

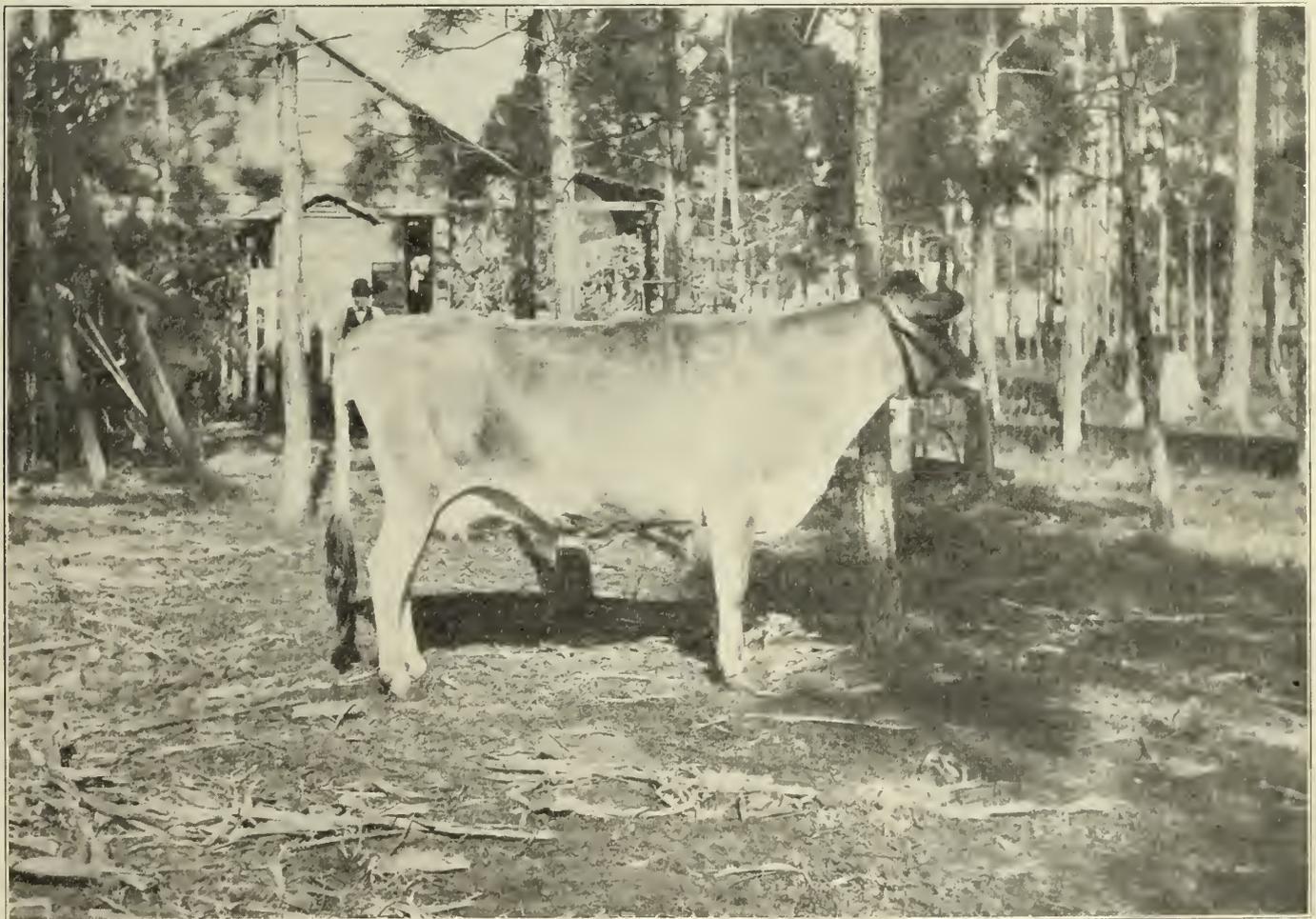
The Truth About Florida
The Bunnell Home Builder

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A Tropical Pasture Scene at Bunnell, Florida

“The Cow That Fills The Milk Pail Rules The Dairy World”



“THAT SECTION IS THE SOUTH”

The Year Book of the United States Department of Agriculture for 1913 said: “There is one section that can produce more cattle and more cheaply than any other section of the whole country, for the lands are still cheap, the grazing is good, the pasture season is long, feeds can be produced at a minimum cost, and inexpensive shelter only is required. That section of the country is the South.”

STRAWBERRIES ARE A PROFITABLE CROP FOR BUNNELL COLONISTS.

On December 13, 1915, the first crate (thirty-two quarts) of ripe strawberries was marketed for the season. These were sold for \$24.75, by Mr. W. G. Swindol of Plant City, Florida, the buyer being J. W. Simmons, a local vegetable and fruit dealer. At the present time large quantities of strawberries are being shipped from Florida daily to the northern markets.

Plant City and Stark, Florida, are the great strawberry centers, but the berries can be grown just as successfully in the Bunnell colony. The only reason we are not marketing larger quantities of strawberries is because the Bunnell farmers are expending their efforts on the growing of vegetables rather than fruits. Many of our farmers have had small patches of berries for their own use, and these have fully demonstrated that Bunnell berries are as good as the best grown in Florida.

The home supply can be materially drawn out by planting several varieties. The University of Florida Experimental Station calls attention to the fact that a planting each of Missionary, Excelsior and Klondike varieties will give berries over a longer season than any other three varieties. These three varieties ripen in the order given, the Klondike variety being generally preferred as a commercial berry.

If you want to grow strawberries on your Bunnell farm, be sure and set out young plants which have been produced from runners during the summer. The usual planting season is from September to November, although some of our farmers have set out their plants earlier. Strawberries require plenty of moisture and free drainage.



Mrs. Abbott's strawberry bed in Bunnell.

MONUMENT TO THE MEMORY OF HENRY M. FLAGLER UNVEILED AT ST. AUGUSTINE.



It affords us much pleasure to give the readers of the HOME BUILDER in this issue a picture of the monument of a man, who, without doubt, has done more for the state of Florida and for the East Coast in particular, than any other individual. We feel that it is unnecessary to comment on the life of Mr. Flagler, as he was so well known, not only throughout the United States, but in many foreign lands as well.

The monument to the memory of Henry M. Flagler has been erected in Railroad Park, St. Augustine, Florida (the county seat of St. John's County), and was recently unveiled. It was indeed a memorable day for St. Johns County, and not only did the citizens of the county attend the ceremony in large numbers, but many of Mr. Flagler's old friends and business associates from all over the country were present to show their respect for this honored pioneer and railroad builder. This great developer had faith enough in the East Coast of Florida to spend his millions there freely, and a record of the many things he did for the state of Florida would fill a good-sized book.

Mr. Flagler was the owner of the Flagler Railroad System, which is the best railroad in Florida. This road is also known as the "Over-Sea" Route, or the Florida East Coast Railroad. This famous road passes through the town of Bunnell, extending almost directly through the center of our colony lands.

Several fitting addresses were delivered by some of the most prominent men of Florida at the unveiling of the Flagler monument. One of these was given by Mr. Dismukes, who touched on the great achievement of Mr. Flagler and of the imperishable lustre that time could never dim, quoting these fitting words from Longfellow:

"The heights by great men, reached and kept,

Were not attained by sudden flights.

But they, while their companions slept,

Were toiling upward in the night."

When you visit Bunnell you will pass through St. Augustine, and will be able to see this beautiful monument from your car window.

It seems truly fitting that the citizens of Bunnell should have already named the city park they are soon to lay out Flagler Park.

What Henry M. Flagler was to the state of Florida at large, and the East Coast in particular, I. I. Moody is to the southern part of St. Johns County, and to the Bunnell colony in particular. The value of such men as these to any community cannot be estimated.

WHAT PEOPLE CAN DO IF THEY WILL.

Some ten or eleven years ago I knew a young man and woman who married, and who started out in life with scarce nothing more than love and a determination to save and get ahead in the world. In my busy life I lost track of these young people, and it was only last week that a chance conversation brought them to mind.

Four children have come to them in the interval of years, there has been considerable sickness, at least two of the family have been in the hospital, and the only wage-earner has been the young husband and father, working in a city office where much is demanded, and promotions are few.

But, I learned that this family now has a very nice little home paid for, that their children are comfortably clothed, and are entering school just as soon as they reached school age. I further learned that they have bought a little farm, and now have it practically all paid for.

I happen to know approximately the wages earned by this man, and they are not large, but when I asked how they had succeeded so well, I was told that they are frugal folks, that they never waste anything, and that they have not been afraid to go into debt, and then save to get out.

"I 'take off my hat' to this young man and woman. They are a credit to any community, and unless most serious misfortune overtakes them, they are going to be independent in their old age.

'Tis only a simple, homely little story, but I tell it to you because there is a lesson in it for the readers of the HOME BUILDER who want to secure a home in Florida, but who are afraid or unwilling to make the attempt. You never know what you can do until you have tried.

Dairying In Bunnell



A great acquisition to the St. Peter family.

Where a number of dairy cows are kept on farms and made a regular part of the farm business, one usually will find the farmers out of debt, with nice homes, and the other things that go toward making life really worth living. By keeping several cows and giving them proper attention, the farmer has a steady and sure income, just as if he had a salary in addition to his principal crops, whether they be potatoes, citrus fruits or truck.

It would seem that the South is the coming stock country, for Uncle Sam said, in the Year Book of the United States Department of Agriculture for 1913—"THERE IS ONE SECTION THAT CAN PRODUCE MORE CATTLE AND MORE CHEAPLY THAN ANY OTHER SECTION OF THE WHOLE COUNTRY, FOR THE LANDS ARE STILL CHEAP, THE GRAZING IS GOOD, THE PASTURE SEASON IS LONG, FEEDS CAN BE PRODUCED AT A MINIMUM COST AND INEXPENSIVE SHELTER ONLY IS REQUIRED. THAT SECTION OF THE COUNTRY IS THE SOUTH.

There is no place in Florida where there are better opportunities for keeping a few cows on each farm than in the Bunnell colony. As to the annual income from each cow—that depends on the kind of a cow and the care and feeding she receives.

The above is a picture of Dr. St. Peters' fine Jersey cow. The cow gives very rich milk, and the doctor finds her a profitable investment, although they keep the cow just for their own family use. Another resident of Bunnell has three good milch cows which give him about 40 quarts of milk daily. After his family has used all they require the remainder of the milk is sold for 10 cents a quart, which is the regular price for milk in the Bunnell colony. At this rate

these three cows would yield \$4.00 worth of milk each day, while the owner told me that they cost him about 75 cents a day for feed outside of the pasture, or 25 cents daily for each cow.

This merely gives an idea of what income one might derive from half a dozen cows. After the local market has been supplied there are many opportunities for selling good milk and cream to the large hotels of Daytona, Ormond, St. Augustine, Palatka, etc.

Ice for keeping milk can be purchased reasonably at Bunnell, as an ice-plant that manufactures from two to three tons of ice daily has been installed in Bunnell.

Just figure for yourself how much can be realized in one month from a few good milch cows.

There is another very important feature to be considered in keeping cows on one's farm, for there is more in farming than the single problem of seeing how large a crop can be harvested from an acre of ground. Every bale of cotton, every ton of corn, every car of cantaloupes takes from the soil a large amount of plant food or soil fertility.

For instance, when the cotton farmer sells a ton of seed cotton, for which he obtains about \$120.00, he at the same time sells from his farm \$12.00 to \$15.00 worth of fertility. But the dairyman, when he sells a ton of butter, worth \$500.00 or \$600.00, sells from his farm only about 50 cents' worth of fertility. While the dairyman is producing the ton of butter, his animals have produced 15 or 20 tons of good fertilizer, worth altogether \$30.00 or \$40.00. The cotton grower who sells his seed cotton returns no fertility to his fields, but his crop has robbed his soil at the rate of \$12.00 to \$15.00 for every ton of seed cotton which leaves his farm.

WHY NOT RAISE SHEEP?

It is scarcely necessary to prove by statistics that the consumption of mutton in the United States is steadily increasing each year, and the demand for wool is increasing more rapidly than it can be produced. It therefore follows, that the raising of sheep should be profitable.

There are very few states in the Union which are better adapted to sheep raising than Florida. This is the opinion of experienced sheep men, who are meeting with good success in this business in Florida at the present time.

Land owners who are now living on their Bunnell farms would find it especially profitable to maintain a few sheep, as there is considerable land nearby which has not yet been brought under cultivation. Many of the men and women who have contracted for farms in the Bunnell colony, and who are paying for same on the monthly installment plan, are scattered throughout the United States, and will not move on to their farms until they are fully paid for. The land contracted for is now lying idle, and if an actual settler would buy a few sheep, he could have free grazing for some time to come, and no harm whatever could come to such uncultivated land.



Picture of land in its natural state in the Bunnell Colony, sheep grazing thereon.

The above is a picture taken in the Bunnell colony, showing some sheep grazing on unimproved land.

**"Why Put Off for Tomorrow
What You Should Do Today"**

You have been Wanting a Farm in the
Bunnell Colony
Send Us Your Order for It NOW.

17c A Day, or \$5.00 a
Month Pays for a
10-Acre Farm in the Bunnell Colony.
Only \$35.00 an Acre

THOS. A VERDENIUS
108 So. La Salle Street, Chicago, Ill.

YOU WILL REGRET IT SOME DAY

Every Day Happenings in and Around Bunnell As Conti

CITY DIRECTORY

CHURCH SERVICES:

FIRST M. E. CHURCH.

Sunday School every Sunday—10:00 A. M.
 Preaching—11:00 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.
 Ladies' Aid Society—first Monday each month.

Rev. L. D. Haynes, Pastor.

CATHOLIC CHURCH—KORONA.

Mass—9:30 A. M.
 Rev. A. Baczyk, Pastor.

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in month.
 Alice Scott-Abbott, President.

SECRET ORDERS:

A. F. & A. M., No. 200.

Meets every second and Fourth Tuesday at 7:00 P. M. in Masonic Hall, second floor Bank Building.

All visiting brothers invited to attend.
 D. M. Deen, W. M.

ORDER EASTERN STAR.

Meets every first and third Tuesday at 7:00 P. M. in the Masonic Hall.
 Mrs. Hagadorn (Matron).

FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY CO.

Trains leave Jackson-	Arrive in Bunnell—
ville:	Daily:
9:30 A. M.	12:45 P. M.
1:30 P. M.	4:23 P. M.
8:00 P. M.	11:46 P. M.
Leave Bunnell:	Arrive in Jacksonville
	Daily:
5:29 A. M.	9:00 A. M.
10:26 A. M.	1:30 P. M.
4:38 P. M.	7:50 P. M.



*Rev. C. D. Haynes
 of the M. E. Church of Bunnell.*

The many Bunnell friends of Rev. and Mrs. L. D. Haynes, learn with much pleasure that Mr. Haynes has been returned to Bunnell for another year to serve as pastor of the Bunnell Methodist church.

The annual convention of Bunnell Lodge No. 200, Free and Accepted Masons, was considered a very successful one.

The attendance was quite large. Newly elected and appointed officers for the ensuing year took their chairs.

Bunnell Lodge enters the new year with an increased membership, which is full of enthusiasm, and the prospects for its future are exceedingly bright.

A New York commission house has asked for a price on the entire output of the Irish potato crop in the colony. Another commission house wants 20,000 barrels, and will pay \$5.00 per barrel for number ones, twos and threes.

Mr. F. Vincent is planting his home place to grapes of the Concord variety, and also 150 orange trees.

The January issue of the "Florida Farmer and Homeseeker" contained a very interesting article on "How I Grew My Tomatoes," by Myrtle Marie Brock, a St. Johns County Canning Club girl, whose home is at Bunnell. Miss Brock is the daughter of one of our land owners, Mr. W. A. Brock, and it is indeed gratifying to see that the sons and daughters of the colonists are taking such an active interest in the development of the community.

Mr. Harry Sessions, formerly of New York, has as fine a garden spot here as anyone in Florida. His watermelons are looking fine.

Mr. E. Kinney, of New Jersey, who arrived in our midst several days ago, has become a Bunnell convert, and will stretch his leave of absence to the limit so as to remain here as long as possible. While he is putting in his last year's work in New Jersey he will have his Bunnell farm put in a state of cultivation, and next year at this time Mr. Kinney expects to be a Bunnell "spud" grower.

Mr. W. A. Mack certainly has done himself credit this year, and can show as fine a twenty acre field as lays in St. Johns county, all planted in Irish potatoes.

Mr. C. F. Turner has not only planted potatoes on his own farm, but has also rented another farm for the same purpose, and can show a fine crop, which will be ready to harvest April 1st.

Mr. Fred Horton of Wisconsin, who was the owner of ten acres of land near Gore Lake, was so well pleased that he bought fifteen acres additional on his recent visit.

Considerable money has already been donated, as well as one hundred beautiful palm trees, for a city park for Bunnell, which will be known as Flagler Park, and when completed it will be one of the most attractive parks along the East Coast Railroad.

Practically everyone in the Bunnell colony is through planting potatoes, and the fields are in fine condition.

Mr. J. F. Lambert has one acre of cucumbers, and anticipates touching the high water mark for Bunnell in regards to returns per acre.

Dr. St. Peter has a fine sample of sweet corn in his garden. It stands shoulder high at this date.



Mayor Heath of Bunnell.

The municipal election held in Bunnell passed off very quietly. The following were elected:

The aldermen elected to serve for two years were: E. W. Johnston and J. H. McKnight. Aldermen elected to serve one year were: J. F. Lambert, W. H. Cochran and W. C. Sullivan. Mayor W. C. Heath was re-elected to serve as Mayor for the next year.



Home of Hon. I. I. Moody, President of Bunnell before the house was

THE FARMER IS THE ONLY MAN WHO FINDS IT PROFITABLE TO RUN HIS BUSINESS INTO THE GROUND.

Contributed by Bunnell Correspondent During the Month

Mr. E. Baxter and Mr. J. Greer of Idaho, who owns 20 acres of very desirable land near Bunnell, are busy these days clearing their land and putting it under cultivation.

The Professor of the Bunnell Public and High School writes as follows:

"This week marks the end of the fourth month of school, and we feel sure that it is by far the best of our work. The work has been regular and the attendance has been exceptionally good. The number of pupils is increasing steadily. Last Wednesday we enrolled four new students, and the total number has now reached 110. Let us all work for our school, and secure a fourth teacher before this term is out. We must begin to work now if the institution is to have the best results next year.

Mrs. Cisco, east of Bunnell, writes the Editor as follows: "Up to the present time, Mr. Cisco has shot over 200 squirrels. He goes out before breakfast and brings in plenty for the day. He shot two wild turkeys for Christmas, and also caught a 30-lb. bass a few days ago. One does not need to go without game and fish in this country."

Mr. J. L. Council is after the "Potato Pennant" this year with a high average on his 35 acres of potatoes.

Hon. I. I. Moody and family are now living in their new home, which is one of the most beautiful homes in St. Johns County. It is situated in a grove of fine water-oaks, on the Dixie Highway, one and a half miles east of Bunnell. Mr. Moody's home, garage, and other buildings are equipped with electric lights and water, from a private light and water plant which he has had installed. The yard is now being seeded to grass and an abundance of flowers are being planted.



Bunnell State Bank. This picture was taken before house was finished.



Rev. A. Baczyk
of the Catholic Church, Korona, Bunnell Colony

The Korona section of the colony has received its share of the new settlers who have been arriving in the colony in large numbers this winter. A number of new homes have been erected at Korona, and a large amount of acreage has been cleared and planted to potatoes. The Rev. Father Baczyk reports a goodly number of new parishioners in his parish.

The Modern Woodmen gave a dance in their hall in the Tribune Building last Thursday evening. The dance was well attended and everyone appeared to have a good time.

Contractors Kuhn & Anderson have just completed a nice bungalow on the farm of Mr. Oscar Buckley south of Bunnell.

Over one hundred automobiles passed through Bunnell Sunday en-route to different parts of the state. These autos came from almost every state in the Union and we suppose are headed for almost every town on the East Coast of Florida.

J. C. Miller is supplying the Bunnell merchants with nice turnips grown on his farm at Black Point.

Under the management of Mr. A. F. Beaujon the Farmer's Manufacturing Co., have opened up the barrel shop in Bunnell.

As the weather conditions have been ideal for a bumper crop of potatoes this season this shop will have to turn out about twenty-five thousand barrels to meet the demand.

Our new meat market is nearly completed, and will present an attractive front to the Dixie Highway when finished. Mr. Osborne expects to handle all kinds of meats, also to take and deliver orders.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tittsworth, of Hawthorn, N. J., are in Bunnell this week. Mr. Tittsworth owns a forty-acre farm here which he values very much. He and Mrs. Tittsworth will remain in Bunnell some time. They are stopping at the Halcyon.

Mr. Lewis E. Fisher, of Linton, Ind., who owned a nice twenty acres just east of the farm of Mr. J. C. Miller, arrived in Bunnell last Friday morning.

Mr. Fisher drove out Friday afternoon to look over his land and while out there he met Mr. Miller. In conversation with Mr. Fisher, Mr. Miller asked him what he would take for the land, whereupon Mr. Fisher priced the land to Mr. Miller at exactly twice the original cost, whereupon Mr. Miller immediately bought the twenty acres.

Including this twenty acres, Mr. Miller now owns as nice a forty-five acre farm as can be found in the county.

Mr. Fisher returned to his home in Indiana Saturday evening realizing that Florida land (especially land that is located in the famous Irish potato belt) is not a drug on the market, and we predict that another year will not pass by without Mr. Fisher buying more St. Johns County land.

Mr. W. C. Phillips has a fine stand of Bermuda onions, and should repeat his past successes in this line.



Postmaster Deen.

Postmaster D. M. Deen has just added thirty-six more lock boxes to the post office equipment. The increase in population in Bunnell has caused lock boxes to be in demand and as "Uncle Dan" is always on the job, wanting to serve his patrons, he immediately met their demands by installing the new boxes.

With this new section installed the postoffice now has a total of one hundred and fifty-three boxes.

BUNNELL "NO LONGER AN EXPERIMENT,"
Says Satisfied Land Owner,
Who Has Spent Considerable
Time in the Colony.



Rev. F. M. Williams.

Dear Sir:

The HOME BUILDER received, and every word read with much pleasure. Conditions in and around Bunnell are becoming interesting, and I expect them to grow in interest from now on until those who have purchased land have gone and built their homes.

It appears to me that with the present stage of that country properly presented, you will have but little trouble in disposing of all the land you have for sale. There is no longer any need of guesswork about what that country has and will produce. You can now refer with pride to the tangible results of what the Bunnell section of Florida has produced.

With the present price of the land, the easy terms of payment, and the certainty that the land will double in value within the next year or two, placed beside what the land will produce, I believe no farmer will hesitate very long before making an investment.

Personally, I have greater faith in the possibilities of that country than I ever had before. It is no longer an experiment for a man to go to the Bunnell section to make a home. Any one going down expecting to build up a home need not be disappointed. A man can raise enough in one year to pay for his land, two, three or four times over, hence it is only a matter of a very short time until a man may have a home of his own. Hundreds and thousands of people would invest if these facts, together with all the conditions of that country, could be placed before them. But why should I be telling you something you already know?

I wish I could send you a hundred buyers. I think I would be doing them a favor by so doing.

Your friend,

F. M. WILLIAMS,
Chicago, Illinois.

LETTER FROM ANOTHER OF OUR SATISFIED BUYERS IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY.

Dear Mr. Verdenius:

I am not able to give an opinion of the Bunnell colony as I should like, as I have never seen Bunnell, but I have conversed with people who have visited the colony and the little city of Bunnell, and they praise they both very highly.

As to the men comprising the Bunnell Development Company, I find them all to be as square as any people I have ever dealt with.

I can, with much pleasure, say something about the climate of the state of Florida, as I was born on a Florida farm and lived in that state until four years ago, when I enlisted in the Navy. But, like most boys brought up on the farm, I thought that there was a much better chance for a young man to get a start in the world by leaving the farm and working for someone else. I did not have any special trade or profession, so in four or five years I found myself worse off than when I left the farm; and being dissatisfied with the way I was earning my living, and not being in a position to earn it otherwise, I decided that I would enlist in the Navy.

After spending two cold winters in the North, I began to realize the advantages of Florida's climate over the climate of the Northern states, and I also began to realize the comforts one can have on the farm. I came to the conclusion that I would purchase a farm in Florida and settle down. I now have a twenty acre farm in the Bunnell colony, and although I have never seen it, I am satisfied with it, as it was selected for me by my brother, who is also a farmer. And, believe me, I expect to be living in the colony some time in the future.

Yours truly,
IRVING M. DOUGLAS.



Mr. Richard T. Garner.

WANTS HIS FRIENDS IN THE NORTH TO KNOW THAT HE IS WELL PLEASED WITH THE BUNNELL COLONY.

Dear Sir:

As I am well pleased with this country, I should be glad to have you publish this letter in the HOME BUILDER, so that my friends may read it.

I have been in Bunnell a little over thirteen months, and have built the Pine Grove Inn. I have six city lots and twenty acres of farming land.

I am satisfied that it is a good investment, and can cheerfully recommend both the climate and the land.

Yours sincerely,
S. M. BORTREE,
Bunnell, Florida.



Mr. S. M. Bortree.

"BUNNELL — THE CITY OF OPPORTUNITIES."

Dear Mr. Verdenius:

I thought I would write you a few lines and tell you what I think of the Bunnell colony. I visited the colony in October, 1913, and although the colony was still so very young, it looked better to me than anything I had read about it, indeed the reports concerning it were in no manner overdrawn.

Within a few years now I expect to make Bunnell my home.

The opportunities in the South are much greater than they are in the North, and I have told my friends this, and hope many of them will locate there.

I call Bunnell the "City of Opportunities."

Yours very truly,
RICHARD T. GARNER,
Missouri.

NO EARLY MORNING WHISTLE TO DRIVE YOU TO WORK WHEN YOU ARE WORKING YOUR FARM IN THE BUNNELL COLONY. YOU ARE YOUR OWN BOSS THERE.

**WHAT A CLEVELAND
AUTOMOBILE MAN THINKS
OF BUNNELL.**



Mr. W. H. Havens.

"I visited the Bunnell colony some months ago, looked it all over thoroughly for two weeks, motored from Bunnell north as far as St. Augustine, taking in all the farming districts, including Hastings and Palatka, then south as far as Deland, visiting the farming and grove districts, traveling about six hundred miles all told by auto, thereby getting absolute facts regarding the whole surrounding country. To be brief, I inspected the groves and found them most beautiful and loaded with fruit and blossom; also wild oranges in abundance in the wooded land. Game, fish and oysters, free for the small effort of getting them.

"Then the truck farms in the colony—I found the settlers prosperous and all the crops looking fine. I also had personal conversations with potato buyers right there on the ground ready to buy, and buying all the potatoes delivered to the depot and paying cash for same.

"In my estimation Florida is the coming state, as one can grow anything that he plants in the ground by giving it the proper care and attention, besides he has a good market for same. One cannot make a mistake by locating in your colony, for values are bound to increase as sure as you live. I am willing to go into these details with any of my northern brothers if they choose to consult me.

"As to the Bunnell Development Co., I can assure skeptics that their business methods are fair and square to the letter and their president, Mr. I. I. Moody, will be found to be a perfect type of brotherly manhood, combined with honesty, integrity and business ability.

"I purchased my twenty acres fourteen months before I saw it, with privilege of exchanging if I saw fit, but after looking over the colony I decided that the selection the Bunnell Development Co. made for me I would keep, as I concluded their judgment was O. K., possibly better than I might have done myself."

W. H. HAVENS.
Cleveland, Ohio

**A Letter to the Readers of the Home
Builder from a Kentucky Man, Who
Writes Direct from the Colony.**

**"SEEING IS BELIEVING"
FOR THIS MAN.**

When I arrived in the colony, I found conditions much better than I ever expected. I found Bunnell more up-to-date, and the "biggest-little-town" I was ever in. All around Bunnell one may find successful farmers, who are raising three splendid crops a year, and each crop averaging them from \$75.00 to \$100.00 an acre. One can readily see that a man may make more than a living on ten acres of land here.

Before coming to Bunnell I had purchased ten acres of this land, but on finding conditions so much better than I anticipated I bought more land, and now I hold contract for a beautiful farm-home in the Bunnell colony, and expect to make it my future home. I have spent the winter months in California and other places and have spent part of the winter here, but so far I have found Florida's climate the most delightful I was ever in, and I am not bragging on this place because I have land here.



Mrs. J. M. Lynn picking grape-fruit at Bunnell

I have learned from people who have come to Bunnell from other sections of Florida that this is the place for an all-year-round comfortable climate, and good land with it, so you cannot make a mistake by buying land in the Bunnell colony.

If you have read the little booklet that is printed by the Bunnell Development Company you have the facts about the Bunnell colony. When I came to Bunnell I carried one of those booklets in my pocket, and I found it told the truth about the colony. I don't think you could find a better location than Bunnell. One must remember that Bunnell is only in her infancy, and when she gets a few years older, no doubt, she may be the garden spot of the United States.

When I came to Bunnell I didn't attempt to get my information regarding farming from the street corners. I got out among the successful farmers, and helped dig sweet potatoes, plow and plant Irish potatoes. I have seen various kinds of garden truck growing here in December and January, and I have worked the soil, and I know what I am talking about.

In and around Bunnell you may find oranges, grape-fruit, pecans and many other good things. Perhaps you may have heard people say "you can't grow such and such in Florida," but that is a mistake, at least, almost everything will grow in the Bunnell colony, and grow in large quantities and sell for fancy prices.

I did not write a letter for the HOME BUILDER before, because I did not want to say anything until I was sure I knew, but my experience here has taught me that one can't praise the Bunnell colony too highly.

Yours respectfully,
J. M. LYNN,
Kentucky.

**LETTER OF INTEREST FROM A
CONTRACTOR AND BUILDER
AT BUNNELL.**

Dear Mr. Verdenius:

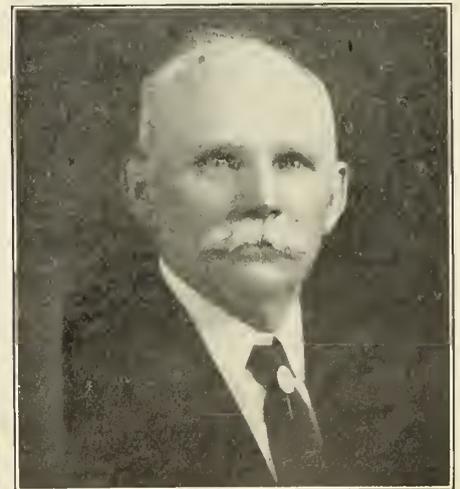
I have been in Florida parts of three years, first in December and January, 1912 and 1913, next in January, 1914, and this time I came to the colony about the 10th of February, 1915, so have completed more than a full year, and have had the experience of the climate for an entire year. I must say that I am more than delighted with the summer season here, as well as the winter, having been able to carry on the building business every day, and have never been overcome by the heat or compelled to go to the shade on account of same.

The building business last summer was very good, and this winter several arrivals from the north have placed orders with me for building material and are planning to build at once, and I have three homes contracted for now. The price of building material is about the same as a year ago, and the class of buildings are somewhat better than in the past.

There has been quite an increase in the amount of acreage planted to potatoes this season. In some localities stock raising is becoming quite extensive and some fine stock is being imported from the north.

The weather at present is just fine.

Yours truly,
G. W. BROWN,
Bunnell, Florida.



Mr. G. W. Brown.

The BUNNELL HOME BUILDER

"He who plants a tree, plants shade, rest, hope, love, peace for troubled ones who come his way when he is gone."

"There is nothing in which God asks so little of us and gives so much, as in the planting of a tree."



Eucalyptus tree in Bunnell.

The most positive factor in lending influence and attractiveness to a home is a beautiful shade tree. It has been the inclination and custom of man from the very beginning to pitch his tent or swing his hammock in the cool, comfortable protection of Nature's trees.

It is every man's duty to assist nature, by planting trees in suitable locations, not only for his own benefit, but also for coming generations. Indeed, there is nothing that will increase the value of one's farm or home more rapidly, and with a smaller outlay of money, than the planting of trees.

The land owners in the Bunnell colony have a great variety of trees from which to choose; indeed we could not enumerate them in this article.

If you desire a tree that grows very rapidly, plant the Eucalyptus. This is a native Australian tree, and is very valuable for wind-break and timber as well as for shade. The above picture was taken at Bunnell. It shows a Eucalyptus tree planted two or three years ago.

My personal opinion, however, is that when one decides to plant trees on his farm or around his home, he should combine beauty and service, and therefore select a tree that will bear fruit and be profitable to its owner. The Pecan is a tree beautiful to behold, and of great commercial value. Pecan trees planted by the roadsides, along drives, fences, and around barns and outbuildings, will not only add to the attractiveness and character of your farm, but before you scarcely think of it, they will be yielding a revenue in nuts sufficient to pay your taxes, interest, upkeep of your buildings, the painting of your fences, besides a liberal amount for other things—and all of this for the cost of only a few trees, and keeping the waste places cleaned and in order, as they should be on any well kept farm.

If you are looking for a sure, safe and substantial investment for your surplus money, buy a ten acre tract of land in the Bunnell colony and have it planted to pecans. Fathers and mothers could not protect their children's future in a better way than by giving them a pecan grove. I consider money invested in this manner far superior to an endowment life-insurance policy.

Should you visit the Bunnell colony this winter, I urge you to see the pecan grove belonging to Mrs. Dr. St. Peter, located about a mile east of Bunnell, on the Dixie Highway. These trees have been set out but a few years, but they are a complete demonstration of the fact that pecans thrive well in Bunnell soil.

Should any of the readers of the HOME BUILDER be especially interested in this article, and desire more tangible proof of the quality of nuts grown on our soil, I would suggest that you write to the General Sales Office in Chicago, and Mr. Verdenius will be pleased to send you two or three nuts from Bunnell trees. When he was last in the colony Mrs. St. Peter very kindly gave him a small box of nuts from her grove, and naturally, as the supply is so limited, only two or three nuts can be sent to any one who is really interested in securing a farm in the colony for pecan culture.

Pecan trees should not be set out closer than 40 feet apart each way, and from that to a distance of 50 feet will be found to be about right.

There is always an excellent market for pecan nuts, and a bearing grove is almost priceless. Some owners of pecan groves in Florida have refused \$1,000.00 an acre for same.

If you desire further information regarding this subject, do not hesitate to write for it.



Mrs. Dr. St. Peter showing basket of pecans.



Mr. Carl A. Swiger.

LETTER FROM ONE OF OUR BUYERS, NOW IN THE CANAL ZONE.

Dear Mr. Verdenius:

I am in the Army at the present time, stationed in the Canal Zone, but as soon as I am discharged I expect to go to Florida, clear my farm I bought from you, and make Bunnell my home.

As soon as I can, I shall buy more land in the colony, for I have implicit faith in Bunnell's future, and predict great things for the colony. I wish that every young man would save his money and buy land from you. It would not only mean that he would save the actual money he invested, but undoubtedly the land is going to greatly increase in value.

I enjoy reading the HOME BUILDER, and each time I read it, I long to become one of the many busy men who are working in the colony. I believe that every one of the buyers should move to Bunnell as soon as possible, and take a part in this great development work. We cannot all be rich, but I believe that each one who will work his Bunnell farm in an intelligent manner, will have at least a good living and a happy home there. Yours truly,

CARL A. SWIGER,
Canal Zone.

Save 17 cents a day and become the owner of a ten-acre farm in the Bunnell Colony.

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