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porter of May 8th Triangle oranges packed in the Tavares packing house, Lake Region Packing Association, appear at the head of the quotations, selling at \$7.88. With the exception of a shipment of Royal Poincianas which sold at 8.38 this was the highest price reported. The receipts for the day were double on oranges and three times on grapefruit those of the same date a year ago. The local growers and packers have every reason to be proud of this showing as to the quality of their output.

PRIZES AWARDED PUPILS IN COUNTY EXHIBIT HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK

All Schools of County Make Fine Display

- Leesburg Classes Domestic Art.
 - 1st Year Class
 - Beatrice Simmons, 1st, Sewing basket
 - Edna Mae Miller, 2nd, Scissors
 - Christine Mote 3d, Silver thimble
- 2nd Year Class
 - Edna Mae Miller 1st, Sewing basket
 - Katherine Ross 2nd, Scissors
 - Julia Folsom, 3d, Silver thimble
- 3d Year Class
 - Cora Matthews, 1st, Sewing basket
 - Fairy Hester 2nd, Scissors

These prizes were given by W. H. Deck, Leesburg, B. D. Harris Hardware Store, First Nat'l Bank, Leesburg Hardware & Supply Co., and the Harber Jewelry Store.

Twenty girls from the above classes exhibited their work under the direction of Mrs Lucy K. Miller who is teaching Home Economics in the Leesburg school

Groveland Classes

- Nellie Ingalls, Scholarship given by Mrs J. Ray Arnold.
- Camille Beach, Scholarship by Dr. Register. Elizabeth Register Scholarship by Mrs. Edge. Gladys Pate, Scissors by Edge Merc. Co, The Groveland class was taught by Miss Westbrook, and very successfully, so that it is probable a class in cooking as well as sewing will be established in the high school.

The local leaders present at the exhibit were, Mesdames Q. H. Masters, Okahumpka, McCanathy, Mascotte, N. Fuller, Lake Tracy, and Thomas of Sorrento. Fifty club girls were in attendance from the following clubs; Clermont, Sorrento, Okahumpka, Mascotte, Lake Tracy, Altoona and Astor.

In the health poster exhibit, under direction of Miss Odom, 36 prizes were given, donated by people in the locality of each school, first, second and third for each grade in the 12 grades of the schools. Groveland and Leesburg captured a majority of the awards, with Umatilla and Lady Lake following close.

work mill was opened and operated by Hore & Osborn and located just southwest of the Semi Tropical office. The first church organized and built was the Episcopal in 1881. The M.E. church was organized and built in 1882 and the Presbyterian in 1883. The Christian church was formed and the building erected in 1886. Three or four colored churches were established about the same time.

The town of Eustis was incorporated in 1881, D. W. Herrick being elected the first mayor. The first railroad was completed in the fall of 1880 from Fort Butler, (Astor) on the St Johns river, to Ft Mason, two miles north of Eustis, where it connected with a steamboat line for points around the lakes. The road was a narrow gauge and called the St Johns River & Lake Eustis Railroad, and was the first railroad built south of Jacksonville. Previous to the advent of the railroad all freight mail and most of the people came either by Ocklawaha steamers or were hauled overland from the St Johns river. In 1882 the railroad was extended on to Lane Park on Lake Astatula, Col. A. J. Lane and Major Davies with Capt. Jarvis were the leading spirits and promoters of the enterprise.

The first store in Eustis was a very small one opened by a Mr. Cullen in a new building that is now part of the Boyer hotel. The next year Mr Clifford moved the old store formerly of Smith & Clifford, from Lake Woodward to the present site of the D. J. Caldwell Co., where he built the present structure and did business there for many years.

On a wet disagreeable morning, Nov. 10th, 1875, a team of mules hauling a wagon heavily loaded with camping outfit and grub for man and beast wound its way through the pine woods from Mellonville, now Sanford on the St Johns river and halted at its destination on the west bank of Lake Woodward nearly two miles south of the present railroad station in Eustis. G. D. Clifford and C. T. Smith were the owners and occupants of the outfit, and there in the virgin forest began life in Florida. Our camp was made of rough boards and our food cooked over an open fire or on a stove set up in the open air, and our bed for the first three months consisted mostly of a pile of green moss, but even in these crude surroundings we entertained quite a number of new settlers who had not yet got their bearings and located their homesteads. By early summer we had two dwellings and a store fit for occupancy. At this time nearly all the land in the big Lake Region was government land and unoccupied but the good things about Florida were becoming known in other parts and homesteaders and settlers were

one of the heaviest tourist traffic Florida has ever known. The perfect weather of the past winter, the general comfort of the visitors, and their reporting of this to friends, may be expected to have its natural result in bringing still increased numbers in the future.

coming in and the store of Smith & Clifford became the place of supply for the simple needs of the people in the region for miles around, the receipt and distribution of mail and the central point of gathering of the newcomers for information and the discussion of plans in subduing the wilderness and building homes where everything was new and untried. Goods and supplies of nearly all kinds were hauled by team from Mellonville 30 miles distant, two trips a week generally being made and requiring two and a half days each, camping out in the woods where night overtook. Within twelve months after our arrival nearly all the public land had been entered and occupied.

Among the first lot of settlers and homesteaders were the Woodward brothers, T. E. and George, R. M. Byrne, A. W. Gottsche, Isaac Schultz, P. P. Morin, E. F. King, and A. S. Pendry. These were soon followed by Abram Spofford, J. P. Donnelly, Frank Starbird, J. H. Martin, F. W. Savage, R. C. Tremain, Jack Smith, Will Stone, E. G. Rehrer, J. H. Sage, W. J. Jackson, S. H. Power, Henry and Arthur Key, G. H. Norton, St Clair Abrams, J. D. Hazard and others. Hard work was the order of the day all being eager and hopeful to improve their holdings as fast as possible. Social privileges were few, but were enjoyed with a zest and enthusiasm hardly realized at the present time. Among the recreations were the biweekly gatherings at the store, when the upper room was transformed from a workshop into a social hall and where dancing was the popular amusement. Frank Starbird and his violin composed the orchestra and P. P. Morin called the figures for the dance. Everybody came. Mothers brought their babies and tucked them away in some more or less convenient place while they entered into the general enjoyment. Style did not receive great attention—a boiled shirt for the men, a clean starched dress for the women was considered all sufficient. Everybody was welcomed who showed themselves gentlemen or ladylike. No cliques, sets or denominations were yet formed.

There was very little sickness, no deaths, funerals or weddings. Sickness seemed to be reserved for the coming of the doctor, litigation for the lawyer, and denominational lines were only thought of with the coming of the preacher.

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