



James Arthur Hancock was a citrus grower, cattleman and county surveyor from Fort Meade who laid out many of the towns and roads in south Polk County. He also served as a member of the state legislature from 1932-36. Hancock rode "Old Stilts" - a horse captured from a herd of wild Florida ponies in the Hookers Prairie area.

JANUARY

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
DECEMBER S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19	FEBRUARY S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	Best Fishing			New Year's Day	Full Moon (49 69)
20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	Days			~ 1	2
						Last Quarter
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
New Moon	Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday Observed					
1 7	~ 18	~ 19	~ 20	2 1	2 2	~ 23
First Quarter 24	~ 25	~ 26	2 7	~ 28	2 9	◆ 30



The Bianchi Motel, located on U.S. Highway 301 in Riverview, was established in 1958 by Pietro and Louisa Bianchi. The family motel began with four units and a small, two-bedroom house. Today the motel has 15 units and a pool. The family recently celebrated their 40th year in business at the Bianchi Motel.

1999		FEBRUARY						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
Best Fishing Days	1	2	3	4	5	6		
	Last Quarter							
7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
Valentine's Day	President's Day	New Moon	Ash Wednesday					
14	15	~ 16	~ 17	~ 18	~ 19	~ 20		
		First Quarter						
~ 21	~ 22	~ 23	~ 24	~ 25	~ 26	~ 27		
~ 28					S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27		



In 1916, strawberry farming in Polk County was a family undertaking - as depicted by the Lanier family above. In the 1940s, the county school board set "strawberry school" schedules allowing schools to open in late March and run until Christmastime. Today, strawberry farming remains an important agricultural business in Florida.

1999		M	ARC	CH		1999
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Best Fishing Days	~ 1	Full Moon 2	3	4	5	6
			Last Quarter			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			New Moon St. Patrick's Day			
14	15	16	~ 17	~ 18	~ 19	~ 20
First Day of Spring			First Quarter			
~ 21	~ 22	~ 23	~ 24	~ 25	~ 26	~ 27
Palm Sunday Palm Sunday	~ 29	~ 30	Full Moon (3)		FEBRUARY S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	APRIL S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30



A fire truck arrives on the wooden Alafia River bridge on U.S. Highway 41 South to extinguish a fire from a bus accident around 1949. No serious injuries occurred from the accident. The wooden bridge was replaced in 1955 with the current concrete bridge.

1999		A	PRI			1999
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARCH S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	MAY S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29	Best Fishing Days		1	Good Friday	3
Easter Sunday Daylight Savings Begins	30 31				Last Quarter	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
					New Moon	
11	12	13	14	15	~ 16	~ 17
				First Quarter		
~ 18	~ 19	~ 20	~ 21	~ 22	~ 23	~ 24
					Full Moon	
~ 25	~ 26	2 7	~ 28	~ 29	→ 30	



At a phosphate-mine power plant near Mulberry in the early 1900s, employees indulge in "keg" refreshment. Phosphate rock was discovered in 1881 near Arcadia, Florida by Captain J. Francis Le Baron of the U.S. Corps of Engineers.

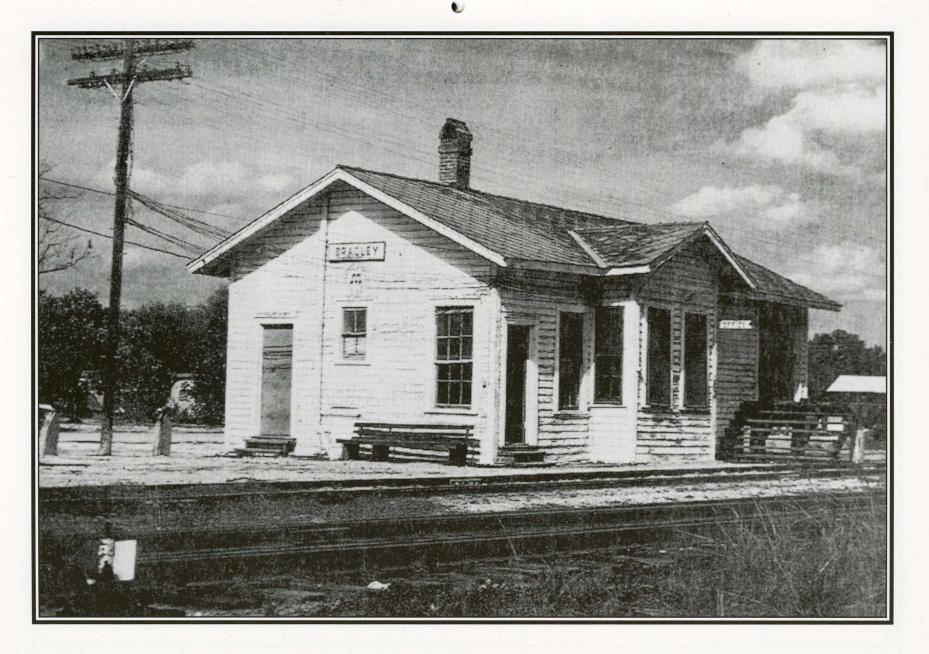
Photo circa early 1900s. Photo Courtesy of Yesterday's Polk County by Louise K. Frisbie

1999			MAT	Y		1999
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
APRIL S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	JUNE S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	Best Fishing Days				1
	May Day Observed					Last Quarter
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Mother's Day						New Moon As 64.
9	10	11	12	13	14	~ 15
						First Quarter
~ 16	~ 17	~ 18	~ 19	~ 20	~ 21	~ 22
2 3	~ 24	~ 25	~ 26	~ 27	~ 28	~ 29
Full Moon 30	Memorial Day 7 1					



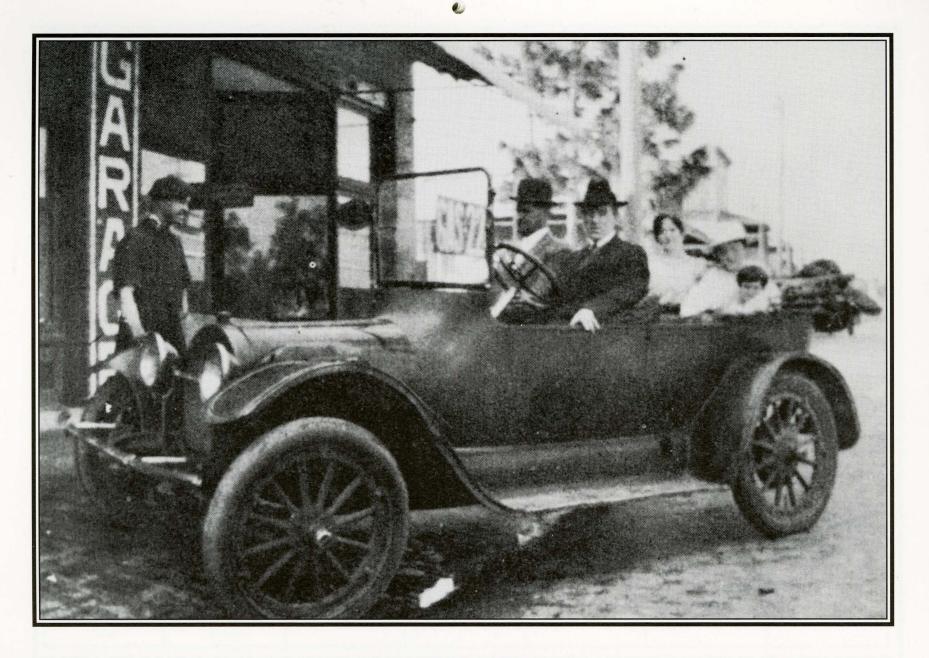
The Seabreeze Restaurant, which has been in business since 1929, is located on Causeway Boulevard and was a popular hang-out for teenagers in the 1950s and 60s. During that era, the "drive-in" restaurant served hamburgers, deviled crabs, cuban sandwiches, milkshakes and soft drinks on a tray that hooked onto the car window. The owners say that many romances began at the Seabreeze Restaurant.

1999		J	UN	E		1999
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Best Fishing Days		1	2	3	4	5
	Last Quarter					
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
New Moon						
4 13	~ 14	~ 15	~ 16	~ 17	- 18	~ 19
First Quarter Father's Day	First Day of Summer					
~ 20	~ 21	~ 22	~ 23	~ 24	4 25	~ 26
~ 27	Full Moon (28)	29	30		MAY S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24



The Bradley Junction Depot was built between 1897 and 1906. The old train depot was closed in 1988 and moved by truck from Bradley in Polk County to the Florida Gulf Coast Railroad site in Parrish, Florida. Plans were to use the depot as a museum and ticket booth by the Florida Gulf Coast Railroad until it was destroyed by fire in 1996.

1999		J	IUL	Y		1999
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	Best Fishing Days		1	2	3
Independence Day		Last Quarter				
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		New Moon				
11	~ 12	~ 13	~ 14	~ 15	~ 16	~ 17
		First Quarter				
~ 18	~ 19	~ 20	2 1	~ 22	~ 23	~ 24
			Full Moon (A) Gas.			
~ 25	~ 26	~ 27	2 8	29	30	31



The Fort Meade Garage was owned by Walter P. Crutchfield and established in 1914. The Crutchfield family is ready to "hit the road" in the new 1918 Buick touring car. Gasoline cost about 20 cents per gallon at that time.

1999		AUGUST 1999						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
		7.00	Last Quarter					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
			New Moon					
8	9	10	~ 11	~ 12	~ 13	~ 14		
				First Quarter				
~ 15	~ 16	~ 17	~ 18	~ 19	~ 20	~ 21		
				Full Moon				
~ 22	~ 23	~ 24	~ 25	~ 26	27	28		
29	30	31		Best Fishing Days	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17	SEPTEMBER S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30		



The 4th grade class of Fort Meade Primary School, which opened in 1926 and housed grades 1-12, poses for a class photo in the late 1920s. The school was later renamed Lewis Elementary School and is still located on South Oak Avenue in Fort Meade for children in pre-kindergarten through 4th grades.

Photo circa late 1920s. Photo Courtesy of Susan Duva

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AUGUST S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	OCTOBER S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	Best Fishing Days		Last Quarter		
29 30 31	24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		1	2	3	4
	Labor Day			New Moon		11th Alafia River Catfish Tournament
5	6	7	8	~ 9	~ 10	~ 11
					First Quarter	
1 2	~ 13	~ 14	~ 15	~ 16	~ 17	~ 18
				First Day of Autumn		Full Moon (1995)
~ 19	~ 20	~ 21	~ 22	~ 23	~ 24	~ 25
26	27	28	29	30		



Jones Place, a grocery store, gas station and U.S. post office, was built in 1928 and located on U.S. Highway 41 South in Sun City, Florida. The building still exists but the businesses are no longer in operation. The photo was taken from the top of the Boone Days Power Plant across the street from Jones Place.

OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SEPTEMBER S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	NOVEMBER S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	Best Fishing Days			1	Last Quarter
26 27 28 29 30	28 29 30				Л.	New Moon
3	4	5	6	7	8	• 9
	Columbus Day Observed					
~ 10	~ 11	~ 12	~ 13	~ 14	4 15	~ 16
First Quarter						
~ 17	~ 18	~ 19	20	~ 21	~ 22	~ 23
Full Moon 24	~ 25	26	27	28	29	30
Halloween Last						



While waiting for the train at the "Y" track just north of Bartow, passengers of the South Florida Railroad sometimes entertained themselves by picking oranges.

Photo circa 1890s. Photo Courtesy of Peace River Pioneers by Louise K. Frisbie

1999		101	/EM	(BE)	R	1999
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Best Fishing Days	1	Election Day	3	4	5	6
	New Moon			Veterans' Day		
7	* 8	4 9	~ 10	~ 11	1 2	4 13
		First Quarter				
1 4	~ 15	1 6	~ 17	~ 18	~ 19	~ 20
		Full Moon (sa fan		Thanksgiving Day		
~ 21	~ 22	2 3	24	25	26	27
28	Last Quarter	30			S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25



The Bartow Women's Club purchased the above building in 1920, located on the corner of Broadway and Summerline. The building remained the home of the organization for forty years and was the scene of many club and social events. Today, the First Union Bank building occupies the site.

Photo circa 1930s. Photo Courtesy of Peace River Pioneers by Louise K. Frisbie

1999		DEC	CEM	BEI	2	1999
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NOVEMBER S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	JANUARY 2000 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	Best Fishing Days	1	2	3	4
5	6	New Moon	* 8	4	~ 10	4 11
U	V			First Quarter	10	T. T.
~ 12	~ 13	~ 14	~ 15	1 6	~ 17	~ 18
			Full Moon First Day of Winter	L.		Christmas Day
~ 19	~ 20	2 1	~ 22	23	24	25
			Last Quarter			
26	27	28	29	30	31	

