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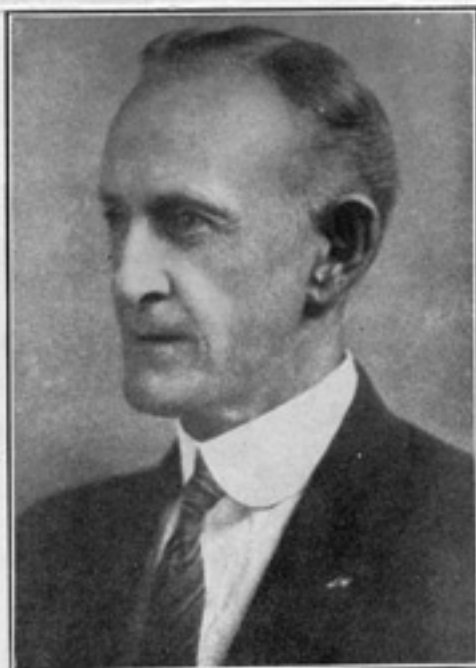
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CAPTAIN JAMES F. JAUDON

Pioneer in Development of Dade County and Expert on Good Roads, Miami, Florida



CAPTAIN JAMES F. JAUDON

CAPTAIN JAMES FRANKLIN JAUDON, dominant factor in the marvelous development of Dade County and actively identified with many development enterprises of magnitude in Florida, in which state he has been a resident since childhood, was born in Waco, Texas, October 19, 1873. He is a son of Paul Benjamin Jaudon who was a descendant of French Huguenots. Mother, Frances M. Shuler of South Carolina of old Southern ancestry.

Capt. Jaudon moved with his parents to Orlando, Fla., in his early youth where he acquired his education in the public schools and by studying with private tutors, and during the subsequent years of his life he has never failed to learn lessons from the school of experience, his hobby being the study of finance, taxation and good roads, he being a recognized authority on those subjects. At the age of 15 he entered upon his business career, his first occupation being as a clerk in a mercantile establishment, following that line of work for several years. In 1895, before there was a railway in Miami, he moved to that city and with his brother, Paul B. Jaudon, established the mercantile firm of the Jaudon Bros. In 1917 he organized the Chevalier Corporation of which he is President. He is also President of the Tamiami Railway, the Royal Palm Sugar Cane and Planting Company, the Tamiami Trail Committee, the Con-

sumers Power Company and the Florida Rubber Company, being also a Director of the Tamiami Trail Land Company and of the Perrine Mercantile and Investment Company, Treasurer of the Chatham Bend Company, Secretary-Treasurer of the Sea Leather and Products Company, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Everglades Development Association, member of the Miami Chamber of Commerce, identified with the Ingraham Highway Association and many other enterprises of magnitude in and about Dade County. Captain Jaudon has always taken the initiative in the construction of hard surface roads in Dade County and he has personally borne the major portion of the expense of the highway from Miami to Allapattah school house. He was foremost in both the Ingraham Highway and Tamiami Trail projects, pushing the latter promotion at his own expense in both Dade and Lee Counties since 1917, the corporation of which he is now president is building at its own expense eighteen miles of the Tamiami Trail, operating about \$30,000 worth of road-making equipment on that project. Captain Jaudon predicts great industrial development of Southern Florida on the completion of the Tamiami Trail, and that large sugar cane plantations, furniture factories and other industries will be established.

Early in 1926 the Tamiami Trail had been constructed westward to beyond the west line of Dade County into Monroe County. Captain Jaudon secured the service of some expert geologist who represented to him that there was every possibility, on account of formations, of oil being discovered under the land at the west edge of Dade County and Eastern Monroe County; so together with a number of representative citizens of Dade County, he organized the Miami Oil and Natural Gas Company.

They assembled \$100,000.00 and placed same in escrow in a Miami bank before even the drilling contract was let for the purpose of carrying the test well to a depth of 4,000 feet. On September 15, 1926, this well had reached a depth of over 2,000 feet with all structure showing that it was highly probable that oil would be discovered and thus add to Dade County's and Florida's other great assets.

The military career of Captain Jaudon is a creditable one. Before leaving Orlando in 1895 he joined Company C, F. N. G., and was rapidly advanced from private to that of corporal and then to sergeant. He was one of the organizers of Company L, Second Battalion, Second Infantry, Miami, of which he was sergeant, then second lieutenant and for four years captain. He was later captain and post commander of Miami, N. G. F., Company M, Second Battalion Infantry, but voluntarily retired July 5, 1912. He is now Senior Captain of Infantry N. G. F. retired list.

He is a member of many fraternal organizations, among them being the Masonic Order, Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows, Elks, Maccabees and the Loyal Order of Moose.

Captain Jaudon was married to Miss Maude A. Coachman November 22, 1911, and they reside at 321 N. W. Fourth Avenue, Miami.

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