

REMARKABLE PROGRESS SHOWN IN SIX MONTHS' WORK ON DAVIS ISLANDS

MACHINERY VALUED AT \$4,500,000 USED IN DEVELOPMENT

All Manner of Physical Improvement Work Advanced in Rapid Fashion

Six months of rapid uninterrupted progress—six months of record-breaking results. An achievement that has written a new chapter into the history of Florida development—its accomplishment brought about by a well organized and skillfully maneuvered army of workers with equipment and machinery valued at \$4,500,000.

Probably the most obvious result of the broad and amply financed program being carried out by Stone & Webster is the dredging. Three million five hundred and fifty thousand cubic yards of fill have been added to Davis Islands during the last six months, bringing the total to date to almost 13,000,000 cubic yards.

More than 10 miles of sidewalks. The total since the project has been under way is nearly 15 miles. Six miles of curbing, bringing the total to approximately 14 miles. A two and one-half mile extension of the seawall, with the manufacture of enough concrete piling to practically complete the entire seawall. Nearly six miles of seawall now protect Davis Islands.

Four miles of water mains; the total to date, nine miles. More than four miles of gas mains; the total to date, seven miles. More than two miles of rain drains; the total, four miles.

Five miles of sanitary sewers, making a total of nine miles completed. Also 241 manholes and catch basins, a total of 321 to date. Seven miles of parkway cable; the total completed exceeding 18 miles. Also 175 ornamental lighting standards and 38 electric poles.

More than 1,000 plants and shrubs planted in pursuance of the beautification program. Approximately three miles of streets and parkways now "beautified." Topsoil totaling 35,387 square yards added to the parkways. Cleaning and grading of 1,333 lots, many of which have been seeded for grass. The total to date, 1,557.

FOUR NEW BUSINESSES TO OPEN AT LEESBURG

LEESBURG, March 12.—(Tribune News Service.)—Four new businesses will be opened here before April 1. R. A. Boyd will give the city its first cafeteria in the Bantz building, and removal of the Pringle Landscaping Organization from Haines City to Leesburg was announced by G. W. Pringle. A shoe store will be opened next week in the old State Bank building by Henry Rayson, who is moving here from Bradenton. Louis Randall will open a men's clothing store in the Mote block.

To Give Recital



ROY ARTHUR LEWIS

Mr. Lewis, former Cleveland pianist, will give a piano recital this afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock at the Bel-Mar better home. Mr. Lewis has been doing Ampico recording work while in Florida, as well as maintaining a studio, where he finds time for teaching.

WOMEN TO OFFICIALLY OPEN NEW STATE ROAD

Cross State Highway To Be Dedicated With Ceremony At Okeechobee City

ARCADIA, March 12.—(Tribune News Service.)—Plans for the celebration on March 24 of the opening of the recently completed Arcadia cross-state highway includes a formal celebration at Okeechobee City when a white ribbon will be stretched from one side of the road to the other, one end held by a woman from Bradenton and the other by a woman from Port Pierce. A woman from Arcadia will be chosen to cut it.

A motorcade of more than 200 cars and several bands will cross the state from Bradenton to Port Pierce, the length of the highway. The Arcadia committee is at work and committees are working at other places along the highway to arrange one of the biggest road celebrations ever held in the state.

The fact that much of this highway opens a new territory where there are few inhabitants makes it more unusual. The 50 miles between Arcadia and Bradenton is sparsely inhabited and yet the country is rich and promising. The recently completed Lake Ann-Arcadia link of the highway cuts through prairies and also opens a new territory.

HAINES CITY HOTEL LEASED HAINES CITY, March 12.—(Tribune News Service.)—Ernest N. Hudson recently took over the Van Buren hotel on Ingraham avenue, leasing it from the owner, Hal O. Estes. Immediate improvements and reduction of rates will be effective.

Madame Lupescu Denies She Dragged Carol from Throne; Pal, Comrade in His Exile

By LADY DRUMMOND HAY. PARIS, March 12.—(Copyright, 1927, by Universal Service.)—"I am not rocking the Rumanian throne. Believe me when I tell you that Prince Carol did not renounce throne and crown for me, as the world has been falsely led to believe through libelous reports. I am neither a siren, circé nor a vampire. I am only a very loyal friend, and not an obstacle to Prince Carol's allegiance or duty."

every day for three days. The reports in the European and American press that the Crown Prince of Rumania has abandoned his beautiful friend I found to be untrue. She is a delicately-bred girl in the middle twenties. Her hair is not red; it is the color of ripe corn kissed by the sunset. Rich waves of pure gold softly frame her face, flower-like in its dainty beauty. Her name is Ellen, not Magda, she hastily informed me. Of average height, well built, all curves, exceptionally and finely moulded hands, feet and ankles, her strikingly milk-white skin belies the rumor that she is a Jewess. She told me she is not a Jewess. Her great beauty would obviously be considered her glorious hair, which she wears bobbed, not shingled. But to me her eyes are her chief attraction. Not big nor dark, rather light colored, shaded by golden lashes, emphasized by sunny brows. Do you know how the trusting, contended eyes of honest childhood reflect light from within? Those are Ellen's eyes, alight with loyalty and faith. She walked from the door toward me, smiling a welcome, and, after we had exchanged the first few sentences of greeting, Ellen Lupescu settled herself on a big settee. Looking no more than twenty-one in her matly, dark blue frock, short skirt, embroidered jumper, pearl-grey shoes and stockings, she plunged right into the subject nearest her heart.

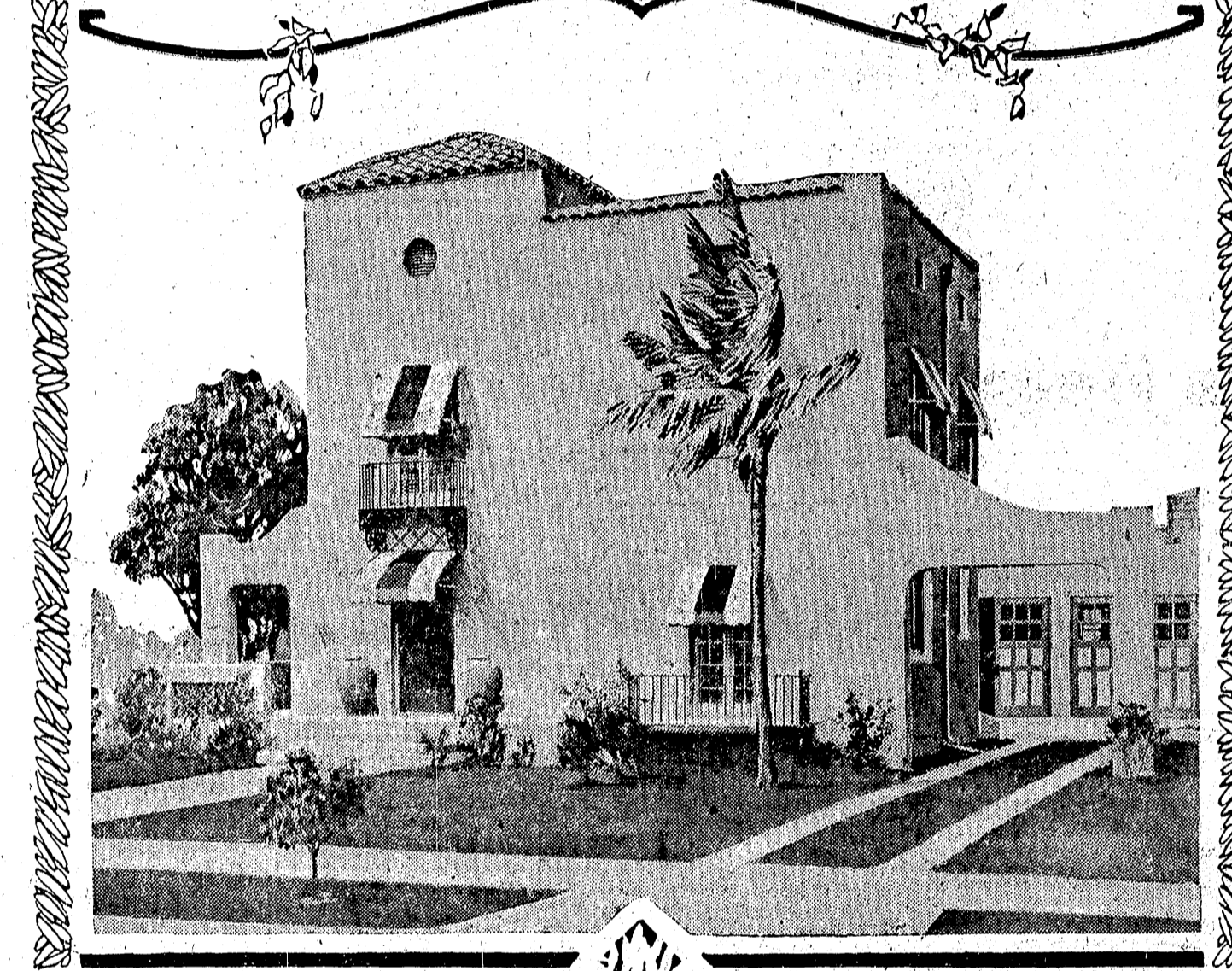
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had woman, an adventuress! The horror of realizing myself accused of the sentiments "I least admit!" Increased pallor followed the slight flush as her emotion threatened to overmaster her at this point. Then, more calmly, Madame Lupescu continued in thrilling French: "No Siren; She Says. "People have been saying and writing a lot of cruel things about me. They would try to make believe that I am every kind of a wicked woman, a siren, a—how you call it?—vamp, a heartless adventuress destroying the life of Prince Carol, taking him away from his princess wife and little son, making him enemies with his queen mother and king father; that I, poor Ellen, am responsible for all the troubles of his country, and that when I raise my little finger—so!" (smiting the gesture to the word) "The old throne of Rumania shakes and rocks! Oh! It is funny, funny, funny—but her laugh trailed off suspiciously gear a sob—"I meant would be funny if it were not so very shocking."

terests, his welfare. I do not keep him from his family and country. I am only a very loyal friend, and not an obstacle to Prince Carol's allegiance or duty." Madame Lupescu spoke with great vehemence, giving me to understand that she would never stand in the way of reconciliation between Prince Carol and his wife, Princess Helen. Pansencing herself more firmly on the sofa, Ellen Lupescu looked up. "You understand? It is not so that friendship is greater than so-called love? The one is all sacrifice and confidence, the other so often nothing but selfishness. This does it hurt me when our so wonderful understanding and comradeship can be mistaken for an affair. I would not be so happy, so calm, if they were so, ah affair! That can be the matter of some weeks or months, but friendship, ah! It is safe for the whole lifetime and grows more strong with the years."

"But what are you going to do? What are your plans for the future?" I asked. "Walking towards the big window, pulling back a damask curtain to peep out at the wintry sun, Madame Lupescu answered indifferently: "I really haven't thought. In fact, there aren't any plans. It depends, of course, and who can tell? For the time being I am quite happy in Paris; the only thing I crave is to be left alone, and allowed to live in peace."

Extraordinary Showing of Distinctive Furniture And Draperies



A new TRIBUNE BETTER HOME EXHIBIT on Davis Islands

Open all this week, including Sunday, Mar. 20

Furniture and Draperies by Holtsinger

By popular demand the Tribune Better Homes exhibit has been continued one week, and a new model home opened for inspection on Davis Islands. This home combines all that is beautiful, livable and efficient in its furnishings, arrangement and draperies, china, cut glass, bric-a-brac, lamps, etc., all the product of Holtsinger Furniture Company.

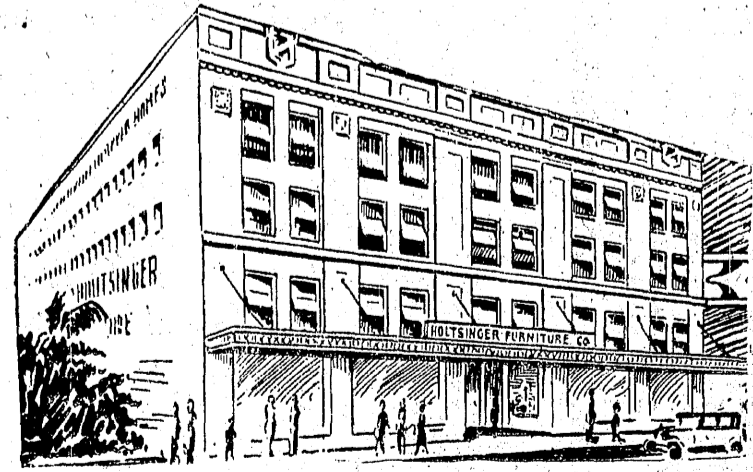
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DRIVE OUT TOMORROW

Open From 2 P. M. to 10 P. M.



Don't miss this opportunity of seeing the home of your ideal, complete in every detail. Drive out tomorrow. It is located on Adriatic Avenue in Davis Islands, just a few minutes' pleasant drive from any part of the city. And when you see the exhibit—come to Holtsinger Furniture Company and inspect the fine furniture now offered at economical prices.

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