Ivan’s Gallery: Bustling Broward County, 1910s-1920s
Photographs from the Ivan D. Austin Collection

Ivan D. Austin’s graduation portrait, Fort Lauderdale High School, Class of 1918. School ended in May that year so young men could enter military service. Ivan enlisted in the U.S. Navy.

This boat brought the Austins and three other families down the North New River Canal from Ritta Island on Lake Okeechobee to Fort Lauderdale in 1913. At one point in the voyage, the boat stopped, and Ivan stepped ashore and took this picture.

 Scenes from Fort Lauderdale High School’s “skip day,” 1918. At left, a boat carries students up the Intracoastal Waterway. At right, Ivan Austin swings from the framework of the Hillsboro Lighthouse.
Fort Lauderdale High School track team competing in a meet at Miami, 1917 or 1918. The “Flying L” emblem on the athlete’s shirts helps dispel the legend that the emblem originated in the 1920s.

Fort Lauderdale’s city football team, c. 1922. Ivan Austin is in front row at extreme left, rest are unidentified. In back row are, left to right: Steve Calder, Charles “Hooks” Gordon, next four unidentified, M. Lewis Hall, unidentified, O. “Squirrely” Swearingen, unidentified, Watt Gordon.
Fort Lauderdale's volunteer city fire department, c. 1920. Top view shows intersection of South Andrews Avenue and South Second Street, looking south. The Fire Department was located in the city hall on the northwest corner of this intersection. Bottom view shows Las Olas Boulevard near Colee Hammock. Men in front vehicle are Fire Chief Milo Sherman and Ivan Austin.
American Legion William C. Morris Post #36 Drum and Bugle Corps, in Stranahan Park at the rear of the Women's Club building, in the mid-1920s. Ivan Austin is the third drummer from the left. Fourth drummer from left is A. G. Shand, later Fort Lauderdale chief of police and postmaster.

Group of American Legionnaires after a successful fishing expedition, c. 1928. The man at extreme left was the national commander of the American Legion. Ivan Austin is third from right.