

CANDIDATES' CARDS

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HON. E. P. THAGARD, of Marion County, Candidate for STATE COMPTROLLER. Was appointed State Bank Examiner March 2, 1912, by the present comptroller. His experience in the Comptroller's office and as Bank Examiner qualifies him for the position he now aspires to.

FOR CLERK

To the Voters of DeSoto County: I am a candidate for the office of clerk of the circuit court. Having served you in the past in the capacity of tax assessor, county commissioner and state senator, and feeling competent and being assured by my many friends of my competency to fill this office, I have no hesitancy in asking for your support for the following reasons: First, I need the emoluments of the office to aid me in rearing a young family; Second, I am one of the pioneers of this county, raised by honest parents, and people say I inherit that trait; Third, I have served you faithfully in the past and, if elected, will do so in the future to the best of my ability. My platform is a square deal for all, trust employment of home people, and to confine myself strictly to the duties of the office, if elected. Hoping you will give this and me your earnest consideration, I am, Yours very truly, F. M. COOPER.

FOR CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

To the Voters of DeSoto County: I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-nomination to the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court, in the Democratic Primary to be held June 6th, 1916. If the people of DeSoto County in their wisdom, see fit to again honor me with their confidence, I promise to give them the same faithful service and courteous treatment as I have endeavored to do in the past. With my experience, as your Clerk for the past few years, I feel that I am thoroughly qualified to render you thorough and efficient service, and shall feel very grateful if you will again honor me with your support. Sincerely yours, A. L. DURRANCE.

FOR CIRCUIT JUDGE

To the Voters of the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Florida: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Circuit Judge of the Tenth Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. If nominated and appointed, I shall discharge the duties of the office fairly, impartially and to the best of my ability. I shall appreciate your support. Respectfully, R. E. BROWN.

FOR CIRCUIT JUDGE

To the People of the Tenth Judicial Circuit: I am a candidate for the office of circuit judge, subject to the action of the Democratic primary in the June primary. If chosen to serve you, I promise an honest, faithful and fearless administration of justice in accordance with law. I shall be grateful for your support. Very truly, W. D. BELL.

FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR

To the Voters of DeSoto County, Florida: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination to the office of County Surveyor of DeSoto County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary of June 6, 1916. Having had considerable experience pertaining to this office, I am familiar with the work connected with same, and feel fully capable of performing the duties of the office in an efficient manner, and if nominated and elected will give my time and best efforts to the discharge of the duties of said office. I will appreciate your support. Very truly yours, C. L. CRAVENS.

FOR SHERIFF

To the Voters of DeSoto County: I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the office of Sheriff of DeSoto County in the primary election to be held June 6, 1916. I feel fully capable of discharging the duties of this office in an efficient manner, and if elected, will use my best efforts to that end, endeavoring to maintain peace and order and a respect for all laws, in the best interests of the county. THOS. N. CARLTON, Wauchula.

FOR SHERIFF

To the People of DeSoto County: I hereby announce that I am a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff of DeSoto County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary, at the ensuing primary. My record is before the people of this county, and I invite the most searching investigation of it. If again chosen I promise to use the same diligence for the conservation of the law and order in the future as I have used in the past. Thanking you for your confidence in the past, and earnestly solicit your support in the coming primary. Sincerely yours, J. L. DISHONG.

FOR SHERIFF

To the Voters of DeSoto County: I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the office of Sheriff of DeSoto County in the primary election to be held June 6th, 1916. I feel that, with the eight years experience as Sheriff of DeSoto County, I am fully qualified to handle the office to the best interests of the people of this county, and I invite the tax-payer, and if you elect me I will give you the best service that is in me. Thanking you in advance for your support in the coming primary, I am, Yours truly, A. C. FREEMAN.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for nomination to the office of County Judge of DeSoto County in the coming primary election to be held June

6th, 1916. If elected to this office I will make every effort to discharge the duties thereof diligently and faithfully to the best of my ability. I solicit, and will appreciate the support of every voter. Respectfully, G. W. WHITEHURST.

FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for re-election to the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction for DeSoto County.

Three years ago when I was honored by appointment to an unexpired term, I felt that was charged with a sacred trust, and it was with this consciousness of the responsibility and importance of the office that I tendered my name to the people for election in the primary of June 6th, 1914 to complete this unexpired term. In three years we have lengthened the term from General School Fund from five to seven months. Twenty-eight new school houses built or under construction, which raised the value of school property from \$100,000 to \$325,000. Beginning next year, by part payment of expenses, a high school education will be placed within the reach of every child completing the eighth grade in rural schools. Thanking you for your support in the coming election, I am, Sincerely, JAS. O. BICKLEY.

FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

To the Voters of DeSoto County: I am a candidate for re-nomination to the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction of DeSoto County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary to be held June 6th, 1916. If the voters see cause to honor me with the office, I promise to give my whole time and best efforts to the discharge of the duties of the office, and the advancement of the educational interests of the county. Sincerely yours, E. G. SHAVER.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE

To the Voters of DeSoto County: I am a candidate for re-nomination to the office of Representative from DeSoto County in the State Legislature, subject to the action of the Democratic voters in the approaching primary election. If elected, I shall represent the whole county impartially, without fear or favor, carefully studying the needs of the people, the old laws, and endeavoring to bring about a remedy. Soliciting your support, I am, Yours sincerely, C. P. DURRANCE.

FOR STATE SENATOR

To the Voters of the 27th Senatorial District: I am a candidate for Senator, and will appreciate your votes in the June primary. I have had ample opportunity to know the provisions and needs of the district, and, if elected to the senate, I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office without fear or favor. AM. WILSON.

FOR COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

To the Voters of DeSoto County: I hereby announce my candidacy for re-nomination to the office of Tax Collector for DeSoto County, subject to the Democratic primary. I shall appreciate your support for such nomination. For past kindness and consideration I thank you very much, and if re-elected I promise to give my time and best efforts to the faithful performance of the duties pertaining to the office. Very respectfully, CYRIL BALDWIN.

FOR TAX COLLECTOR

To the Voters of DeSoto County: I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the Democratic nomination to the office of Tax Collector of DeSoto County in the primary to be held June 6th, 1916. I promise, if elected, to fill the office in a way that will merit the approval of all the people. Very respectfully, C. P. DURRANCE.

FOR COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR

I will be a candidate in the June Primary for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor. At present this office means a lot to you. I am familiar with the work; give it an earnest thought; your support will be appreciated. Yours, H. G. MURPHY.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR

To the Voters of DeSoto County: I hereby announce my candidacy to the office of County Tax Assessor in the Democratic primary to be held June 6th, 1916. I feel that I am fully qualified to handle the office to the best interest of the tax payers as a whole and if elected, I will endeavor to serve the people to the best of my ability. Thanking you in advance for your support, I beg to remain, Yours for success, WILLIAM C. HOOKER.

FOR MEMBER BOARD EDUCATION

To the Voters of School District No. 3 DeSoto County: I take this means of announcing myself as a candidate for re-election as a member of the DeSoto County Board of Education from District No. 3, I pledge to give to the county my very best service if again elected to this office. Respectfully, H. A. WARE.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for County Commissioner from District No. 3, subject to the Democratic primary of June 6th. If nominated and elected I will give my earnest attention to the duties of the office and use every effort to discharge them to the satisfaction of the people of the district. Soliciting your support, I am, Very truly yours, NORMAN C. HEWITT.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

To the Voters of District No. 3 DeSoto County: I respectfully announce that I will be a candidate for re-election as County Commissioner of District No. 3, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters at the primary election in June. W. M. WHITTEN.

FOR MEMBER BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

To the Voters of County Commissioners District No. 3 DeSoto County, Florida: I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Commissioner from district No. 3, subject to the action of the Democratic primary in June, 1916. Yours very truly, HENRY JOHNSON.

FOR COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

To the Voters and People of DeSoto County, Florida: The 1915 session of the Florida Legislature created a County Court for DeSoto County. It was necessary for the Governor to appoint a prosecuting attorney for said court, to serve "from the date of his commission until the qualification of his successor, who may be chosen at the ensuing general election." On the 2nd day of June, 1915, I received this appointment. With loyalty, patriotism, fidelity, and with all the prudence with which the Almighty has endowed me, I have endeavored to fulfill the trust reposed in me. I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Prosecuting Attorney of DeSoto County, Florida, subject to the action of the Democratic Party in the June primary. Very truly, HUGH G. JONES.

FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

To the Democratic Electors of DeSoto County: I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Prosecuting Attorney for DeSoto County, subject to the Democratic nomination in the ensuing primary. I realize the importance of this office as well as a means to the enforcement of law and the preservation of order therein. The success of a County Court and its benefit to the tax payer may be measured by the diligent, energetic and impartial administration of the duties of its Prosecuting Attorney. If nominated and appointed I shall give to the duties imposed upon me conscientious, energetic and undivided service. Most respectfully, L. GRADY BURTON.

POLITICAL SPEAKING

County and District Candidates Present Claims to Punta Gordans

In accordance with the itinerary previously arranged, candidates for county and district offices met in this city, Monday night, in brief addresses presenting their claims to the voters of this section. Those who spoke, and the offices for which they are running, follow: W. C. Langford and S. F. J. Trabue, candidates for representative in the legislature. W. D. Bell and R. E. Brown for circuit judge. C. P. Parrish for state senator. A. L. Durrance and F. M. Cooper for clerk of the circuit court. Hugh Jones, Geo. Leitner and Grady Burton for county prosecuting attorney. J. L. Dishong, A. C. Freeman and Thos. N. Carlton for sheriff. J. O. Bickley and P. G. Shaver for county superintendent of public instruction. Cyril Baldwin, on account of the sickness of his wife had to return to Arcadia before the meeting, but his claims for re-nomination as tax collector were presented by his brother, C. P. Durrance, who is candidate for tax collector, spoke for himself. H. G. Murphy, candidate for re-nomination as tax assessor, and Wm. C. Hooker, who opposes him, were the last to speak. Candidates for county commissioner and member of the school board did not speak at this meeting.

FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Prosecuting Attorney in and for DeSoto County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. In 1911 I was elected to this position, but the County Court was abolished shortly thereafter and before I had a chance to show the people of DeSoto County my appreciation of their support. If again elected to this position, I assure you that the duties of the office will receive my best and closest attention. GEORGE LEITNER.

FOR CIRCUIT JUDGE

To the Democratic Voters of the Tenth Judicial Circuit: I am a candidate for Judge of the Circuit Court, subject to the Primary of June 6th. I believe the office of Judge should be held in high esteem. I shall therefore, not deal in personalities toward other gentlemen who aspire to this office; but ask your support solely on your belief in my fitness to fill the office. Should you see fit to honor me with the office, I shall strive to fill it honorably, and, in the enforcement of the law, to deal justly in all matters and with all men that may come before me. I shall appreciate your support. Very respectfully, JOHN S. EDWARDS.

IN THE COUNTY JUDGE'S COURT, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Ex parte, Chas. H. Chadwick, deceased. To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, widow of Chas. H. Chadwick, deceased, and administrator of his estate, appointed as such on December 22, 1915, will make application to the Honorable W. D. Bell, Judge of said Court at his office, in Arcadia, DeSoto County, Florida, at 10 o'clock, in the forenoon of May 26, 1916, by petition to allot and set apart, unto her a child's part, in and out of the said property and assets of said estate. Dated at Punta Gorda, Florida, this 26th day of April, 1916. JULIA A. CHADWICK, Widow and Administratrix as aforesaid.

FOR GOVERNOR. LEADING FIGHTS FOR LOWER TAXES AND EVERGLADES DRAINAGE ON "BACK TO BROWARD" PLAN. ION L. FARRIS. Fearless fighter for the common good. SOLUTION FOR LOWER TAXES: Drain the Everglades and place on the tax books \$200,000,000.00. Intelligent abolition of the fee system. Assess many millions of property now escaping taxation. Assess each class of property on same basis, which will reduce the tax burden of the farm and home owner. Rigid economy in government. Reports from all sections of Florida indicate his election by an overwhelming majority. DON'T LOSE YOUR VOTE.

J. C. LUNING. State Treasurer. Was appointed State Treasurer in 1912. Elected that year. Has served 4 years and asks re-election by his fellow Democrats. Efficiency has been the watchword with him. The affairs of the office have been handled with the strictest business integrity. I Will Appreciate Your Vote. J. C. LUNING.

OCTAVE A. BELL ANNOUNCES FOR Member of the County School Board FROM DISTRICT No. 3. He pledges his best efforts in behalf of the schools, and will appreciate the votes of all citizens of the district in the Primary of June 6th. (Advertisement)

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL LUMBER BUILDING MATERIALS. Brick, Lime, Plaster, Cement, Laths, Shingles, Sash, Doors, Windows, Etc. Good Service, Good Materials, Prices Right. Patronage Solicited. Punta Gorda Lumber Yard, J. R. Hurton, Mgr. S. E. Taylor Street, Punta Gorda, Fla.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Gainesville, Florida, Apr. 25, 1916. Notice is hereby given that Nettie L. Collins of Cleveland, Florida, who on April 29, 1913 made Homestead Entry No. 011677 for Northeast quarter, Section 6, Township 41 North, Range 25 East, Tallahassee Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Three-year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Clerk of Circuit Court at Arcadia, Florida, on the 15th day of June, 1916. Claimant names as witnesses: L. C. Baird, of Cleveland, Florida; Oscar Kahl, of Cleveland, Florida; Fred Johnson, of Cleveland, Florida; Samuel Laid, of Punta Gorda, Florida. ROBERT W. DAVIS, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Gainesville, Florida, April 22, 1916. Notice is hereby given that Mary Hunter, of Belmont, Florida, who on September 24, 1914 made Homestead Entry, No. 012992, for SW 1/4 of NE 1/4, Section 20, Township 40 South, Range 26 East, Tallahassee Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Commutation Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Clerk of Circuit Court at Arcadia, Florida, on the 8th day of June, 1916. Claimant names as witnesses: E. Edmonds, of Sparkman, Florida; George McLane, of Arcadia, Florida; A. A. Gusman, of Belmont, Florida; D. A. Warren of Belmont, Florida. ROBERT W. DAVIS, Register.

Protect YOUR HOME YOUR FAMILY and YOURSELF BY HAVING US WRITE YOUR INSURANCE. In the Six Large and Just Fire Insurance Companies which we represent in Punta Gorda. GERMAN-AMERICAN, NORTH ERN ROCHESTER-GERMAN, NIAGRA, FIDELITY, PHOENIX AND RHODE ISLAND. Call on us at The First National Bank. SKIPPER BROTHERS.

IN THE DESOTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN CHANCERY. Charles E. Lanier vs. Robert Thompson et al. It appearing from the affidavit of George Lanier, filed in the above cause, that the place of residence of the defendant Robert Thompson is unknown, and that the defendant is over the age of twentyone years, and that there is no person or persons within the State of Florida, service of subpoena upon whom would bind the said defendant. It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed that the Bill of complaint in and in hereby required to appear to the Bill of complaint in the said cause at the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, and for DeSoto County, on or before Monday the 12th day of June, A. D. 1916, else the said Bill will be taken as confessed by the said defendant. It is further ordered that a copy of this order be published once a week for eight consecutive weeks in the Punta Gorda Herald, a newspaper of general circulation published in DeSoto County, Florida. Witness the Hon. A. L. Durrance, Clerk of the above entitled court, as well as the Hon. F. A. Whitney, Judge of the said court, and the seal of the said court, this 11th day of April, A. D. 1916. A. L. DURRANCE, Clerk of Circuit Court, DeSoto County Fla. LEITNER & LEITNER, Solicitors for Complainant.

IN THE DESOTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN CHANCERY. Charles E. Lanier vs. Robert Thompson, and all Parties Claiming an Interest in and to the Lands Hereinafter Mentioned. It appearing from the affidavit appended to the Bill of complaint in the above entitled cause that there are some persons interested in the land described and described in the Bill of Complaint, to-wit: Lot 5 of Block 4 Section 22, in Township 25 south, of range 28 East, DeSoto County, Florida, and that it is believed that certain persons are claiming as heirs, devisees, grantees, or other parties under the above named defendants, to-wit, Robert Thompson, or otherwise and that the names and places of residence of such person or persons is and are unknown. It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed that all parties claiming an interest in and to the land under the above named defendant, Robert Thompson, as heirs, devisees, grantees, or otherwise claiming an interest in and to the said land, be and they are hereby required to appear to this Bill of complaint in the said cause at the Clerk's office in the Court House in the City of Arcadia, DeSoto County, Florida, on Monday the 7th day of August, A. D. 1916, else the bill of complaint will be taken as confessed. It is further ordered that a copy of this order be published once a week for twelve consecutive weeks in the Punta Gorda Herald, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of DeSoto and State of Florida. Witness the Hon. A. L. Durrance, Clerk of the said Court, as well as the Hon. F. A. Whitney, Judge of the said Court, and the seal of the said Court, this 11th day of April, A. D. 1916. A. L. DURRANCE, Clerk of Circuit Court, DeSoto County Fla. LEITNER & LEITNER, Solicitors for Complainant.

PROPOSALS WANTED FOR FURNISHING MATERIALS FOR LABELLE, EDGE AND HALL CITY ROAD. Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners will receive sealed proposals up to 2 p. m. on June 7th, for furnishing and delivering approximately 1,239 cubic yards of marl or shell for division 15, and approximately 19,000 cubic yards of marl or shell for hard-surfacing division 15 of Punta Gorda special road and bridge district. Specifications will be furnished by J. S. Banister, District Engineer, Punta Gorda, Fla. A certified check equal to 2 per cent of amount of bid, as evidence of good faith, will be required of each bidder. On each division, reserving the right to reject any and all bids. A. L. DURRANCE, Clerk.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Gainesville, Florida, May 27, 1916. Notice is hereby given that Sarah Catherine Huffman, widow of Luther E. Huffman, deceased of Baldwinville, Florida, who on January 2, 1913, made Homestead Entry No. 011519 for E 1/2 of NE 1/4, Section 7, and W 1/2 of NW 1/4, Section 8, Township 41 North, Range 25 East, Tallahassee Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Three-year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Clerk of Circuit Court at Arcadia, Florida, on the 15th day of July, 1916. Claimant names as witnesses: Oscar Kahl, of Baldwinville, Florida; Fred Johnson, of Baldwinville, Florida; Jerry Collins, of Baldwinville, Florida; Jack Collins of Punta Gorda, Florida. ROBERT W. DAVIS, Register.