

# ST. LUCIE CATTLE CAMP IS MODERN

St. Lucie Land and Cattle Company  
Have Model Ranch Near Lake  
Okeechobee.

FT. PIERCE, Aug. 25.—An account of the 22,000-acre ranch of the Dixie Land and Cattle Company, located eight miles northwest of Okeechobee, is brought back by local people who a few days ago visited the place and were surprised to find such a modern and complete cattle plant that far out in the "backwoods."

It is a distinct revelation and a very practical demonstration, they declare, of the wonderful but undeveloped livestock possibilities of south Florida when modern methods and ideas are employed.

The 22,000-acre ranch of the Dixie Land and Cattle Company, owned by Button Brothers, is located on the prairie. It is reached by a good eight-mile road which they have built out from Okeechobee. The road, as it approaches the ranch, makes a wide curve, providing a wonderful view of the prairie. A handsome colonial-style house of concrete, finished with light gray stucco, and a number of attractive looking tenant houses of the same construction, occupy the center of a ten-acre lawn of Bermuda grass and give an excellent view of practically the entire ranch. The homes are provided with all modern conveniences—electric light, running water, electrically-controlled automatic refrigerating system, etc.

Fourteen thousand acres are being set out to a fine stock grass imported from Argentine, one acre of which, it is said will support from five to eight head of cattle, while a number of acres of the native grass are required to support a single head.

When the ranch is fully ready for use it is to be stocked with fine blooded cattle, which, grazing alternately on different tracts, will be fattened and finished there.

The Button Brothers have had extensive experience in cattle-raising in Argentine and the Philippines. That they believe south Florida offers wonderful cattle-raising opportunities is evident by the large scale on which they are going into the business.

## Reduce Citrus Crop.

St. Lucie county's citrus fruit crop for next season will be approximately 80 per cent of last year's record crop, according to estimates of those familiar with conditions. In view of the state-wide shortage due to continued dry weather throughout the spring and summer, this is considered an excellent outlook.

The crop at present is in fair condition, though it has suffered quite a bit from lack of rain and rain now would do it much good. Much of the fruit is practically grown, and if rain comes in sufficient quantity it should mature in fine shape. Shipment should begin between the first and middle of October, it is stated.

Though the shipping season is supposed to have ended months ago, one local shipper who caters to the fancy retail trade, has been shipping oranges throughout the summer. He has been handling fruit of the June and July, 1920, bloom. It is fully matured and of good quality.

## Addition To Ice Plant.

Work has been started on construction of a 60 by 60-foot concrete building to house a 40-ton addition to the plant of the St. Lucie Ice Company, which addition will double the present capacity of the plant and give Ft. Pierce one of the biggest ice plants along this section of the east coast. The new unit is to be ready for operation by December 1. It will be the Frick enclosed type and will be used for manufacture of raw-water ice only.

The building now under construction will be of concrete, providing a tank room 60 by 30 feet, capable of accommodating 585 ice cans of 300 pounds capacity each, and a storage room of the same dimensions.

The new unit is to be operated by a 150 h. p. Diesel oil-burning engine, which is to be located in the boiler room of the present plant.

The manufactured product of the new plant will be used for refrigerating cars of produce and fish.

## Women's Auxiliary Organized.

Starting out with forty-one members and more assured, the Women's Auxiliary to Stephen N. Gladwin Post No. 40, American Legion, was organized here Friday evening.

Mrs. Laura N. Brewer, who took the lead in organization of the unit, was given the honor of election as the unit's first president. The other officers elected were: Mrs. E. S. Reed, vice-president; Mrs. Frank K. Stetson, secretary; Mrs. A. B. Critchley, treasurer; Mrs. E. B. Critchley, chaplain.

Mrs. Brandt, of New Smyrna, chairman at large, could not be present to assist in organization. Dr. I. O. Bishop, commanding officer of the local post of the American Legion, acted as organizing officer. Mrs. Brewer briefly reviewed the history of the auxiliary. She presented to the new unit a gavel for use in its meetings, which was made from the wood of a white maple tree that grew at old Ft. Capron (St. Lucie) and shaded a well that was made and used by United States soldiers during the Seminole war.

The youngest member of the unit is little Margery Louise Coffee, four weeks old.

Following the business session, refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

Mrs. Brewer has announced appointment of the following as chairmen of the various standing committees: welfare, Mrs. Lenora Parker; educational, Mrs. J. M. Sample; health and sanitation, Mrs. Myrtle Depew; membership, Mrs. C. E. James; program and entertainment, Mrs. J. C. Coe; finance, Mrs. E. L. Taylor; public affairs, Mrs. F. C. Poppell; publicity, Mrs. J. W. Gullidge and Mrs. T. Roden.

## Innes Car Created Sensation.

A new Innes automobile, a Florida product for the manufacture of which a plant is now being erected in Jacksonville by the American Motors Export Corporation, created quite a sensation on Ft. Pierce streets Tuesday. The car, which is certainly a very nobby and beautiful machine, was highly complimented. It was brought here by J. L. Folsom and David Seabloom, factory representative and engineer. Quite a number of local people have stock in the company. H. E. Mims has been appointed agent for this county.

## To Debate Tobacco Question.

Tobacco in all its forms will be assailed and defended in public debate next Tuesday evening. Ernest Thornquest conducting the attack and County Attorney J. H. Carpenter the defense. The debate is scheduled to come off in the auditorium of the court house, with Judge Otis R. Parker presiding as referee. The chief weapon of offense and defense, it is expected, will be gas.

## The debate results from a general

challenge issued recently by Mr. Thornquest through the press, and accepted by Mr. Carpenter, who was quick to spring to the defense of tobacco. The forthcoming skit is being anticipated with much interest on the part of the public.

## Tractors On Groves.

That St. Lucie county citrus growers believe in the use of modern machinery on their groves is evidenced by the fact that since December 1 last the Tindall Motor company has placed 14 Fordson tractors on groves in this county, making a total of 22 tractors of that make in use in the county, as well as a number of machines of other makes.

## Items of Interest.

The Fellsmere baseball club is to play a return engagement here Thursday afternoon with the American Legion team, which last Thursday at Fellsmere won a thirteen-inning contest by a score of 5 to 4. "Happy" Bell is to do the twirling stunt for the legion boys, and George Backus the catching. Bell last Thursday scored 17 strike-outs.

John Timothy Barnhart, 73 years of age, a carpenter by profession, passed away here at 3 o'clock Monday morning. Funeral services were held that afternoon, conducted by Rev. R. H. Blanchard. Mr. Barnhart, who had been a resident of this section for ten years, was born in Concord, N. C.

E. P. and E. M. Martin were called to Jacksonville Tuesday on account of the serious condition of their brother, S. B. Martin, of Wildwood, who has been in a Jacksonville hospital for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hawkins of West Palm Beach, en route by automobile to Sanford, stopped over with relatives here Thursday night. They were accompanied to Port Orange Friday by Mrs. Alfred Tedder and three children.

The annual picnic of the Sunday school of the First Baptist church is to be held Thursday on the ocean beach at Surfside, and a big time is being anticipated by kiddies and grown-ups.

Goss Tucker left Saturday night for Williamsburg, Ky., for a short visit with his mother and sister, after which he will go to Montreal, Canada, to spend the balance of the summer in that section camping, hunting and vacationing. Last summer while there he succeeded in bagging a big moose.

Mrs. R. E. Mims and children are visiting relatives in Jacksonville, the former's brother, F. E. Winstead.

Miss Edith Ford of Lakeland, is a visitor in Ft. Pierce, her former home. She is the guest of Miss Maud Avriett.

T. F. Faulkner, of the Faulkner Grocery company, is a business visitor in Jacksonville, having gone up Sunday, accompanied by his son.

Mrs. J. R. DeBerry and children are home again after a visit of several weeks in North Carolina and Virginia.

Miss Jewell Swain of Tallahassee, who has been visiting friends and relatives here for several days, left the early part of the week for Key West for a visit of a few weeks, the guest of Miss Curry.

Mrs. Clara Faber returned the latter part of the week from a two months' visit in North Carolina and Tennessee.

Havley Holmes and family of Okeechobee were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Holmes of this place over the week-end.

Mrs. J. W. Swain returned a few days ago to her home in Tallahassee, after a visit of several days with relatives and friends in Ft. Pierce, her old home.

Dr. H. D. Clark was a business visitor in Jacksonville the early part of the week.