

cutting of the fourth monthly planting will probably be made this week. This is from seed sown on December 26th. The fifth and sixth plantings are growing in the field, and the experiment will not be finished for the year until shortly before June. Any of you inter-

ested in seeing these various strains in the field are very welcome to come down to Bradenton and go over the plots. It is hoped that we will secure enough information this year to put out a preliminary bulletin this summer.

NOTES FROM THE DIARY OF EDMUND HALL HART

A Historical Article

Edmund Hall Hart is best known to Florida horticulturists as the introducer of the Harts Late orange, now generally known as the Valencia. His name is also associated with the Harts Choice or Lady Finger banana.

One of your Committee on History (Robinson) in securing data for another purpose was fortunate in learning some interesting facts about the pioneer work of this outstanding Florida horticulturist. Through correspondence with his niece, Miss Edith L. Hubbard of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., some extracts from his early diaries (1879-80) have been made available. These notes show his wide horticultural interest and reflect in a measure Florida's stage of development in fruit culture at that time.

Mr. Hart was born in 1839 near Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and came to Florida in the fall of 1867, settling at Federal Point on the St. Johns River. An excellent biographical sketch of him is contained in the report of the Necrology Committee of the Florida State Horticultural Society for 1898, the year of his death. The report was written by his friend, the Rev. Lyman Phelps, well known among the pioneer citrus growers of Florida.

Clearing land in the wilderness, he must have lost no time in planting citrus and many other fruits as his diary reveals that by 1879 he was shipping fruit of several kinds as well distributing trees and budwood from his nursery. In 1877 he exhibited fruit of the Harts Late orange before the Florida Fruit Grow-

ers' Association and by 1879 his diary shows that he was shipping fruit and supplying budwood of this valuable variety. The original trees came to him from the Parsons Nursery of Long Island, N. Y., having been imported from Thomas Rivers in 1870. Rivers had secured the variety from the Azores. This variety now constitutes a third of Florida's orange production.

His great interest in palms and other ornamentals is brought out in these diary entries. He was apparently among the first to use balanced chemical fertilizer mixtures. It is with some surprise that one notes that in his latitude (near Palatka) he produced such tender fruits as bananas, limes and guavas in quantity to make market shipments. At the time of the 1895 freeze he is said to have had more than 150 varieties of citrus fruits growing on his place, many of which he rebudded before his death.

He was a prolific writer and carried on a wide correspondence with botanists and horticulturists in other lands. This phase of his character and career is clearly shown in the brief diary notes which follow.

1879

- Jan. 27 — Sent guava roots and orange buds to J. D. Mitchell of Daytona.
- Jan. 29 — Transplanted Chinese flat peach.
- Jan. 30 — Mr. Russell came for 6 lemon trees 25c each.
- Feb. 4 — Received palm seed from Thorburn.
- Feb. 17 — Sent pear guava slips to Skinner

- of Orange City. Planted Queensland Palm (*Kentia Wendlandiana*), *Latania Borbonica*, *Thrinax Argentina* seeds.
- Feb. 22 — Japanese plum trees (loquats) to Mr. Moore on Powers' place. John Powell, orange trees.
- Feb. 28 — 3 plants of *Dracaena australis* from Com. of Agri.
- Mar. 6 — Grafted Japan Persimmons *Tanenashi*, *Gogen*, *Imperial Mikado*, *Gosha*, *Royal*.
- Mar. 14 — 24 large sweet orange trees for Mr. Blachley (25c).
- Mar. 29 — Japan rice (Mochi) from Dept. of Agri. Set out *Eucalyptus* in 36 rows.
- Mar. 31 — *Dracaena Australis* seeds from Bliss.
- Apr. 7 — Planted 9 *Eugenia regia* seed in pot. Mrs. Blachey called, gave her cuttings of different plants.
- Apr. 16 — Gave Mr. Clark refusal of all trees in row next to Mandarin row for \$100.
- Apr. 31 — Sent box of 8 specimens of Harts orange to Bidwell.
- May 9 — *Acacia Flamboyante* killed in winter (*Royal Poinciana*).
- May 17 — Box of plants from Bidwell, *Cycas revoluta*, *Gardenia radicans*, 2 *Rhyncospernums*, *Curculigo recurvata*, *Corypha Australis*.
- May 23 — Superphosphate, 100 lb. nitrate of soda, 100 lbs. muriate potash.
- May 26 — Applied solution of potash soda and superphosphate to plants.
- May 29 — *Latania barbonica*, *Elaeis macrocarpa* died.
- May 30 — Sent 8 specimens late orange to Bidwell. 2 boxes Harts late.
- June 2 — 2 boxes fruit, 205 Harts late, 27 common oranges, 36 lemons to Sands Furber & Co., by Mallory Line, Jax. to N. Y.
- June 4 — 800 orange buds to John Wolz, Daytona. 2 boxes oranges and lemons to Sands Furber & Co., Boston. Wrote to Stone Phosphate Co., for $\frac{1}{2}$ ash element.
- June 6 — Sent Benedict of Orange Park 200 navel, 50 Exquisite, 50 Harts late, 50 Homosassa buds.
- June 16 — Strawberry guavas set out from J. D. Mitchell of Orlando.
- June 26 — Sent navel buds to L. Thompson, Daytona.
- June 30 — Wrote an article for Fla. Agriculturist.
- July 1 — Planted *Sutherlandia putescens*, *Poinciana gilliesi*. Sent Homosassa and Magnum Bonum buds to Mr. Teasdale by mail.
- July 7 — Finished essay for Amer. Pom. Soc. on Tropical fruits. Sent Benedict 200 navels, 100 oblong, 100 m. blood, 100 Nonpareil, 100 Homosassa buds. Williams began hoeing.
- July 8 — Sent essay to Berkman.
- July 10 — Peaches and figs bearing.
- July 13 — Rev. Mr. Martin held service in Capt. Smith's barn for the first time in evening.
- July 15 — Grass for mulch.
- Aug. 8 — Cut and dried peaches.
- Aug. 13 — Sent to Benedict 300 navel, 100 Harts late and 100 Homosassa buds.
- Aug. 19 — Wrote Geo. A. Purdie about palms.
- Sept. 23 — Picked 200 limes.
- Oct. 14 — Received "Seemanns History of the Palm," present from G. A. Purdie of Boston.
- Oct. 31 — Wrote article for Agriculturist on Japan persimmons.
- Nov. 7 — Sent letter to Robert Manning, Sec'y Mass. Hort. Society.
- Nov. 13 — Mr. Carmichel and Mrs. Whitney of Gainesville called and got Japan plum trees, banana plants, Para grass stalks.
- Nov. 17 — Picked oranges.
- Nov. 29 — Package vegetable wax from Henry Loomis, San Francisco.
- Dec. 18 — Planted Maryland persimmon seed received of G. A. Purdie.
- Dec. 19 — Letter from G. A. Purdie with cardamum seed and Prof. Vile's 6 lectures on agriculture.
- Dec. 22 — Steamer John Sylvester made her first trip up today.
- Dec. 29 — Tobacco plants.

1880

- Jan. 1 — Cowpeas (McLean's Advancer).
 Jan. 3 — Manhattan blood guano for strawberries.
 Jan. 6 — Shipped $\frac{1}{2}$ box oranges, lemons, limes, and guavas for D. H. Elliot to be used at General Grant's reception.
 Jan. 17 — Chili red potatoes.
 Jan. 26 — La Conte pears and fig trees from Bidwell.
 Jan. 29 — 4 Mandarin trees from J. James,
 Jan. 31 — Budded trees here and there with St. Michaels tangerine and gave a stick of buds to Blachley.
 Feb. 2 — For Capt. Smith 10 Musa Cavendishii, 27 Mandarin trees.
 Feb. 4 — Grafted Jap. Persimmons. Sent article to Codington for Florida Agriculturist.
 Feb. 5 — Sent specimens of Duroi, Pernambuco and cions of Maltese blood to Bidwell.
 Feb. 11 — Picked Maltese Blood oranges.
 Feb. 17 — Sent specimens of Para grass to E. Wollet, San Francisco. Picked and brushed oranges.
 Feb. 20 — Received order from Thos. H. Atkinson, Hare's Store, N. C., for Para grass.
 Mar. 2 — Sent pomegranate cuttings to Bidwell.
 Mar. 23 — Moved Chamaerops excelsa, C. humilis, and Lucila spinosa.
 Mar. 30 — Shipped Para grass cuttings to J. W. Wells, Valdosta, Ga.
 Apr. 21 — Shipped bunch of 78 bananas.
 May 5 — Set out Clerodendron Balfouri and Tacsonia Vay Volxemi.
 May 14 — Set out Mandevilla Suaveolens.
 May 24 — Planted pyrethrum carneum seed.
 June 2 — Mr. Heath came for Providence vines and dwarf bananas. Gave him a couple of plants of Chili Jasmine.
 June 20 — Sent box of sample bananas to C. Codington. Set out Caestrum Aurantiacum and Goldfusia anisophylla.
 June 25 — Budded a few of Rivers Tangerine Orange.
 July 9 — Shipped six banana plants to H. M. Cram, Sanford.
 Sept. 4 — Shipped one bbl. bananas, 3 bunches Hart's Choice (62, 75, 45), one bunch Cavendish (90).
 Sept. 9 — Sent letter to Island botanist Port of Spain, Trinidad. Shipped bbl. Hart's choice bananas.
 The Committee on History is greatly indebted to Miss Edith L. Hubbard for making these diary notes available for the historical records of the Horticultural Society.

W. W. YOTHERS

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Committee on History

REPORT OF NECROLOGY COMMITTEE

ARTHUR S. BEYMER

Winter Haven, Florida

Arthur S. Beymer, prominent Winter Haven business man and citrus grower was born in Columbus, Ohio, on Oct. 21, 1867, and passed away in the Lakeland hospital on Jan. 10, 1940, aged 72 years. Death was due to complications, which had confined him in the hospital for six months.

Mr. Beymer was the son of John and Louisa Beymer of Columbus. As a youth he became connected with the important Kinnear Manufacturing company of that city, advancing rapidly until he became the western manager for the corporation, with headquarters in Chicago for 22 years, the family living in Oak Park. Mr. Beymer was united in marriage with Miss Mary L. Shaffer of Columbus on Sept. 10, 1892.

The Beymers first came to Florida in 1908, and for seven years spent the winter seasons at the Florence Villa hotel. In those early days Mr. Beymer entered the citrus business, being associated with several business men from the North in a fine 125-acre grove at Lucerne Park, in which he retained his interest all his life. In 1921, Mr. Beymer retired from his long association with the Kinnear Company and came to Winter Haven to make it his permanent home. The Beymers built and occupied an attractive home at Seventh street and Ave. H., N. W., until 1925, when they sold the property and built the present beautiful Beymer home on the west side of Lake Howard, this property being today one of the show places of that community. Here they spent eight months of each year, the summer seasons being enjoyed in their summer home in Michigan or in touring other states and foreign lands. Mr. Beymer was a leader in business and community enterprises throughout his long residence in Winter Haven. In 1923-24 he erected the large "Beymer Building" at Central avenue and Third street S. W. and later was one of

the leaders in the erection of the Beymer-Mann building and in promoting business activities in the Third and Central street area of the city. He served as a member of the board of governors of the Chamber of Commerce for more than 12 years and was a leading promoter of the Florida Orange Festival. He was much interested in all worthwhile movements in the community, and contributed liberally to its churches and civic and cultural institutions.

Mr. Beymer was a citizen of sterling qualities; a business man of integrity and possessed of rare qualities of leadership; a kind considerate, tolerant friend to all classes; a loving, devoted helpmate to the companion with whom he celebrated their forty-seventh wedding anniversary shortly before the close of a radiant, well-spent life.

H. L. BORLAND

Ocala, Florida

Ocala was saddened by the death of Harry L. Borland, one of Florida's prominent citrus growers and a resident of Ocala and Marion county for many years. Mr. Borland passed away on Saturday, shortly before midnight in the Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore, following an operation December 31, 1939.

Mr. Borland, a native of Pennsylvania, came to Marion county some years before the World War. He lived for a number of years in Citra, where he had orange grove properties, and moved to Ocala soon after the World War.

He owned orange groves at Citra and on Lake Weir. He was president of the Weirsdale Packing company and the Citra Packing company. As president of the Weirsdale company he represented the American Fruit Growers Inc.

As a citrus grower Mr. Borland was largely influential in bringing about the revival of the orange growing industry in Marion

county in the early 1920s. He maintained that this county produced the highest quality fruit in Florida, and declared that there was no good reason why citrus should not be produced in an area in which orange trees were found growing wild. He worked through the chamber of commerce in promoting the revival.

Mr. Borland was a former director of the Marion county chamber of commerce, and former president of the Ocala Rotary club. He was a member of the First Presbyterian church of Ocala, a Mason and a Shriner.

Mr. Borland was born in a suburb of Pittsburgh, Pa., about 1878. He came to Citra shortly before the World War, and made his home there for a number of years.

His uncle, J. B. Borland, was one of the pioneer orange growers of Florida and located in Citra in the late 1870s.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth P. Borland, Ocala, and a son, Dr. James Borland of Jacksonville, Mr. Borland is survived by three brothers and three sisters, whose homes are in Pennsylvania, and two grandchildren.

E. M. BOYD

Eagle Lake, Florida

E. M. Boyd, citrus grower of Eagle Lake, Florida, was born in Lumber City, Ga., 1872, the son of Thomas C. and Theresa E. Boyd.

After acquiring his education in the schools of Georgia Mr. Boyd was occupied in the banking business at Blakesly, Georgia, until 1905 when he came to Florida locating in the northern part of the state, where he engaged in the turpentine industry.

Desiring to raise citrus fruit he came to Polk County in 1912 selecting Eagle Lake as his home, purchasing a tract of land on Lake Winterset which included 15 acres of citrus trees already set, the remainder he planted to grove. The trees as they matured have made an outstanding record for production. He was a charter member of the Eagle Lake Citrus Growers' Ass'n which was organized in 1914 serving continuously on the board of directors for 22 years.

He was a member of the committee at the time a group of packing houses organized and established the first canning plant in the state at Eagle Lake.

In 1936 he became a member of the Winter Haven Citrus Growers' Ass'n. as grower and was identified with the production department of that Ass'n. at the time of his death Jan. 13, 1940.

Mr. Boyd was married in Georgia to Myrtice McMichael who is now deceased. Three children were born to this union: Thomas M., William G., and Nan T. (Mrs. H. Balleu).

In 1926 he married Mrs. Ethel C. Swearingen of Eagle Lake who survives him.

JONAS LARSSON

Plymouth Florida

Born in Sweden Jan. 19, 1857. Immigrated to Pennsylvania on April 26, 1871. He married on May 4, 1892, Miss Mary Goldey of Philadelphia. For nearly twenty years of his early life he resided in California, moving to Florida in 1897, when he built the home in which he spent the remainder of his life, devoting his time to the growing of citrus. He planted one of the first pecan groves in this part of Florida. He was a member of the Plymouth Citrus Exchange and a director for many years. A member of the Pecan Exchange and a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge.

He died March 10, 1940, after nine weeks' illness, at the age of 83.

DR. J. H. MONTGOMERY

Gainesville, Florida

The forces which guard Florida's borders against dangerous and undesirable foreign insects and other plant pests lost a valuable leader in the death early February 16, 1940 in a Gainesville hospital of Dr. J. H. Montgomery, quarantine inspector and assistant plant commissioner with the State Plant Board.

For nearly 24 years he had rendered quiet, efficient and faithful service as a member

of the Plant Board Staff. For almost 22 of those years he was quarantine inspector, and for the past 19 years he had carried the additional duties of assistant plant commissioner aiding Plant Commissioner Wilmon Newell in directing the activities of the board.

Death struck him with startling suddenness. He suffered a stroke on the late afternoon of February 15th and passed away on the early morning of the 16th.

Dr. Montgomery was born March 23, 1875, at Chambersburg, Pa. In 1898 he graduated in medicine from Jefferson College in Philadelphia. He served with distinction as a surgeon in the United States army during the Spanish-American War in 1898 and 1899.

He brought his invalid father to Florida about 1902, and became interested in growing avocados and other tropical and subtropical fruits. He and his father formed the Montgomery Company and acquired and developed extensive properties in southern Dade County.

The dreaded disease, citrus canker, appeared in Dade County in 1913, although at that time its destructive nature was not well known. During the next two years it began to wreak havoc with citrus trees and threatened the state's citrus plantings with destruction. From 1913 to 1916, Dr. Montgomery gave freely of his time in working with growers in an effort to stem the destruction, and rendered valuable voluntary service in the cause of citrus canker eradication.

The State Plant Board of Florida was established in 1915 and undertook the job of canker eradication through burning of all infested trees, the only known method of getting rid of the disease. Since Dr. Montgomery had proven such a valuable volunteer in the work, and a good diplomat, he was employed by the Plant Board in March, 1916. His first service was as a "trouble shooter."

Except for a short interval, Dr. Montgomery has been with the Plant Board since early 1916. He was appointed quarantine inspector on May 10, 1918, and on Feb. 14, 1921 was given the additional duties of assistant plant

commissioner.

During his 24 years with the Florida State Plant Board he has guarded the state against the infestation of destructive pests not hitherto found in the state. In addition he took an active part in the citrus canker eradication campaign and played an important role during the eradication of the Mediterranean fruit fly in 1929-30.

His intense interest in plant protection work and his outstanding record in this field has caused him to be regarded as one of the outstanding authorities in Plant Quarantine in the United States. At the time of his death he was one of the two Southern members of the National Plant Board. From 1935 to 1937, he was secretary-treasurer of the Southern Plant Board and until 1939, he served as President of the Florida Entomological Society.

GEORGE AUGUSTUS MORSE

Babson Park, Florida

George Augustus Morse was born in Macomb, Ill., Jan. 30th, 1862, the son of Capt. Elisha Morse and Elizabeth Pillsbury Morse. While he was still a lad, his parents moved to Minneapolis where he spent his boyhood, received his education, and engaged in the real estate business for several years affiliated with his father.

On June 9th, 1885 he married Lora Ellen Wiley, also of Minneapolis, and their only son, George Alfred Morse was born there.

During the depression of 1893, Mr. Morse went to South America, then to Guatemala in Central America, where he held responsible positions and did surveying under the tremendous hardships which work in a tropical jungle involves, and under worse than pioneer conditions, with the additional handicap of a strange language. He became office manager of a bridge-building concern which constructed many railroad bridges in those countries. He was Auditor of the railroad on the east coast of Guatemala, and in 1899 he moved to Honduras. There he became the manager of a railroad and later an Electric

Light and Ice Plant. Later he was promoted to the position of financial manager of the Rosario Mine. All of these concerns were owned and controlled by a New York Syndicate. For a time he acted as American Vice Consul.

In 1919 he visited Florida and purchased the hill upon which he later built his home overlooking Lake Caloosa in Babson Park. He also bought about 18 A of adjoining grove land and planted it to citrus. In 1924 he and his family moved from Honduras to Babson Park, built the home and became actively interested in citrus culture and the promotion of the welfare of his locality. He was actively connected with the Babson Park Citrus Growers' Association of which he was office manager at the time of his death, Nov. 4th, 1938.

MISS ELEANOR G. SHAW
Gainesville, Florida

Miss Eleanor Gwynneth Shaw, secretary for 25 years in the College of Agriculture and Experiment Station, University of Florida, died Tuesday, March 5, 1940, at her home in Gainesville, after an illness of five months. She was born at North Middleboro, Mass., July 24, 1866, the eldest of three children.

She came with her parents to Gainesville in September, 1912, to act as secretary for Dr. F. H. Rolfs, then director of the Experiment Station and dean of the College of Agriculture at the University. From 1920 to 1923, she was employed at Mount Dora. Returning to the college in 1924 she was assigned to the office of Major W. L. Floyd, assistant dean of the College of Agriculture and has served continuously as secretary there until her health failed in September, 1939.

She was a member of the Florida State Horticultural Society, and for many years compiled the indexes for the annual reports of the society; for this service she was honored by the society by being made a life member in 1930. She was deeply interested in mu-

sic, doing what she could to promote the musical interests of Gainesville through work in the Philharmonic Society, having held many official positions in the organization, including two terms as president, 1926 and 1927, and was acting as treasurer last year. She was a composer of considerable ability, having published several songs and instrumental numbers in musical magazines.

Friends recognized her as a gentle, cultured woman, a useful citizen in many fields of work. She used a generous part of her time and income in charity, aiding many needy people of the community, and being active in work of the First Presbyterian Church. She has been well known to hundreds of students in the College of Agriculture during the past fifteen years, as one who helped solved their student problems and arranged their college schedules.

Funeral services were held in the First Presbyterian Church on Friday afternoon at 2 p. m. Rev. S. W. Creasy, brother-in-law of the deceased, having arrived in Gainesville from Framingham, Mass., on Thursday. Other survivors are a nephew, Prof. C. B. Shaw, librarian at Swarthmore College, Penna., and a niece in Massachusetts. Burial was at the family plot in Watertown, Mass.

CHARLES HENRY THOMPSON
Winter Haven, Florida

Born in Byron, Illinois, December 27, 1864. In early childhood moved to Osborn and Cameron, Missouri. While a very young man he went to Kansas City, Missouri, where he was engaged in the grocery business until 1891 when he and his father-in-law, Mr. R. G. Perrin, came to North Florida to mine phosphate. In 1900 they moved to Winter Haven and engaged in the grove business under the name of Perrin & Thompson.

Mr. Thompson was one of the organizers of the Florida Citrus Exchange and was the first manager of the Florence Citrus Growers' Assn. He was actively interested in anything

for the benefit of the citrus industry. He died May 5, 1939.

Mr. Thompson was a member of the Flor-

ida State Horticultural Society of long standing, and took an active part in its deliberations until recent years.

Annual Reports

REPORT OF SECRETARY

April 2, 1940

During the current year, only a small amount of the funds of the Society have been handled in the Secretary's office. Members have been asked to send their remittances direct to the treasurer and all invoices have been sent to the treasurer for payment. The following report is a statement of the finances received and paid out by the Secretary.

Balance Sheet

Cash in Bank None

Liabilities

None (All statements sent to treasurer for payment)

Statement of Operations 1939-40

Balance in State Bank of

Haines City 4/10/39 \$ 16.00

Annual Memberships, 1939 16.00

Sustaining Memberships 1939	30.00
Annual Memberships 1940	8.00
Sustaining Memberships 1940 (Credit Item)	25.00
Balance Due on Perennial Membership	3.00
Check from Comptroller's Office, covering final dividend from State Bank of Orlando	3.05
Sale of Proceedings	1.00

\$102.05

Disbursements

Transfer Credit Item

to Treasurer \$ 25.00

Cash remittance to Treasurer 77.05

\$102.05

REPORT OF TREASURER

President Brooks:

Attached hereto you will please find following items: Statement of Financial Condition of the Society, as of March 30, 1940; (2) Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, as of the same date; (3) Statement of Auditing Committee; (4) Supplemental Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, as of April 2, 1940.

You will recall that last year's statement of the Society showed that we were not in very good shape. At that time we owed \$715.25 on printing account for 1938 and also owed our Secretary an old account of \$414.00. I am pleased to be able to report that not only has the \$715.25 been paid, but that the Society has paid in full for printing the 1939 Proceedings, and that we now do not owe our printer anything. This places the Society in the position of having its Proceedings printed as quickly after the convention as is deemed desirable.

I would like to make particular mention of Col. Floyd's very generous settlement of our account. In the first place, he volunteered to settle the \$414.00 for only \$100.00; and to cap the climax, turned right around and endorsed the check back to the Society for a patron membership in his name. We all know of his 23 years of devoted service to the Society, but this instance is so outstanding that your Treasurer could not pass without mentioning it.

I would like to also point out that our Capital Account has increased during the year from \$2395.07 to \$3550.32. The improvement in this account is directly attributable to the fact that the members have paid in enough money during the year to pay up our bills; to wipe out the \$878.18, which was the

amount of expense over receipts for the prior year; and to close the current year with cash in the bank. In other words, as of March 30th, your Treasurer had no unpaid bills on hand, and the only debt in our files on that date was the \$1300.00 which the Society owes its own Endowment Fund.

The Society is again indebted to A. Gilbert Lester & Co., Certified Public Accountants of Winter Haven, Florida, for their assistance in connection with our bookkeeping and auditing, and to Mrs. H. S. Rogers, of Winter Haven, who has actually done the work of Treasurer in a most commendable fashion during this year.

Your Treasurer would like to express deepest appreciation to the officers and members of the Executive Committee and Finance Committee, all of whom have cooperated actively in getting the Society's financial affairs in the shape they are in today; and I would like to express particular appreciation on behalf of the Society to those members and friends who have put out good hard cash money in sustaining memberships. The final credit is due these members who have dug down in their jeans, and in some cases I know have dug until it actually hurt.

With the Society now on a cash basis, and with all of the advantages that membership in the Society brings to any individual, firm or corporation, your Treasurer sees no reason why we should not continue on a cash basis and improve our reserves considerably during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK. L. HOLLAND
Treasurer

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AS OF 3-30-40
ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash—Bank—Checking	\$ 6.09	
Savings	240.23	\$ 246.32
Endowment Fund		3520.00
Due from Operating Fund		1300.00
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Total Assets		\$5,066.32
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LIABILITIES**Accounts Payable**

Endowment Fund		\$1300.00
Memberships		
Life	\$100.00	
Perennial	16.00	
Patron	100.00	216.00
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Capital Account		
3-30-40		3550.32
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		\$5,066.32
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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS AS OF 3-30-40

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand 4-10-39 as per audit		\$154.09
Membership receipts		
Annual (251-1939; 61-1940)	\$624.00	
Sustaining (79-1939; 48 ½-1940)	1275.00	
Perennial Transfers	50.00	1949.00
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Interest Received on Savings		2.54
Proceedings Sales		2.00
B. F. Floyd, Secy. Receipts		77.05
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		\$2,184.68

FLORIDA STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

DISBURSEMENTS

Stationery & Supplies		\$102.19	
Miscellaneous Expense		109.25	
Convention Expense		251.48	
Proceedings Expense		900.42	
Accounts Payable			
E. O. Painter Printing Co.	715.25		
B. F. Floyd	100.00	815.25	2,178.59
Cash on Hand 3-30-40			\$ 6.09

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the members of the Auditing Committee beg to report that we have examined the books, vouchers, holdings and reports of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Society and find them to be correct.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. O'Byrne

F. C. Gardner

Committee

March 30, 1940

SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS
AS OF APRIL 2, 1940

Cash on hand 3-30-40 as per audit		\$6.09
Receipts		
Memberships		
Annual	\$ 40.00	
Sustaining	150.00	190.00
		\$196.09
Disbursements		
None		
Cash on hand 4-2-40		\$196.09

REPORTS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting December 11, 1939, 7:30 P. M.

The Executive Committee held a call meeting on December 11, 1939 at 7:30 P. M. in the office of the Secretary at Davenport, Florida. There were present Messrs. Earl Hartt, C. I. Brooks, Frank L. Holland and Bayard F. Floyd from the Executive Committee, with Messrs. F. M. O'Byrne, Lem P. Woods, G. H. Blackmon, Dr. A. F. Camp, S. L. Frisbie, H. C. Henricksen, H. A. Thullbery and W. W. Hubbell as invited guests. The purpose of the meeting was to set the time for the Fifty-Third Annual Meeting to be held in Tampa and to plan the program.

In the absence of Mr. C. D. Kime, the Chairman of the Executive Committee, President C. I. Brooks presided. The Committee approved the placing of the contract for printing the 1939 Proceedings with the E. O. Painter Printing Company of DeLand, as their bid appeared to be lowest.

The time for holding the 53rd Annual Meeting to be held in Tampa was set on April 2, 3 and 4, 1940. The Hotels of Tampa Terrace and Floridan were selected as headquarters for the meeting, the meetings of the Society to be held in the Tampa Terrace Hotel.

Mr. Lem P. Woods was appointed as local representative of the Society for this meeting.

The treasurer was authorized to transfer the amount of the indebtedness of the Society to B. F. Floyd from the Secretary's books to those of the treasurer, and to make settlement with Mr. Floyd on a basis agreeable to him at such time as the finances of the Society may permit.

The holding of a Banquet on Wednesday night, April third, was approved. The Secretary, treasurer and Mr. Woods were authorized to negotiate with the management of the Tampa Terrace Hotel for holding the banquet in the Palm Room of that Hotel.

It was voted to nominate not to exceed five members for Honorary Membership in the Society, the names of those to be submitted at a call meeting previous to the Annual Meeting of the Society, and that those Honorary Memberships be conferred at the Banquet.

The program for the Tampa meeting was discussed, and many suggestions made. The building of the program for the Tampa meeting was referred to a program committee consisting of the Secretary, Treasurer, Mr. Hartt and the Chairmen of the Krome Memorial Institute and the Vegetable Section.

There being no further business the Committee adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

Meeting, March 20, 1940, 7:45 p. m.

The Executive Committee held a call meeting in the Tampa Terrace Hotel, Tampa, on the evening of Wednesday, March 20, at 7:30 P. M. There were present Messrs. Kime, Ward, Hartt, Brooks, Holland and Floyd. Mr. Lem P. Woods, Chairman of the Committee on Local Arrangements was also present.

The meeting was devoted largely to a discussion of the program and plans for the coming meeting. After considerable discussion, it was voted to employ only one reporter for the meeting. There was a general discussion of the Society's finances and ways and means to increase the membership.

It was voted to nominate Dr. Wilmon Newell, Dr. E. W. Berger and Mr. Nathan Mayo for Honorary Membership in the Society. The Chairman was instructed to make the nominations and move their election.

The Chairman of the Committee on Local Arrangements gave a full report of progress in local plans. There being no further business, the Committee adjourned to meet at 5:00 P. M. on Tuesday, April 2, 1940.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The following additions and amendments were made to the Constitution of the Florida State Horticultural Society during the sessions of the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Society held in the Tampa Terrace Hotel, Tampa on April 2, 3 and 4, 1940.

BAYARD F. FLOYD, Secretary.

MOTION:—

That Article 3 of the Constitution that reads as follows: "Its officers shall consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Committee of three, who shall be elected by ballot at each annual meeting. These officers shall take their place immediately following the election."

Shall be amended to read:- "Its officers shall consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Committee of five, who shall be elected by ballot at each annual meeting. These officers shall take their positions immediately following their election. The duties of the Assistant Secretary shall be outlined and supervised by the Executive Committee."

PASSED.

MOTION:—

That the following addition be made to the Constitution of the Florida State Horticultural Society, Article 9. "The Executive Committee may, at its discretion and on the basis of merit, nominate not to exceed five persons in any one year, for Honorary Membership in the Society. Honorary Members shall enjoy all privileges of the Society."

PASSED.

MOTION:—

That the following addition be made to the Constitution:—

Article 10. — A section of the annual program of the Society shall be devoted to the discussion of vegetables and other truck crops. This section shall be known as the Vegetable Section of the Florida State Horticultural Society. It shall be presided over by a Vice-President who shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Society by the members in attendance at the Section. The Vice-President shall be an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee.

PASSED.

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE CUP COMMITTEE

Mr. C. D. Kime: I was asked to make the cup award so I guess that is tantamount to making a report. Every year it is necessary to donate this cup, which was originally given to the Horticultural Society by Mr. Sexton, as an attendance trophy in 1935. I will ask Mr. J. L. Baskin, of Orlando, to please come forward. DeLand has had this cup and Winter Haven and now Orlando is three legs up on it and that ends the awarding of the cup as it goes to the community which has the

largest attendance for three consecutive years. I am therefore awarding this cup to Orlando and this is the last time you will see the cup at any of our meetings unless Orlando would like to return it to us.

Mr. Baskin: Thank you. The only mistake I noticed was the fact you called Orlando a community and we are really a city and we hope to have the Society with us soon again and you will get to see the cup, but right thar she stays!

REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. O'Byrne: Mr. J. C. Morton, the chairman, was to have been here to make this report. The Committee met I know and discussed a number of matters and concluded it was best for them to seek further information on the subjects under discussion and so

they asked for a continuance of the meeting.

The Chair: It is so ordered. We will next have the report of the Resolutions Committee. The report was read, and it was moved it be accepted. Motion was seconded and carried.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Col. Floyd: First, if you please, I would like to present a resolution. This morning the Vegetable Division, which has not yet been incorporated into our organization, voted to petition us for affiliation so therefore we have prepared the following addition to the Constitution which will cover the incorporation of that division in our Society.

Article 10 was read and Col. Floyd moved its adoption. Motion was seconded and CARRIED. (See above.)

It was advised that earlier in the day the Vegetable Division had re-elected R. L. Carlton of West Palm Beach its chairman, and vice president of the Society.

President Brooks: Your nominating committee submits its reports as follows:

The record of performance made by the Officers of the Society and its Executive Committee during the past year has been so outstanding that this committee feels that only such changes should be made in the official family as would comply with the amendments to the constitution made at this meeting and to carry out that plan of the Executive Committee to relieve the secretary of a part of the detail work incident to a continued drive for increased membership and financial support during the coming year.

For some years past the position of Assistant Secretary has been an honorary position, while now it is contemplated that this officer shall be active and shall relieve the Secretary of a part of his duties which have been increasingly onerous.

With this explanation we respectfully place in nomination the following:

For President: Mr. C. I. Brooks, Miami.

For Vice Presidents: Mr. T. Ralph Robinson, Orlando; Mr. H. C. Henricksen, Eustis; Mr. F. M. O'Byrne, Lake Wales.

For Secretary: Mr. Bayard F. Floyd, Davenport.

For Assistant Secretary: Mr. Ralph P. Thompson, Winter Haven.

For Treasurer: Mr. Frank L. Holland, Winter Haven.

For Executive Committee: Mr. Earl W. Hartt, Avon Park; Mr. W. F. Ward, Gainesville; Mr. C. D. Kime, Gainesville; Mr. Lem P. Woods, Jr., Tampa; Mr. Robt. S. Edsall, Wabasso.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. Wirt

Marvin H. Walker

Frank Stirling

Mr. Wirt read the report of the Nominating Committee and moved the acceptance of the report, by ballot, as read. His motion being that the Secretary be instructed to cast one ballot for the nominees named in the Nominating Committee's report. This motion was seconded and CARRIED and the following officers were elected in due form:

C. I. Brooks of Miami, President.

T. Ralph Robinson of Orlando, Vice President

H. C. Henrickson of Eustis, Vice President

F. M. O'Byrne of Lake Wales, Vice Presi-

dent.

Bayard F. Floyd of Davenport, Secretary;
Ralph Thompson of Winter Haven, Assistant
Secretary

Frank L. Holland of Winter Haven, Treas-

urer

Executive Committee Members: C. D. Kime
of Gainesville; W. F. Ward of Brooksville;
Earl W. Hartt of Avon Park; Lem P. Woods
of Tampa; and Robert S. Edsall of Wabasso.

REPORT OF FINAL RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Florida State Horticultural Society assembled at the Tampa Terrace Hotel, Tampa, Florida, April 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 1940, have been exceptionally well entertained and everything possible has been done to make the meeting a successful one.

Therefore, be it resolved that the thanks of the Society be and are hereby extended to the Tampa Terrace Hotel, and to Mr. George Mason and his staff, for providing these splendid facilities and for entertainment.

To Mr. Lem P. Woods, Jr., and his committees, for the arrangement for the facilities placed at our disposal; and especially for the splendid display of flowers arranged by Mrs. W. L. Waring, Jr., as Chairman of the Tampa Federation of Garden Clubs, in connection with the Florida Rose Show. This is the most artistic and elaborate display that has been made in connection with any meeting of the Society.

To Mr. A. K. Dickinson, for assistance and cooperation extended by the Tampa Chamber of Commerce and for financial assistance from the City of Tampa through Mr. Nash Higgins.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee.

Mr. Brooks: Next on the program is the selection of our meeting place for 1941. I will say this binder has been handed me by a representative from Jacksonville. It is a beautifully gotten up affair with invitations from the Mayor of the City of Jacksonville, the City Commission, the Chamber of Com-

merce and everybody in Jacksonville who has standing. All the facilities, advantages and attractions are pointed out. What other cities are being placed in nomination?

Mr. Hammerstein: The speaker has been attending conventions for over a dozen years and has enjoyed the meeting which we have just had in Tampa. I believe if you have a faint recollection of the convention you held in Hollywood sometime ago you will be glad to hear there are numerous requests to come back to Hollywood and Hollywood again presents a welcome to you. We urge you to come to Hollywood any time you so desire.

Mr. Carlton: I would like to extend an invitation to the Society to visit West Palm Beach in 1941. We are able to offer you unexcelled hotel facilities and access to tropical gardens of Palm Beach and that is worth going to Palm Beach and West Palm Beach for. I hope you will consider this favorably in 1941. Thank you.

Secretary Floyd: I have letters addressed to me as Secretary, extending invitations to the Society to meet in the following places: Kissimmee and Orlando. I will not attempt to read all the letters, but will say from Kissimmee there is one from the President of the Chamber of Commerce which states that "on behalf of the City I would like to extend you an invitation etc." The letter from Orlando came from the Executive Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and one from the Mayor. I am not empowered, outside of these letters, to extend an invitation. If some members from these towns wish to, they may do so.

Mr. Baskin: President Brooks, Members, of the Florida State Horticultural Society: we would be very glad to have the Society meet in Orlando. I think some six years ago we had the privilege of having you with us and we think you had a very enjoyable time and there was a very good attendance. We have grown considerably since then and extend a big hand to you for next year. It will give you the privilege of seeing the old cup again. These other cities don't have an opportunity to offer that. We will be glad to have you come to the City Beautiful — Orlando.

Mr. Garrett: Mr. President, in regard to the invitation from Kissimmee, I will have to talk. I believe I will take the liberty to withdraw Kissimmee in favor of Orlando.

Mr. President, inasmuch as the matter is in its present condition I believe it is time to make a motion which I believe is in line. I feel there are certain considerations in the matter of planning a Convention that trans-

cend snap judgment which might happen from the floor. There are certain questions that the officers and your Executive Committee seek and like to ask, as to just what facilities are available etc. I believe now we have all the invitations that will come and I move you that the matter of the next convention be referred to the Executive Committee giving them Power to Act.

Mr. Hammerstein: I would like to second that motion and withdraw Hollywood in favor of that. The motion was CARRIED.

President Brooks: The Chair knows of no other business. I thank you on behalf of not only myself but other officers for your uniform courtesy extended to us by all people connected with the hotel and the City of Tampa. I personally express my thanks for the nature of the program that has been presented all the way through. I am very glad to be able to say this and know I represent the feelings of the other officers. I thank you and now, WE WILL STAND ADJOURNED.

Deceased Members

ARTHUR S. BEYMER	- - - -	Winter Haven
HARRY L. BORLAND	- - - - - -	Ocala
E. M. BOYD	- - - - - -	Winter Haven
W. N. HORNE	- - - - - -	Bonita Springs
JONAS LARSSON	- - - - - -	Apopka
DR. J. H. MONTGOMERY	- - - -	Gainesville
GEORGE AUGUSTAS MORSE	- -	Babson Park
ELEANOR G. SHAW	- - - - -	Gainesville
CHARLES HENRY THOMPSON	- -	Winter Haven