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DRAINAGE PROPOSITION ON FOOT ON THE EAST GLADE

Will Include a Large Section of Land Now Subject to Overflow, but Can be Used Drained

Early in December a group of Florida City men had a small meeting, at which they determined that some action should be taken on the Key Largo road and canal. The road is in the next allotment of funds from the county commissioners for road work, but no provision is made for the canal, which comes under a separate jurisdiction. In building the road a small canal would be dug, but from a drainage standpoint, it's value would be nil.

The necessity of additional drainage on the east prairie has long been realized. Flood conditions, while beneficial during the summer months, are not appreciated when the farmer is ready to plant. The long summer rains so soak the ground that it is almost impossible to mow and plow, without having to wait for several variable weeks. The Goulds prairie,

which formerly was close to a month later in planting than the Homestead-Florida City glades, has several hundred acres ready to pick, simply because they were foresighted enough to dig a canal there. There are 35,000 acres in the Goulds district, and \$60,000 dug their canal and laterals.

One of the leading assets of the farmer in South Dade is the fact that he can plant and get his crops to market before the farmer farther north can bring his tomatoes to bloom. This almost complete monopoly allows us to get a good price for tomatoes, and means many thousands of dollars in this country.

A meeting was called in the Florida City town hall on Tuesday night, December 12th, at which time the matter of forming a drainage district to dig the canal was discussed. No oppo-

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Miss Mary Stickney left Tuesday for Key West, after having spent a couple of days with Mrs. J. D. Redd.

Miss Peggy Morgenweck delightfully entertained a number of young people at her home at Redland on Wednesday night.

Miss Gretchen Turner spent several days this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Pridgen in Miami.

P. B. Turnage and family have moved from the Burnham house on Hogard street to the Ennis house on Campbell street.

W. E. Koon left this week for Key West, where he will spend several months on some special work for the Stowers Music Co., his former employer. Mrs. Koon will join him in a few weeks. They intend to return to their home here in the spring or summer.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Pridgen of Miami were New Years' guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Edwards.

Mowry Crossing at Last

Workmen finished on Thursday the laying of the planking for the Mowry street crossing, which has been a bone of contention between the town and railroad for some years. The planking is laid the full width of the street.

The only hitch now, which prevents the free use of this short cut is the fact that the street is not completed

A. R. Livingston made a business trip to St. Augustine this week-end, on business for the Model Land Co.

New Years' Dance

One of the most successful dances this season was given in the I. O. O. F. Hall on Monday night. Although primarily for the married folks, they courteously allowed the young people in, and they enjoyed a royal good time. After the dance, the married folks were treated to a midnight lunch at Harrys' Confectionery by F. H. Lindeman.

The Homestead Fire Department made a hurried run Monday to the Homestead Cafe, where a coffee urn had exploded. The flames from the scattered gasoline, which leaped up the wall and for a time threatened to set fire to the building, were extinguished with hand extinguishers, after the furnishings in that part of the room had been scorched.

The new fixtures for the J. D. Redd store arrived this week and are being installed. It includes a gent's dressing room as well as equipment for a ladies' dressing parlor. All will be in mahogany trim and will supplement his present uncompleted fixtures.

Mrs. Geo. Fuller entertained at her home on Tuesday afternoon in honor of her sister-in-law, Mrs. C. E. Plummer.

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sition appeared, although there was a natural divergence of opinion as to enthusiasm was high and a meeting was advertised for December 22, at which time a public mass meeting was held. Mayor B. H. Edwards of Florida City, opened the meeting by explaining the objects of the gathering. A. W. Jones was elected chairman, and J. M. Kling, secretary.

B. M. Duncan, who has volunteered to draw up the lines of the district, suggested that these be defined so that the discussion could be on a sound basis. This opened a general forum, in which a number of local farmers and land owners expressed their opinions. None were opposed to the formation of the district, but a few differed on the methods to be employed, and the extent to which it was to be carried. Several desired to have the lands west of the railroad included in the district, and there was a little opposition to this. Others argued that the matter should be thoroughly carried through to completion; that a wide canal and ample laterals should be dug, insuring drainage of a practical nature. The more conservative ones maintained that the canal should be dug, and its benefits studied before any further expense was gone to. These latter were rather won over to the larger proposition before the evening was over. Among those taking part in the discussion were: Messrs. Bachelor, Duncan, Feaster, Robertson, Husband, Thompson and others. The meeting was an interesting one and quite a bit was accomplished.

Chairman A. W. Jones appointed Edward Stiling, H. O. Hunter and W. F. A. Robertson a committee to settle the matter of the metes and bounds of the district.

At the meeting on December 29, the committee submitted its report. The bounds were set, and all the plans they had made were approved, except that the matter of including the town was brought up. As there was some doubt as to whether an incorporated town could be included in a drainage district, the committee was authorized to see an attorney and find out what steps could be taken to tax the land within the city that would receive benefits. It was brought out that there are around 300 acres of tomatoes growing within the city limits on land that would receive great benefit, as would some town land which cannot be farmed on account of water.

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may arise in the meantime. Particularly will they discuss the advices received from the attorneys as to whether the town can be included or not. The property owners are willing, if the laws will allow it.

The petitions are now in preparation, and will soon be on the street for the property owners to sign. As soon as a sufficient number of property owners have given their written assent, it will be presented to the county commissioners for their approval and action.

There seems to be some misunderstanding in some quarters as to the taxes imposed on lands in a drainage district. A number of land owners do not mind paying for the benefits received, but object to having to pay as much as the man who received several times the good they do. This objection is natural, and is taken care of by the fact that the taxes are graduated according to the benefits received. The man on the canal will pay several times the taxes assessed against the man several miles back. It is only right and proper and he knows it.

It begins to look as if we will get some action on both propositions—drainage and roads—very soon.

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Wanted:—A good watch dog—Write Box 159, Homestead, or phone Fuller, 55-6. 1\$

Three rooms for rent. Inquire at Enterprise office. 1-t\$

Umbrella found. Owner can have same by paying for adv. Hector Supply Co. 2-5

FOR SALE or trade, 20 acres of the best hammock land at Cape Sable. Road goes right by this piece. This can be had at a bargain. For more information address Box 273, Homestead, Florida. 2-3

NOTICE

If the parties will return motor, headlamp doors and iron radiator cap to Homestead Garage which were taken from J. H. Wright's Garage, 112 W. Flagler street, Miami, on Christmas night, no questions will be asked. If not returned, warrants will be taken out for their arrest, as we know who they are. 2-3

cannot be farmed on account of water. The committee reported in favor of first cleaning out the Florida City canal and widening and deepening it. This would be a comparatively simple operation, yet would result in a great increase of the amount of water removed. The north or Michigan canal, would be cleaned of the grass and silt accumulations which are obstructing the flow of water.

Then, starting at the head of the Florida City canal, a drainage and navigation sea-level canal would be dug to Card Point, paralleling the Key Largo road, for which \$100,000 was provided in the county bond issue recently voted. Tentatively it was suggested that the canal be dug 40 feet wide for the first four miles, 50 feet wide for the next four, and 60 feet or so for the rest of the distance.

The proposition will take in approximately 80,000 acres, practically all of which can be drained sufficiently to allow cultivation. It includes the East Glade, although leaving out such Homestead operations as happen to be north of the north canal. High land, which will likely be cared for by a system of laterals is also included, as is the Florida City prairie, the south end of Long Glade.

The district starts at the mouth of the north canal, skirts the southern boundary of the town of Homestead and runs due west thirteen miles to a point that distance from the bay. It then turns south and runs nine miles; thence east four miles, south four miles, and east five miles to the bay, at a point just south of where the canal and road would hit the bay. Then, starting at a point on the bay two miles south of the Florida City canal, the bounds run west approximately five miles and south seven miles, hitting the bay at a point several miles north of the proposed road. This leaves out several thousand acres of land (?), which it is believed is too low to warrant trying to bring under cultivation. These limits set are not absolute, but are the bounds prepared by the committee, and on which the petition will be circulated. It is not likely that there will be any change necessary. Property owners as a whole seem to favor this. Not an objection has been heard, either in the hall or on the street. Opposition can hardly be expected, in view of the vote cast at the county election, when Florida City voted 85 to 2 on the road issue, when the Key Largo road was the main point used by those opposed to the bonds.

Another meeting will be called soon to determine the various points which

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All around woman to do housework in hotel at Princeton. Liberal wages paid. Mrs. A. A. Dibble, Princeton. —1-2§

Do you want to invest where it will net you over 20%? If so, I have an apartment house. Easy terms. J. U. FREE.

For sale: Best money-making five acre grove at Silver Palm for \$2,200. Address M. P. Wallam. 52tf

Good, used Deleo plant for sale a bargain. Cheap for cash. Homestead Garage. 43t

Widower, living alone would share his home with congenial people. Enquire Enterprise office. 1-3

Business lot, Homestead Bank block, for sale. Will take 1/2 interest in wall as first payment. Chance to get a good location cheap. J. U. FREE.

Bicycle found. Mail description to P. O. box 552, Homestead. 1-4

For concrete work, plastering, painting and carpenter work, by the hour or contract, see C. C. Ohl. Dixie Apartments, Homestead. 1-3§

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1 horse Studebaker wagon . . .	\$ 100.00
Extra heavy one horse wagon . . .	85.00
2d hand 10 or 12 g. shot gun . . .	15.00
2d hand ladies' bicycle	15.00
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6 acres, 2 1/2 bearing trees	1,200 00
Business lot near bank	1,000.00
Corner lot, Free's 2d addition	250.00
5-room apartment for rent	20.00

J. U. FREE & CO.

Listings Wanted:—I have inquiries for all kinds of property in South Dade county, and will appreciate your listings on anything you have to sell in Redland, Homestead, Florida City or vicinity, improved and unimproved city and country property. B. H. Edwards, Florida City, Florida. 23t

We have just received a car load assorted sizes Weber and Sterling wagons. T. H. Monk, Miami, Fla. 23t

For Sale:—One 3 1/2 ton Velie truck, one 1 1/2 ton Federal truck; one practically new wagon, all in excellent condition. Hector Supply Co., Homestead.—48tf.

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Fresh oysters every Tuesday and Saturday. Fuch