

George Barr

(Continued from Page Five) 35 students. Classroom quarters, used jointly with the Joe Stripp baseball school, were found to be too cramped and Barr began looking for better facilities.

Mr. Barr asserts that Als southern representative, Dick McLaughlin, was instrumental in bringing the school to Sanford in 1947. "Dick had been working on me for some time to investigate the possibility of coming here. After speaking to a Kiwanis luncheon in 1946, I decided to investigate the Municipal Airport site where the school is now located," Mr. Barr said.

To qualify for graduation from the George Barr school a student must be thoroughly trained in both the theoretical and practical aspects of the game and demonstrate his ability to work them to the satisfaction of the entire faculty of the school. A grade of 80 percent must be made on a written examination covering the technical aspects of the game.

Students are able to get essential practice in calling actual ball games through the close cooperation of the George Barr school with the New York Giants farm system which conducts a baseball school and spring training camp at the Municipal Airport for its minor league teams. Barr's nephews umpire all games for the Giants, serving as umpires gaining valuable practical experience.

Graduates of the Barr School who have moved up to the major leagues include Douglas Reinb, National League; Bill McKinley, American League; George McDonald, District representative of the National Association of Professional Leagues; Triple A league umpires who graduated from the baseball umpire school are Robert Austin, American Association; Lynn Dowdy, International League; Frank Seery of the Texas League and many others. Among his instructors at the year's school will be G. E. Mohr, chief umpire of the KCM league; Harry Rothell of the Florida State League; Bob Oliver of the Canadian American League and Frosty Peters of the American Association.

Mr. Peters is in his 13th year with the George Barr School and Mr. Mohr has been a member of the faculty for the past six years.

Mr. Barr explained that the uncertainties of the draft and its effect on his enrollment had led him to cut his staff somewhat from last year. In June more than 200 students had indicated their desire to attend the 1951 camp, but war conditions have forced many of them to cancel their plans.

Before retiring last year Mr. Barr had spent 18 years as a National League umpire. He broke in as an umpire in the Western Association in 1924 after only seven days in the Oklahoma Semi-Professional League. Moving to the Texas League in 1928, Mr. Barr so impressed the National League scouts that he was called up in 1931 remaining until his retirement.

He has umpired in two All-Star games, three World Series including the 1937 championship between the New York Giants and the New York Yankees. Again in 1942 Barr officiated when the New York Yankees beat the St. Louis Cardinals for the world title. His last series was between the Cleveland Indians and the Boston Braves in 1948.

Discussing his reasons for moving his school to Sanford Mr. Barr said: "The people of Sanford are among the most hospitable I have ever met in all my baseball days. The city has been very kind to the school and done everything possible to make our stay an enjoyable and successful one."

Mr. Barr grinned when he told of how the Lions Club gave him a white walking stick to guide the "blind" umpire and of his honorary membership in Sanford's Business and Professional Women's Club. He is also a member of the Seminole County Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club.

Former Florida State League Umpire Dick McLaughlin is one of the first people Mr. Barr visits on coming to Sanford. Overflowing with enthusiasm for his school, Mr. Barr is full of plans to make a successful year in spite of the curtailed enrollment due to the draft. He says as things now stand all of the minor league ball operators in 1951 and the demand for good umpires will be great as ever.

Pointing out that the Barr school has each year paid its own way asking nothing in financial aid from the City of Sanford, Mr. Barr added that the organization is grateful to the city for providing the three excellent baseball diamonds located at the former Naval Air Station.

The school operates four essential services in Sanford: an umpire school, a knowledge of the game, socialiveness and sports.

Opening week is devoted to the study of the background of the game, familiarizing them with the rules book. Using the unique system, Barr illustrates the game on rules with anecdotes from school situations from National League and World Series games.

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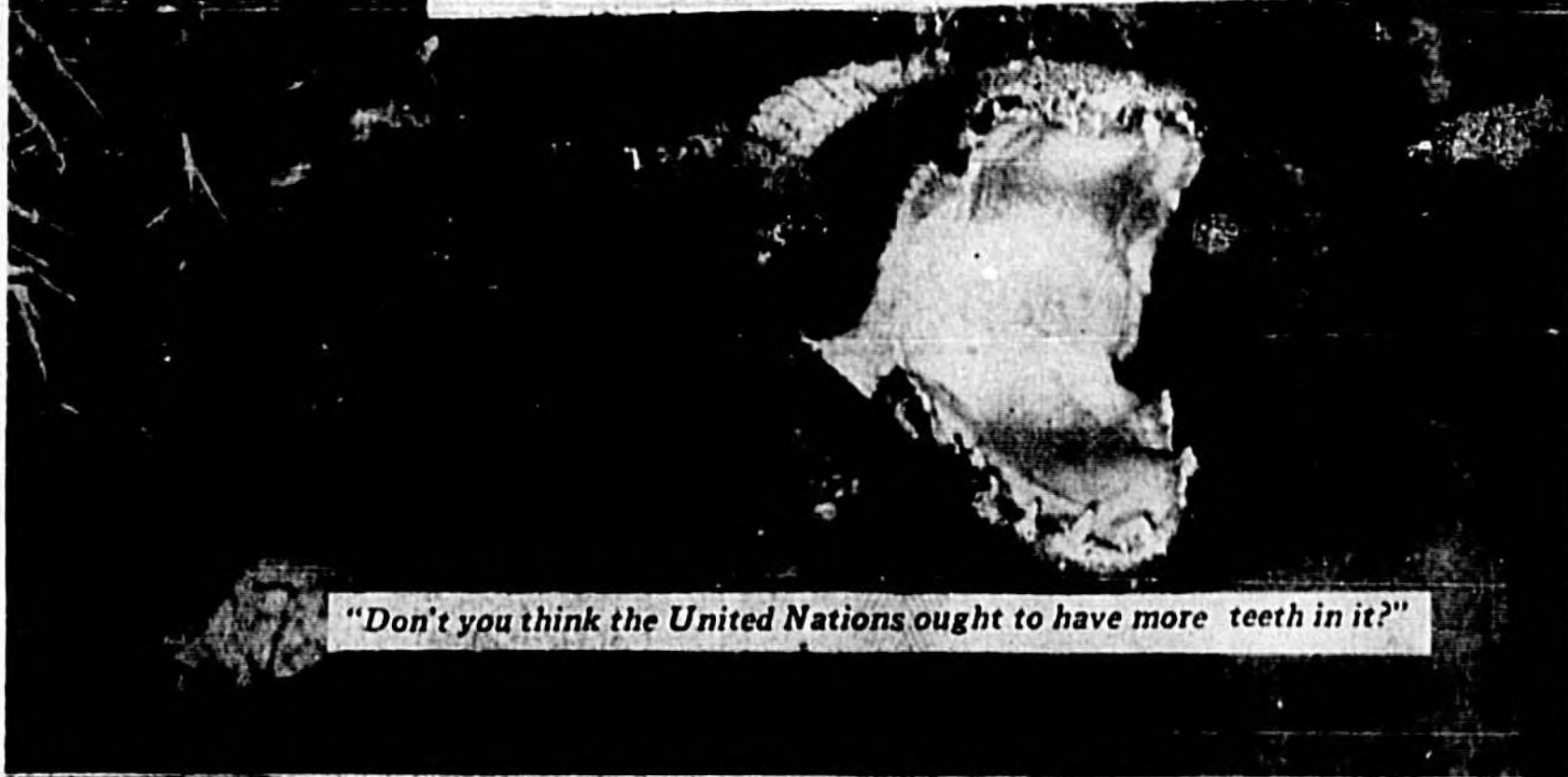
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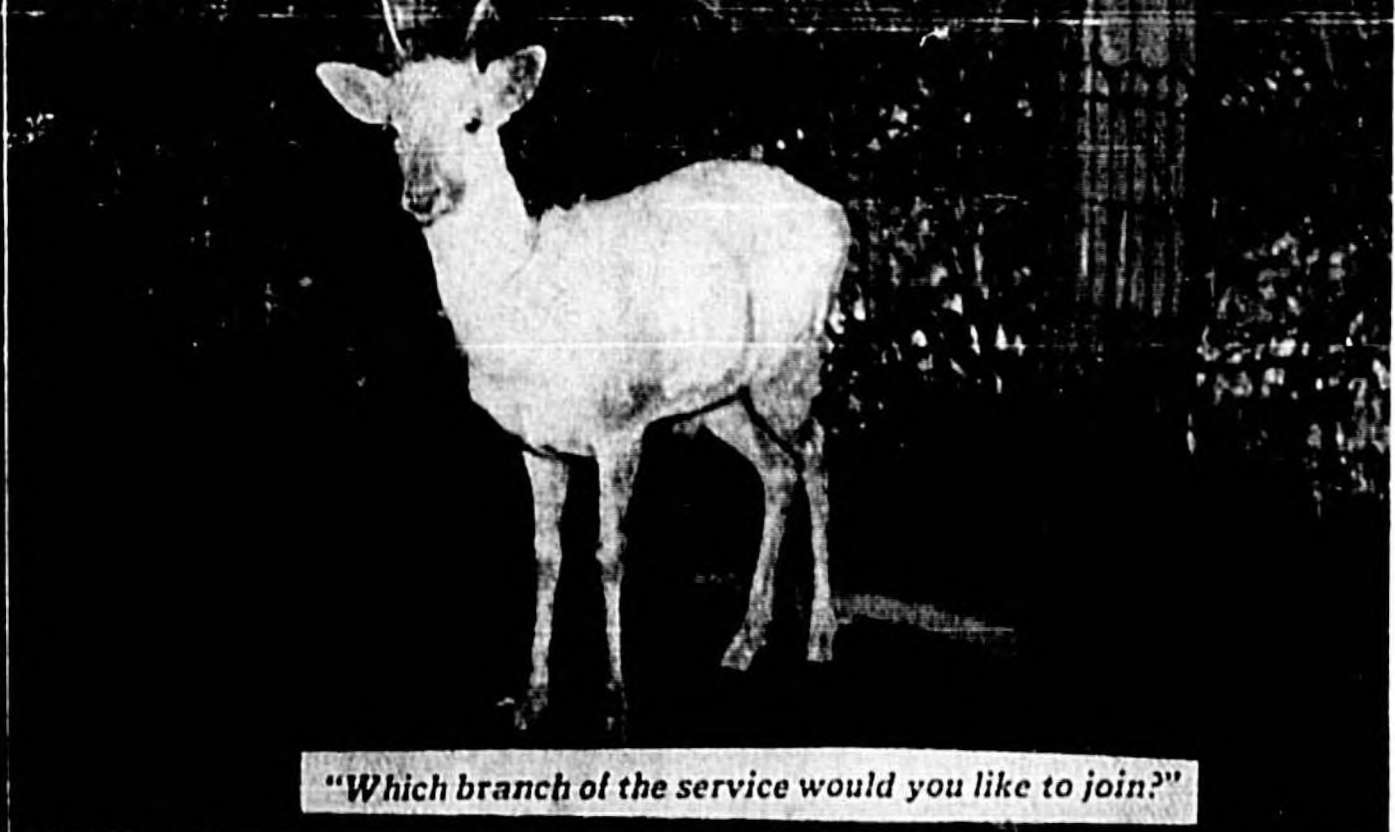
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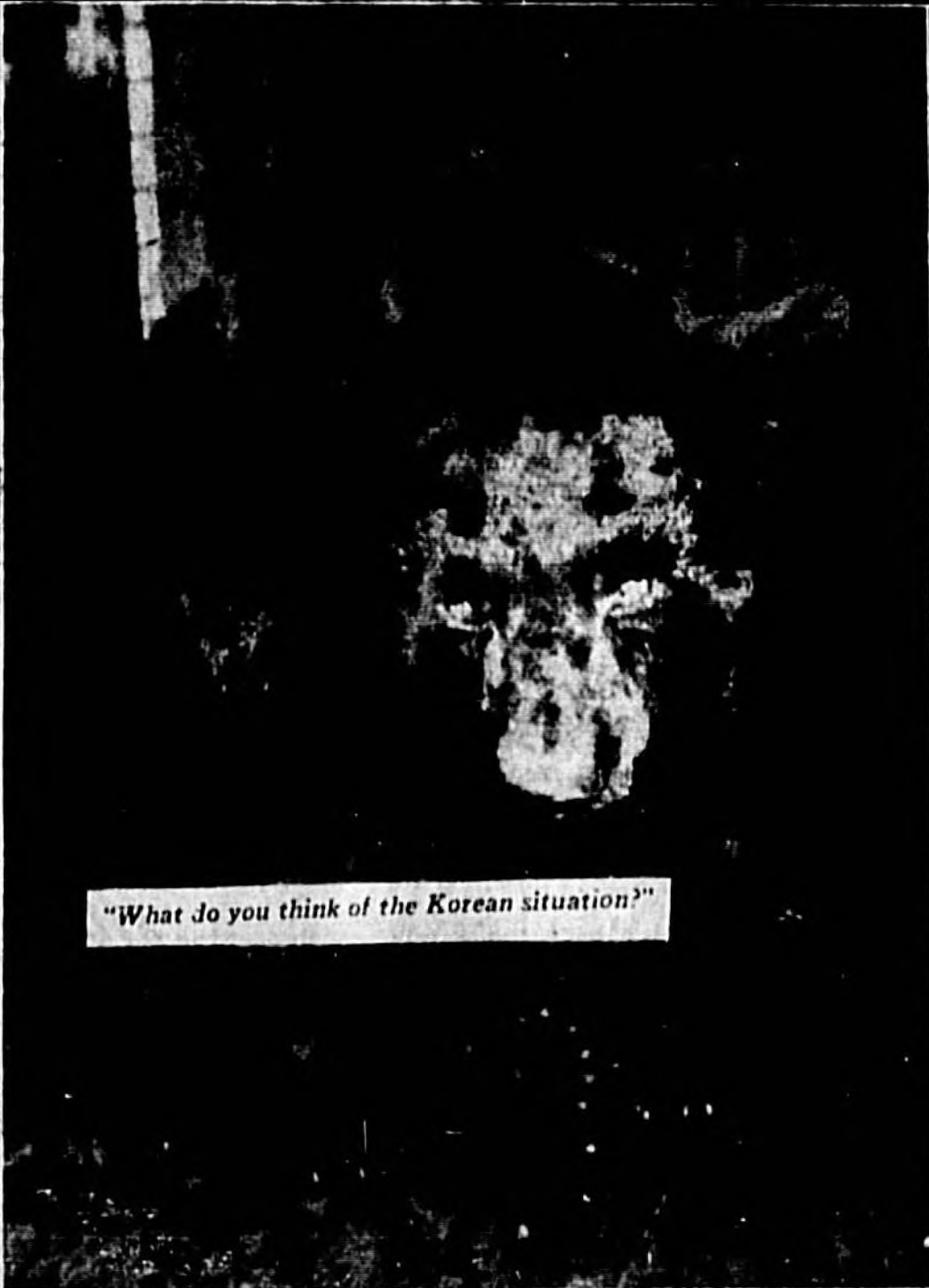
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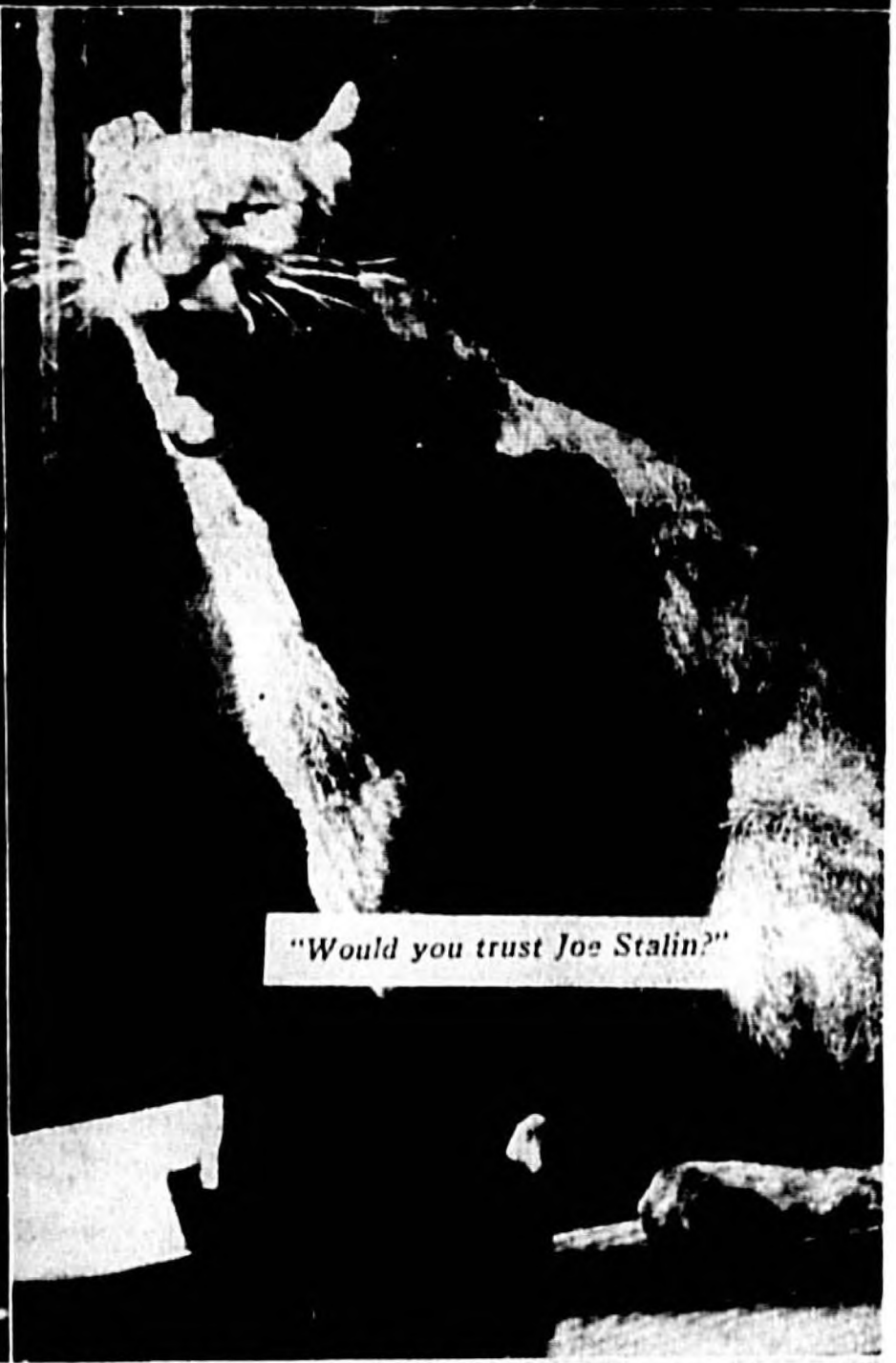
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"What do you think of Truman's Point Four program?"

"People Are Dopes", Says Mayor Of Monkey Island, "They Could Learn From Us How To Live In Peace"

Newcomers Are Tested Before Being Given Freedom As They Might Be Commies

By WILLARD CONSOLLY

"People are funny," chattered Jocko the monkey while basking in the pleasant Florida sunshine on Monkey Island.

Jocko, who has assumed the title of mayor, chief of police, and general factotum of Sanford's Municipal Zoo, looked down in disgust at a woman tourist seated on a bench nearby reading a book.

"See what I mean," he grumbled. "The City of Sanford spends more than \$7,000 a year on the upkeep of this zoo. We monkeys knock ourselves out putting on new trapeze acts and staging intricate routines to amuse the tourists, and they come down here and read books."

"From where I sit," he added, "you can really see what is going on in the world. I can't understand why human beings who are supposed to be smarter than we are risk their necks the way they do. They come tearing around this corner at Park Avenue and Bemhole Boulevard to get that I am afraid they will run right through the Tourist Information Booth."

"Why just a few days ago," he went on "one of them ran into the rim of the goldfish bowl by the flag pole and wrecked his car and the poor goldfish were scared stiff. Even fish aren't safe from cars any more. Another guy was getting chased for going through town at 90 miles an hour and I saw him smash up on the curb and hit a light pole. You don't see any of us monkeys doing things like that."

"Pausing a minute to scratch a flea," he continued, "These tourists amuse us monkeys and we appreciate the peanuts they give us. We do stunts to try to make them laugh. As I told the Monkey Chamber of Commerce recently when they elected me president, 'We've got to help these humans; they come here so sad and so full of trouble that we as monkeys must do something to cheer them up.'"

"And we are putting our program over," he added with emphasis, "I hear the tourists say that Monkey Island and the Zoo are the biggest attractions in Sanford. Many have settled here and built homes just because they stopped to see the Zoo. If you don't believe it, ask the girl in the Information Booth sponsored by the Jaycees."

"A lot of people are worrying over the war situation," declared Jocko. "Why can't the human race live in peace? Look at us monkeys and the four deer on our island. Just one big happy family. The cows come and visit us, and the turtles and goldfish in the moat are friendly."

"Don't you have disagreements on the island?" we inquired.

"Only when my wife, Irene, tries to run things," Jocko retorted. "Why is it then when new monkeys are brought to the island Jack Davis, the Zoo manager, has to put them in separate quarters next to the Hut?"

Jocko grinned. "We have to test them; you never know when these monkeys from overseas might come in with some Communist bugs. We have to find out about that before we admit them to our society."

"How do you know when they are Communists?"

"That's easy," granted Jocko. "They grab all the bananas and start shoving the deer around."

"Who supplies the bananas?"

"As president of the Monkey Island Chamber of Commerce," said Jocko, "I want to express my appreciation to the K.W. Fruit Co. They sent us eight stalks recently. Another fine fellow is Harold Kastner up at the State Farmers Market. He sends us lettuce and vegetables. The Holsum Bakery recently gave us a three weeks supply of bread. All this in addition to what the City gives us."

One girl, however, Jocko objected to. "Don't throw mirrors to the female monkeys," he said. "It makes them vain. Besides the two baby monkeys might get out on the glass."

"Speaking of vanity," he added, "Mrs. Paszek over in the cage with the white deer is the worst example I know. She is always spreading herself out and showing her feathers to the tourists. Scars that female white deer out of her wits every time it happens."

"Any scandals in the Zoo?" we inquired.

"Scandals," hooted Jocko, "you ain't heard the half of it. 'Where is it happening?'"

"Why right down in the lion department," replied Jocko, "the keeper is gossiping about it."

"Gossiping about?"

"Haven't you heard?" replied Jocko. "King the lion has a new wife. Her name is Penny, and she was brought here for the story by Pan American Shows."

"What's the story?"

"Well, King the lion was in the city hall when he tried to jump through the window."

Jocko had more news. Busy the female Texas coyote had been promised a new husband from Pan American Shows and was getting very impatient awaiting his arrival.

Baby Leo, the lion, was high hating everyone else at the Zoo. It seemed. He was all right until the Lions Club got him to pose for a photograph with him wearing spectacles. Members of the Lions Club, who meet Tuesdays right across the street from his cage, told him his picture would be shown to every Lions Club in the country, Jocko revealed.

The monkey also told of recent events at the Macaw cage. The friendly little Love Birds found an opening and wanted to visit with the Macaws. Charlie the Macaw made a big fuss and the Love Birds were returned to their cage.

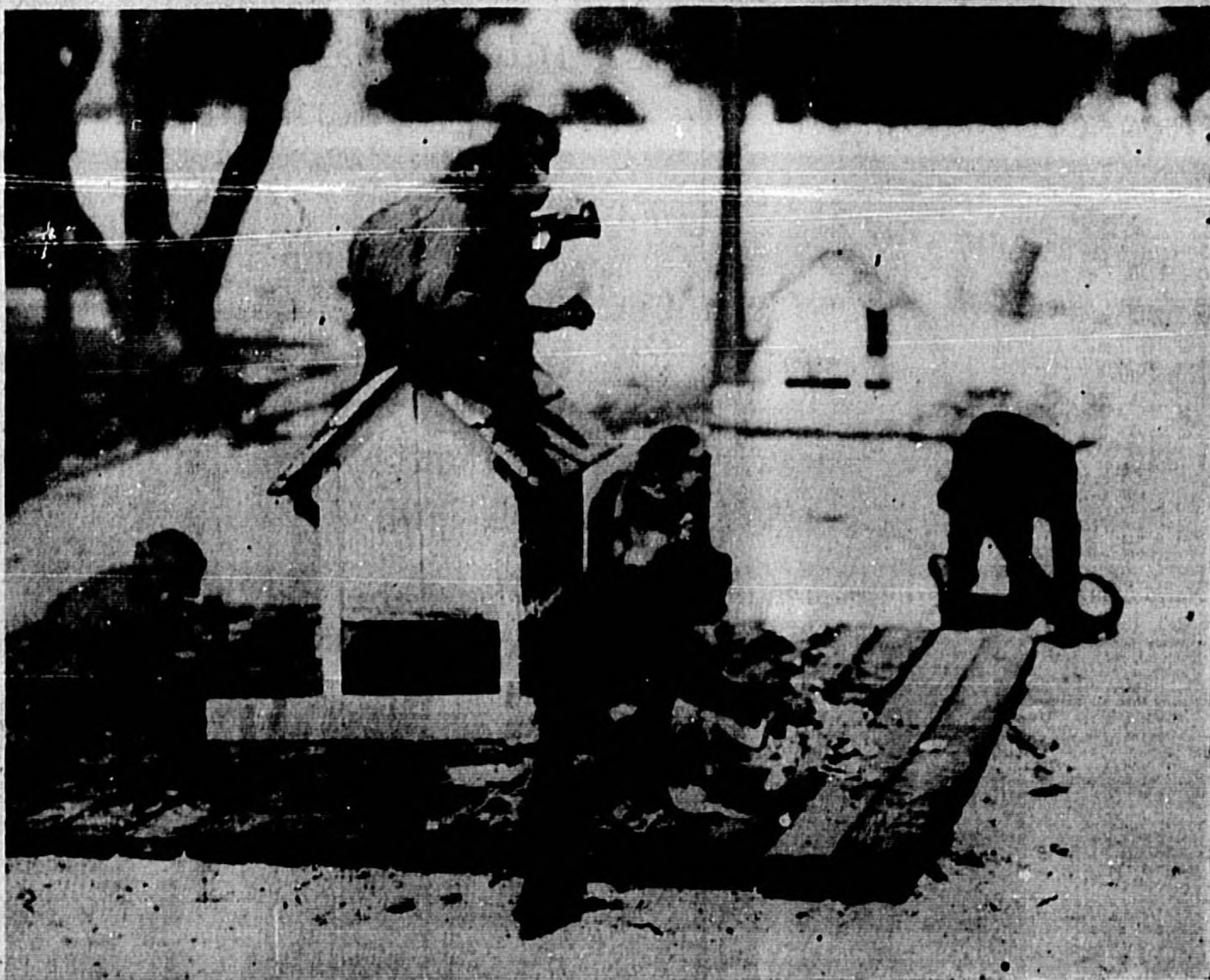
"During the argument, Charlie threatened to take the matter up with the P.H.A.," said Jocko. "The Bald Eagle family has been complaining that the City is neglecting them," Jocko revealed. "The eagles want to join the Civil Air Patrol."

A lot of back fence gossip has been going on in the Rhesus monkey section, according to Jocko. Seems that Minnie and Jim and Bosco and Jennie are expecting some new arrivals.

Jocko was asked if there was anything he wanted the City to do for the monkeys.

"They might put up a few new swings," he said. "Irene is organizing a swing club."

All of the animals and birds are proud of the condition of their quarters, especially the sleeping quarters which have been sprayed with a sanitary type of paint. Lennie Warack, assistant to Mr. Davis, has been aiding in this work.



THERE'S ALWAYS PLENTY TO EAT

Photo By Cox

"You said it," replied Jocko. "The cubs were born on the night of Jan. 30, and what a hubub. As soon as they were born those three African geese who operate the Zoo Broadcasting Station, put the news on the air. Peggy is the mother and Happy is the proud father. Happy was much relieved after pacing the cage most of the night. Said it was almost more than a bear could bear."

"What did Jiggs, the Mandrill Ape in the next cage have to say about it?" we asked.

"All Jiggs did was to complain about the noise. Said it was the loudest since Max Baer fought Charnera. Complained besides that the bears had R.T. Just to show them an example, on the first warm day he took a shower with the hose."

"We notice Jiggs looks mad these days," we stated. "Why is that?"

"Jiggs has developed what you people call an inferiority complex," said Jocko. "It's due to the visitors. They see, 'Oh, what an ugly creature. Look what funny colors he has!' Jiggs thinks the spot clothes they wear are still funnier, but he is too sensitive to tell them."

"How is Big Moe the gator doing these days?" we queried.

"He's happy, but lately has been getting insomnia in the day time. Saw a lady tourist carrying an alligator hand bag recently and thought that he recognized a late relative."

"Moe is a great exponent of Florida sun baths," continued Jocko. "Says the Sanford people should do like the Mayfair Inn crowd and get out in the sun more."

"Moe says he is 85 years old, going along, and expects to live to be 100. He says people could do that too if they'd only sleep more in the sun and quit worrying," said Jocko.

At this point there was a commotion in the Zoo. Leona the goat had wiggled her head through an opening in the screen mesh and a little girl in a yellow dress had grabbed her by the horns and was gleefully pushing her. The child's mother warned her to be careful for Leona and Leon her companion might eat her pretty dress.

Leona got her feet up with being pushed around, made a heave and nimbly sprang through the opening in the screen, giving the startled little girl a push back-ward. The goat then munched green grass until the keeper put her back in the pen.

This incident gave Jocko time to mull over his pet gripe concerning Chas, one of the monkeys in a cage. "Chas," Jocko said, "is a very smart monkey. He has a very good mind for a monkey, and usually he

hide is not for sale."

"How are Bid and Josephine getting along these days," we asked.

"Bid is having an awful time," said Jocko, shaking his head. "He is losing his teeth, and wants to know why some Sanford dentist

doesn't fit him with a set of false teeth. Josephine keeps telling him how awful he looks without any teeth and that makes him mad. He

would like to run away again the way he did three years ago. Likes to brag about getting his name in all the big papers. I'll never



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Hill Hardware And Hill Lumber Are Among Oldest

Both Were Founded By W. J. Hill More Than 70 Years Ago

By WILLARD CONNOLLY
Two of the oldest business establishments in Sanford and Central Florida are the Hill Hardware Company and the Hill Lumber and Supply Company which were founded more than 70 years ago when this city was but a small settlement depending entirely upon water transportation for communication with the outside world.

An offshoot of the two firms, the Hill Implement Co., was organized several years later. These firms, which have contributed so much to the building of Sanford and Seminole County, the largest celery growing section in the world, can trace their beginning to an adventurous young man, who was born in London, England, and came to the age of 30 to this country in 1872 to seek fame and fortune. He was the late W. J. Hill, father of W. C. Hill, to whom at his death in 1916 he bequeathed the Hill Lumber Co., and father of Mrs. R. A. Newman. The Hill Hardware Company portion of the business at Palmetto Avenue and First Street was left to Mr. and Mrs. Newman, and was operated by Mr. Newman until 1945 when it was sold to Andrew Stine and B. C. Moore. Mr. Newman still owns the Hill Implement Company, located at Oak Avenue and Third Street for more than 30 years.

The coming of W. J. Hill to Sanford in 1873 forms a tale as adventurous as anything ever written by Horatio Alger, Jr. One cold day in New York Mr. Hill met an English acquaintance and they talked about the frigid weather.

"Where do all of the blooming swells go when it gets cold like this?" inquired Mr. Hill.

"To Florida, my chap," his companion retorted. That decided the adventurous Mr. Hill. He would go to warm and sunny Florida immediately.

After an interesting trip his steamer stopped at Savannah, Ga. Consulting a man he decided that Florida was within walking distance. He got as far as Jessup, Ga., and asked a lady if he was in Florida. When she laughed, he

decided to take a boat to Jacksonville which at that time had all of the appearance of a mud hole to him, he recounted later.

Two Georgia men who were going to Fort Meade had hired a man and a boat to take them south, and asked Mr. Hill to go with them. And together they traveled up the St. Johns River.

"We landed at the place now called Sanford then the smallest place in the world, and I had come from the largest place," said Mr. Hill during a later interview.

At first he slept on the ground and a sand spur made him think that he had been bitten by a snake. One day an old sugar barrel floated down the river and he hauled it ashore and used it to sleep in. Things were going fine until he accidentally killed a pig and to evade the law lived among the Seminole Indians for six months.

Piano Box House
He later revealed that during this period he discovered some of the phosphate beds that ultimately made fortunes for others. Returning to Sanford he was able to get an additional sugar barrel, and moved into a piano box brought him by the captain of a steamer. Some time after this he built a small shack on the top of a live oak tree and put a sign on it, "No Boarders Wanted."

When the city was incorporated, in 1877, there were but eight people living in Sanford who could vote, and its borders were extended to include the Swedish settlement three miles distant in Upsala so that there might be enough votes to make it a town. Mr. Hill served as voting inspector and did a lot of proxy voting for those unable to read or write.

Agriculture thrived in the rich, fertile lands of the St. Johns Valley with citrus as the principal crop. Artesian wells were much in demand. In 1876, the Hill Hardware and Lumber Co., headed by W. J. Hill drilled the first artesian well ever put down in this section and probably the first in the state. It was located at the intersection of Palmetto Avenue and First Street.

Mr. Hill was first to operate a plumbing shop here in connection with his business. Dealing in plate glass he put practically all of the plate glass in the principal buildings that were erected in South Florida, including Tampa, up to 1894 and 1895.

The firm became noted for carrying the largest stock of farm implements to be found anywhere between Tampa and Jacksonville. At one time the hardware store was located in a two story brick building at West

First Street and Railroad Avenue, later Oak Street. The lumber and building materials department was at the present location of the Hill Lumber Co. at Third Street and the A. C. L. spur line where the buildings and yards cover more than a city block.

The hardware department at Oak Avenue location was managed by R. A. Newman, assisted by W. C. Hill, a son of the active head of the business.

The Hill Hardware and Lumber Co. was first located in a building on the site of the present Fire Department on Palmetto Avenue and close to the present Hill Hardware Store.

In September, 1887, a huge fire levelled the downtown business section of Sanford, including that portion south of First Street, and the Hill business suffered a heavy fire loss.

The frame building that houses the office of the Hill Lumber and Supply Co., at Third Street and the A. C. L. spur line, survived the fire. Dating back to early Sanford times, it was so sturdily constructed that it is still in good condition.

Mr. Hill recently pointed out that this building once housed the pioneer Hill family, and that his sister, Mrs. Newman, had been born there. He himself, he said, was born in a little house nearby which had been later moved to Fourth Street and afterward torn down.

The present Hill residence is an imposing two story home at Magnolia Avenue and Nineteenth Street built about 25 years ago. A son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Crapps, live in an attractive, new two story home on Mellonville Avenue. Mr. Crapps serves as vice-president of the firm.

Several depressions have been survived by the lumber firm which is now thriving during the present building boom. A. B. Lovejoy has been secretary and treasurer of the company for many years. Two Negro employees, Harrison Clark and Steve Sims have been with the firm for more than 31 years.

Mayor of City
Mr. Hill served as a city commissioner for two terms from 1940 to 1946 and was mayor of Sanford in 1941 and 1942. He recalled that he had been in business since the age of 18. His mother, the late Mrs. Alice Hill, he said, used to assist his father in operating the hardware business. The latter managed the lumber firm, but did the buying for both establishments.

The Hill Lumber Co. occupies more than half a block, and in addition has several warehouses between Fourth and Fifth Street.

Following the death of W. J. Hill, Mr. Newman moved the Hill Hardware Co. to the present site of the restaurant portion of the Touchton Drug Co. In 1926 it was moved to the next block where the Mather Store is located and in 1937 to its present location at First Street and Palmetto Avenue.

Mr. Newman, who came here from Tennessee, can recall the time when Sanford had no brick pavements and gas was used illumination. When with the passing of years, found it necessary to lighten his responsibilities and he sold his business, he concentrated his attention on the Hill Implement Co., adjoining the Chase Building on Oak Avenue.

An addition was made to take care of palms and sporting goods. The Hill Hardware Co. was purchased on Jan. 15, 1945 by Mr. Stine, a former maintenance superintendent of the E. I. DuPont de Nemours Co., in Charleston, W. Va., and B. C. Moore, who for many years was connected with the Eumby Hardware Co., Orlando. During the past year they added an electric stove and refrigerator annex in the adjoining store on Palmetto Avenue which was formerly a restaurant.

A modern hardware store contains an amazing number of items, and Mr. Stine estimates his store has 500,000 or more of these articles of merchandise. The main floor, partitioned into several departments, measures 70 by 115 feet. The upper floor is used for

storage. In 1940 the firm received a plaque from the Diston Shaw Co. for its 60 years of service to the public. It is now eligible for another star in the plaque for 70 years service, said Mr. Stine.

Employees include T. B. Middleton, bookkeeper for the past 22 years; Ernest Brotherson, service manager with 17 years of service, and Ernest Betts, clerk, who has been with the firm for 10 years. Other employees are H. Hiles, clerk; Garnet High, Frigidaire salesman and two colored helpers, Victor Nathan and Curtis Conway.

National Wildlife Week Will Be Held 1st Day Of Spring

The fourteenth annual National Wildlife Week this year falls in the week having the first day of Spring and is sponsored by the National Wildlife Federation and its affiliates in 40 States representing from two to three million nature lovers, sportsmen and conservationists. National Wildlife Week is dedicated to the sensible management and use of wildlife to the mutual benefit of the public, sportsmen and natural resources, both animate and inanimate, of our country.

Since its inception by presidential proclamation in 1938, National Wildlife Week has been used as a symbol to point up the urgency of conserving, protecting and restoring fast diminishing store of natural resources. For decades, the nation has been digging deeper and farther into its storehouse of natural resources. Four billion tons of soil are washed away each year; forests are being cut down 60 percent faster each year than

they are grown; the nation's water supplies are getting more and more polluted and the drain on other resources is equally as damaging.

"This year, with a national emergency at hand, the need for a carefully planned program of wildlife protection is doubled," says L. F. Wood, National Wildlife secretary. "As the keystone in this program, is conservation education. For too long has an apathetic public smiled tolerantly, sympathetically and discouragingly whenever a professional conservationist begins to tell of the far reaching values of conservation. This attitude is fostered to a very

large extent by a complete misconception of the aims of conservationists.

"All too few have paused long enough to hear the true story of a balance between nature and man—between animals and forage areas—between forest land and flood areas—yes, between supply and demand as a business man would describe it. This then is the true aim of conservation—So to balance the supply of wildlife that it will neither grow so abundant as to destroy itself by impossible demands on space and forage nor to allow the demands of thoughtless hunters, business men, farm-

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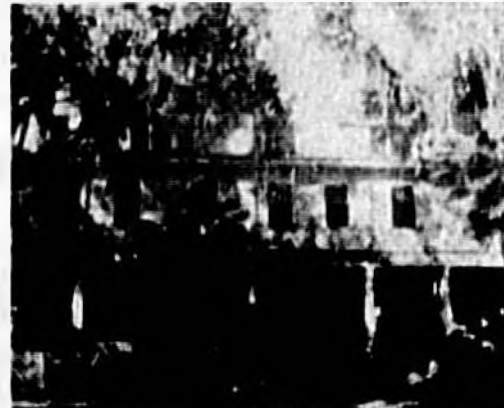
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Lake Mary Man Drove Covered Wagon To Sanford And Then Joined The Circus

By WILLARD CONNOLLY
How a young man left his pioneer cabin in the wilderness and joined a circus to see the world and seek his fortune, and found it, was related to us the other day by a Lake Mary friend of Frank Evans who is now in East Boston, Mass., where he owns the Plymouth Company, one of the largest and most successful dye factories in New England.

Although Mr. Evans left Sanford nearly 50 years ago, he has never lost interest in this community nor his faith in this section's future, and much of the money he has made in the north has come back to count in Seminole County.

He has recently invested more than \$15,000 in remodeling his building at First Street and Magnolia Avenue where the new McClung store was opened in December last year. Besides this building, Mr. Evans also owns the Hitz Theater building and the building next to it where the McAlexander Electric Store and the First Federal Savings and Loan Association are located, and the grocery store building on the northeast corner of Sanford Avenue and Fourth Street.

Vitaly interested in the welfare of Lake Mary where he spent many happy days in his boyhood, Mr. Evans owns many homes there which he rents to visitors, the Evans Block, which he built and where his Florida office is located, and the Community Center where most of the town's civic and social activities are held.

One of the outstanding events of the season is the annual Pioneer night which Mr. Evans inaugurated some 25 years ago to the particular delight of the elderly residents of the entire county. The programs are arranged by Mr. Evans which he always conducts with his characteristic vim and vigor, and at the slightest provocation will walk the tight rope as part of the performance.

Mr. Evans was born Aug. 26, 1879 in Ohio, just across the border from the Indiana town of Boston, the son of a physician, Dr. W. H. Evans.

Due to ill health, Dr. Evans in 1880 decided to seek a warmer



FRANK EVANS

climate, and from D. L. Way of the Florida Land Colonization Co. learned of some fine grove land on the north side of a lake site called Bent's Station. He acquired 50 acres on the south shore of Lake Mary and in 1882 he and Judge Pulland, with whom he and his family had first stayed when arriving there, decided to change the name of Bent's Station to Lake Mary.

The old, original home of the Evans family still stands, and

there John Evans, the older brother, lived until his untimely accidental death last year.

After about five years there Dr. Evans decided to practice medicine in Sanford and moved to the corner of Park Avenue and Eighth Street.

Then came an incident that was to have quite a profound effect on the life of six year old Frank Evans. A circus came to town and located at the Ninth Street Park, right by the Evans home. The

bill of the tight rope walkers made a big impression on Frank and fired him with zeal to emulate them. He rigged up a low rope and started practicing.

Hope Walker
It wasn't long before he and a neighbor boy, Bob Johns, became convinced that they had attained sufficient skill on the tight rope to justify a professional career, imagining themselves hailed as boy wonder wire walkers and being applauded by huge audiences all over the country.

Knowing that parental discipline would nip such a venture in the bud if started at home, the two boys decided to run away. Frank, the future dye manufacturer and Bob, the future sheriff of Hillsboro county.

Slipping away from home they hid under the seats in a train which pulled out of Sanford, and somehow escaped detection and arrived at Jacksonville. Not knowing exactly how to get about getting a job with a circus they rigged up a rope between trees in a residential district and decided to stage a show of their own.

They were greeted with astonishment at the sight of small Frank, expertly walking the rope, while Bob pal passed the hat for contributions. Success seemed about to reward their efforts when along came Gus Ashburn, a railway mail clerk, from Sanford who recognized them.

He asked the boys what they were doing and where they were going. Confused, Bob said "New or." and Frank said "Indiana". A policeman was notified and the crafty boys were taken to the station baggage room and sent home by their worried parents.

Although this first venture of Frank Evans failed to materialize in his search for success in a Horatio Alger like career, it is significant that all through his later successful business career he never lost his love of walking the wire or juggling, tumbling, doing musical acts, or otherwise amusing the public.

Medicine Man
It was hard and distasteful for him to continue studies at school and at the same time dream about being a great tight rope walker.

In 1886, Dr. Evans returned to Boston, Ind. for a summer, but did not return to Florida until 1897. During the stay up there Frank performed on the wire for Dr. White Cloud, an Indian medicine man. He also performed for Leaven Bros. Circus.

The family, which had first

come to Florida by train, decided on the new adventure of returning in a covered wagon, a wagon made similar to a square ended boat drawn by a lone horse. Mr. Evans recalls how many a time he and his brother would pull the boat like a wagon over a stream that was peering in fording.

During the long trip, Evans persuaded his father that it would be fun to have a show of the way.

"We entertained at school houses," said Mr. Evans, "John had a bicycle act, I performed on the tight rope, and father performed interesting chemical experiments. It took us three months to get to Lake Mary."

They traveled through Zephyr, Jacksonville and Hartsville, W. Va., at Glenn Lynn, Va., they stage about three weeks on a property owned by Mrs. Evans. They then headed west, entered the Pine Mountain, N. C. and on to Forsytheville and Paducah, Ky. in Seminoe County was difficult and at times tires but to be cut down that blocked the trail.

Covered Wagon
Meanwhile, Dr. Evans and Mrs. Evans decided they had enough hardship and had remained for a rest in Jacksonville. Frank and his brothers continued with the wagon southwest of Lake Kerr and Lake George. Through miles of sandy scrub they plodded, often followed by curious and unafraid deer. At length the boys arrived at Mr. Dora and after ferrying the wagon River, finally reached home.

Still fired with zeal to be a tight rope walker, Mr. Evans started Orlando by an exhibition on a lot which is now occupied by the Dickson Ivas Store on Orange Avenue. Later in Sanford he walked a tight rope from the roof of a furniture store on Park Avenue then owned by Frank Miller's father, across to the bank building.

When the Spanish American War broke out he enlisted, and his company, the Orlando Guards, was under the command of J. N. Bradshaw.

After the war, Frank, in company with Robert Martin, a brother-in-law later of Fred Wilson, decided to "beat their way" by train to New Orleans. Each had paper money up to \$80 hidden in their socks. After a five day trip that involved much hiking they reached New Orleans and secured a room. To their dismay they found the hills in their socks not

verified to fuzz. Later, after returning from Texas where he worked in railroad shops, Frank met and fell in love with Miss L. Lewis in Sanford. When he secured work with the Georgia Car Mfg. Co. in Savannah, he sent for her. As he was under age, they married in South Carolina where laws were less stringent.

Goos To Boston
They later returned to Sanford where Frank got a position with the Sanford Ice Company which was run by A. C. Doudney, father of the present county tax assessor.

Sanford Doudney, Frank became engineer and manager of the company.
This was a turning point in his career, a change from his early though not forgotten ambition to be a circus performer, and his ambition began to veer toward securing a steam engineer's license. He left the South and attended the Coyne Street Steam Engineering School in Boston, Mass.

For a year he worked for the American Glue Co., established an experimental laboratory at home, and soon was able to make glue

as good as that of the manufacturer.

Later he went to work for the A. C. Lawrence Co., in Prability, Mass., at the time the largest tanners of moccasin leather and finishing of sheepskin in the world, acquiring considerable knowledge in this line. Desiring more information in this field he joined the John P. Keefe Leather Co., in Salem, Mass., and after that the United Indigo and Chemical Co., Ltd., an English concern.

Here he quickly made good, but resigned before long due to the (Continued on Page Three)

WORTH Talking ABOUT THAT TRIP TO FLORIDA

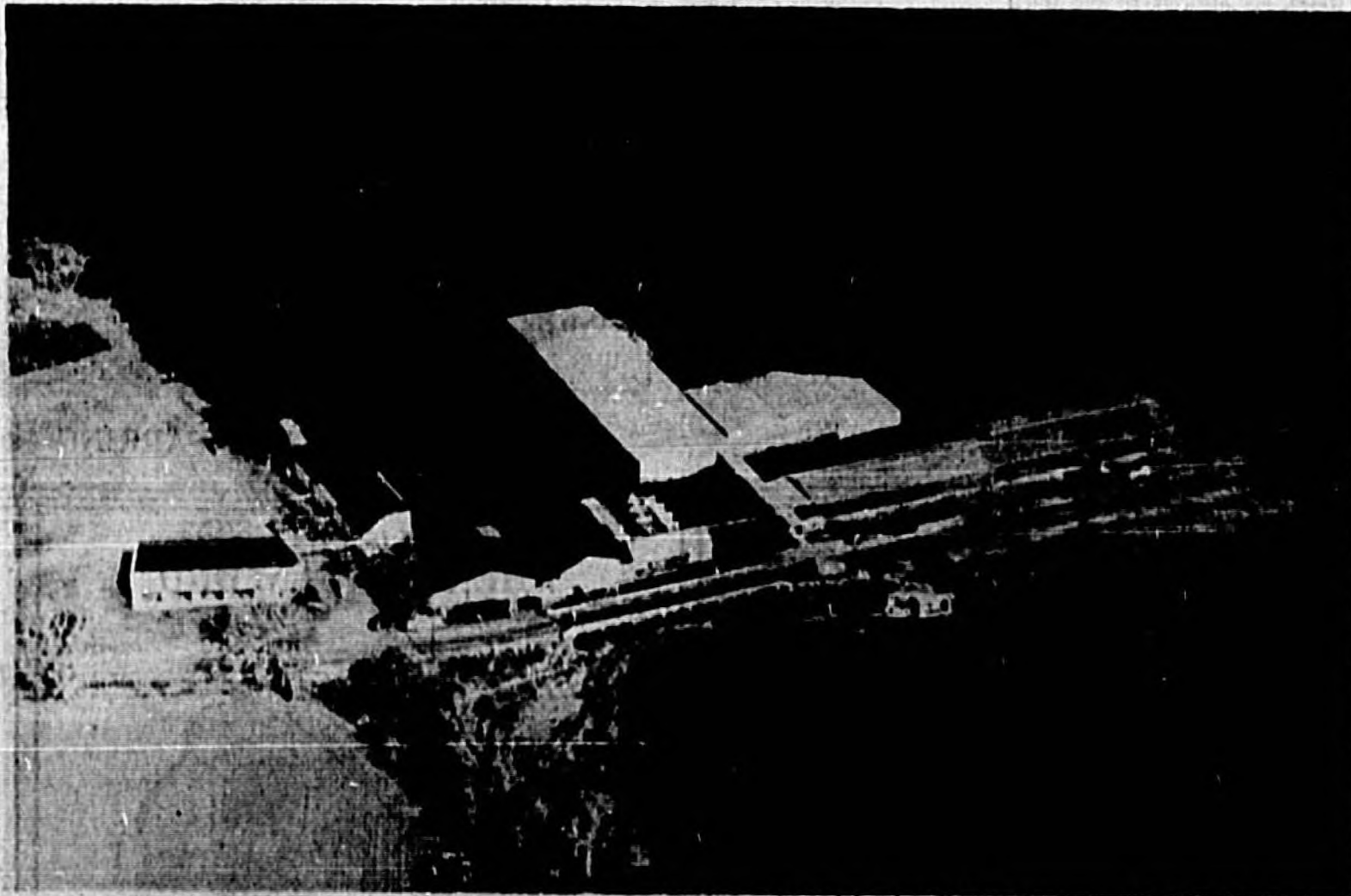
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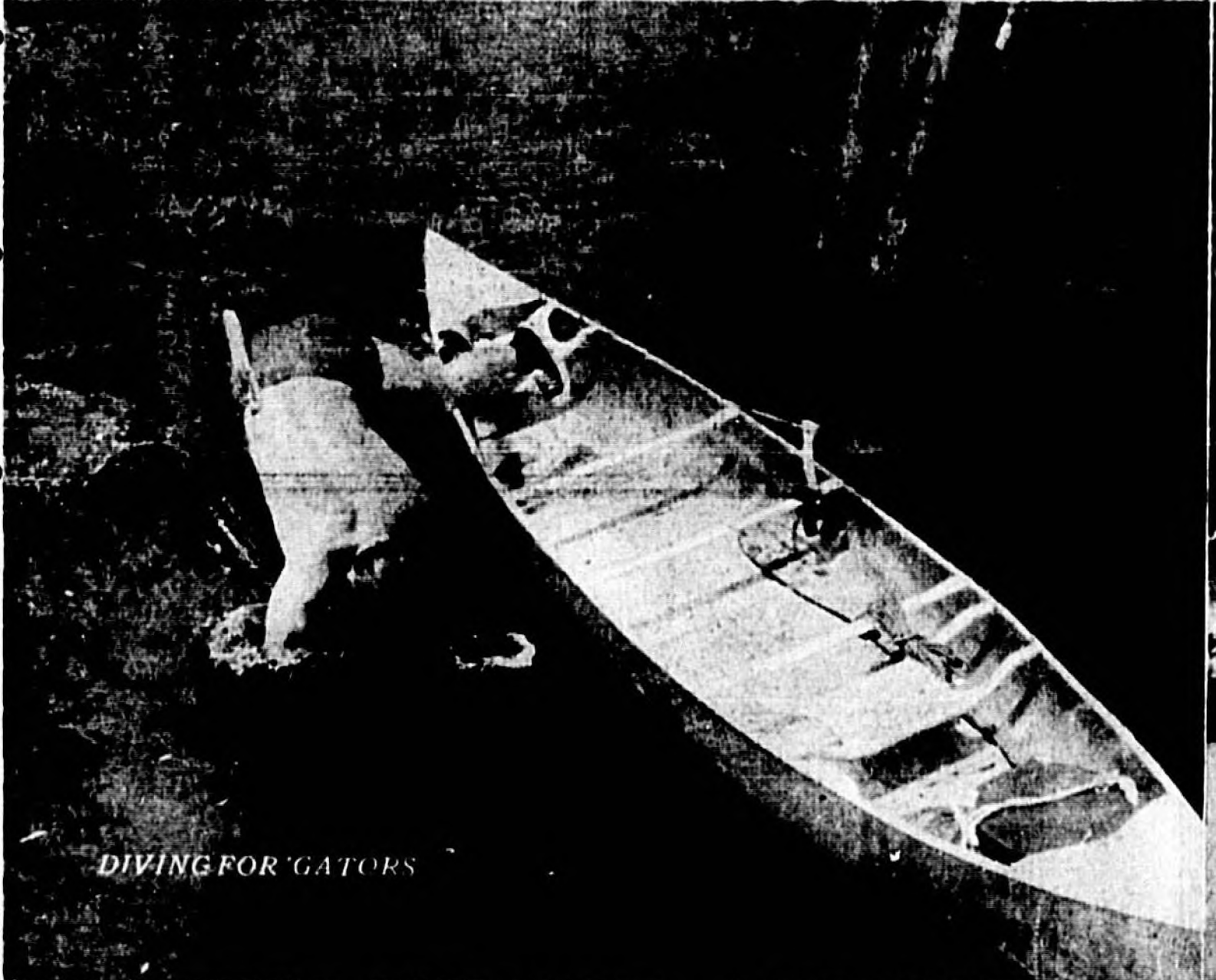
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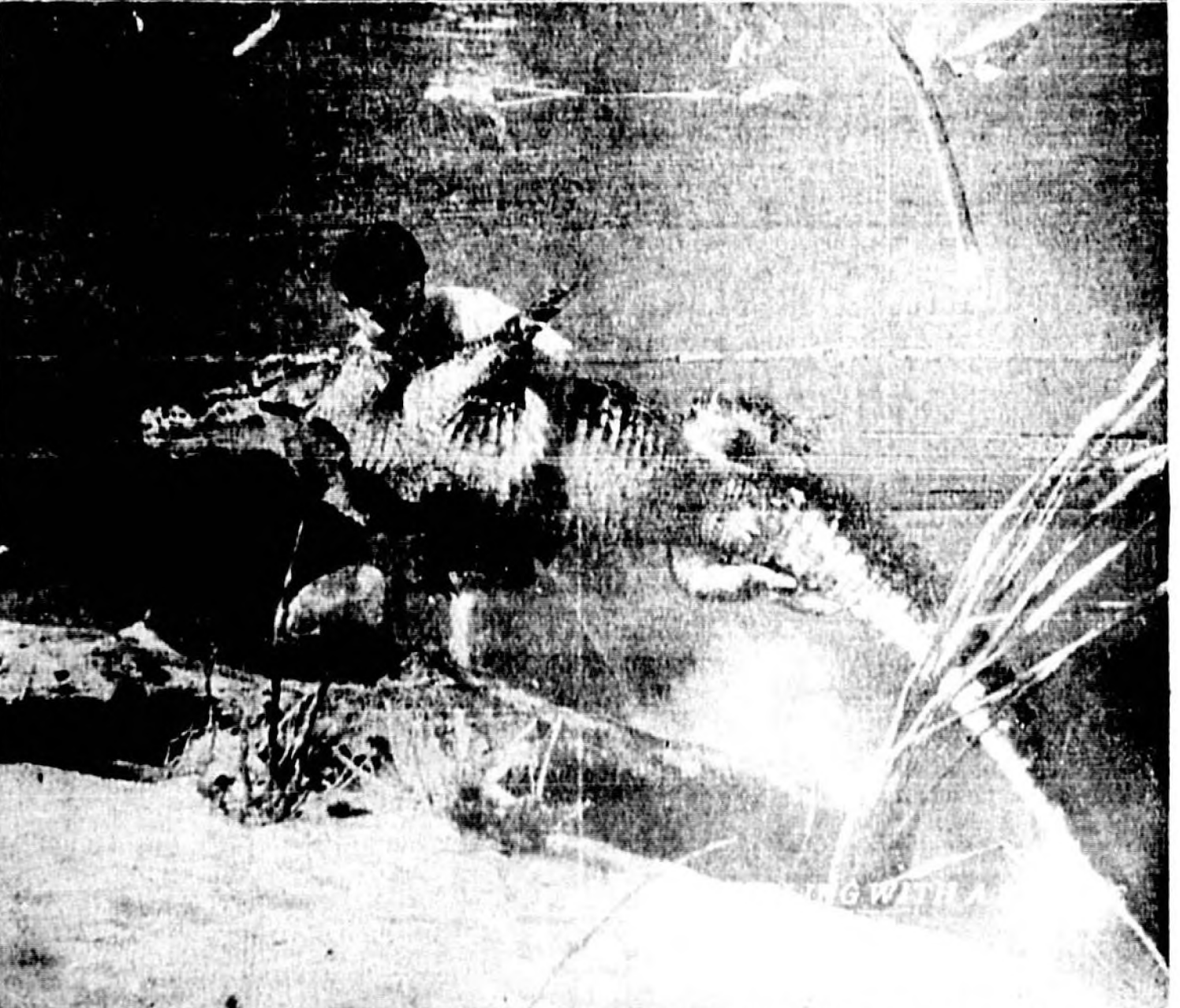
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Florida Wildlife President Hails Seminole Fishing

250,000 Fingerlings Planted In Lakes Here In Five Years

"Seminole County's greatest tourist asset is its fine fishing in the numerous lakes and rivers which criss-cross the whole area surrounding Sanford," Porter Lansing, president of the Florida Wildlife Federation said in describing the wonderful recreational facilities available in this region. "Since the Seminole County Sportsmen's Association was organized five years ago, 250,000 fingerling bass and bream have been planted here," Mr. Lansing continued in elaborating on the tremendous strides which have been taken recently to conserve the fish and game in Central Florida.

"Last year 200 Texas quail and 300 of the native variety were set out," Mr. Lansing said and added that the program is due for progressive increases in years to come.

The Florida Wildlife Federation acts as the spokesman for the various member associations throughout the state when legislation concerning conservation comes before the Legislature, he pointed out.

It was largely due to the insistence of the Federation that the sale of fresh water scale fish was banned in the state, Mr. Lansing explained.

The organization has also fought a continual battle for the protection necessary to stamp out destructive forest fires which are detrimental to wildlife through the destruction of shelter and food.

In Seminole County the local Sportsmen's Association, headed by Mr. Lansing for four of the five years since it was formed, has sponsored the Mullet Lake development, has been instrumental in keeping the Wekiva River open to fishing and supported the county fire control referendum which passed in Seminole County

PORTER LANSING



President of the Florida Wildlife Association with two of his catches. Mr. Lansing, past president of the Seminole County Sportsman's Association, is a prime mover in the effort to conserve game and fish in Florida.

at the last election. The local Association has also planted wild turkey throughout the county in an attempt to build up a badly depleted supply.

George Moffett succeeded to the presidency of the Sportsman's Association following the resignation of Mr. Lansing after his election president of the Florida Wildlife Association.

At the instigation of the local sportsman's group two wardens, Bill Johns and John Warren, have been put on duty in Seminole County and many other measures directed toward the rehabilitation

of the county's game and fish have been a direct result of the efforts of this organization. Forrest Gatchel is secretary of the association.

Mr. Lansing, a native of West Palm Beach, who moved to Sanford at the age of six, pointed out that the State Federation is backing a law which would require the possession of a universal fishing license on the part of all anglers. Money from this law would be used to combat the effects of water hyacinths and in an attempt to keep the rivers open. The Federation is also sponsor-

ing a penalty bill which would confiscate all the equipment of anyone caught in violation of the game and fish laws, Mr. Lansing declared.

Mr. Lansing, owner of the P. H. Lansing garage and Mack Truck agency and for 25 years service manager for Chase and Co., said the Federation is also pushing a law which would take the salt water conservation program out of politics and place it on a truly conservation basis.

Reiterating his opinion that Sem- lies in its unexcelled potentialities as an angler's paradise, Mr. Lan-

Boys' 4-H Council Shows Net Profit

In spite of cold weather which destroyed Pangola grass in the pasture and forced an early sale, the Lake County Boys' 4-H Club Council made a net profit of \$114.40 on a young steer, according to Assistant County Agent O. R. Hamrick of Tavares.

The steer, given to the boys several months ago by J. A. McDonald, was to be raised and fattened for market in the Pangola grass pasture of Johnny Watkins, Groveland 4-H club boy. However, the cold killed the pasture grass and the Council had to sell the steer last month. The net profit was split, with half going to the County Council fund and half to the young 4-H boy who cared for the steer, Mr. Hamrick reported.

ing commended the Chamber of Commerce on its renewed efforts to publicize the phenomenal and unexploited fishing opportunities of this area.



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Wide Variety Of Birds In County Arouse Interest

Audubon Society Is Organized, Makes Many Field Trips

Seminole County has a wide variety of bird life and its many woods and prairies are a constant source of enjoyment to those nature lovers who participate in frequent field trips. Most of them belong to the Seminole Audubon Society under the presidency of Mrs. Miriam Vinup which is affiliated with the Florida Audubon Society.

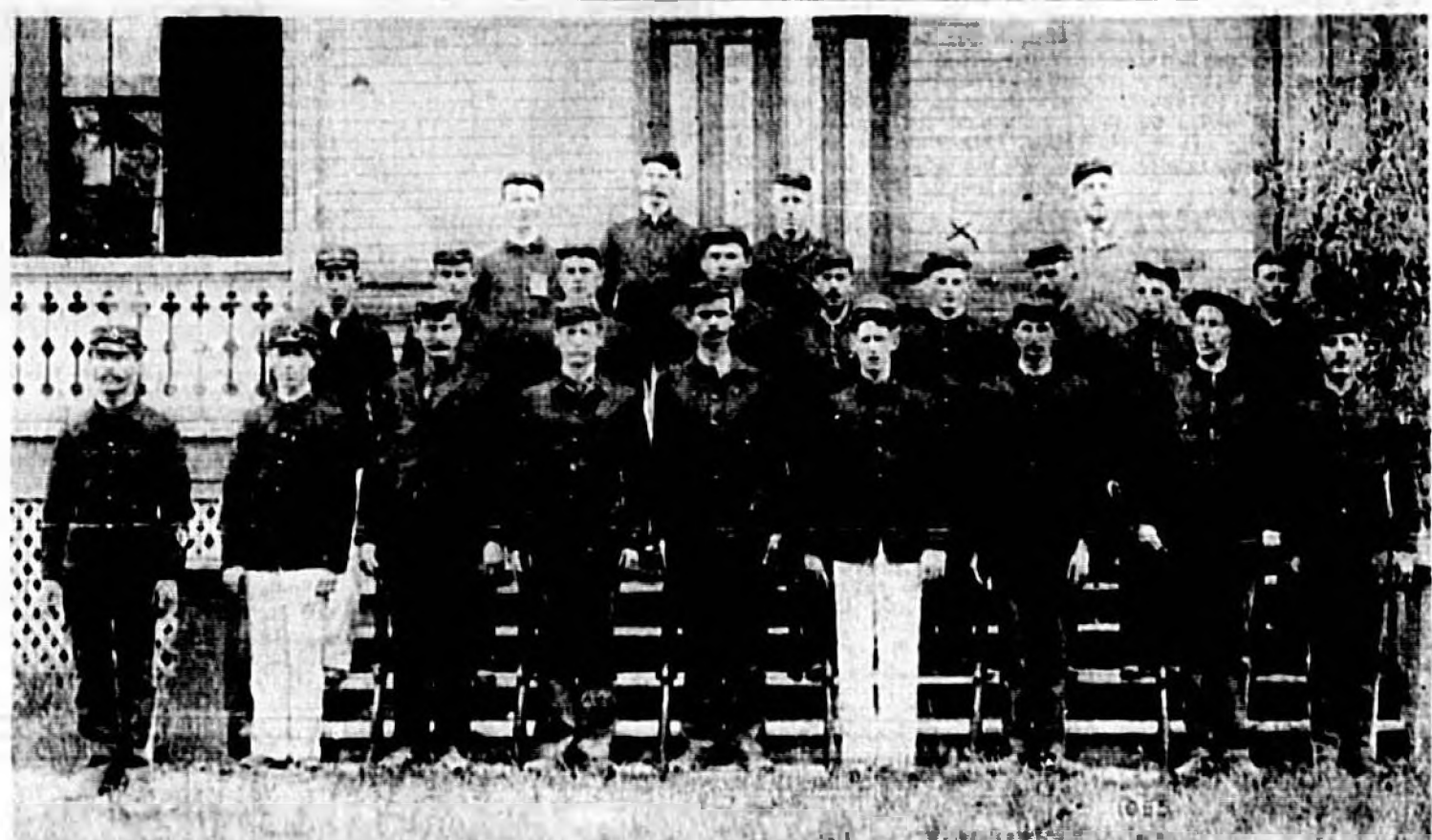
Mrs. H. C. Hetzel, one of the most enthusiastic of the Sanford bird lovers, says that the Society is sponsoring a bi-weekly course in Natural History in the seventh grades of Sanford, DeLand, Winter Park and Orlando under the direction of Russell Mumford whose salary is paid through contributions to the local Audubon Society.

Over 50 members of the Society from over the county hold meetings on the third Monday of each month. Programs are based on bird study, conservation, wild life and natural history. Sound and color motion pictures are shown at intervals which are provided by the University of Florida Extension Department and the Florida Board of Forestry.

Monthly field trips are enjoyed by members under the leadership of Executive Director of the Florida Audubon Society, Merritt C. Farrer, of Winter Park. Trips are made to many distant places as well as near-by locations. Typical of these trips are the ones recent ones to Highlands Hammock, about 112 miles from Sanford. Another was a breakfast meeting with the Winter Park Society at Rock Springs. Others have been held at Lake Harney, Green Springs, and Perlimmon Hammock.

Officers of the group besides Mrs. Vinup, the president, are George Swartz, vice president; Mrs. Esther McAlpine, treasurer; and Mrs. Donald Norton of Ge-

SANFORD PLATOON, SPANISH AMERICAN WAR



The Sanford platoon was a part of Co. C, Orlando, under the command of Capt. J. N. Bradshaw. It was ordered to Tampa and attached to the 7th Army Corps under General Fitzhugh Lee, but was later transferred to the 4th Corps and sent to Ferdinandina, Pa.

nevra, secretary.

Visitors will not lack for sight of the spectacular birds of Florida when travelling over Seminole County. Even from paved roads, one may thrill to the beauty of the Egrets and the Louisiana Heron in their nuptial plumage; to the sun shining on soaring flocks of glistening White Ibis; the wading ranks of the solemn looking "American Stork," commonly called the Ironhead or Wood Ibis.

Many Birds In Winter There are more species of birds in winter than in summer as residents are swelled by hosts of migrants from northern sections. Any good bird observer on a fa-

vorable winter day, may easily find 50 to 75 species in any area of the county ten miles in diameter.

Along the picturesque Wekiva River, marking the western boundary of the county, the searcher may find breeding the lovely Prothonotary Warbler, the uncommon Acadia Flycatcher, and the finely marked Yellow-crowned Night Heron. At all seasons here the air will resound to the chattering call or the loud tapping of the crow-sized Woodpecker, the Pileated, known locally as the "Log-cock." Here too will be found that particular bird, half rail, half crane, with its strange gait and flight, the Limpkin or "Crying Bird." In flatwoods land

nearby, one may be fortunate enough to flush a group of Florida Sandhill Cranes. Penetration of the deep woods may bring to light a flock of Wild Turkeys; or a pair of beautiful Wood Ducks may fly whirling from a hidden cypress pond where they have been resting in a hollow tree.

Shore Birds Favor Lake Harney The sandy shores of the marshy prairies about Lake Harney attract a considerable number of shore birds during the winter season. Sandpiper, Snipe and Woodcock, Plover, Gull and Tern find here convenient feeding grounds and resting places. Flocks of Dowitchers and Yellowlegs vie with the soft-calling Black-bellied Plover in hunting fresh water

marine life, and occasionally the rare Golden Plover appears to lend zest to the day's list.

The marshes of the St. Johns River and its tributary lakes such

as Lake Jessup have a great variety of ducks and even a few geese. Pintail, Shoveller and Teal frequent the shallow marshy areas, while in the deeper water of the River and of Lake Monroe are found the diving Ducks, Scaup and Ruddy. Here in the marshes as the noisy Boat Tailed Grackle too Gallinules and Coots as well find satisfying feeding; and in the summer the striking Black-necked Stilt nests in the short grass along the shores.

Even the extensive cultivated fields of celery and lettuce provide excellent foraging grounds in winter for flocks of Palm Mourning Doves, Killdeer, and Warblers, Pipits, Ground and Blackbirds of several species; while over the crop fields through thousands of Tree Swallows flashing their white bellies as they turn in pursuit of luckless moth.

In Pine And Scrub Just a quick change of environment and you have a new group of birds. The Oak Palmnetto, and Gallinule scrub is sure to produce Towhees, the White-eyed at all seasons, and in winter the Red-eyed visitors from the North. The Blue Gray Gnatcatcher, that diminutive mocking bird delights in the oaks, and you will listen with enjoyment to the "here, here, here" of the Tufted Titmouse and the scolding notes of the White-eyed Vireo.

A trip to the pine woods will reveal typical birds of that type country; the Pine Warbler, Red-crowned Woodpecker, and the active Gray-headed Nuthatch. If it is early morning or evening one may hear the delightful song of the Pine-woods Sparrow. Here too in summer the all-wise Tenager of the southeast will entertain with his soft warble. Almost any section is likely to bring to the attention of the bird-

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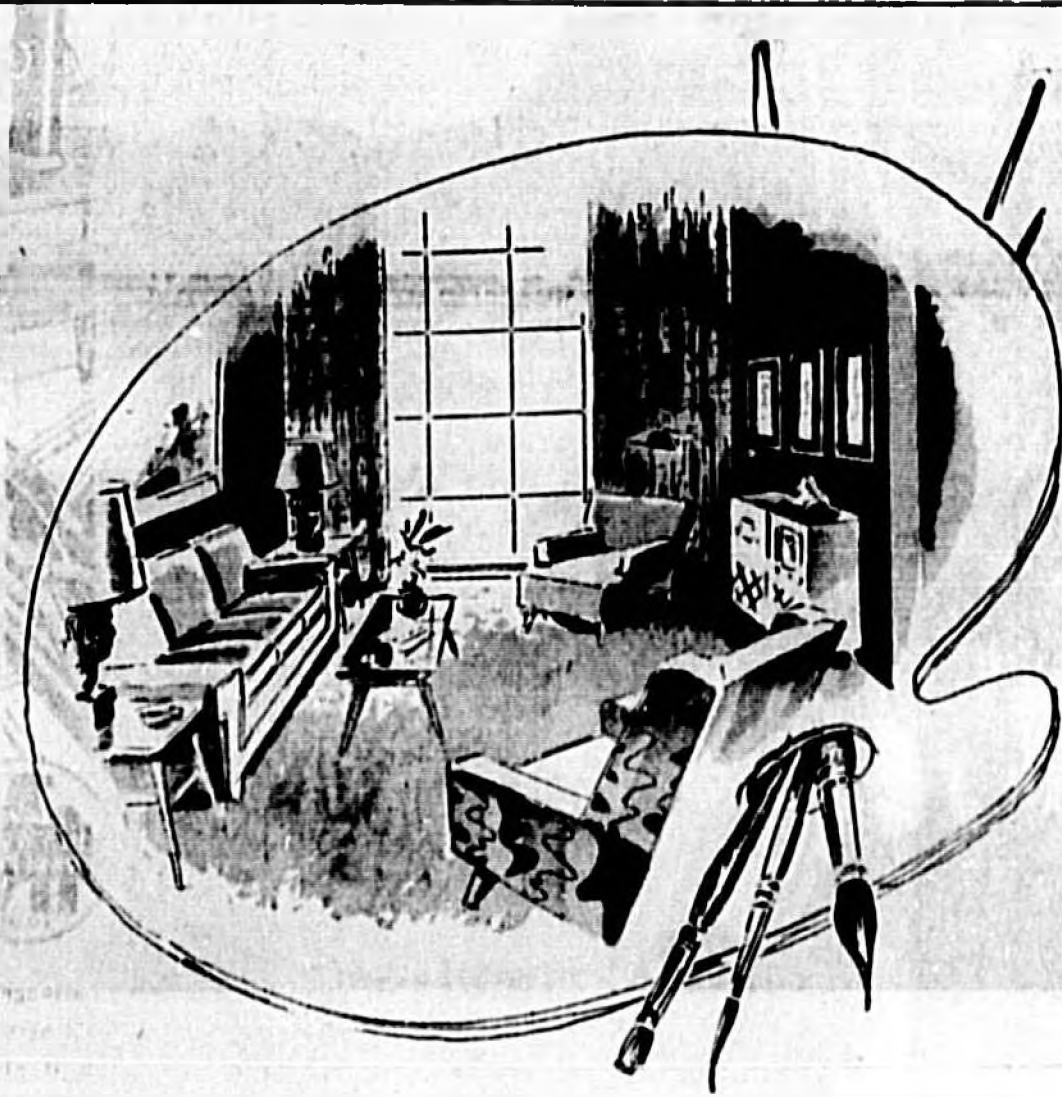
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Frank Evans

(Continued from Page Three) absent without leave of the superintendent over him. The resignation never went into effect, however, for during the two weeks the superintendent was away Mr. Evans so gratified his superiors with the way he carried on the work that they made him superintendent at twice his former salary.

Plumage Co. Another son by the first wife is Tracy, who is a grandfather.

In 1923 Mr. and Mrs. Evans came back to Lake Mary and built their present home to which they returned each winter. In 1926, Governor John Martin, appointed Mr. Evans to replace Charles Ensminger as a Seminole County Commissioner...



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(Continued from Page Seven) tener the distinctly marked Yellow-throated Warbler, which seems to prefer the cabbage palmettos as well as does the Red-bellied Woodpecker. Wherever you go, the Mockingbird and Shrike and Cardinal are there to greet you with color and with song.

Agronomy Field Day Slated At University

Recent research findings with grasses and other pasture plants will be emphasized at the Agronomy Field Day at the University of Florida Agricultural Experiment Station in Gainesville on Mar. 6.

Egg Show Planned By Poultry Society

The Annual Florida Baby Chick and Egg Show will be held by the Florida Poultry Science Club on Mar. 24 at the University of Florida. President Jim Burkhalter, of Loxley, said today.

A Scene in Seminole County



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