

The Truth About Florida

# The Bunnell Home Builder

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## Portion of Mr. G. A. Dupont's Herd of Durock Jerseys



The above is a picture of Mr. G. A. Dupont feeding a part of his herd of Durock Jersey Hogs. Mr. Dupont now resides about twelve miles north of Bunnell, but at one time he owned a small saw-mill some four miles south of Bunnell, and our town of Dupont was named for him.

## Bunnell's Rapid Growth by Mr. I. I. Moody



Mr. I. I. Moody, Pres. of the Bunnell State Bank.

I am writing this article primarily for the benefit of those who have not kept closely in touch with the rapid development taking place in our colony, and particularly in our town of Bunnell, which is justly called "The Biggest Little City in Florida." I shall likewise give the following information for the benefit of the men and women who have only recently heard about Bunnell. It may be that what I shall say will sound like "ancient history" to many of the readers of the HOME BUILDER; still, after all, it is not a bad thing for all of us to look backward occasionally and mark the road over which we have come.

The story of Bunnell's growth and development may read like a fairy tale to those who have never seen our colony, but the things I shall tell you about it are simple, unvarnished truths. Great things have been accomplished in southern St. Johns County during the past five years. No one particular individual should have all the credit for this, nor the Bunnell Development Company (although it has undoubtedly done its share); but as I see it, the greatest work has been done by the men and women who have bought farms in our colony, who have had faith in us and in our proposition, and who have had faith enough in themselves to come here and develop the community and demonstrate the possibilities of our soil.

It is a little over five years since I first met Mr. Verdenius, and I believe it will be five years next December that he became our sales manager and sent out his first piece of literature regarding the Bunnell colony. Of course the town of Bunnell had been laid out some time previous to that, and we had begun advertising the colony on a small scale; but the public generally really only heard about Bunnell at that time, and practically all of her growth has been since then.

I therefore never seem to be able to think of Bunnell as being more than five years old, and I now want to tell your readers, in as brief a manner as possible, just what we have accomplished in that length of time. You may then judge for yourselves whether or not every Bunnellite has reasons to be proud of our colony. Taking into consideration that only a very small percentage of our approximately 3,000 buyers have as yet settled on their lands—what shall we not expect to do during the coming five years, when perhaps more than half of our buyers will have located on their farms during that time?

The town of BUNNELL is incorporated and has a population of approximately eight to nine hundred people; our Mayor being Mr. W. H. Heath. Bunnell has a good public school in which all of the common branches are taught, as well as two years of high school work. School closed last term with one hundred and ten pupils. Not only have we our school at Bunnell, but others at Ocean City, Black Point, Dupont, Codyville and Korona. We have three churches in Bunnell—Methodist, Christian and Seventh Day Adventists, likewise a Catholic church in Korona, which is in the southern part of the colony.

The following lodges are in operation at Bunnell: The Bunnell Lodge No. 200, Free and Accepted Masons; Order of the Eastern Star; Modern Woodmen of America, and the Knights of Pythias. The women of the colony have organized the Ladies' Improvement Society; the Stitch and Chatter Club, and the Ladies' Aid Society.

Among the business houses in Bunnell may be found the following firms: M. Kanner & Company, McArn & Company and People's Mercantile Company. These three stores carry a full and complete line of general merchandise and all are doing a good business in our community. Holden's Drug Store is as nice a store as one can find in many towns twice the size of Bunnell. This store supplies the trade within a radius of twenty miles of Bunnell. The Bunnell Hardware Company carries a large line of hardware, farming implements, furniture, etc., and are ready to supply our newcomers as well as our old residents with anything in their line. The Bunnell State Bank is one of the strongest banking institutions in the State.

The Bunnell Garage & Auto Supply Company is enjoying a large business, especially since the brick highway has been completed. L. A. Jett & Company and the Johnson Lumber & Supply Company manufacture and handle all kinds of rough and dressed lumber and handle large stocks of building material. The Bunnell Ice, Light & Water Company supplies our town with electric lights and ice, having an up-to-date plant. Mr. Bacher has one of the best blacksmith shops in the state. The Bunnell Telephone Company is growing rapidly, there now being over one hundred subscribers for this Exchange. Bunnell also has a

cafe, where meals are furnished at all hours. The owner of the tonsorial parlor is doing a flourishing business, while the pool rooms and bowling alleys afford the citizens an opportunity of passing away their leisure time.

We have two physicians in Bunnell who are always ready to answer the call of those in need of a doctor. The Pine Grove Inn and the Halcyon, our two up-to-date hotels, furnish ample accommodations for the traveling public, although they are usually over-crowded during the winter months.

We have a weekly newspaper, the St. Johns Tribune, with a real, live Editor. This paper goes into the homes of nearly two thousand people, and everyone who is interested in the Bunnell colony should be a subscriber to it. Bunnell has also a barrel and crate factory, which supplies our potato and vegetable growers with necessary barrels and crates, and that is a large number, too, at the time of our shipping season.

The surrounding country as well as the other towns in the colony are endeavoring to keep pace with the growth of Bunnell, and are developing very rapidly. One can scarcely look in any direction without seeing some new settler clearing his land, or building his home, barn or fences. One of the most important improvements in the country was the completion of the brick highway across the county. This road is known as the Dixie Highway, extends across the Bunnell colony for a distance of eight miles, and makes the hauling of produce a very easy matter for the farmers who are living near by. Another important improvement for our community was the establishing of Rural Free Delivery Route No. 1 from Bunnell. This route covers a distance of about twenty-seven miles, going west from Bunnell; and on October 16th a second route was established extending from Bunnell to Bulow, via Ocean City.

A new railroad is now under construction, crossing the Bunnell colony from Dupont to Orange Hammock, via Codyville. Side tracks are to be laid at a distance of every two miles, so that the farmers will be able to load or unload their produce within a mile or two of their farms.

I have not had the time to write anything about Ocean City, Dupont or Korona, and my space is now taken up. However, I do want to say that all of these towns are growing and improvements are being made right along. With only this brief review before us, we must surely all admit that we have been "GOING SOME," and yet the colony is only in its infancy. When this country is once settled up, and by that I mean when all of the men and women who have bought land of the Bunnell Development Company come here, clear their farms and put them under cultivation, we shall have the GARDEN SPOT OF THE UNITED STATES. Let each of us do our share towards hastening the day when our dreams shall all have become realities.

**THE COST OF BUILDING A HOME IN THE BUNNELL COLONY**

The cost of building a home in Florida must vary according to the taste and means of the individual, just as the cost of building a home must vary in our northern states; and to give exact figures regarding such a cost is next to impossible. Almost daily do we receive one or more letters asking the cost of building a home at Bunnell, and here again we are confronted with the same question—WHAT KIND OF A HOME DO YOU NEED OR WANT?

We have always told inquirers that a comfortable home could be built in the colony for about seventy-five dollars a room. Of course no one can expect anything elaborate at this price. The following letter from Mr. Reynolds, of Detroit, Michigan, seems to agree quite well with our estimates.

Mr. Reynolds is a practical man—a machinist, and has lived in the South. He was kind enough to allow us to reproduce in the HOME BUILDER the plans for the home he expects to erect in the Bunnell colony this fall. We believe our readers will study these plans with interest.

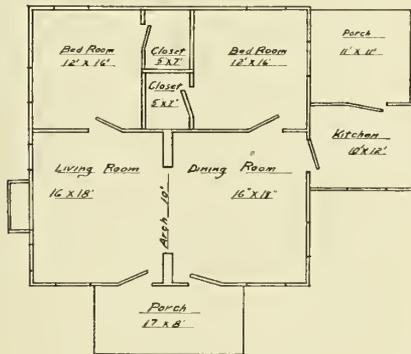
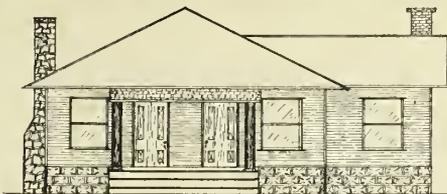
Thomas A. Verdenius.

Dear Sir: I am mailing you two views of an inexpensive house, and will try to give you a description of same, without taking up too much space in the HOME BUILDER. I do this because I hope to be of assistance to some one else who, like myself, is planning to move to the Bunnell colony and erect a home.

After a careful study of conditions at Bunnell, I decided to build an inexpensive yet substantial house, and in working out my plans I have had quotations on supplies from the various lumber dealers in Bunnell. I have also had in mind a house that will be neat, attractive and roomy, and have plenty of light and air—the latter two being essential in a southern climate.

This house will have five rooms and two porches, also two large closets, one opening off of each bed room. The living and dining rooms are much larger than are usually found in ordinary homes, and will be connected by an open arch. A bed room will open off of each of these two rooms; a fireplace in the living room adding to the comfort and artistic arrangement of the room. The kitchen being to one side of the main part of the house, giving it three outside walls, allows not only for plenty of light and air, but keeps all of the kitchen work well away from the rest of the house. The large back porch provides ample space for washing or other work.

The cost of this house will of course depend on the grade of lumber used and the interior finish desired, but by using a good grade of material and the owner doing the work himself, this house can be erected at Bunnell for less than \$500. Or, if the owner is not capable of doing all of the work himself, he can hire a carpenter for a while, and still keep the price under \$500.



If any of the readers of the HOME BUILDER desire further information regarding this little house, I shall be glad to answer any questions to the best of my ability.

Today it is cold and cloudy here, and I tell you we are thinking longingly about Bunnell.

Yours very truly,  
M. C. REYNOLDS,  
Detroit, Mich.

**MORE THAN TWELVE MILLION DOLLARS SPENT FOR GOOD ROADS IN FLORIDA**

The total amount of money spent and being spent in Florida for good roads during the past five years comes up to \$12,271,424.37. Residents of St. Johns County are proud that our county has a place on the honor roll as among the progressive counties in this great state. Thousands of people came to the state last winter simply because of the progress in road work by many of the leading counties, and there will be many more thousands next winter for the same reason. It is an important fact to be noted from federal statistics that Florida is now expending more money per capita for good roads than any state in the Union.

**JACKSONVILLE'S NEW PACKING PLANT**

The packing plant of Armour & Company at Jacksonville is now almost completed. The slaughtering capacity of the plant will be 200 head of cattle, 500 hogs and 500 sheep daily, and it is expected that there will be no shortage in the stock for killing, as already assurances have been given by Florida, Georgia and other stock raisers that shipments will be large and continuous. With the opening up of this plant the stock-raising business in Florida has gained one of the best points for the business, and it is predicted that the business will increase ten-fold within a few years.

**WHAT ONE SUCCESSFUL BUNNELL FARMER HAS DONE**

“Mr. J. C. Miller, of Black Point, was in to see the editor Thursday, bringing in with him five ears of fine corn, which he grew on his farm this year. The five ears when laid out end to end measured five feet and eleven inches and weighed five and one-half pounds.

Mr. Miller has about sixteen acres of this corn, which he grew on the same land that he harvested a spring crop of Irish potatoes from, and he estimates that he is gathering at the rate of sixty-six bushels to the acre. He has already filled two large cribs to their capacity, so full in fact that the floor of one of them broke down, and he has more corn to gather.

When asked if he would have enough corn to run him until he harvested his next crop, he said: “I will have enough to feed my four mules, all my hogs, chickens, etc., and then have plenty to sell.” On this same ground he has a fine crop of crab grass, peavine and velvet bean hay, which he will cut before preparing his land for his spring crop of potatoes.

Mr. Miller will enter the Heard National Bank corn contest and expects to win the \$100 prize they are offering for the best three bushels of corn grown in Florida.

When asked what this crop of corn had cost him, Mr. Miller said: “It has not cost me one cent in cash, and only a few days of work.”

In regard to his sweet potato crop, which is now ready to begin harvesting, he said: “I have about three acres planted to sweet potatoes from which I expect to dig seven hundred and fifty bushels of good potatoes.”

Sweet potatoes are now selling at a dollar a bushel.”—*St. Johns Tribune.*

**BUNNELL HOTELS ARE PREPARING FOR A BUSY WINTER**

The hotels and boarding houses of Bunnell are making preparations for a large number of winter visitors, and no doubt they will all be filled to their capacity. Bunnell can boast of two good hotels and three good boarding houses. Besides our hotel facilities, Bunnell is located about half-way between Daytona and St. Augustine, two of the most famous winter resorts in the United States, with exceptionally good highways to both these cities. So with these advantages, not to say anything of our splendid fishing and hunting, Bunnell should be an ideal place in which to spend the winter.

“If I knew you and you knew me,  
If both of us could clearly see,  
And, with an inner sight, divine  
The meaning of your heart and mine,  
I'm sure that we would differ less  
And clasp our hands in friendliness;  
Our thoughts would pleasantly agree,  
If I knew you and you knew me.”  
—Waterman.

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# A GROUP OF INTERESTING LETTERS FROM O



Mr. Phillips in His Field of Sweet Potatoes.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE MAN VISITS HIS BUNNELL COLONY FARM

I want to tell you in a few words about our visit to Bunnell, Florida. We arrived in Bunnell on the 13th of November, 1915, and came home on the 20th of March, 1916. We liked the place very much and found the people as fine as one would care to meet. We think the Company has done a good deal to build up the town in so short a time. Everything seemed to be well planned and the town in a prosperous condition. We have ten acres of fine land at Black Point fenced and two and one-half acres cleared. Mr. Miller will carry it on for us until September, 1917. This is a nice piece of land and in a fine neighborhood. Our health was the finest ever while in Florida. We were much pleased with the Colony and the way the Company has dealt with the people, as everything seemed to be done on the square.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) FRANK J. WINN, Jr.,  
New Hampshire.

Note—Mr. Winn has recently purchased an additional 10 acres of land in our colony, making his holdings now 20 acres.

## LETTER FROM A GEORGIA WOMAN

I look forward to receiving the HOME BUILDER, and read everything in it with interest. I talk Bunnell to everyone who will let me, and I will be glad to say at any time that the Bunnell Development Company has treated me right all the way through. We have our holdings nearly paid for, and are anxious to get a deed for our land. I am hoping to go to Florida to live, but want to be fixed comfortably first.

(Signed) FANNIE E. FOSTER,  
Georgia.

**Do not fail to read the last page of this issue, which will tell you all about the next excursion to Bunnell on November 21st.**

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Mr. Thos A. Verdenius,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr Verdenius:-

With pleasure I will write you a letter for the Home Builder and tell how I like and what I am doing in Bunnell on the farm I purchased from your Co. on April 21st 1913. 25 acres of which I am perfectly satisfied with. I have found it all you Co claimed it to be. I have grown since I have been here lima beans, tomatoes, onions, sweet potatoes and irish potatoes, and have found them to be



Glimpse of Five Acre Orange Grove South West of Dupont, Belonging to Mr. Robertson.

## What Bunnell Colony Has Meant to Mr. Phillips

Five years ago Mr. Phillips was employed by a large manufacturing concern, but gave up his good position after four of the best physicians had told him that his days were numbered.

Mr. Phillips' attention was drawn to Bunnell, he came to the colony and investigated Florida's climate, our lands and our company thoroughly, and on April 21, 1913, purchased twenty-five acres of Bunnell colony land, located about one and a half miles south of Bunnell on the Moody Road.

Mr. Phillips never lived in the country until he came to Bunnell, always having resided in large cities or suburbs of same.

Since locating on his farm, Mr. Phillips has grown a variety of crops, including Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, beans, tomatoes, cabbage, onions, melons, etc. At one time



Mr. W. C.

will never regret a family have had the and I am sure you other healthier place. water at a depth of 30 home secker who would a good locality, come you will find good good churches, good things I have not where life is worth round. I have found Co to be on the square in work them.

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# OWNERS OF FARMS IN THE BUNNELL COLONY



C. Phillips.

profitable as could be expected. We have good neighbors and have found it a pleasure to live among them. I have seen to my satisfaction that there is no place where poultry and hogs would do any better than here in Bunnell colony. Another thing worth knowing is that anyone can raise plenty of feed for them on his own farm. I intend to plant cabbage, onions and Irish potatoes this coming season and am satisfied that I will make some money on them. I am a firm believer in Bunnell's soil and am sure the man who owns or buys a farm here

at my self and the best of health here you could find no. You can get good 30 feet, I say to the would like to live in come to Bunnell where good people, good schools, water and many space to mention th living the year and the officers of you in all my dealings I am your truly W.C. Phillips



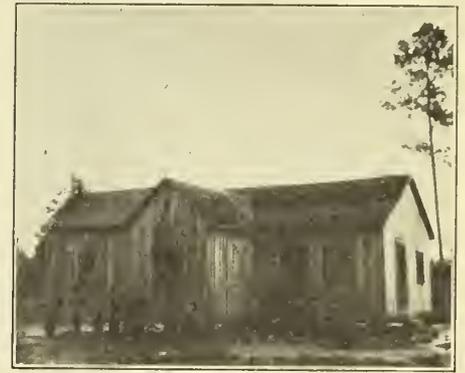
Entrance to One Hundred and Six Acre Orange Grove, South East of Bunnell.

## What Bunnell Colony Has Meant to Mr. Phillips—Con't

he harvested a crop of sweet potatoes averaging 175 bushels to the acre, which he sold for eighty-five cents a bushel. He has not only made a comfortable living for himself and family during the time that he has been clearing his land and getting it into good shape, but he has enhanced the permanent value of his property as well.

Mr. Phillips considers the Bunnell colony splendidly adapted to the raising of poultry, as well as the raising of any kind of stock, and he ought to be able to judge of these matters correctly, after a residence of more than three years in the colony.

But, best of all, Mr. Phillips has entirely regained his health, which he says is worth far more to him than money or his Bunnell farm with all its improvements.



Home of Mr. W. C. Phillips, About One and a Half Miles South of Bunnell, on the Moody Road.

## FORMER CANADIAN SATISFIED WITH BUNNELL

I had a letter from a friend in Alberta, Canada, the other day, and he told me that everything was killed by frost on August 10th. I was thinking—what a contrast to Florida. I am here to stay and make a home, and if I keep my health I will make good. I like the country, and I truly believe that it has a good future. I have no desire to return North.

With best wishes, I remain

Yours truly,  
(Signed) L. C. JOHNSON,  
Bunnell, Florida.

## RECENT LETTER FROM MR. W. A. MACK, OF BUNNELL

I hope you will pardon me for not writing you sooner, but I have been so busy since I saw you. We have had so much work on the land that we cleared up this year. I am thankful to say that our whole forty acres is cleared in good shape, and we are planting our fall crop of Irish potatoes this week. After that will come our corn-husking, and then haying.

We have had a fine summer—not too hot and not too much rain. The corn crops are good generally, and altogether we feel that the Lord has blessed us abundantly in 1916.

With best wishes to yourself and family, I am

Sincerely,  
(Signed) W. A. MACK,  
Bunnell, Florida.

**We urge you to go to Bunnell with Mr. Verdenius on the next excursion, but if this is impossible, then do the next best thing. SEND YOUR ORDER TO HIM for a Bunnell Colony farm before he leaves on the 21st, and he will be happy to personally select your land for you. WRITE HIM TODAY and tell him just the kind of farm you desire.**

EXAMPLE—THE BUNNELL COLONY IS DRAWING IN THE ARMS TO SCORES OF INDUSTRIOUS FAMILIES.

# Every Day Happenings in and Around Bunnell as Contributed

*(The following items have been contributed from time to time by our Colony correspondent. Therefore, if some of the news is not entirely up to date, our readers will understand that it has not all been received at one time.—Editor.)*

The McArn Company bought from Mr. W. A. Mack this week a coop of chickens, thirty-one in number, for which they paid him \$19.80, an average of over 63 cents each. This coop of chickens were Barred Rocks and certainly were beauties. It pays to grow the large stock of poultry.

Mr. S. L. Speer of Dupont reports that he will set six acres of celery this week. Look out for the man that made Dupont celery famous.

The recent revival services at the M. E. church have closed. Thirty-six members were received into the church, and the pastor and people are looking for greater work in the future.

The Bunnell Mercantile Company has installed its grist mill. All those who desire to have their corn ground into either meal, grits or chicken feed may have same done by bringing to the Bunnell Mercantile Company.

Rural Free Delivery Route No. 1 closed its second month with an increase in business of a fraction over fifty per cent over the preceding month. This route, which is an every-other-day route, is now serving eighty-one families, but it should serve at least one hundred families, if those who have not put up their boxes will do so. If a hundred families are served there is a chance of having it a daily route, and this will be much more convenient for all patrons.

This is the year for our Bunnell farmers to plant cabbage. A communication from northern markets states that cabbage is very scarce, and that the price of cabbage and sauer kraut is double what it usually is. There is big money in Florida cabbage when the northern crop is short like it is this year. Let every farmer plant at least one acre to cabbage and get the high prices that will prevail this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Milliken of Chicago have rented the Doty house on Church street and will move here in the near future.

Mr. O. C. Mosby has been selling quite a quantity of corn to the Bunnell Hardware Company, for which he received \$1.00 per bushel.

Ex-Governor Jennings of Jacksonville delivered an address on the political issues of the day in the Woodmen hall Tuesday evening.

An up-to-date undertaking establishment has been opened up in Bunnell by Mr. B. A. Bolton. Much as we deplore the necessity of such a business in our midst, it is but the natural result of every growing community.

All rural free delivery patrons who have not yet put up the regulation mail box, can secure same at the actual cost of 90 cents from the Bunnell Mercantile Company, who have purchased a quantity of boxes.

A party composed of Z. G. Holland, J. J. Buckles and others passed through Bunnell today en route to Ocean City, where they went to fish.

Mrs. A. S. Abbott has purchased the Welta Moore residence just to the rear of her home. She will remodel it and rent it to winter tourists.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Drew have returned to Bunnell after a very pleasant visit to their old home in New York State.

Mrs. Reinheimer has purchased the Foster property on Main Street, and she and Miss Smith are now residing there.

Mr. D. F. McDuffie's field of beans are looking fine. He will harvest same in November. The strawberry plants set out by a number of our farmers some weeks ago are expected to be bearing during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. O. N. Jackson informs us that he will have all kinds of vegetables for sale within the next thirty to forty days. Jack is a good farmer and knows how to grow truck. He will be seen on the streets this winter almost every week with a wagon load of nice fresh vegetables.

Quite a few acres in the colony have been planted to fall Irish potatoes, which give evidence of a good stand.

Messrs. C. A. Smith, E. W. Johnston and J. I. Choate have organized the People's Mercantile Company, having purchased the general merchandise of S. Ross, and will conduct their business next door to the Bunnell State Bank. They will carry a general line of merchandise and will cater to both town and country trade.

Electric lights have been installed in the pavillion at Ocean City, also a large electric piano player. Church services are held at Ocean City every other Sunday.

Mr. Ed. Johnson has his shingle mill nearly completed, and will soon be shipping shingles. He states that he will cut about five million at his present location.

Mr. O. C. Mosby informs us that he is harvesting corn that averages fifty bushels to the acre, and that his neighbor, Mr. J. C. Miller, will realize still more per acre than he. This is as good as almost any corn raised in the corn districts, and when one realizes that this is but one of the three bumper crops that has been grown on this land since January 1st, he can form some idea of the possibilities of our soil. In addition to the corn, Mr. Mosby also raised a fine crop of potatoes, and is now harvesting a large hay crop. This is the usual crop rotation in this section, though a great variety of crops can be grown successfully.

The Miller Brothers are selling some fine corn this week, the Bunnell Hardware Company buying their first lot of one hundred bushels. They also have fine sweet potatoes and hay for sale.

The Kilper Brothers report very favorably on their sweet potato outlook, and while in town the other day, contracted for the sale of same.

Messrs. Chas. Jordan, W. C. Phillips, H. W. Sessions and several others are preparing their land for a cabbage crop this winter and anticipate a ready sale, as the market is strong and the cabbage crop in the North this year was very short.

Messrs. Deen and Jackson are planning to raise a considerable amount of truck this winter, such as beans, peas, cabbage, etc.

The indications are that the Irish potato crop in this section will be much larger this coming spring than last year, and the prospects for high prices are excellent, as one can readily ascertain by investigating crop reports all over the country.

Messrs. Davids and Norris are preparing their land for an onion crop. They will, if nothing happens, have around ten tons of Bermudas for sale when they harvest their crop. This estimate is based on former results in this section.

Mr. Wazewski's young orange grove at Korona has grown wonderfully during the past year, and is in a flourishing condition.

Mr. W. A. Mack reports that they have gathered over five hundred bushels of fine corn from eleven acres of land, that was planted to potatoes last spring. Three thousand dollars' worth of spring potatoes, five hundred dollars' worth of corn, eleven tons of hay, a nice crop of both Irish and sweet potatoes, besides lots of chickens and eggs, is not so bad from a small farm in one year.

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by our Special Bunnell Correspondent During the Month

Mr. J. L. Jones and family, formerly of California, are now living in the Miller home on Moody Road, and expect to spend the winter there while they are getting their land cleared and put under cultivation.

Mr. John W. Davis and Mr. Floyd of St. Augustine were recent visitors in southern St. Johns county for the purpose of gathering agricultural statistics of the county. These will be properly tabulated at Tallahassee and used by the State and U. S. Government for distribution over the country.

The J. B. Parker family, formerly of Canada, are busily engaged clearing their lands, located south of Bunnell on the Sweetwater highway. Mr. Parker has given the contract for the erection of a new home, and the way he is taking hold of the work indicates that he is destined to become one of our successful farmers.

The recent Sunday School Institute, which was held at the Haw Creek church was most interesting, and a large number of people were in attendance. It being an all-day session, a bountiful dinner was spread at noon, to which everyone did full justice.

Work on the new railroad is progressing rapidly. About one mile of rail has been laid from the dock at this end of the line, and it is expected that connections will be made and the road ready for operation in four or five weeks. The railroad bridge across Haw Creek at the Hamilton farm is rapidly nearing completion.

There is great activity throughout the colony among the Irish potato growers as well as all those raising garden truck.

There have been large numbers attending the revival services at the Methodist church in Bunnell. M. L. Lifsey of Barnsville, Georgia, has charge of the music, and Rev. F. P. McCall of Jasper, Florida, is the Evangelist.

The Times-Union of Jacksonville informs us that prospects are very good that Duval County will in the near future complete the shelling of the unpaved three-quarters of a mile of Dixie highway, just north of the St. Johns County roadway arch. (Two views of this arch appeared in a recent issue of the HOME BUILDER.)

The colored people of the A. M. E. church of the Palatka District plan to hold their camp meeting at Bunnell this year. These meetings are attended by almost every colored person from Jacksonville to Miami, there being as high as ten thousand in attendance during the ten days.

The farmers of St. Johns county are becoming interested in the growing of strawberries, and we expect to see this county one of the foremost strawberry growing counties in the State within a short while. People are becoming educated to the value of the strawberry, and meetings are being held for that purpose. On conservative figures it has been proven that our farmers may realize \$700 or more per acre net profit from strawberries.

Mr. Crisp, of the Wilson & Toomer Fertilizer Company, and Mr. Trueman of the Independent Fertilizer Company were looking after business in the vicinity of Dupont last week.

The postoffice department at Washington, D. C., has asked for bids for carrying rural mail between Bunnell and Bulow, via Ocean City, for the term from October 16, 1916, to June 30, 1920. This is another significant fact regarding the development of our country, since one rural route is already in operation.

Automobile owners here will be pleased to know that the Bunnell Garage & Auto Supply Company will have installed, within the next few weeks, at their garage, a free-air outfit and a large vulcanizing plant. Both these outfits are the best that could be bought and called for the expenditure of several hundreds of dollars. Tourists will find the Bunnell garage the most up-to-date and best equipped garage on their route, and Bunnell people can justly be proud of the enterprise shown by this concern.

The pupils of the Bunnell school have settled down for the term's work. Four teachers are at the present time in charge, and they all express themselves as being well pleased with prospects for an exceptionally good school this year.

Pastor Ramsey of the M. E. church has organized a men's Bible class, with a membership of twelve to begin with. In future the class will meet in the school building, and it is the wish of Pastor Ramsey that all men in Bunnell will join this class.



Home of Mr. Frank Vincent—Just North of the Town of Bunnell.

Mr. John L. Council is the newly appointed postmaster at Bunnell, he having received the highest grade from the civil service examination taken at Palatka last July. Mr. Deen, the retiring postmaster, having other interests which demanded his personal attention, felt it his duty to retire from the service.

Mr. F. G. Osborn, proprietor of the Bunnell Meat Market, has made some improvements to the interior of his market which add greatly to its appearance. Our town is to be congratulated on having such a good market, with a stock of meats always up to the standard.

Leaston Pellicer is busy erecting a bungalow on his twenty-acre farm in Section 3. Leaston must mean business.

Miss Alice Cochran of Bunnell will teach the Dupont school this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Ovil Prouty, together with Mr. L. C. Prouty, father of Mr. Prouty, arrived in Bunnell Thursday afternoon. Mr. Prouty owns a fine tract of land on Sweetwater highway, just south of Bunnell, which he will immediately put under cultivation. He will move into the Fireball house, near the farm of Mr. John L. Council, where he will reside until he can erect his house on his farm.

The store building of the McArn Company is now practically completed. This building adds much to the appearance of the business section of Bunnell, being a concrete building 25x65, the front of solid plate glass. The McArn Company expect to move their large stock of general merchandise into this building just as soon as it is completed, where they will continue to cater to the trading public of Bunnell and surrounding country.

DO NOT FAIL TO READ THE LAST PAGE OF THIS ISSUE, WHICH WILL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT THE NEXT EXCURSION TO BUNNELL, ON NOVEMBER 21ST.

# Excursion Trip to BUNNELL on November 21, 1916

## *Will You be One of the Party?*

Even though you may have already bought land in the Bunnell colony; even though you may have visited Bunnell before; even though you may have no intention of purchasing land at the present time, I urge you to join me on this trip.



Mr. T. A. Verdenius, the Pioneer Small Farm Man of Florida.

The hardships, problems and discomforts of winter will soon be upon us. It will mean ill health for some, added expenses for all. Why wait until the winter winds are blowing? Make your plans now to get away permanently in a few years more, and come with me on this trip and let me show you just what our colony has to offer. If you have already visited your land, you will be eager to go again,

and see the many improvements that have taken place in your absence.

I am planning that this shall not only be a business trip, but that it shall be a pleasure one as well. If any of you who are making arrangements to visit Bunnell at this time would like to have your wives accompany you, I want to say that we shall be very glad indeed to have them. I am always anxious for the wives and daughters to see our Bunnell colony, so that they may understand something of the pleasant surroundings and social life to be found there, for I have usually found that if the wife is satisfied, the husband is sure to be.

If you enjoy traveling, the railroad trip alone is a delightful one. We shall pass through the rugged Kentucky foothills, through historical Tennessee, with a

glimpse of Lookout Mountain, Chattanooga and many other points of interest. From Chattanooga to Atlanta, Georgia, the train passes through battlefields almost the entire distance.

I shall not attempt to tell you of the interesting features of Jacksonville, St. Augustine and other portions of Florida, to say nothing of our wonderful Bunnell. It will afford us great pleasure to take you to Ocean City and the ocean beach, show you the 106-acre orange grove nearby, take you over our colony and let you learn from their own lips just what our farmers have done and are doing. You will then be able to form some idea of the possibilities of this section of Florida.

I believe if you really want to do it, you can easily afford to take this trip, which is not an expensive one by any means, and you are certain to be amply repaid for your time and efforts.

Remember the date — TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1916. The round-trip fare from Chicago to Bunnell on this homeseekers' excursion is \$41.89. Your ticket will be good for twenty-one days. I believe I can safely say that if you join me on this trip I shall be able to make it more pleasant for you than if you should go at a later date by yourself.

If you live in the East and would not go to Florida via Chicago, then I want you to leave your city on the 21st and meet us in Jacksonville on the following Thursday morning, and continue your journey with us from there. If you will write me at once I will give you the name of the hotel at which to meet us.

I shall be glad to supply you with any further information regarding the trip which you may desire, if you will write me at once. I say to you now, as I have said many times before, that "Seeing Is Believing," so

If you want to go to a warmer, healthier, more ideal climate—to a country where three crops are raised each year on the same land—come with me on November 21st to our BUNNELL COLONY. It will be the "trip of your life."

**THOMAS A. VERDENIUS, 108 So. La Salle St., CHICAGO**

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

## TO BUYERS OF LAND IN THE BUNNELL COLONY

You will note that I am going to Bunnell shortly and while there we shall carefully go over all the accounts on our books.

If your account is not paid up to date please send your remittance at once to the Home Office at Bunnell, so that it may reach that office not later than December 2nd. If you will do this we shall be sure to find your account in first-class condition when we come to check it over.

We will accept Liberty Bonds as payments on the land and will give you full credit on your account for same — one hundred cents on the dollar.

If your account is already up to date, simply ignore this notice.

Yours very truly,

*Thos. A. Wendenius.*

 **NOTE:**—Please note if the address on your envelope is your latest address. If not, kindly forward your correct address at once to the Chicago Office, 108 South La Salle Street.

