., four acres.

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Ed. Cook, five acres of tomatoes and two acres of eggplants.

M. G. Lang, 2-1/2 acres of tomatoes.

James Murphy, two acres of tomatoes, one acre of peppers and one acre of okra.

Denham & Clements, three acres of tomatoes.

Tom Harp, two acres of peppers and eggplants.

Lee & Woods, eight acres of tomatoes and two acres of eggplants.

### FT. LAUDERDALE.

Located as it is upon New River and adjacent to the sound, oceans and House of Refuge, is certainly a beautiful place, and the people there take just pride in pointing out the many points of interest and advantage surrounding them. We found the following places located upon the banks of the river, and composed largely of rich muck and hammock lands:

#### E. T. KING

Has 25 acres located about one mile below the postoffice, upon which he has seven acres cleared. He has some orange trees, mangoes, pears, etc., growing. Mr. King will cultivate five acres of tomatoes.

#### R. S. KING

Has 10 acres with 3-1/2 acres cleared, adjoining the above place, upon which he has oranges and a miscellaneous lot of tropical fruit trees growing. He is growing 2-1/2 acres of tomatoes.

#### O. L. HARDGRAVE

Has five acres very prettily located just west of the railroad, two acres of which is cleared. He has cocoanut trees, guavas, etc., growing, and intends making a fine place. We also found here one-half acre of pineapples growing, and the cultivation of 1-1/2 acres of beans.

#### J. M. BRADLEY

Has 10 acres of land beautifully located which is all cleared. He will make a crop of five acres of different kinds of vegetables.

#### A. J. WALLACE

Has a pretty home upon the banks of the river just across from the post-office. He also has 12 acres about one mile up the river, upon which he

has four acres cleared. Here we found about 50 orange trees, 100 dozen pineapples, limes, guavas, sapodillas, alligators, etc., growing. Mr. Wallace will cultivate three acres of tomatoes, one acre of beans and one-half acre of onions here, and three acres of tomatoes on Brickell land.

WM. MARSHALL

Also has a very prettily located home across from the postoffice, besides 10 acres of rich land up the river just east of the land of Mr. Wallace, which he intends clearing and setting out to fruit trees, principally oranges, as rapidly as possible. Mr. Marshall will cultivate on land belonging to W. R. Bracknell one-half acre of cucumbers, 1-1/2 acres of tomatoes and one-fourth acre of peppers.

W. B. JOYCE

Has seven acres one-half mile up the south fork of the river, six acres of which is cleared. Mr. Joyce will cultivate three acres of tomatoes and one-half acre of beans.

L. W. MARSHALL

Has 75 acres of fine rich land, mostly hammock, on the south fork, about 25 acres of which is cleared. Mr. Marshall is fast making a model place. He will make a crop of 10 acres of tomatoes and one acre of mixed vegetables. The following crop will also be made by different parties upon his land: George Brabham, two acres of tomatoes and one acre of peppers and beans; J. S. Boyd, two acres of tomatoes; Thomas Powell, two acres of tomatoes; J. E. Marshall, three acres of tomatoes; J. W. Marshall and J. R. Marsh, two acres of eggplants; Wm. Marshall 1-1/2 acres of tomatoes.

MARSHALL & MARSH

Are putting in two acres of tomatoes on the site of Osceola's old camp, and are putting in 5-1/2 acres of tomatoes 1-1/2 miles south of Lauderdale.

P. M. BRYAN

Has 120 acres of fine land on the edge of the Glades at the head of the river, with about six acres cleared, upon which he has 500 fine young orange trees growing. Mr. Bryan will cultivate 4-1/2 acres of tomatoes and one-half acre of beans on his land and two acres of tomatoes at "Old Tommie's" camp, just across the river from Osceola's camp.

SABATA & BRAVO

Have 80 acres at the head of the river, pleasantly located and fine rich soil, with a clearing of about four acres. Owing to the absence of these gentlemen we were unable to learn the extent of their crop.

CAPT. W. C. VALENTINE

Modestly asked us not to refer to his place, and we will simply remark that the Captain has a mighty fine place, upon which he will cultivate 15 acres of tomatoes.

C. M. CARN

Is making a crop of five acres of tomatoes and one acre of beans on J. N. Bradley's land, three-quarters of a mile up the north branch.

W. S. PHILLIPS

Will make a crop of one acre of cucumbers on W. R. Bracknell's land up on the north fork.

CAPT. FROMBERGER

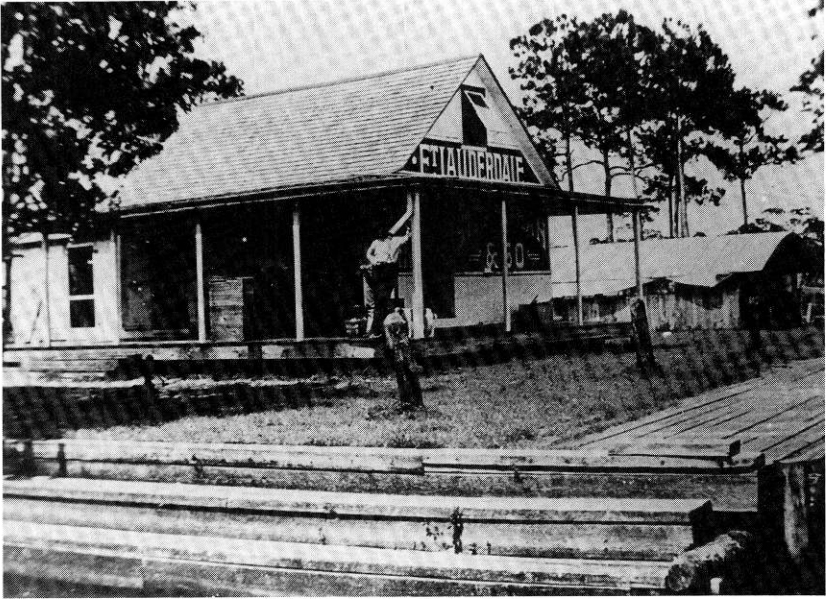
The genial superintendent of the House of Refuge, has a place at Progresso upon which he has one-half acre of pineapples and is setting out all kinds of tropical fruits. He is also cultivating one acre of tomatoes on the prairie south of Lauderdale.

CAPT. O'NEAL

One of the old settlers of this section, and former superintendent of the House of Refuge, has a place at Progresso, but owing to lack of time we were unable to visit it, but understand he is making no crop. Capt. O'Neal occupies his time largely in cruising about the river and sound with a naphtha launch.

FRANK STRANAHAN

Postmaster at Lauderdale, has a very pretty place on the banks of the river, and although he is doing no farming, his place is worthy of mention on account of its typical Florida beauty.



The Frank Stranahan house and trading post on the New River.  
(From the files of the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society.)

#### ORANGE RIDGE.

It is scarcely a year since the first attempt was made to break ground at Orange Ridge for the cultivation of citrus fruits, yet 30 days since the writer ate both kid-glove and kumquats grown and ripened at this point. It is claimed by those who have purchased lands here for the cultivation of citrus fruits that this section is best adapted of any portion of the Bay Country. Of this we can not say. We note that the young groves are looking healthy and growing rapidly.

Adam Corell owns 20 acres of fine land. He has already cleared five acres and has set out 500 orange and grapefruit trees.

J. A. McDonald owns 20 acres of land. He also has set out, with J. B. Reilly, 1,000 orange trees; 700 of the trees were set out by W. A. Cook last February. They are looking fine. The others were set out in September last.

W. A. Cook owns 20 acres of land at the Ridge. He also has set out 175 beautiful orange trees; several of them are bearing. He picked over 100 kumquats from a tree that he set out on the 31st day of last December. Mr. Cook contemplates setting out several hundred orange trees in the spring.

W. J. Lewis owns 10 acres of land with a fine young orange grove set by W. A. Cook last August. The trees are looking fine. Mr. Lewis will extend his grove.

Next is E. L. Morse. Mr. Morse owns 10 acres. He also has set out 280 fine orange trees, as well as quite a number of other fruit trees. He will continue planting trees until he completes the 10 acres.

Frank I. Wiggin has a beautiful little orange grove just west and adjoining E. L. Morse. Mr. Wiggin owns the finest young grove we have seen in Dade county for a year-old grove. He will extend his grove this winter.

S. R. Frederick, just opposite and east of Corell's lot, has also set out a small orange grove. His trees are looking fine. He owns 10 acres of land here, and has set quite a number of fruit trees, such as pear, mango and other trees. Mr. Frederick will extend his orange grove next spring.

The METROPOLIS last week overlooked three acres of tomatoes being put in on the Wagner prairie, just west of the city, by Praut & McMurray.

W. H. Mitchell will cultivate five acres of tomatoes on Alapattah Prairie on a 20-acre tract which he purchased this week.

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### AMONG OUR FARMERS

We Finish the Work of Interviews with Truckers  
With Modelo and Cutler Sections

#### MODELO.

Continuing our work at Modelo of last week which was cut short because of the day not being two hours longer, the METROPOLIS representative visited three other places there this week, being those of F. J. West in "Tiger Tail Hammock," G. B. Hinckley in "Four-Mile Hammock" and W. B. Ord's pineapple plantation near the Hinckley place.

We found Mr. West had just completed the placing of an irrigating plant on his place, which consists of 35 acres of very rich hammock a mile west of the station. Mr. West's plan of irrigating is a pump with a

capacity of 150 gallons of water per minute driven by a 12-horse power boiler. His main pipes are 3-1/2 inch and his auxiliary pipes 3-inch with 1-1/2 inch hose and 3/4-inch nozzles. This plant has been extended over his 16 acres of young citrus grove. Mr. West has a pleasant home and family and is about to make an extensive addition to his residence. Mr. West's place has not been under improvement two years, yet great advancement has been made. It will be one of the crack places of the county in a few years. There are now growing upon the place 16 acres of citrus fruits and three acres of pineapples. Mr. West will cultivate this year six acres of tomatoes, one acre of eggplant and 1-1/2 acres of beans in his hammock.

At Mr. Hinckley's hammock we note a truly tropical home. For his own quarters he has a gem of a log cabin built on artistic lines and supplied with modern conveniences. It is a perfect dell surrounded with every description of tropical plants money can purchase. Everything is constructed on artistic lines with a view to pleasing the eye and producing a sense of rest and quiet when Mr. Hinckley seeks its seclusion from his business cares at Savannah and Waycross, Ga. We notice here a banyan tree of most wonderful growth which in itself is worth a long walk to visit. Another species of tree not common in our hammocks is the West India silk cotton tree, a most peculiar tree in its growth. Mr. Hinckley's hammock consists of about seven acres in the form of a circle in the midst of a pine ridge. It is divided in the centre by the railroad. An irrigating plant has been introduced. J. J. Joyce has the management of the place which shows great care in its cultivation. On the prairie near by Mr. Hinckley is having cultivated 15 acres of tomatoes, two of beans and 1-1/2 of eggplant. He has in all 80 acres of his own and besides owns 80 prairie land in association with J. P. Gibson of Saratoga, N. Y.

About 40 rods west of Mr. Hinckley's is the pineapple plantation of W. B. Ord, consisting of about two acres under half shade. Mr. Ord has three varieties of pineapples growing which are very uncommon. One is the Giant Kew which grows to the weight of 25 pounds. Another is the Red and Green Ceylon which Mr. Ord secured from the Island of that name in the Indian Ocean. The third is a pineapple variegated in colors. The plant as well as the fruit runs by graduation from one color to another and is a most handsome plant. The Giant Kew is a smooth plant similar to the Smooth Cayenne. Instead of producing one sucker as does the Cayenne it produces from six to 10 and therefore multiplies very fast.

## CUTLER.



**The Cutler Post Office was located on what is now 168th Street.**

Our representative this week made a trip to Cutler and inspected the farming and other interests of this thriving community. The history of Cutler and the litigation through which it has passed to the present time has been discussed thoroughly in these columns heretofore until our readers are all familiar with it, hence we will not touch upon this feature of affairs there.

We will not go so extensively into a personal description of each place as we have at some of the other places in this section, but will give a general description of the interests of the grant and go into a description of one or two places as representing the entire community.

We found everything thriving and in a prosperous condition, with a considerable amount of improvement under way. The rock barrier between the prairie and the bay has been blasted out, giving a free and unobstructed waterway. S. H. Richmond, superintendent of the work there, will soon begin work upon the necessary ditches to take the water



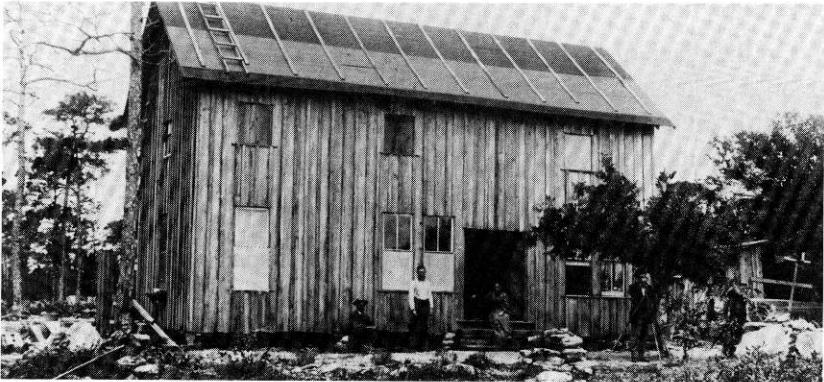
off from thousands of acres of this rich prairie land and make it accessible for cultivating, and the necessary roads will soon be under course of construction whereby the farmers can get their truck down to the bay for shipment. We were reliably informed that the present improvements, which have been commenced on a small scale, will be continued until the present needs of the settlers have been met.

The prairie here is of a soft clay and loam mixture, which works up into a fine soft bed upon the first time plowing, after the water is drained off to allow the cultivation, and there are thousands of acres of it. The pine land is of the rock formation; that part of it inspected by the writer being of a reddish brown color, and puts out a fine growth on fruit trees of all kinds.

There has been located at Cutler a good stock of general goods owned by W. A. Larkins of Cocoanut Grove and managed by B. A. Burtshaw.

The people of Cutler take just pride in their school which is under the capable management of Miss Hattie G. Richardson of Cocoanut Grove, who has enrolled at present 15 scholars.

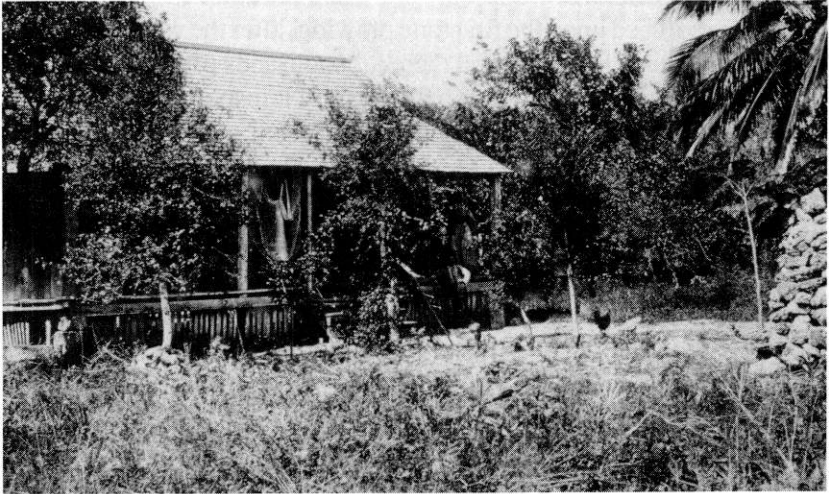
As an example of what the pine land will do in the way of growing trees we will take the place of S. H. Richmond, where we found 48 different varieties of fruit and ornamental trees and plants growing, and with a few exceptions all were looking nice. The following is the list as we found the: alligator pear, camphor, cinnamon, banana, three



**S. A. Richmond operated the Richmond Inn at Cutler. It is now part of the Charles Deering estate.**

varieties of fig, four varieties of grape, three varieties of common guava, two varieties of Catelav guava, Jamaica sorrel, common lime, Spanish lime, red plum, Kelsey plum, peach, pomegranate, Medlar plum,

lemon, mango, olive, sweet and sour orange, Tangerine and Otahaitii orange, six varieties of grapefruit, three varieties of pineapples, rose apple, sugar apple, sapadillo, rubber, tamarind, teias, mulberry, maume apple, pigeon pea, cork oak, Australian oak, oleander, eucalyptus, vanilla, sisal hemp, sansivers, sea grape, cassava, pepper, crape myrtle, geiger tree, hibiscus, arrow root, aloes.



**John and Mary Addison, who lived in this house, were Cutler's oldest settlers.**

On the place of G. J. Sullivan we found a coffee tree with ripe fruit upon it, and ate a fig from a tree only 10 months old from the slip, standing eight feet high and which had been bearing since July.

We should hardly be doing justice did we not mention the fine rich hammock of J. A. Addison, which is a dense growth of mammoth guava and other fruit trees. We saw here the alligator pear trees which excel anything seen by us in this line on our trip of inspection. Mr. Addison is the oldest settler in the Cutler section, having located there 32 years ago, and takes pleasure in reciting tales relating to the early history of this section. A portion of beautiful hammock has been reserved for a public park.

To any who may be skeptical as regards the growing of oranges in this section, we would say pay a visit the beautiful grove of Wm. Fuzzard at Cutler, where you will find 10 acres set out to different kinds of tropical fruits and 100 orange trees bearing. Mr. Fuzzard will this year sell over 100 boxes of oranges.

At every place we visited we found a fine growth of trees for the time they had been growing.

The attention of the people of Cutler in the past has been given almost exclusively to the growing of trees, and not until this year has any attention been given to the growing of a vegetable for market. Nevertheless we found 75 acres under course of cultivation. The crop will be found in the annexed schedule.

In conclusion we wish to call attention to the rare and valuable mineralogical collection of S. H. Richmond, which consists of over 1,000 specimens gathered from all sections of the country, the collection of which covers a period of about 20 years.

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