

Southern Drainage District

OF
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MR. R. W. BARSON

the internationally famous statistician, in an interview stated: "It seems to me that the Everglades is the real answer to Miami's future. In the long run, Miami is better off for one dollar spent on draining the Everglades than for five spent for other purposes. The Everglades will continually bring forth wealth, and other things will be only of temporary value, requiring constant feeding in money."

MIAMI, FLA., May. 31st. 1926.

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Messrs. Pepper & Potter.
City.
Gentlemen-

Replying to your letter of even date would inform you that the annual landowners meeting of the Southern Drainage District will be held Monday June 7th. 1926. The election of Supervisor will be held promptly at 2 o'clock P.M. at the office of the Southern District 28 S.E. 6th. Street. AS advertised in Miami Herald May 19th. and 26th. as provided by law.

Each acre is entitled to one vote.

I am pleased to inform you that the work in the district is proceeding as rapidly as possible.

The dredge working on the middle division of Snapper Creek canal is advancing west from the range line between 39 & 40 at the rate of a little better than one mile per month, canal is 9 ft. deep 30 ft. wide.

We have also worked out a plan with the county commissioners to extend Bird road 6 miles west along this canal bank and to build 50 miles of road along each section line utilizing this rock.

The financial affairs of the district are in fine shape, we have approximately \$45000.00 on hand in bank and about \$30000.00 due in hands of tax collector.

We do not owe a dollar indebtedness, bonded or otherwise. The district has never borrowed a dollar, nor paid out a dime in interest since the financing of the district was placed in my hands as treasurer.

We draw 3% interest on our daily balance WHICH IS PLACED TO THE CREDIT OF THE DISTRICT EACH MONTH.

While my re-election is already assured by a large majority I surely will appreciate your vote and support I can only promise you the same business administration of the affairs of the district that we have given in the past.

With the program laid out for the ensuing year, which contemplates the completion of the middle division of the Snapper Creek Canal, west from the portion already completed, and the Black Point or Krome Avenue canal, now partially excavated, I look forward to a very busy year in our district.

The permits we have granted the F.E.C. Rwy. Co. for bridges and canals have more than justified every prediction, I drove over their works yesterday, and spent the day inspecting their improvements, canals, roads, buildings, and yards and there are few people in Miami who know anything about the immense work they have done and are doing out there.

Yours very truly,

J. P. Conrad.