

#### CONDIT AVENUE ADDITION

It is remarkable how fast the eastern part of town is being improved by the development of choice sub-divisions, and it all goes to show that we who predict that this portion of town would probably step away from the balance is proving true.

Among these improvements deserving special note is Condit Avenue addition, alongside the boulevard to the beach and directly in town adjacent to Edgewater. To those who have not been aware that this work was going on we would advise them to go out and see what a choice tract of land has been made available in such a short time. Alexander & Co. for the past two weeks have had a large force of men engaged in grading

and paving Condit Avenue east from East Avenue near the Overlook Hotel to Avenue C, a total distance of over a quarter of a mile. The new street is being paved thirty feet wide and graded forty feet, and water mains installed, with supply running to each lot. They will also put in sidewalks and are now engaging in cleaning up the property and staking the lots. A great many buyers are desirous of securing lots close to school and in town, and this development with others in this immediate neighborhood fills a long-felt want.

Purchasers of these lots are to be protected, as no residence costing less than three thousand dollars will be permitted, so this does away with the cause to worry about the probability of a tent house being built adjacent to a nice home. This

alone, is quite an item, when one stops to consider it, for this has been a feature too long overlooked in Lauderdale and its additions, the fact being that in some directions one turns you may encounter evidences of cheap, unattractive buildings in close proximity to artistic modern homes, the embodiment of good taste, where the vista could just as well have been a continuation of harmony.

Yes, Lauderdale is growing and is growing fast, and as we have said, "an infant today, a giant tomorrow" applied not long ago, but truly we have passed the infant stage and are well along the way to fulfillment of our predictions that when the territory to our north and east was sub-divided and developed, rapid indeed would be our stride. It is taking place more quickly than many realize.

The Florida Historical Society annually awards three literary prizes for original work done in Florida history. These awards were announced at the 1986 meeting held in Bradenton on May 2-3.

The Arthur W. Thompson Memorial Prize in Florida History for 1985-1986 went to Dr. John H. Hann of the San Luis Archaeological and Historic Site, Tallahassee, for his article, "Demographic Patterns and Changes in Mid-Seventeenth Century Timucua and Apalachee," which appeared in the April 1986 number of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*.

The Rembert W. Patrick Memorial Book Award was presented to Dr. David Colburn of the University of Florida, Gainesville, for his book *Racial Change and Community Crisis: St. Augustine, Florida, 1877-1980*. This volume was published by Columbia University Press.

The Charlton W. Tebeau Junior Book Award went to *A Land Remembered* written by Patrick D. Smith, Merritt Island, Florida. His book was published by Pineapple Press, Englewood, Florida.

#### BACK COVER PHOTO

Crowded scene in front of the municipal casino on Fort Lauderdale Beach, 1937. From the Jack Egan Collection. For more Fort Lauderdale scenes from the mid-1930s, see "Fort Lauderdale 50 Years Ago," pages 22-29 of this issue.



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