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Laurence Gould and a student from Yamoto. When the picture was taken, Gould served as the teacher of the Boca Raton School.

Christmas card received by the Harry Chesebro family from Laurence Gould sometime after his Antarctica adventures. Note the "*and Peg too" addition at the bottom of the card. Peg was Mrs. William C. Young.

BOCA RATON IN THE 'TEENS

This edition of the Spanish River Papers includes documents and letters from the collections of the Historical Society that date from the era of the First World War. Pioneer days had ended and the band boom times were still in the future. Boca Raton was a small neighborly town; its citizens interested in making life better, improving the environment, and giving its children a good education.

The minutes of the Board of Trade tell of the active involvement of Boca Raton's residents in making the town a good place to live. There is even a hint to suggest that no matter how much things change, they still stay the same. The student "newspaper" may well be the first newspaper published in Boca Raton. The person responsible for the newspaper was Laurence McKinley Gould, who served as teacher of the Boca Raton School from the fall of 1914 to the end of the school year in 1916. The letters, sent to Mr. and Mrs. William C. Young, tell of Gould's army life during the First World War. "Bill" Young, a stone-carver, had come to South Florida to work on the Deering Estate in Miami. In Boca Raton the Young's owned a general store and Mrs. Young served as postmistress.

After the war Gould studied geology at the University of Michigan, earning a Sc.D. in glacial geology in 1925. He first gained national recognition as second-in-command of the Byrd Antarctica Expedition of 1928-30. In 1931 he received a Congressional Medal honoring his Antarctica work. He later became president of Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota. On his retirement from the presidency in 1962 he was named professor of geological science at the University of Arizona in Tucson where he still lives. In 1964 he was elected president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, perhaps the highest honor that can be conferred by American scientists.

In 1979 Gould returned to the Antarctica at age 83 with a group that included Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr., of Virginia, Admiral Byrd's nephew, to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the historic expedition.
MINUTES OF THE PRELIMINARY MEETING OF THE BOCA RATONE BOARD OF TRADE

A preliminary meeting for the organization of a Board of Trade was held by the people of Boca Ratone on Wednesday evening, August 11, 1915, at 7:30 p.m. Ten citizens were present and G. A. Long was selected as temporary Chairman, H. D. Gates acting Secretary.

After discussing the possibilities of the organization, it was moved and seconded that the Secretary be instructed to prepare a set of by-laws for the government of the association and present them for approval at the next regular meeting. It was suggested that the annual dues of the association be One Dollar and that all be invited to join.

After a discussion relative to good road, opening of Boca Ratone Inlet, etc., the meeting was declared adjourned.

H. D. Gates, Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOCA RATONE BOARD OF TRADE HELD AUGUST 18, 1915

The first regular meeting of the Boca Ratone Board of Trade was held on Wednesday evening, Aug. 18, 1915, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Geo. A. Long, Temporary Chairman and the following officers and directors were elected by those present:

W. H. Sistrunk, President
H. B. Fultz, Director
B. B. Raulerson, "
Geo. A. Long, "
W. J. Sistrunk, "

The newly elected president took charge of the meeting and the by-laws prepared by the secretary were approved and accepted.

The Inlet matter was freely discussed and it was moved and carried that the President appoint a committee of three to make investigations regarding the possibility of getting the Inlet opened. G. A. Long, H. D. Gates and B. B. Raulerson were so appointed.

The Secretary was instructed to choose depositary for funds of the Association and authorized to purchase 250 suitable letterheads and 250 envelopes for correspondence purposes.

Thanks was voted to the gentleman who prepared the hall and the meeting was then declared adjourned.

H. D. Gates, Secretary

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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOCA RATONE BOARD OF TRADE HELD SEPT. 6, 1915

A special meeting of the Boca Ratone Board of Trade was held Monday evening, Sept. 6, 1915, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Sistrunk who explained that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the action of the County Commissioners relative to the Main County Highway.

The road matter was freely discussed and Messrs. Raulerson and Chesbro reported on what they had learned relative to the different systems of road building.

It was moved, seconded and carried that a committee be appointed to meet the County Commissioners at West Palm Beach on the following morning to inform them that the Boca Ratone Board of Trade approved of the Dolcher system of road building and to recommend that system. President Sistrunk appointed Messrs. Gates, Raulerson and Chesbro to act as such committee.

The meeting was then adjourned.

H. D. Gates, Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE BOCA RATONE BOARD OF TRADE HELD THURSDAY EVENING, SEPT. 9

Called to order by the President 8 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Chesbro, seconded Mr. W. J. Sistrunk that Mr. Fultz record the minutes in the absence of the Secretary. Carried.

Mr. Chesbro then reported for the delegation to Palm Beach to see the County Commissioners in regard to roads. Discussion followed then moved by Mr. Fultz seconded by W. J. Sistrunk that the Committee continue their work and report further developments. Carried.

Considerable discussion followed in regard to the proposed planting of Pine trees along the streets. Moved by Mr. Fultz, seconded by Mr. Long that the Board of Trade cooperate with the Utility Club, the members of the Board giving all the labor they can, to assist in the planting of the trees. Carried.
A lengthy discussion followed in regard to the proposed $100.
dwelling on Palmetto Park Road. Moved by Mr. Sistrunk seconded by
Mr. Young that Messrs. Long, Merriam and Fultz be appointed a
committee to see the parties concerned, to try to stop such a
building, as the Board was entirely against having such buildings.
Carried.

Moved by W. J. Sistrunk, seconded by Mr. Long that the hearing
of the report from the Committee, in regard to the Canal and Inlet
be heard at the next meeting. Carried.

On motion the meeting then adjourned.

Herman B. Fultz, Acting Secretary

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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOCA RATONE BOARD OF TRADE HELD SEPT. 15, 1915

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Sistrunk.
The ladies and all parties interested in the uniform system of im-
proving the streets were guests.

Mr. Long called on the Secretary of the Utility Club to explain the
purposes of that organization and Miss Long responded telling some-
thing of the principals of the organization.

Mr. Long also explained that all the parties he represented would
insist on the trees being set 10 feet from the lot lines. Mr.
Merriam exhibited a map of the principal streets and showing the
exact condition of the roads, lots and proposed changes. He
explained that setting out trees had in experience caused much
trouble and suggested 8 feet from the lot lines as the best location.
Later Mr. Merriam moved that the trees be set 8 feet from the lot
lines, but the motion was not seconded and so lost.

It was moved and seconded that trees be set on the 10 foot line and
this motion was carried.

Moved and seconded that a delegate be appointed to attend the
meeting of the East Coast Chamber of Commerce at Lake Worth on the
27th inst. The motion was carried and President Sistrunk appointed
H. D. Gates as delegate with the suggestion that at least every
director accompany him and as many members as wished.

With a few well chosen remarks by President Sistrunk thanking the
ladies for their presence, the meeting was declared adjourned.

H. D. Gates, Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BOCA RATONE BOARD OF TRADE HELD OCTOBER 14, 1915

The regular monthly meeting of the Boca Ratone Board of Trade was
held on Thursday evening, Oct. 14, 1915, at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Sistrunk and the
minutes of previous meetings were read and approved.

The Inlet Committee had no special report to make, though Mr. Long
stated that he was trying to get the State Engineer to look into
the matter and hoped to accomplish something along this line.
It was moved, seconded and carried that the Boca Ratone car owners meet the Dixie Highway Convention at Delray and escort them as far as the county line. It was also voted to have the Board of Trade prepare a banner to be hung across the Dixie Highway at the time the Convention would pass through, and it was suggested that the Board of Trade ask the Utility Club to assist in preparing such banner and decorations. The Chair appointed Messrs. Chesebro, Long and Fultz to take charge of this matter.

It was voted to have the Secretary prepare a petition asking the Government to correct the spelling of the word Boca Raton, such petition to be circulated among the citizens of the town.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Secretary answer the letter received from the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce relative to the free distribution of advertising matter for the different commercial organizations of the East Coast.

The Secretary's bill of $3.50 for 250 letterheads and 250 envelopes was voted paid.

It was then voted to urge the School Trustees of the Boca Ratone district to furnish suitable drinking water for the school children of Boca Ratone.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned.

H. D. Gates, Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOCA RATONE BOARD OF TRADE HELD THURSDAY EVENING, NOV. 11, 1915

The regular monthly meeting of the Boca Ratone Board of Trade was held Thursday evening, November 11, 1915, at 7:30 p.m.

In absence of the President, the meeting was called to order by Vice-President Chesebro.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

It was voted to write the Section Foreman, of the East Coast Railroad, to take proper steps to remove all loafers from the station platform and to prevent as far as possible the colored population from hanging around the depot.

The matter of appointing a Station Agent for Boca Ratone and asking for a waiting room for passengers was freely discussed and it was suggested that this matter have further discussion at the special meeting to be held the following week. It was voted to have a special meeting on the evening of the 17th to consider the above matter and to confer with the citizens and Utility Club relative to a suitable location for a cemetery.

It was suggested that the Board of Trade co-operate with the Woodmen in connection with having a dinner at some future date.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned.

H. D. Gates, Secretary

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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL
MEETING OF THE BOCA RATONE BOARD OF TRADE
HELD WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 17, 1915, AT 7:30 P. M.

A special meeting of the Boca Ratone Board of Trade was held on Wednesday evening, Nov. 17th, 1915, at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Sistrunk with most of the members and a number of the ladies present. The President explained the purposes of the meeting and the matter of selecting a cemetery site was first considered.

Mr. Long stated that he thought the railroad would contribute five acres for this purpose as he has been customary in other towns on the East Coast.

It was voted that a committee of three be appointed to confer with the Utility Club relative to the proper site, and the President appointed Messrs. Raulerson, Chesebro and Long.

There was a somewhat lengthy discussion relative to asking for a waiting room and agent at Boca Ratone, and it was finally voted to have a petition prepared and circulated among the citizens and truck growers asking for a waiting room and for the services of an agent. It was voted to have a committee appointed to prepare such petition and Messrs. Gates, Chesebro and Fultz were appointed.

An informal report on the Everglades trip was given by delegates Sistrunk and Fultz.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned.

H. D. Gates, Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOCA RATONE BOARD OF TRADE HELD THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1915, AT 7:30 P. M.

The regular monthly meeting of the Boca Ratone Board of Trade was held on Thursday evening, Dec. 9, 1915, at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Sistrunk and the minutes of previous meetings were read and approved.

The report of the Cemetery Committee was heard and it was suggested that they continue their investigation and confer with the Utility Club as soon as possible.

The Committee on drawing petition for waiting room and services of Station Agent reported that the petition had been prepared and circulated and was in the hands of the Railroad Company. It was suggested that they report as to results at the next meeting.

It was voted to thank the Section Foreman of the East Coast Railroad for his interest in cleaning up the station.

It was voted that the Board of Trade pass a resolution approving of an all East Coast Route for the Government Canal in preference to the St. Johns River Route, and that the West Palm Beach Board of Trade be handed a copy of this resolution and a statement as to shipments from this point to be used at the meeting of the Government Engineers at Jacksonville.
It was voted to have the Secretary write the Internal Improvement Board inviting them to visit Boca Raton and Palm Beach County to discuss the Everglade drainage project.

Government ownership of the East Coast Canal was freely discussed.

It was voted to have Mr. Fultz represent the Board of Trade as delegate at the East Coast Chamber of Commerce meeting to be held at Miami next month.

The bills of H. B. Fultz and W. H. Sistrunk for Everglade trip expenses were voted paid.

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned.

H. D. Gates, Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BOCA RATONE BOARD OF TRADE, HELD JAN. 13, 1916

The regular monthly meeting of the Boca Ratone Board of Trade was held on Thursday evening, January 13, 1916, at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Sistrunk and the refusal of the Florida East Coast Railroad to provide Boca Ratone with a waiting room for passengers and the services of an agent was discussed by those present. It was moved by Mr. Fultz and seconded by Mr. Raulerson that a suitable reply be sent to the Railroad expressing the regret of the people at their failure to provide the facilities for which the petition was sent. It was suggested that this letter incorporate the information that $65,000 was returned to the growers of Boca Ratone for produce shipped last season and that this season's shipments would greatly exceed that amount. The motion was carried.

It was then voted to have a petition prepared and sent to the Railroad Commission asking for the service which the Railroad refused to provide.

The minutes of the previous meeting were then read and approved.

Mr. Fultz made an informal report on his visit to the East Coast Chamber of Commerce Convention at Miami, and it was voted to have the Secretary write a suitable letter to the Miami Chamber of Commerce assuring them of our support in connection with harbor improvements at that city.

The Cemetery Committee reported that the Utility Club approved of the site selected by the Committee as suitable for a cemetery and it was suggested that action be taken to secure this site if possible.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

H. D. Gates, Secretary

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RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE DIRECTORS
OF THE BOCA RATONE, FLORIDA, BOARD OF TRADE, ON
JANUARY 17, 1916

Whereas, A hearing is to be held at Washington, on January 25,
1916, to consider improvements on St. Lucie Inlet.

And whereas, The people of Boca Ratone believe that this project
is one that commands the support of every citizen of
Palm Beach County, and believe will result in a consider-
able saving to the people of our community in connection
with freight rates and will assist us materially in the
development of our county.

Be It Resolved, That the Directors of the Boca Ratone Board of
Trade request our Congressmen and Senators to use every
effort to induce Congress to make suitable appropriations
to successfully carry out the project at the earliest
possible date, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent
to our representatives at Washington.

President
Vice-Pres.
Sec-Treas.
Director
Director
Director

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY
MEETING OF THE BOCA RATONE BOARD OF TRADE HELD FEB. 13, 1916

The regular monthly meeting of the Boca Ratone Board of Trade was
held Thursday evening, Feb. 13, 1916, at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Chesebro in the
absence of President Sistrunk.

The minutes of previous meetings were read and approved.

It was voted to change the petition to the Railroad Commission
asking for a new station and services for an agent, so that it
would read "shipments for this season should be" rather than "will
be in excess of last year."

Mr. Fultz reported that the Assistant Engineer of the State was
stopping at Deerfield evidently for the purpose of conducting
investigations relative to the Inlet. It was suggested that
members of the Board make an effort to get in communication with
him.

The secretary read some miscellaneous correspondence of minor
importance.

Mr. Chesebro reported that Mr. Long had informed him that the site
for a new Board of Trade building would be given by Mr. Ingraham.
Plans for the building were submitted through courtesy of Mr.
Townsend. It was voted that a committee of three be appointed
to obtain prices and estimates on the plan. Messrs. Raulerson,
Fultz and Gates were so appointed.

The matter of securing a new school building for Boca Ratone was
discussed and it was suggested that the Directors be asked to do
what they could towards getting the building for us.

There being no other business the meeting was declared adjourned.

H. D. Gates, Secretary

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOCA RATONE BOARD OF TRADE HELD THURSDAY
EVENING, FEBRUARY 24, 1916, AT 7:30 p.m.

A Special Meeting of the Boca Ratone Board of Trade was held on
Thursday evening, Feb. 24, 1916, at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of
passing resolutions relative to the improvement of Boca Ratone
Inlet.

In the absence of President Sistrunk, the meeting was called to
order by Vice-Pres. Chesebro, with T. J. Campbell, of West Palm
Beach, and J. T. Barton, of Lake Worth, as guests of the Board of Trade. The Secretary explained the purpose of the meeting and Mr. Campbell asked a number of questions as to the advantage of Boca Ratone Inlet as an outlet for the waters of the Hillsboro Canal over a direct route from Deerfield. Mr. Long answered these questions, after the resolutions were prepared and accepted by the Board members. It was voted to adopt them and forward a copy to the Internal Improvement Board at Tallahassee.

Messrs. Campbell and Barton were elected Honorary members of the association.

The building of a suitable Board of Trade building was presented to the members by Mr. Campbell, who made a motion that Messrs. Gates and Long be appointed to select a site for the building. The motion was carried, after which Mr. Campbell made another motion that Messrs. Gates, Long and Brown be appointed a committee to get plans and prices on a Board of Trade building to be presented for consideration at the next regular meeting. This motion was also carried.

A vote of thanks was extended to Messrs. Campbell and Barton for their attendance and suggestions, after which the meeting was declared adjourned.

H. D. Gates, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOCA RATONE BOARD OF TRADE HELD MAY 11, 1916

The regular monthly meeting of the Boca Ratone Board of Trade was held Thursday evening, May 11, 1916, at 7:30 o'clock.

In the absence of the President, Vice-President Chesebro called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A list of the material required for the new Board of Trade building was presented and the Committee were instructed to get estimates on the cost from different lumber concerns.

The question of building lateral roads was next presented. Mr. Brown stated that he thought the roads should be built by the day rather than by contract and that work should be given to local people.

County Commissioner Smith addressed the meeting and said that he had a regulation wagon bed for hauling rock in use at Delray and that he thought the local team owners could do the work satisfactorily by having their wagons altered. He thought that rock could be delivered as required.

It was stated that Boca Ratone would receive about $12,000 for bridge and lateral roads and that $1700.00 to $1800.00 had already been expended. A petition was then presented to Commissioner Smith asking that the drawbridge across the East Coast Canal be constructed of wood in place of steel owing to the advance price of steel and difficulty in getting delivery of material.

It was voted that a Committee of three be elected to take charge of the road matter and determine and report just where the money could be best expended to the satisfaction of the people. Messrs. Chesebro, Long and Raulerson were so elected, Mr. Chesebro being Chairman of the Committee.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

H. D. Gates, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOCA RATONE BOARD OF TRADE HELD JUNE 8, 1916

The regular monthly meeting of the Boca Ratone Board of Trade was held Thursday evening, June 9, 1916, at 7:30 p.m.

In the absence of President Sistrunk, Vice-Pres. Chesebro called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the previous meeting were held over until the next meeting for approval.

A letter from the West Palm Beach Board of Trade requesting the Boca Ratone Board of Trade to appoint a member for the Palm Beach County Citizens Highway Commission to work towards securing practical expenditure of the recent bond issue for road work was read and on the motion of G. A. Long, seconded by B. B. Raulerson, the Secretary was appointed to fill serve in this capacity.

It was voted to request the County Commissioners to provide sign boards with proper indication marks to be placed at all public road crossings in Palm Beach County, in accordance with the law passed by Legislature of 1913.

H. D. Gates was appointed delegate to represent the Board of Trade at the meeting of the East Coast Chamber of Commerce to be held in Orlando, on July 11th.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

H. D. Gates, Secretary

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOCA RATONE BOARD OF TRADE HELD JULY 24, 1916

A Special Meeting of the Boca Ratone Board of Trade was held Monday evening, July 24, 1916, at 7:30 p.m.

In absence of the President, Vice-President Chesebro called the meeting to order.

The minutes of previous meetings were read and approved.
The Secretary made a brief statement regarding his membership in the Palm Beach County Citizens Highway Commission and read some correspondence relative to the East Coast Canal matter.

Chairman Chesebro of the road committee gave a report regarding the expenditure of money and work done to date on lateral roads. His report showed that there was $11,760 to be expended in the Boca Ratone district. Of this sum $5587.40 had been expended and $6172.60 remains to build the bridge across the East Coast Canal and to finish the lateral roads west and rebuild the road to the canal. This sum was deemed sufficient to do the necessary work on these roads. Moved that the report be accepted and thanks given the committee for their careful work.

Mr. Gorton made a brief address urging that the bridge across the canal and completion of Palmetto Park Road be pushed forward as rapidly as possible, stating that several thousand dollars would be expended by property owners when this work was complete. He also made a plea on behalf of the winter visitor and asked that the Board work towards municipal improvements.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

H. D. Gates, Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL
MEETING OF THE BOCA RATONE BOARD OF TRADE
HELD AUG. 10, 1916

The Annual Meeting of the Boca Ratone Board of Trade was held Thursday evening, Aug. 10, 1916, at 7:30 o'clock.

Vice-President Chesebro called the meeting to order and the minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

The report of the Treasurer was submitted and accepted with thanks.

Mr. Long made a statement regarding Major Ladue's opinions relative to the improvement of Boca Ratone Inlet.

The election of officers and directors next took place. F. H. Chesebro was duly elected President, B. B. Raulerson, Vice-President, H. D. Gates, Sec-Treas., and H. C. Young, G. S. Aiken, H. M. Chesebro and Geo. A. Long, Directors.

The Treasurer collected $5.00 in dues, after which the meeting was adjourned.

H. D. Gates, Secretary

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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOCA RATONE BOARD OF TRADE HELD OCT. 21, 1916

A special Meeting of the Boca Ratone Board of Trade was held Saturday evening, Oct. 21, 1916, at 7:30 p. m.

President Chesebro called the meeting to order and read a few suggestions outlining the work of the Board for the coming year.
How dear to our hearts are the scenes of our school-days,
When fond recollections present them to view,
The little lone trail, the deep tangled scrub oak,
And every loved spot surely all of us knew.
The little pine tree, the pump that stood neath it,
The white sandy playground, the sand burrs all in it,
The games and the "fusses" all the best ones can tell,
And even the front porch where we all ate our lunch.

The dearest and best of all schools, we all love so well.
How dear to our hearts are the scenes of our school-days,
And e'en the front porch where we all ate our lunch,
The little white schoolhouse with its windows so "swell",
The dearest and best of all schools, we all love so well.

Boca Raton School, unlike the town itself, does not have its
beginning veiled in the mists of antiquity. The first school here
was opened in Mr. Long's packing house in 1908 with Professor
Miss Johnson as teacher. In a short time the school was moved to
the schoolhouse which had just been completed and which has since
that time been the sole institution of learning. After one year
of successful teaching Mr. Rhebinder was succeeded by Miss Harper
who after the same length of time gave the task into the hands of
Miss Johnson. Miss Johnson like all of her predecessors found
one year quite enough and was accordingly succeeded by Miss Esther
Chesbro who was the first teacher to teach two years. Since Miss
Esther dissolved her connection with said school it has been the
honor of the author of this sketch to have guided the younger
members of Boca Raton's growing population in the paths of learning
and while he is writing about the school, would it be inappropriate
for him to state at this time what his plans and purposes are, or
that he is trying to do here.

When I was a lad at home I did not have to ask for the privilege
d of work on the old hilly farm. It was a necessity I used to
look upon as a burden. As I plowed
the old farm I was daily learning one of the greatest
that life has yet given me to learn; and that lesson was
work as a direct means of developing manhood.

Never did the little people enjoy themselves so much as at the
home of Edith Richardson on Saturday P.M. October 23, the day being
Edith's birthday. The children played many games after which
delightful refreshments consisting of lemonade, cake and oranges
were served. Those present besides Edith were: Ernestine Purdom,
Myrtlelee Raulerson, Faith Richardson, Iva Raulerson, Sadie
Richardson, Thelma Purdom, Harry Purdom, Stanley Craig, Charles
Scott Jr., Vernon Richardson, Raymond Rowe, Douglas Rowe, Eugene
Rowe. All the little people left, full not only of joy and
lemonade and cake but full also of wishes that Edith's birthday
would come oftener than once a year.

Though in no way connected with our school, but owing to his
popularity in our town we could hardly pass over the recent
marriage of Mr. George Akins without some favorable comment. He
certainly is to be congratulated upon his ability to keep a
secret for no one really knew that he was going to be married
until the deed had been done. Needless to say he has been wearing
a broad smile since the memorable event and we join with the rest
of the people in Boca Raton in wishing that said smile may never
fade on account of any matrimonial troubles.

There is one other topic of such general interest to all of us
that we as a school wish to express our appreciation of what has
been done by them; we mean the "Utility Club," the young women's
club which has had more to do with beautifying and bettering our
town in every respect than any other organization that the history
of our town records. In it its purposes and in its ability to
carry out what it proposes to do the "Utility Club is an unique
club. We know of no other club or organization of its kind and we
doubt the existence of any similar organization with the ability to
put thru as big things and put them thru as quietly as the young
women have done here thru the "Utility Club." This Club thru its
many lines of endeavor has become so much a part of our community
life that we feel that we could hardly dispense with it, and we
wish them the greatest success in whatever they may desire to do
in the future.

CLASSIFIED WANTED ADS: RATE FOR ADVERTISING $3000.00 PER WORD;
RESULTS GUARANTEED: FOR FURTHER PARTICULARS CONSULT THE
ADVERTISING MANAGER.
WANTED: A cast net, must be in good condition, by a boy with a spread of twelve feet—Apply to Andrew Myrick.

WANTED: A brand new song book by a girl with all the new songs in. Apply to Jewell Purdom.

WANTED: Some pen points in good condition by a boy without rust on. Apply to Harry V. Purdom.

WANTED: A piece of burlap to serve as door to our play house by a little girl size 16 by 20—apply to Thelma Purdom.

WANTED: To purchase, a billy goat—must be kind and gentle by a little boy without horns—apply to Arthur Smith.

WANTED: To rent some farm land by a boy about half an acre in extent. Apply to Charlie Scott.

"EARLY TO BED AND EARLY TO RISE MAKES A GOOD FARMER"

JOKES

Old Adam was a lucky man
I often wish that he
Had struck the job of writing jokes
Instead it fell to me.

Whatever trouble Adam had
No man could make him sore
By saying when he told a joke
"Oh I've heard that before."

"Do you know where little boys go who don't put their Sunday-School money in the collection plate?" asked the teacher.

"Sure" was the reply "to the movies."

"Why do they speak of two people who are wed as becoming one?"
"Because thenceforth they both miss half their lives."

A little iron - a cunning curl,
A box of powder - a pretty girl.
A little rain, away she goes,
A homely girl with freckled nose.

Fond parent: "Johnny do you know where little boys go who smoke?"
The son: "Sure, up the alley."

Little Willie: "Maw am I descended from a monkey?"
Mother: "I couldn't say, Willie, I never knew any of your father's people."

Mrs. Murphy was getting supper for her children on Saturday night, when a young woman came to the door.

"I'm a collector for the Drunkard's home," she said. "Could you help us?"

"Come around tonight and I'll give yez Murphy," said the housewife and she went about her work.

A woman is judged by the society she does not keep.

Where there is a will there is a lawsuit.

"Have an opening here for me?" asked the assertative young man.
"Yes" snapped the capitalist "it's right behind you."

A private anxious to secure a leave of absence, sought his captain with a most convincing tale about a sick wife breaking her heart for his presence. The officer, familiar with the soldier's ways, replied: "I am afraid you are not telling me the truth. I have just received a letter from your wife urging me not to let you come home because you get drunk, break the furniture and mistreat her shamefully."

The private saluted and started to leave the room; he paused at the door, asking, "Sir, may I speak to you, not as an officer but as man to man?"
"Yes, what is it?"
"Well sir, what I'm saying is this," approaching the captain and lowering his voice, "You and I are two of the most elegant liars the Lord ever made. I'm not married at all."

A goat ate all our jokes, And then began to run.
"I cannot stop," he softly said, "I am so full of fun."
I trust you have all enjoyed a very happy holiday season. I certainly did, considering the distance I was from home and close friends. I am in the camp Y.M.C.A. as I write this and the helmet that you sent me Mrs. Young is on my head. I have worn it every day since I received it. The weather has been unusually cold here for more than two weeks. A man told me that they had had the coldest weather in 37 years. The thermometer has been way below zero at times and it still continues in the neighborhood of zero. We have no drilling now but we are supposed to have studies in French and in the mechanics of the Ford. Yesterday morning we were told to prepare at once to go to France or Italy—We do not know which place. We began packing up and if nothing had happened we should have left Allentown tonight at midnight. But of course something had to happen. A man came down with measles in the afternoon and one with the scarlet fever. Neither man was in our section but both were in the same building with us and in the same battalion so the whole building and our whole battalion was placed in quarantine and we cannot leave the camp—we cannot enter any other barracks. We do not know how long we shall be quarantined but we know that we cannot go on tonight with our regular contingent under Major Metcalfe. We may be delayed for weeks and perhaps months yet before we go. It is very disappointing to get ready and have to unpack again. We are to be used to it however for we have been in an overseas contingent since last September—already to go at any time. Some of the Ambulance Sections are going to Italy and we may go there when we go any place.

Not long ago I had a short letter from Jack Sistrunk. He sent me his picture and said "Here is the picture of a real sailor." I suppose things go along about as usual with you. I fancy no war could stop Kitty's vast real estate dealings or could stop Aunt Anne's nagging. How are Myrtle Lee and Ivy? Do both of them go to school? Do you ever see anything of your Pompano friends?

Now will you please thank Miss Muhle for her Christmas greetings and will you accept my hearty thanks for the very fine helmet and Christmas greetings which you yourself sent me. I cannot tell you how much I appreciate all the good things you have done for me. Some day I may get to France and do my bit for the U.S. and for the Scotchmen too and thus show my appreciation.

Laurence Gould to Mr. and Mrs. William C. Young, January 3, 1918

...I am always so glad to get the news from Boca Raton and you certainly give it to me in an unusually interesting manner. I had a letter from Father a few days ago and he told me about Raulerson putting the fish in his shirt pocket—quite an interesting fish story. I am very glad that your competitors have not yet run you out of business. I expect to buy my supplies of you when I establish my winter home in Boca Raton.

Spring is coming now. Most of the snow has melted now and the roads are very muddy but that does not prevent us from hiking. It seems that at last there is some assurance that we are going to leave Allentown. Our battalion commander assures us that we are going to Italy. An Italy General is coming to review us sometime soon and we are drilling in full field equipment daily in order to make a good impression on him. Thirty ambulance sections are going to Italy and the Italian government is to furnish transportation for us not later than April 7th. I would much rather go to France than to Italy but I should be glad to go even to the central part of Africa to get busy at some active work.

I have put my application in to be called for examination for a commission. I feel that I can pass my examination all right if I can only get called up. But hundreds of men put in their applications and are never called for examination. However, I have a bit of pull that may get me ahead. A lieutenant-colonel on the staff of Surgeon General Gorgas will probably write a letter for me. If I am not called for examination pretty soon I am going to try mighty hard to get into some combatant branch of the service. It is the height of my ambition now to get into a Machine Gun company. It is almost impossible to transfer from this service however. But I have become so barracous that I want to shoot the Huns up. I don't think I shall be satisfied to cart the wounded men around now. I want to wound the men or better still kill them. I think I would really enjoy running a bayonet thru a Hun now, after hearing so much about their practices.

Well, I cannot think of much to write. You see we are still under quarantine and cannot get out. I have some pictures down town that I want to send you but I have been unable as yet to go down to the photographer. There is really no use in keeping us in quarantine any longer. I am glad you are doing so much Red Cross work. I am sure you will enjoy it. Now must stop for want to more to write. Yours faithfully,

Laurence Gould to Mr. and Mrs. William C. Young, March 3, 1918
Lawrence Gould to Mrs. William C. Young, July 10, 1918, "on active service, American Expeditionary Force, with the Italian Army."

Yesterday I made a trip into the city—one of the oldest cities in Europe. There are no records showing how old it is. Tradition says it was founded by one of the sons of Noah right after the Deluge. It is a place of great interests to us Americans—here one finds the remains of the house in which Christopher Columbus was born. Yesterday I visited the Catholic Cathedral of Saint Laurence. In this great building one finds the tomb of John the Baptist brought here from Jerusalem in the time of the Crusades. Also there is an emerald cup here which is said to have belonged to Solomon and from which Christ is said to have drunk at the last supper. One finds all these interesting relics in addition to the great beauty and interest of the building itself.

They have here in this city also the richest cemetery in the world—I have been thru it twice and here I have seen the most wonderful examples of sculpture I ever saw any place.

I could rave on indefinitely telling you of the interesting buildings, forts etc around here but I want to write you just a word about the people and the way in which they have received us here. I carried the Italian flag as we marched from the boat to our temporary quarters and such a welcome! As the people saw their flag beside the American flag they began to press out into the street to touch and kiss the flags—many times barring our progress--many of them were weeping and it was really a most touching welcome. Again on the Fourth of July they entered so whole-heartedly into the celebration of our great holiday that one would have thought they were celebrating a holiday of their own. How they cheered us and the way in which they had flowers at us until it seemed as though we were marching thru a flower bed—from thousands of throats all along the way we were greeted with "Vive L' America!" "Vive L' America!" This kindly feeling of the Italians makes us mighty glad that we are here even though we were so slow in getting here.

Our camp at present is just a little way from the coast of the Mediterranean sea so it seems quite like old times to get into the sea again. I certainly enjoy it immensely. It is just the same climate here quite similar to that of your place at this season of the year except that it is somewhat cooler here. One sees a few palm trees but not so many as where you are. I suppose in southern Italy the climate and vegetation would be quite like southern Florida. But here there are mountains which adds greatly to the scenic effects.

Please write to me frequently and believe me, Always just,

"Laddie"

[Letters from the American Expeditionary Force were censored by military officials. Thus Gould could not mention the city's name in which he was stationed. It is obviously Genoa.]
For nearly a month now we have been moving about here and there in this Section of France. On account of being always on the move I have very scandalously neglected my correspondence and yet conditions have been anything but ideal for letter writing. Sometimes for days at a time we see no sun and all around us mud, mud but oh joy! when the sun does shine again we promptly forget there ever was any mud even though we may be walking in it up to our ankles, for when the sun does shine here it is indeed "sunny" France for everything seems sunny—one just can't feel "grouchy."

From what I have just written you know that I love France and yet down in Italy when they told us that we were to come up here I was sorry. Over in America I always wanted to come here to France—I was prejudiced against Italy but my prejudice soon wore away after I landed there and much as I love this land and people I must still say that I prefer Italy. There is something in the very atmosphere or spirit of Italy that appeals to me much more than anything I have experienced here—and yet I saw only a small part of Italy—someday I hope to return and revel in the glories of Florence, Venice, Milan, Rome and the other portions of Italy that I did not see while there. I was in a part of the land which has played a tremendously important part in the history of Europe.

But just now I would not for anything return to Italy. It is great to be up here where the big things are going on. You are reading good news in the papers these days. In fact I can name one newsy letter. It is almost as good as visiting Boca Ratone or the Myricks since I came here. I seldom hear from any of the Myricks anyway....

Your letter was most welcome. You always write the most newsy letters. It is almost as good as visiting Boca Ratone again—which I hope someday to do. I just envy you the ocean. I miss the swims I used to have in the Mediterranean--up here water is at a premium, it is often hard to get enough to drink. This afternoon I took a bath in a muddy little stream grown full of bull rushes. I stepped in the water and sank into the mud clear up to my knee.

I had a letter from Father Chesbro shortly before I left Italy but he said nothing about them going up to Michigan. I suppose they are back now. I have not heard from either the Rockwells or the Myricks since I came here. I seldom hear from any of the Myricks anyway....

The same day as your letter came to me (yesterday) I also received a letter from "Billy" Majewski--the first one I have had in about a year I think. I wonder if she is as full of life as usual—I hope so!

I am sorry that it is growing dark and I must stop. I would write more in the morning but perhaps we will move before then. I would also write and tell how much your letters mean to me....Someday I am coming down to hear all those new records you have and to swim again with you in the ocean.... "Laddie"

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