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## SUPERVISOR'S ANNUAL REPORT OF TOWN OF ANDOVER

### NATURAL HISTORY IN FLORIDA—AS TOLD BY A NATIVE

#### STRANGERS WARNED TO BE CAREFUL

#### Al Jones Gives us Florida's Counterpart to Our "Big Fish" Stories.

Natural history has always been a very interesting study for me and I have always read with great interest the stories of beast, bird and reptile, which came in my possession.

But of late it has been somewhat marred by the writers of "nature stories," crying "nature fakir" at each other and claiming that the story written about some particular creature by the other was not, or ever could be, correct.

Therefore, I feel sure that the public will welcome a few authentic tales of the venomous reptiles which inhabit Florida.

"The climate of south central Florida (where St. Cloud is located) is very mild in winter; which makes it well adapted to the breeding of all kinds of reptiles, which would include some of the human inhabitants, especially the "crackers."

As a boy I had read of the journeys and adventures of the great naturalist, Audobon; thru the swamps and canebrakes of the Florida Everglades, and before this part of Florida was cleared of forest and brush and drained by the big canals it was marked on the map as part of the Everglades, and it may be that the great naturalist has passed over the very ground that I tread every day.

But he did not meet the woman who gave me these facts, or of course, the world would have heard of them long ago.

This woman comes every day and evidently seems to think it is her duty to warn the stranger against the dangers that beset his path and from the evident relish with which she tells them, I sometimes think it is more of a pleasure than duty to her.

**The Rattlesnake**  
"Yes sir; no one ever recovered from the bite of a Florida diamond back. They are as good as dead, even better, for the dead are sometimes brot to life, but not so with the victim of this monster.

"Big? Well I don't know just what you might call big. There were two killed down near the lake a few years ago that measured 14 feet.

"The two of them? No, indeed! Fourteen feet apiece. I found one coiled up on the lower step of my porch a short time ago. One more step and my foot would have been in the middle of his coils. He had his head up ready to strike. I called a man who killed him and he measured seven feet.

"Oh yes, they're big and they're ugly. You will step on one yet if you stay long enough."

**The Water Moccasin**  
"The moccasin a small snake? No Sirree! There was one killed in my yard that measured six feet. I saw him coiled up under a palm and I called a man who killed it with a hoe. A few days after there was another one just as big killed in the yard next to mine. They had been living under a wood pile in that yard. There are always two of them. If you kill one, look out for the other, for it will be sure to try to get you. Their bite is mortal pizen and is sure death."

**The Hoop Snake**  
"Hoop snake? Sure, I saw one. They fasten their tail on some hooks that grow on their heads and roll along just like a child's hoop. I was riding horse back and there was one rolling along in the road. No, I could not tell whether he rolled on out of sight or turned off in the bushes. My horse cut up and when I had him staided and looked again the snake was gone. Huh! I'll say there is a hoop snake. Seeing is believing."

**The Joint Snake**  
"And there is a snake here that when you cut him up, every piece grows a head and tail and becomes another snake. I saw one that a man had put in pieces near the lake. No, I did not see the pieces grow head and tail, but I saw the snake cut up, why shouldn't I believe it? Why not? But if any of my readers are down here and kill a

#### F. L. HANN HAS ARM BADLY CUT BY SAW

#### Forearm of Right Hand Nearly Severed While Operating Buzz Saw.

Floyd Hann suffered a terrible accident Saturday while operating a buzz saw in the Cagle shop, on Main street. The right forearm was nearly severed, cutting entirely in two one bone and cutting into the other bone.

It is that that he attempted to reach over the running saw and his sleeve caught in the saw and his arm drawn in.

He was taken immediately to the office of Dr. C. W. O'Donnell, who telephoned to Dr. McCarthy of Wellsville for assistance. Upon his arrival the wound was found so severe that it was that best to take Mr. Hann to the Memorial hospital in Wellsville, where the arm was dressed. The doctors are in hope of saving the hand. It was found necessary to splice in an inch of bone in the arm.

Mr. Hann stood the operation nicely and it is hoped is now well along toward recovery.

#### Theodore R. Hoffer

Theodore R. Hoffer, whose death occurred Jan. 19, 1925, at the home of his sister, Mrs. Addie Burdick of Nile, was born in Germany, 84 years ago. Deceased had been in failing health for some months, but the direct cause of death was pneumonia.

For many years he lived in Andover and will be remembered with kindly feelings by many of our citizens. Funeral services were held at Nile, Jan. 21st and burial made at Obi.

joint snake, I beg of you don't cut it up. One hundred pieces mean one hundred joint snakes and at that rate, Florida would soon be so full of them there would be no room for the tourists.

#### The Grampus and Stingray

As I remember, the grampus in natural history, it is a fish resembling the porpoise and the stingray is another fish of the starfish family.

Captain John Smith, founder of the English colony at Jamestown in Virginia, while spearing fish that had been left on the sands by the high tide, thrust his sword thru one and while trying to remove it received a very serious wound. He quaintly wrote of it thus:

"The stingray is a fish of ill repute, of many arms whereon the mydist is a poisoned styngge."

But in Florida, grampus and stingray mean something else. I quote from the (beg her pardon, I almost said old lady):

"Huh! Well I guess you had better look out for the grampus and stingray, they will get you good."

"Yes, total blindness followed by certain death, (sounds like an ad for bootleg whiskey, now doesn't it.) The grampus is a kind of bug with a sting at both ends, either end looks like the other, and it won't make any difference which end hits you; you are a goner unless you get to Dr. Chunn at once. A girl living near my home put her hand on the branch of an orange tree and right smack onto one. He stung her and only for a man passing in a car, who rushed her at once to Dr. Chunn, she would have died, she was blind when she got there and the good doctor said five minutes more and he could not have saved her. He is the only doctor living who knows how to treat these stings.

"The stingray is just a smaller kind of grampus and though he will not get you as quick, its good by if you don't find Chunn."

So my friends of the North, if you come down to Florida and decide to let one of these bugs sting you, be sure you locate Dr. Chunn before doing so.

Now I suppose you would like me to vouch for what I have written. I decline with thanks. However I will guarantee a part of it, and shall select as that part, the portion of this letter dealing with the climate of St. Cloud.

Arthur Lincoln Jones

#### Two Farm Boys Will Rule at White House

Washington, D. C., Jan. 28. — When Everett Sanders reports as private secretary to President Coolidge at the White House next Monday morning, Feb. 1, our nation's affairs will be in the hands of two former farm boys.

President Coolidge from that bleak New England farm near Plymouth Notch, Vermont and his secretary, Everett Sanders, from the waving cornfields near Coalmont and Terre Haute, Indiana.

Both boyhoods were spent on the farm in the hard work of sowing, reaping and the many other hard rounds of long days, from before sunup 'til after sundown. No doubt many who read these lines now know the farm day and the demands each new dawn makes. Perhaps they can gain inspiration in knowing that Calvin Coolidge and Everett Sanders know from first hand contact all of these labors, having struggled in youth with the same exacting tasks.

The retirement of C. Bascom Slemm as Secretary to President Coolidge and the selection of Everett Sanders came as the result of Mr. Slemm's resolve to get back to private business. It has been known for some time that our first millionaire secretary to a president was tired of his job since things politically had failed to move as he had hoped.

It is no secret that Mr. Slemm aspired to a place in the president's family as a cabinet member. It was that that his ability to line up Southern delegates for Coolidge would be rewarded with a higher post. However, many things interfered with that program. Wm. M. Butler beat him out with the president as chairman of the Republican National Committee. Then Harry New decided to remain as postmaster-general, the job it had been assumed Slemm aspired to.

Sanders has experienced a romantic career of poverty and must have been reluctant to interrupt his plans which at last promised much, to become secretary at approximately the same salary he was receiving as congressman.

Whereas, Slemm is wealthy, Sanders is not. Sanders could have been re-elected to congress from his district last fall but he declined to run announcing that he desired to get back to law and attain a bit of financial independence.

Sanders' father, Rev. James Sanders, was a farmer, where he was not preaching in Indiana. The boy worked—and worked hard on the farm until he was full grown. He got such schooling as was possible in the intervals between ploughing, sowing, reaping and other farm work.

But he was ambitious. Finishing the district school he managed to scramble thru the State Normal school, taught school for three years and then by waiting on tables and other such menial work, he managed to get a law education at the University of Indiana, graduating in 1907. Then he took up the practice of law.

Finally he entered politics and gained his first state office as assistant Attorney General of Indiana. Then he aspired higher and finally entered the race as representative of the fifth Indiana district and was elected to congress. He served four terms in Washington.

Sanders Popular With G. O. P. Party Leaders

All of his congressional colleagues are for him. He was a regular administration man at all times and was one of Nick Longworth's most reliable lieutenants.

He gained first national prominence during the Cleveland convention when after Lowden and Borah declined to accept the vice-presidential nomination, a boom was started for him. Senator Watson of Indiana, an aspirant for the presidential nomination, refused to sponsor the boom, so finally as a compromise, Dawes was nominated.

Everett Sanders was born near Coalmont, Ind., March 8, 1882. He will celebrate his 43rd birthday just four days after the inauguration of President Coolidge. He was married to Miss Ella Neal of Terre Haute, Indiana, in 1903. Mrs. Sanders is very popular in congressional circles and already has a host of friends in Washington.

#### Tidbits From Our School

Report of Regents examination January, 1925:

Reading—Irma Greene.  
Writing—Claire Green, Irma Green.

Spelling—Georgia Broughan, Edward Cannon, Robert Common, Eleanor DeRemer, Angilee Dodge, Margaret Folsing, Edwin Gardner, Celia Gavin, Mary Gavin, Carl Greene, Edna Guinn, Bernadine Hann, Lillian Holmes, Carl Honegger, Gertrude Jackson, Virginia Millsbaugh, Sarah Nobles, Raymond O'Boyle, Robert O'Boyle, Cecelia O'Connell, Dorothea Snyder, Naomi Sticker, Gladys Whitney, Ima Williams.

E. English—Claire Greene, Irma Green.

Arithmetic—Georgia Broughan, Edward Cannon, Robert Common, Eleanor DeRemer, Angilee Dodge, Margaret Folsing, Edwin Gardner, Irma Green, Edna Guinn, Bernadine Hann, Lillian Holmes, Carl Honegger, Gertrude Jackson, Agnes Lynch, Oak Marsh, Norma Martin, Raymond O'Boyle, Robert O'Boyle, Cecelia O'Connell, Gladys Whitney.

Geography—Harold Bixby, Edward Crandall, Agnes Lynch, Virgil Slaght, Clifford Walden.

U. S. History—Carl Greene, Lewis Guinn, Priscella MacDougald, French, two years—Anna Lynch, Margaret Wilcox.

Latin, two years—Marylyn DeRemer, Louise Folsing, Eva Renzella, Margaret Wilcox.

Int. Algebra—Wayland Livermore.

Plane Geometry—Ada Mitchell.

History—Keaneth Alvord, Ellen Casey, Anna Lynch, Viola Wildman.

History—Louise Folsing.

El. Representation—Edna Barrett, Edward Cannon, Robert Common, Eleanor DeRemer, Margaret Folsing, Elizabeth Gonter, Bernadine Hann, Mary Horan, Raymond O'Boyle, Dorothea Snyder, Ima Williams.

#### Mothers' Health Clubs

One of the most important phases of the work of the Division of Maternity, Infancy and Child Hygiene of the State Department of Health is interesting and instructing mothers in the care of themselves and their children. When all the mothers of the state can be made to realize the importance of early and continuous medical supervision for themselves and their babies and can be taught rules of maternity and infant hygiene, the major part of our public health problem will be solved. The number of deaths in the United States resulting from lack of proper care of mothers and new born infants is appalling. Therefore an effort has been made to arrange for teaching mothers in Mothers' Health Clubs.

Classes are being held in Andover at the public library, every Monday from 3 to 4 p. m., by a nurse from the New York State Department of Health. All are urged to attend.

On the second and third Wednesday of each month, a health clinic is held at the library building, conducted under the direction of the State Board of Health.

#### Mother's Health Clubs

Claire Greene completed the work necessary for a preliminary certificate.

The Honor Roll for the last five week period will be given next week.

Classes in commercial geography, civics and elementary algebra have been started for the spring term.

It has become necessary to postpone the Parent-Teachers' Association until next month, because of so many other affairs this week.

#### Sit on the Lid—and Laugh

Build for yourself a strong box. Fashion each part with care; Fit it with hasp and padlock. Put all your troubles there. Hide therein all your failures. And each bitter cup you quaff. Lock all your heartaches within it. And then—sit on the lid and laugh.

Tell no one of its contents; Never let its secrets leak there; Drop in your cares and worries. Keep them forever there. Hide them from sight so completely. The world will ne'er dream half. Fasten the top down securely. Then sit on the lid and laugh.

#### THOMAS McCAFFERY CLOSSES LIFE

#### Influential Citizen of West Union Passed Away Saturday.

Thomas McCaffery of Rexville, died at his home near that village, Saturday afternoon, aged 81 years, following a lingering illness. He was one of the most widely known and respected citizens of that section.

He was born in Ireland but came to this locality when only five years old and for years has been one of the oldest and most prominent men in that village. He was an assessor for the town of West Union for 27 years and also served four years as a member of the board of supervisors from that town.

Besides the widow, Mr. McCaffery is survived by one daughter, Miss Kathryn McCaffery of Rexville. He was an own cousin of W. F. O'Connell of this village.

The funeral was held Wednesday morning at 9:30 at the house and at 10 o'clock at Saint Mary's church. Burial was in Saint Mary's cemetery.

#### Andover Boys' Work Highly Praised

Last week's Alfred Sun contains an interesting account of the work accomplished by some of the students in the department of arts in Alfred University in charge of Prof. Fritz Hildebrand. Among the number whose work in advanced wood-working was mentioned, we clip the following of that of Andover boys which will be of especial interest to many of our readers:

One student, Max Crandall, who made a spinet desk last year, is now making a unique shaving stand.

Donald Pingrey, a student who is majoring in this department, made over an old fashioned cherry bureau into a sideboard last year with admirable results, which Prof. Hildebrand considers one of the best bits of work done in his department. This student is now making a wardrobe desk.

Another one of last year's students who was unusually skillful, was Rodney Robinson, now teaching manual training at Rutherford High School, Rutherford, N. J.

Mr. Robinson made the scenery for the church and tavern scenes in "If I Were King," last year's commencement play, and both of these sets were skillfully done, the former one requiring some very delicate craftsmanship.

#### MONIES RECEIVED AND PAID OUT

#### Detailed Statement of the Financial Transactions of this Town for the Year 1924.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS	
General Fund	
General property taxes	\$ 7,538.83
Other Taxes	1,652.59
Licenses and Permits	\$ 9,194.32
Fines and Penalties	222.12
	35.00
	257.12
Total, general fund receipts	\$ 9,448.45
School Fund	
School fund receipts	\$ 6,455.99
Highway Fund	
Highway fund	\$ 9,050.00
Bridge fund	12,663.87
Machinery fund	1,546.00
Snow and Miscellaneous	2,047.00
	\$25,246.87
Total receipts, all funds	\$41,151.31
Balances at beginning:	
General fund	\$ 370.05
School fund	85.74
Highway fund	541.69
Total	\$ 997.48
Grand total	\$42,148.79

#### SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS

General Fund	
General Government	\$ 1,620.46
Protection of Persons and Property	47.60
Conservation of health	334.80
Charities	160.25
Soldiers' relief	150.00
Public utilities	22.80
Miscellaneous	505.00
Total current expenses	\$ 2,840.91
Redemption of debt	\$6,000.00
Interest on debt	446.50
Construction and permanent improvements	25.00
Transfers from General	197.00
Total, other payments	\$ 6,668.50
Total payments from General Fund	\$ 9,509.41
School fund	\$ 6,541.71
Highway Fund	
Highway fund	\$ 8,843.56
Bridge	12,665.99
Machinery	1,573.83
Snow and Miscellaneous	1,983.62
	\$25,067.00
Total payments from all funds	\$41,118.12
Balance at end of year:	
General fund	\$ 309.09
School fund	.02
Highway fund	721.56
	\$ 1,030.67
Grand total	\$42,148.79
Making report—comptroller	19.00

#### DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

General Fund	
For general town purposes	\$ 7,538.83
Mortgage taxes	51.85
Income taxes	1,268.29
Merchandise tax	332.35
Dog licenses	222.12
Fines	35.00
	\$ 9,448.45

#### DETAILED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS

General Fund	
Services of attorney	\$ 25.00
Printing reports	36.58
Supervisor:	
Compensation or salary	54.00
Percentage on money paid out	135.65
Office and other expenses	1.65

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MRS. C. W. WILLIAMS