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Frank's Tweets: Glossary

alfalfa - a small plant used primarily as livestock feed

alligator pear - avocado

amber cane – variety of sorghum (black amber sorghum cane) feed crop for livestock

Arch Creek - early Dade County community, now part of city of North Miami

Australian pines - non native pine like trees now common along South Florida waterways; it is now considered to be an invasive species

banana eyes - small shoots from the banana used to reproduce new plants

bbls - barrels

Beach - with capital letter B, seems to refer to West Palm Beach; with small letter b, usually means Boca Raton's beach

bedded up - planted crops in plant "beds"

Blue Vitriol - copper sulfate pentahydrate, used as a fungicide

board - rent a room (with meals provided)

brot - brought

camp meeting - religious revival meeting usually held outdoors under a large tent

canal - Florida East Coast Canal, now known as the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW)

car - railroad car (not automobile)

cassava - an edible tuberous root crop

Cereus - type of cactus

Ceriman - fruit of the Monstera deliciosa, a large leaf tropical vine commonly used as a landscape plant today

Chinese giant - pepper variety

chored - did his chores

Colohatchee - community located in what is today east Oakland Park and Wilton Manors in Broward County

Cutler - Dade County community now part of the Village of Palmetto Bay

D. - Deerfield, but sometimes means Delray

Dasheen - taro root

Darkey - term for African American

Deerfield Park - also know as Horn's Park was a natural area somewhere near the Dixie Highway which apparently served as a tourist attraction in the 1910s



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dicker - bargain or barter.

ditched - dug a ditch

dragged - broke up the ground for seeding with a machine such as a harrow

dry - refers to the prohibition of the sale of alcoholic beverages.

dusted - applied pesticide in dust form

dwarf rape - vine used as a feed crop

egg plants - eggplants

Emancipation Day - May 20th; celebration in remembrance of the first reading of the Emancipation Proclamation in Florida in 1865. Chesebro's African American workers took this day off.

Ex. - express train

fan - sabal palm fronds (shaped like fans) used to cover crops to protect against cold temperatures and frost

feed - food for livestock

feterita - a sorghum variety

Ficus infectoria- a variety of non native strangler fig

fired - set controlled fires to keep crops warm during freezes

fodder - livestock feed

freight - freight train

Haywood Wreck - *Harry T. Hayward* was a schooner that wrecked off Boca Raton during a storm October 18, 1910. It was loaded with gravel bound for the FEC railway extension. Three men died but others were rescued due to the heroic efforts of local citizens. This incident was investigated by the Carnegie Hero Fund which still today recognizes individuals who risk their lives for others from every state each year. The Hayward heroes were not recognized by the Carnegie Hero Fund, apparently.

heeled - to cover temporarily (the roots of a plant or often of several plants in one hole) with soil before setting permanently.

honey house - house for beehives

indian mound - Barnhill Mound, a prehistoric Indian mound located in what is now Boca Raton Marina

inlet - Boca Raton inlet, usually closed due to silting; the pioneers tried to keep it open by digging it out with shovels.

jag - truckload



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joint grass - feed grass used as ground stabilizer

kainite - mineral salt used as fertilizer.

Knight's Key - an island in the central Keys, within the city of Marathon

Lainhart Grove - orange grove west of Jupiter

lake - Lake Boca Raton

Lake Ida - lake in Delray Beach

lath - a thin strip of wood

lighter - barge

lime - calcium oxide used as fertilizer component

Mam - mammoth as in Mammoth Ruby King, pepper variety

mammoth ruby - pepper variety

Mascotte - a very old hotel in San Juan de los Remedios in Cuba.

meal - bone meal, a type of fertilizer

Musa Isle - Seminole Indian attraction on Miami River

N. - North as in N. piece or N. shack

N of soda - nitrate of soda fertilizer

natal - plum (trees)

ornamentals: decorative shrubs or plants

packing house - building in which fruits and vegetables are crated for shipment

para grass - forage grass (food for livestock)

patch - pineapple beds

pines - pineapples

phonograph - record player

prohibition - Law to make the sale of alcoholic beverages illegal; many local counties voted themselves "dry," that is, enacted their own prohibition ordinances, long before national prohibition was adopted.

punch up - fight or confrontation

rape - vine used as a feed crop



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red rock - cabbage variety

red Vincent - pepper variety

rhodes grass - feed crop for livestock

river - Hillsboro River, now the Hillsboro Canal

ruby king - pepper variety

S.H. - South Haven, Michigan, the Chesebro's home town.

SS - Sunday School

S. potatoes - sweet potatoes

school ma'am - schoolmarm or teacher

scuffled - hoed

seine - fish net

slacked lime - slaked lime. Calcium carbonate with water, a soil amendment

Sleepy staggers - disease of horses, associated with ingestion of moldy hay

slips - cuttings or shoots from the pineapples used to reproduce new plants

smoke house - building in which meat is "smoked" or cured

soda - chemical additive used to improve soil for planting

sorghum - a grain used as livestock feed

Spanish - pepper variety

stumped - removed tree stumps

sulphur - chemical used in fertilizer

Sun Dance - also known as the Seminole Sun Dance, was a three day festival held in West Palm Beach from 1916 through 1923 to attract tourism to the area.

tankage - residue from tanks in which animal carcasses have been rendered, or had the fat removed; used as livestock feed or fertilizer

tilled - created furrows for planting

Tobacco Dust - used as an organic pesticide.

"took" - may refer to having a photograph taken or "picture took;" Harry Chesebro owned a camera



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topped - cut the tops off to replant

tram - a cart on a rail system like a coal car.

washout - flooding

wheel - bicycle

yam bean - a tuber, native to tropical South America as well as Southeast Asia. Known as a sweet turnip, or by its Mexican name, jicama (hee-kama).

Yamato - colony of Japanese settlers and others located near Yamato Road and Dixie Highway