

honored list of twenty-five donors of the life blood to benefit their fellow men.

And while this list is not public property or to be scanned by everybody, at the same time it is open to all doctors and the management of the hospital in Palm Beach county.

These twenty-five donors may be modest men but at the same time they are IMMORTALIZED for the reason that they have EXHIBITED GENEROSITY TO THEIR FELLOW MEN AND THE POTENTIAL FACT THAT THEIR BLOOD IS PURE.

George Kappler is FAT AND FRIENDLY.

I don't know where Doctor Van Landingham found him,

Nevertheless, Van WROUGHT WELL when he GRABBED this BIG BOY

BALD FACTS

(By JOE EARMAN)

While Palm Beach county is going through restabilization and the GRIEF that goes with it,

The Palm Beach Independent has considered it the BEST POLICY

TO PRINT ACTUAL FACTS
AT ALL TIMES.

On occasions the publication of said facts
Has hurt like the DEUCE.

While we are all MILLING AROUND

Alternately "PRAISIN' and CUSSIN," the rich boys who sojourn in Palm Beach county during the winter season

It might be advisable to DIG UP some actual facts.

Here is some information that will interest every man, woman and child in Palm Beach county.

SO GO ON AND READ IT.

THEN LET YOUR HEAD WORK.

The total value of our agricultural products including field and truck crops, fruit and nuts, and miscellaneous farm sales was one million, nine hundred and fifty eight thousand, nine hundred and ninety-three dollars, from July, 1927, to July, 1928.

The total acreage of Palm Beach county is one million, four hundred and forty-seven thousand, five hundred and fifty acres.

The total acreage in farms is ninety-one thousand, six hundred and seventy acres, which as will be observed is less than ten per cent of the total acreage in the county.

The total acreage in cultivation is ten thousand, eight hundred and thirty-five acres, which is just a little more than one per cent of the total county acreage.

The total assessed valuation in 1928 for Palm Beach county is twenty-four million, one hundred and thirty-six thousand dollars.

The total state and county assessments in the town of Palm Beach is seven million, three hundred thousand dollars, or MORE THAN THIRTY-TWO PER CENT of the COUNTY'S TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATION.

The annual taxes paid by the state and county on the property in Palm Beach BETWEEN WELLS ROAD AND THE COUNTRY CLUB is seventy-four thousand, one hundred and one dollars and ninety cents, which were the taxes paid in 1928.

The taxes paid to the town of Palm Beach for the same year amounted to fifty-one thousand, three hundred and forty dollars and seventy-six cents.

As will be observed, the total annual taxation in this area is one hundred and twenty-five thousand, four hundred and forty-two dollars and sixty-six cents, and inasmuch as it is NON PRODUCTIVE, it would certainly seem to a FAIR MINDED MAN that these property owners are at least entitled to an

ELASTIC CONSIDERATION.

I have been unable to get any bank data outside of Palm Beach as pertaining to banking facts in Palm Beach county.

The foreign money received by the First National Bank in Palm Beach for the year ending May 28, 1929, was approximately THIRTY-ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

And this does not include any checks on banks in other states cashed over the counter but was only of funds de-

FLORIDA STATE BANKS

(By JOE EARMAN)

If Florida state bankers want the people of Florida to have confidence in them and deposit their money in their banks,

Said Florida state bankers SHOULD MERIT THE CONFIDENCE OF THE PEOPLE.

As is well known, the banking laws of Florida ARE WITHOUT TEETH.

Instead of enacting some adequate banking laws providing teeth in them,

Which mean penalties that will place dishonest bankers in the state penitentiary,

The present state legislature has enacted a law conferring additional power on the state comptroller who is the CZAR OF ALL FLORIDA STATE BANKS and also of ALL FLORIDA BUSTED STATE BANKS.

The management of state banks has not been WHAT IT SHOULD BE.

State banks are still BLOWING UP.

Nine closed their doors several weeks ago, three in Polk county, three in Highlands, one in Orange, one in Hardee and one in our neighbor county of Martin.

Last week a state bank in Okeechobee "blowed" up.

The Okeechobee institution was considered SOUND, And its president, D. R. McNeil, was thought to be one of the state's financial rocks of Gibraltar.

The only conclusion being that inasmuch as the state banking system CONTINUES FAILURES, and with them the USUAL DISTRESS, there should be a change in the laws and in the management and personnel of said management as pertaining to state banks, bankers and state banking laws.

It is generally thought that the legislature of Florida is DOMINATED by state bankers.

It does seem that when the present state comptroller wants any law or support that all he has to do is to summon the leaders of the STATE BANKERS BLOC in the state legislature and probably say to them:

"I WANT SO AND SO.

"Tell the boys that they know the condition of their banks, also that they know I HAVE THE POWER TO CLOSE THEM,

"Put this measure across and everything will be 'JAKE.'

"Otherwise get ready for a GRAND SLAM.

"YOU UNDERSTAND."

Whereupon the great bankers

DO BUSINESS AS DIRECTED BY THE CZAR.

If everybody in Florida, and I am NOT TALKING ABOUT THOSE THAT OWE STATE BANKS and are NOT under obligations to state bankers, would withhold their deposits from state banks, and either do business with the national banks or the United States postoffices,

It would not be long before state bankers would SEE THE LIGHT.

Many of them would observe OBLIVION.

Florida and its people, especially on the lower East Coast of the state,

HAVE BEEN EXPLOITED LONG ENOUGH.

ALL RIGHT.

Stick your money in a Florida state bank.

If you lose it and it provides Lincolns and other fine automobiles for Florida state bankers to ride around in after their said state banks have "BUSTED,"

Because there are no laws with TEETH in them to PROTECT you,

Just take your loss.

LET YOUR FAMILY SUFFER.

BEAR YOUR BURDEN,

But DON'T come around Joe Earman to tell him your troubles.

Under such circumstances I don't want to hear them.