

**DID YOU  
KNOW?  
PART II**

**MORE “FUN” FACTS  
FROM THE TOWN OF  
JUPITER ARCHIVES**

# THE FLORIDA LAND BOOM

The greatest land boom in the nation's history (and the resulting economic collapse) came to Jupiter in many ways.

## JUPITER

### Nature's Wonderland

All eyes are turned towards Jupiter, the most beautiful and ideally located spot on the east coast. Close to everything of importance, Jupiter, the townsite on the Dixie Highway, inland waterway, Jupiter River, Atlantic Ocean, Florida East Coast Railroad and thirty minutes from Palm Beach. To this nature's beauty spot will be added modern buildings, plazas, parks, boulevards, bathing casinos, hotel, yacht harbor and club house, in fact, everything that goes to make a modern, up to the minute city.

No lots over two blocks from the Dixie, 200-foot Jupiter Concourse to the ocean, streets now being hard surfaced and construction of houses already in progress in the first section. Now on sale at prices so low that we may be oversold quickly. With such a wonderful location, such desirable property, with big development under way and backed by practical men with practical ideas, who command the wealth and artistic genius necessary for realization, assures emphatic increases in values of this property an inevitable and logical certainty. To choose a homesite or business location at Jupiter is a privilege--a privilege from nature. Make your selection NOW. Prices will be advanced in a few days. Secure your part of Jupiter. Courteous salesmen on the property.

## JUPITER SYNDICATE, Inc.

OWNERS AND DEVELOPERS

JUPITER SALES SYNDICATE

112 W. P. Beach

Exclusive Sales Agents

Cars Leave Every Hour

H. C. Daniels  
607 Citizens Bank Bldg.  
W. P. Beach

The Estes Co.  
200 Mitchell Bldg.  
Jacksonville, Florida.

M. C. Clover  
Broker  
Lake Park Hotel  
W. Palm Beach

Cars Leave at  
10 a. m.—2 p. m.

10-22-25  
POST

# DID YOU KNOW... FPL WAS FOUNDED THE SAME YEAR AS THE TOWN OF JUPITER -- DURING THE LAND BOOM?

## Pioneers of Power: 1925-1929

### The birth of FPL

FPL was born in the final days of 1925 when Florida was experiencing the greatest land boom the nation had seen and cities were springing up overnight. Residents were pouring into the state by the thousands and a dependable supply of electricity was desperately needed.

### The founding company

FPL's earliest roots can be traced back to Thomas Edison and the General Electric Co. GE created EBASCO (Electric Bond and Share Co.), owner of American Power & Light Co. that held many utilities in the western hemisphere.

### FPL - a consolidation

American Power & Light purchased the properties that were consolidated to form FPL on Dec. 28, 1925. The unlikely patchwork of enterprises included small electric generating plants, ice plants, water, gas, fish, telephone, sawmill and street car companies, a steam laundry, an ice factory, a limestone quarry, a sponge fishing boat, and even 35 mules and wagons.

(from [FPL.com/about/history](http://FPL.com/about/history))

# **DID YOU KNOW...JUPITER HAD FPL STREET LIGHTS EARLY ON**

**AND FROM 1926 TO 1928 THE TOWN CITIZENS  
AND COMMISSIONERS WORKED WITH THE  
FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY TO HAVE  
ELECTRIC LIGHTS INSTALLED AT THE  
TRAIN STATION INSTEAD OF**

**KEROSENE LANTERNS!!**



BY 1930 TIMES WERE TOUGH



THE TOWN HAD TO  
DISCONTINUE PAYING FPL  
FOR 33 STREET LIGHTS



# Many turned off lights led to elegant subdivisions planned during Florida Land Boom times... They never happened



6 TOWN OF JUPITER, FLORIDA,

July 31st. 1930,

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Town of Jupiter, Florida, held in the Town Hall Tuesday July 29th. 1930, an Ordinance was read authorizing an agreement to discontinue thirty three Street Lights, which had been previously agreed upon between the Mayor and Mr R. D. Hill of the Florida Power & Light Company.

So that there may be no confusion later on as to just which lights are cut out and which are left burning, I submit the following lists showing which are discontinued and which are left burning.

### LIST OF LIGHTS DISCONTINUED.

✓ 7,	Lights	on Central Dixie (Concourse) except 1, at corner of Dixie,
✓ 1,	"	First & Dixie,
✓ 1,	"	West side of Osborn's Crossing.
✓ 1,	"	Evernia & Dixie,
✓ 5,	"	on Dixie between Osborn's and Albertson's crossing.
✓ 5,	"	on Center Street, between Dixie and Pine Grove Ave..
✓ 1,	"	on " " near Loxahatchee Drive.
✓ 7,	"	on " " west of Congregational Church,
✓ 1,	"	on Railroad Ave., between Tomasello's & Albertson's crossing
✓ 1,	"	on <i>Myrtle</i> " " " & " "
✓ 1,	"	at Harry Aichers Corner,
✓ 1,	"	on Fern Street between Osborn's and Womans Club,
<u>33</u>	Total,	

# **BY 1931 CODE ENFORCEMENT WAS BUSY.**



**SOME BUILDINGS IN THESE AREAS  
WERE DECAYING**

Office Copy

NOTICE.

Jupiter, Florida, April 29<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1931.

To Ohio State Savings Bank & Trust Co  
Toledo, Ohio

By virtue of the power and authority vested in the Town Commission of the Town of Jupiter, Florida, under Article Three Section One, Clause Eight and Clause thirty four of the Town Charter, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, to remove, within sixty days from the date of this notice, from the following described Real Estate,

Lot 1 Blk 5 & Lot 11 Blk 8 Jupiter Township Dec 5<sup>th</sup>  
of which you are the owner of record, all of the following;

Decayed and Falling Buildings and Trash

which has been declared by the Town Commission to be unsightly, unsanitary and in a decayed, falling and dangerous condition, and a Public Menace.

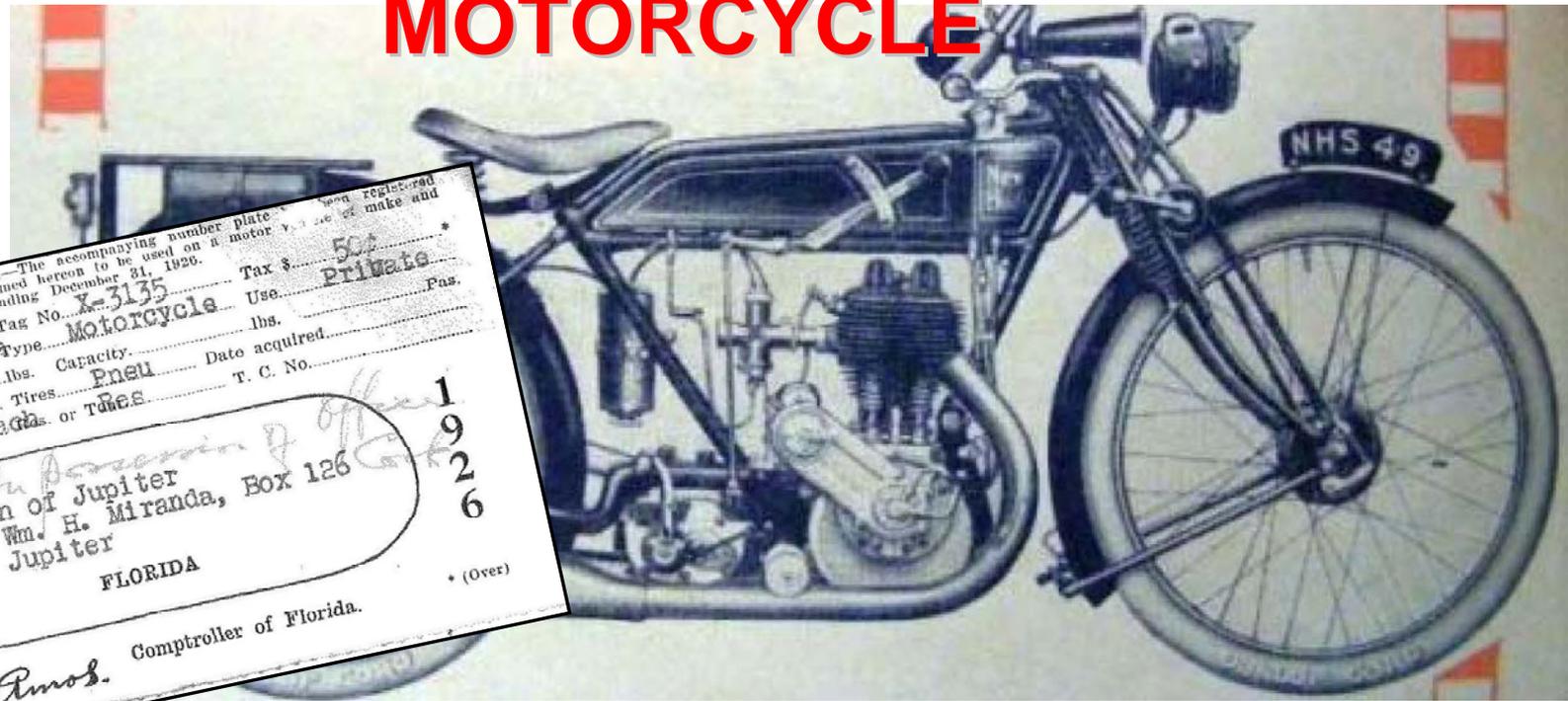
IN THE EVENT, of your failure or refusal to comply with the provisions of this notice as hereinafter provided, the Town Commission on the next day the following Commission will, without further notice, proceed to remove, condemn, confiscate or otherwise dispose of the material or trash herein specified, in any manner the Town Commission may decide upon.

**UNFORTUNATELY OWNERS WERE OFTEN BANKS OR INDIVIDUALS "UP NORTH" WHO NEVER MOVED TO FLORIDA AFTER THE COLLAPSE**

RECORDED IN THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE TOWN OF JUPITER, FLORIDA  
D. W. Van Vlack,  
Town Clerk.

**DID YOU KNOW...IN JUPITER'S EARLY DAYS, POLICE OFFICERS RECEIVED A PORTION OF FEES RECOVERED FROM SPEEDING TICKETS.**

**THE TOWN PURCHASED A MOTORCYCLE**



1926 REGISTRATION CARD. The accompanying number plate has been registered and assigned to the addressee named hereon to be used on a motor vehicle of make and weight indicated by the year ending December 31, 1926.

Application No. 66176 Tag No. X-3135 Tax \$ 50.00 Use Private Pas.

Name Henderson Motorcycles lbs.

Weight lbs. Capacity lbs. Date acquired

Engine No. D-19482 Tires Pneu T. C. No.

County Palm Beach or TRES.

*In possession of*  
Town of Jupiter  
\$ Mr. Wm. H. Miranda, Box 126  
Jupiter  
FLORIDA

Ernest Amos. Comptroller of Florida.

1926

• (Over)

# DID YOU KNOW...JUPITER'S SPEED TRAPS BECAME QUITE A SCANDAL.

## Grand Jury Hits Speed Trap In Jupiter For Second Time

Three Indictments for Murder Also Brought In  
By Court Body

For the second time within a year alleged speed traps conducted by authorities of the town of Jupiter have been severely criticized by grand juries of Palm Beach county.

Late yesterday afternoon at the close of a three-day session the grand jury delivered its report with recommendations that the practice of molesting motorists in Jupiter by unlawfully arresting for speeding and stopping and searching their cars without authority be discontinued at once.

Three indictments for murder, naming four defendants, were returned by the investigating body. The names of the four defendants were ordered withheld by the court until arrests are made.

In the cases of Willie Mae Stafford, Warren Hood and John Childs, bound over to the grand jury on charges of murder, no bills were returned.

In the case of Robert Henry Ivory, charged with murder, no investigation was made because of the death of the defendant since the alleged homicide.

The recommendations of the grand jury were as follows:

"It has been brought to our attention that certain conditions existing in the town of Jupiter are a source of annoyance and trouble to the people of this county, and to the community at large, and that certain actions by officials of said municipality are improper.

"We have information that the police officials of said town have on numerous occasions, without authority of law, arrested persons on the charge of speeding, and that said officials have on many occasions stopped and searched cars of various citizens without cause and without authority of law.

"We strongly condemn such action and practice, and would recommend to the officials of said town that such conduct be discontinued at once.

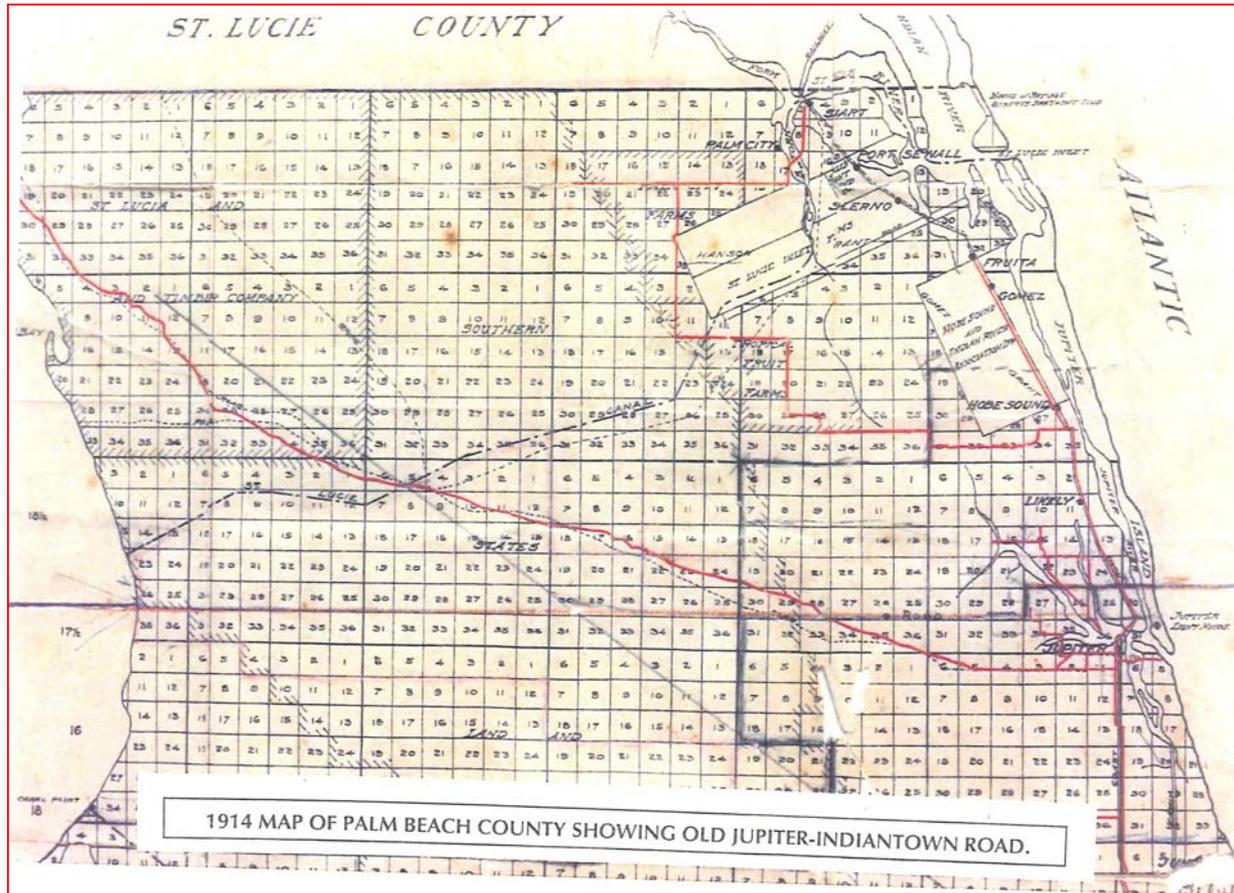
"We would recommend to all boards of the county handling public funds that all trustees and trust companies, who from time to time have on deposit public funds, be required to secure such funds by proper indemnity bonds or other collateral, satisfactory to such boards, to the full amount of such deposits."

P.B. TIMES 11/17/27

# **DID YOU KNOW...THE *JUPITER-INDIANTOWN ROAD* WAS STARTED IN 1899?**

Dade County governed both areas and the road was designed to open the western part of the County. Joe Bowers (of Jupiter's historic Bower's store) opened up a trading post in Indiantown to trade hides for good with the Indians. He also grew oranges which he shipped from Jupiter.

# THIS MAP SHOWS THE JUPITER-INDIANTOWN ROAD (CENTRAL DIXIE HWY) IN 1914



(You crossed the St. Lucie Canal by ferry)

**DID YOU  
KNOW...LAND  
WAY OUT  
WEST ON THE  
JUPITER-  
INDIANTOWN  
ROAD WAS  
FOR SALE  
DURING THE  
FLORIDA LAND  
BOOM!**

## **ACREAGE**

### **THE LAND COMPANY OF FLORIDA**

which Company was formed to take title to the land acquired by the  
**SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILROAD COMPANY**

for the purpose of furthering the construction of the  
**SEABOARD CROSS STATE RAILROAD**

have placed with us for sale a limited amount of their holdings. These lands are offered for sale in blocks of 5,000 acres or more, and approximately 40,000 acres are for sale.

In the construction of the new railroad, approximately 164,000 acres of land were purchased, the bulk of which was in Palm Beach County. This great tract is traversed for twenty-five miles by the

### **ST. LUCIE CANAL**

which Canal cost approximately \$4,000,000.00 and is over 200 feet wide as it passes through the property, furnishing an excellent waterway.

### **THE CENTRAL DIXIE HIGHWAY**

from Jupiter to Lake Okeechobee passes through this property for twenty miles, and connects with the

### **CONNORS HIGHWAY AT LAKE OKEECHOBEE**

At the crossing of the railroad and the St. Lucie Canal and the Central Dixie Highway, a valuable townsite opportunity is offered. Near this location in the old settlement of Indiantown, where the Indians had a village, and in this area some of the earliest history of Florida was begun. The old Military Trail came down through this great purchase made by the Seaboard, and crossed the Canal at this townsite location. The first telegraph wire was laid along this route from Fort Bassenger, north of Lake Okeechobee, to Jupiter, on the East Coast. It was along this Military Trail and wire trail that the Seaboard built its railroad, and it was at this townsite location that the Trail and wire passed.

The lands offered for sale lie at and near this townsite location, and along the Seaboard Railroad and the old wire trail South of the St. Lucie Canal. Along this Military Trail and wire trail was the line of least resistance. Even before the history of Florida was begun, the crossing at the St. Lucie Canal was a great objective point, and reached back into the prehistoric ages, for the bones of Mastodons were found in the Allapattah Slough, through which the St. Lucie Canal finds its way at that point.

The Railroad and Canal and highways from Jupiter and from Stuart and from Lake Okeechobee offer unusual opportunity for the development of these lands, which are now offered for sale.

FOR FURTHER PARTICULARS SEE

*Burguières & Chipley*

# **DID YOU KNOW...THE OLD JUPITER INDIANTOWN ROAD STILL EXISTS AS A GRASS COVERED DIRT ROAD**



**BUT THE CURRENT INDIANTOWN ROAD WAS  
CONSTRUCTED IN THE LATE 1950'S AND  
THE ROAD FELL INTO DISUSE.**