

Current Events in Our Community Life

BY D. J. RICHARDS

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BEGINNING with this issue of THE FLAMING SWORD, we will give our readers a brief account of whatever of interest transpires in our Community during the month. Every Sunday evening Service is held at the Art Hall. One of the brothers conducts the meeting; another officiates at the piano, and one of the six readers (of which there are three sisters and three brothers) reads selected articles from the Writings of our Master.

Sunday evening, Dec. 12, the Service was conducted as follows: The congregation sang two Koreshan songs, after which excerpts were read from THE; FLAMING SWORD of Jan'y 25, and Feb'y i, 1890, and also from the "Guiding Star," Vol. II, pp. 256 to 259, bearing on the origin of the Teutonic family of nations, with the derivation and definition of the word Teuton. A solo was then rendered, entitled "In the Hollow of His Hand." This is a comforting thought to all Koreshans, since we know that hand represents the power of truth in ultimates, and that the Science of Universology is the only source from which such knowledge may be gained.

The second reading was "The Civilization of the Indo-Germanic Race; Derivation and Definition of the Word German," from THE; FLAMING SWORD of Aug. 29, 1905. Portions of all these articles were reprinted in the December, 1915, SWORD, pp. 370 and 371. The congregation then sang another song, after which a prayer written by KORESH was read, at the close of which the congregation repeated in concert these words: "Our Father-Mother Deity; with oral acclamation we resound our prayer and praise! Thou art our Hero! Let us glorify Thy name, and Thou, O God, glorify us in Thy Holy Temple!" The Service concluded with the singing of the anthem, "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates."

We are pleased to announce that two new members have recently joined us, both coming from California; Mrs. C. A. Place is from Hayward, and Mrs. H. D. Wilbur from San Francisco. It is indeed gratifying to find people who have had enough of competition, and crave the communistic life. It is well to heed the plea of our Shepherd, to "Yield up the world and its allurements, its bonds. Break the tie; go forward to the promised land. Let God direct. Yield your life to God, and be redeemed with an immortal redemption. 'Be' His children and heirs to his' throne, Kings and Priests unto God, for his Name's Sake."

Our new boat, the "Estero," makes schedule trips to Fort Myers every Tuesday and Friday, returning the following days respectively. Sometimes during the fruit season the schedule is interfered with, owing to increased traffic. Lee County is one of the best citrus growing sections in the country, and Estero has many excellent groves of luscious grapefruit, oranges, and tangerines.

The Service for Dec. 19 was very well attended, and the enthusiasm with which our people sang was very marked. A sister read "The Law of Progressive Life," from the "Guiding Star," Vol. II, pp. 249 to 254. This is a most wonderful article, dealing with the law of seed-time and harvest, or cause and effect. The solo for the evening was, "Open the Gates of the Temple." The words were written by that famous author, Fanny Crosby, and the music by Mrs. Knapp.

Nothing unusual transpired during Christmas week at the Unity, but from the activities of the local Post Office, it was plain to be seen that the spirit of giving was as much indulged in as ever. We observe Christmas as a legal holiday; other than that it has very little significance to us, since we have come to know that the seventh Messianic manifestation, with a "New Name," as prophetically fore-told, made his appearance on Oct. 18, 1839, and this is the day we celebrate.

Sunday evening, Dec. 26, the last Service for the memorable year of 1915 was held. We surely ought to be the happiest people in the world, because we have the light with which this sin-cursed world is to be illuminated. The first article read was "Devachan and Nirvana," from FLAMING SWORD of Aug. 13, 1892. The male quartette sang "The Lord Is Great," written by Walter Howe Jones; following this number, two more short articles were read respectively from FLAMING SWORD of June 25, and June 11, 1892, under the caption of "Theology." The last paragraph in the last article reads as follows: "The hand that lays its desecrating touch upon the God-ordained and Koreshan fruit of Christian evolution shall become palsied, for no power in earth or hell can, with impunity, attempt the retardation of this mountain of God's eternal progress." Following this we listened to a very pleasing solo, "The Star of Bethlehem;" and with the reading of a prayer and the singing of the anthem, "Lift- Up Your Heads," the Service closed. These Services are very inspiring and a stimulus to all who attend them.

We have with us as guests, Mr. and Mrs. Ashley, of Savannah, Ga. Mr. Ashley has been a reader of THE SWORD for many years; but Mrs. Ashley is a comparatively new student, and is very much impressed with the profound teachings of our illustrious Shepherd.

On Saturday evening, Jan'y 1, a social entertainment was given at the Art Hall, which consisted of music, games, dancing, and refreshments. When the participants entered the Hall they were presented with "Good Resolution Caps" and 1916 badges. Each cap was inscribed with a word suggestive of a gift or grace of character, such as: "Moderate, Cheerful, Thorough, Forgiving," etc. Then came a New Year's March, to orchestra music, in which all the newly decorated members participated. Some of the games were quite amusing, and the reading of "Mr. Dooley," and "Way Down Souf Once More," by Sister Berthaldine, was enjoyed by all. (Sisters and brothers do not dance together.)□ Mr. Paul Sargent, son of our worthy brother-John S., sent his father two barrels of the finest apples grown in the state of Illinois. During the evening we were treated to some of them, which we enjoyed very much. Mr. Sargent's visit to us a year ago is fresh in our memory, and particularly when we visit the Art Hall, because of the two paintings he left with the Unity, which are a source of joy to all. Mr. Sargent left a warm spot in the hearts of our people, and we appreciate his ability as an artist.

Our first Service for 1916 was held Sunday evening, Jan'y 2. A sister read the following articles from THE; FLAMING SWORD of March 15, 1907: "The Lord's Advent the Paramount Issue," and "The Culmination of the Competitive Conflict." Those who have these SWORDS would do well to read these articles, particularly the last one, which shows very plainly how the competitive system is going to wind up. The quartette sang "Adonai;" after the prayer, the meeting closed with the singing of "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates." This is a beautiful anthem, a great favorite of the Master's, which has been sung for many years at the close of our meetings.

We were pleased to receive a visit from Mr. Horace Edgar Bailey of Unadilla, N. Y., who is an old acquaintance of our Master; they were both veterans of the Civil War.

A party of twenty-three had a picnic several days ago, for the purpose of getting shell to repair some of the walks in the Park. We went in a power boat to Big Hickory Island, on the Gulf of Mexico. The day was an ideal one; the pure ozone of the Gulf was exhilarating, and a more jolly crowd would be hard to find. Every one did his other part; while some filled the sacks with shell, others busied themselves getting the dinner,—and a sumptuous meal it certainly was. Fish and oysters, for which Lee County is so noted, were served, along with the other good things that had been prepared.

The Service on Sunday evening, Jan'y 9, was very impressive. A brother read "The Failure of Government and the Remedy," from THE SWORD of Jan'y 19^0. Had the article been written yesterday, it could not be more up-to-date. Such articles ought to convince the rankest skeptic, as to the divine prescience of KORESH, The last paragraph, which we give below, is wonderfully prophetic:

"The governments of the world, devoid as they are of every spark of the divine principle—love to the neighbor, will find their sepulchre in the valley of the decomposing carcass of a polluted and hypocritical church. But from their ruins, resurrected into the law of the economy of ever-lasting life, the new and living Firstborn shall arise, clothed upon with the Lord's righteousness, bright and shining as the noon-day sun, kindled into the glowing heat of overwhelming love to God and man. Such is the change and such is the kingdom to succeed the crumbling ruins of the old church which, though now corrupt, had its inception in the very heart of God."

The solo for the evening was "O Flaming Sword," the words of which were written by Sister Berthaldine, and the music by her late son, H. B. Boomer, at the dedication of the Guiding Star Publishing House, at Estero, in 1904. I feel that I am voicing the sentiments of the majority present, when I say it was good to have been at the Service.

We are pleased to announce the return to our Home circle of Sister Elizabeth Robinson, who has been with relatives in New York City for several years. Sr. Elizabeth is one of the pioneers of the Koreshan movement, and we are all very glad to have her with us again.

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ON SATURDAY EVENING, Jan'y 15, the K. U. orchestra gave a concert which consisted of the following numbers: "Before the Mast;" "Serenade;" -"Skaters;" "Amaranthus and the American Favorite." Brother Jesse Putnam played a very pleasing cello solo, and brother Louis Borzormeny made his debut as a pianist, playing for the first number a duet with Bro. James W. Calderwood, and for an encore he played "In a Rowboat," to the admiration of all present.

On Sunday, Jan'y 16, a party from the Unity made a .trip to what is known as the Imperial River, a very beautiful stream that leads from the Gulf of Mexico into Bonita Springs, a little town eigl,it miles south of Estero by land; but to reach it by water is over twenty miles. This river, from the mouth and up for about a mile, is known as the Auger Hole, so designated because of its many turns, with smaller, streams leading into it. The oddity of this stream at this point makes it very attractive though very confus- ing, and to traverse it the first time is a rare treat and a novel experience. The day was ideal, and everyone enjoyed the outing, arriving home in good time for the evening Service.

The following articles from the writings of our Master were read at the evening Service, Jan'y 16, and can be found in THE FLAMING SWORD of Jan'y 3, 1902, and April, 1895. The first article was "Along the Ecliptic of Human Development;" and the second, "Pure Religion Must Constitute the Basis of Organic Unity." The solo for the evening, the "Culminating Age," adapted to the tune of The Last Rose of Summer, was sung by Bro. Geo. Hunt; the words were also written by him.

Our boat, "The Estero," is kept very busy these days hauling fruit, and our brothers are having a strenuous time keeping up with the volume of business. We have two 24 h. p. engines in "The Estero," but for some weeks one engine had to do all the work, as the crank shaft of the other engine was broken, which hindered the

work very much. But this now is ancient history, since we have had a new shaft installed, and the engines are running all right.

"The Estero's" carrying capacity is fifteen tons; she is quite roomy, and we can stow away over five hundred boxes of fruit in her hold. When the traffic is very heavy, we have to take a trailer. In January we hauled 4,266 boxes of grapefruit, 596 boxes of oranges, and 753 boxes of tangerines to Fort Myers. Our nearest railroad point is Fort Myers, and thousands of boxes of fruit are shipped there daily from all parts of Lee County, and during the busy season a trainload of fruit leaves Fort Myers every day for all points north.

The two largest citrus groves in Lee Co. are the Floweree groves; one is located in Alva, Fla., on the Caloosahatchee River, and the other in Estero. The Estero grove contains 200 acres, and from forty to fifty thousand boxes of grapefruit are shipped from here each season. Two boats of their own, each carrying a carload, are kept busy several months in the year.

At the Sunday evening Service of Jan'y 23, a brother read the following selections from the "Immortal Manhood." Those who have the book may turn to Chapters I, III, and VI, pp. 23, 24; 41-43, and 81-85, and thereby keep in touch with our readings. The second article, by the same reader, was "The Final Triumph of the Ages," from THE FLAMING SWORD of Aug. 28, 1906. Surely the uplifting spirit of the Master is very much in evidence at our meetings when these wonderful articles are read.

Dr. John McCausland, of Washington, D. C., called on some friends at the Unity a few days ago. He intends to stay in Lee County for some time, as this balmy climate agrees with him;

At the Sunday evening service, Jan'y 30, a sister read "The Great Revelation of Universal Mysteries," from THE FLAMING SWORD of Nov. 15, 1908. The article begins as follows: "The word Koreshanity is a puzzler to many people. What does it mean? It means that the world has reached the end of the age, and is now entering from the; Piscatorial era into the Aquarian dispensation." Other sentences in which the word Koreshanity is used are as follows:

"Reason-founded upon the demonstrated premise ofg Koreshanity-determines tliat the universe in its material; existence possesses the properties of all subordinate things, and that it is limited because it exists. * * * Koreshanity is to the Christian dispensation what the Christian dispensation was to the Jewish age of the world. * * * It is within the province of Koreshanity to bring down the New Jerusalem, to define her location, and to build her habitation. * * * Koreshanity will build the capital city of the world; it will be located at the point where thej vitellus of the alchemico-organic cosmos specifically determines.

"Koreshanity is the Fcience of all sciences, in which is. involved the science of religion, the science of theology, and these include the science of immortal life. * * *" Koreshanity is the name of the new church and state, the name of the new heaven and the new earth; the old heaven and the old earth shall pass away." And last but not least: "This exposition is given in the scientific publications of-the Koreshan Unity, and cannot be found in any other literature of the world." The three short articles on page 7 of THE SWORD of Nov. 1908, were also read; namely, "Man's Intermediate State," "The Bane of Orientalism," and "The Fellowship of Divine Socialism."

The Unity is building a new barn for Mr. L. S. Boomer, of New York City. Mr. Boomer bought what was formerly known as the Tarter Grove. A number of our brother carpenters have been busily engaged on this work for some time, and it is now nearing completion. Brother Stephen Chislett has the work in charge, and from all appearances, it is going to be one of the finest barns in Lee County.

At the Sunday evening Service of Feb'y 6, the following articles of the

Master's were read by a brother: "The Apostolic Succession," from FLAMING SWORD of March 1910; also "The Coming of the Kingdom," from April SWORD of 1909. We then listened to a very pleasing J solo by Bro. James Calderwood, entitled, "Let Joyous Peace j Reign Everywhere." Our Services always close with the anthem, "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates."

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THERE HAS BEEN an unusual influx of tourists into Florida this winter; many towns have been filled to overflowing, and some of the tourists have had to go elsewhere to be accommodated. During the winter months, m .this^ land. of perpetual sunshine, the. Koreshan Unity receives its fair quota of sightseers. Some of them come overland in automobiles, the distance being 16 miles from Fort Myers; while others come by water on the beautiful Caloosahatchee River, on our boat, "The Estero " The distance by water .is about 35 miles, but it is a most ideal ride, passing such fine homes as Thomas A. Edison's Dr. Miles', and the Statler's, on the way.

The Caloosahatchee empties into an arm of the Gulf of Mexico at Punta Rassa. The course which our boat takes, in coming to Estero from Ft. Myers, is across San Carlas pass, passing Punta Rassa on the left, and Sanibel, with its noted lighthouse, on the right; entering Estero Bay, which is lined on each side with black mangrove brush and trees covered with the richest of green leaves. This Bay is dotted with little islands, which, aside from their beauty, make excellent rookeries for the many varieties of birds, such as pelicans, curlews, cranes, etc. During the winter season wild ducks are to be seen on these waters by the thousands.

The tourists who visit us are usually people who have never heard of the Koreshan Unity till they reached Fort Myers. It is very gratifying to us to hear many of them, after going over our grounds, express themselves thus: "These are the most beautiful grounds we have seen in Florida," etc. We are often asked who was the engineer or landscape artist who did all the planning, and it gives us great pleasure to inform them that it was our Illustrious Shepherd, with the assistance of some of our faithful members.

It is only natural that we are plied with many questions concerning our System, and it is always a great pleasure to answer those who have a genuine desire to know. We recently received a visit from Dr. Hall, of Pittsburg. The line of his questions showed him to be a man of very advanced ideas, and he simply marveled at the profundity of the wonderful teachings of KORESH. He supplied himself liberally with our literature, and was very much interested in everything he saw here.

Our Sunday evening Service of Feb'y 13 was very well attended, and the following articles from the writings of our Master were read by a sister: "Mystery of the Messiah's Coming," and "The Great Secret of Koreshanity," from THE FRAMING SWORD of Nov. 15, 1909. The solo for the evening was, "In the Hollow of His Hand."

We are pleased to have with us Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis of Jersey City, N. J. Mr. Lewis could only stay. a week, as business called him back to New York; but Mrs. Lewis will remain some weeks. She is a sister of Sister Rose Gilbert, whom she hadn't seen for twelve" years. Their mother, Sister Ada Welton, was among the Master's early disciples, and helped him to establish the first Koleshan Home at Moravia, N. Y.

On Sunday evening, Feb'y 20, a brother read the following selections from THE FLAMING SWORD of Aug., 1907: "The Purposes of the Koreshan Movement," and "The Foundations of the New Order." In the last named article KORESH says: "We purpose to

show to the world the practical uses of mechanical ingenuity, applied to the processes of the, reduction of labor to recreative industry. Shall we accomplish this without the bitter animosity of the world, whose love is the inordinate accumulation of the riches of the earth? We expect the venomous hatred of a sordid and degenerate humanity, and the most bitter animosity from the old church, for religious hatred is the most intense of all; and the next thing to that is the hatred of the lovers of money." The quartette sang, "The People's Battle Hymn," words and music by James G. Clark; the solo, "Open the Gates of the Temple," was also given.

In honor of our guests, the K. U. Orchestra gave an impromptu concert on Monday evening, Feb'y 21, in which the following numbers were given: "Robin Hood," "Prince of Pilsen," "Skaters' Waltz," and "Miserere," closing with "Under the Double Eagle." Two vocal solos, "Loch Lomond" and "Annie Laurie," were sandwiched in between the above numbers.

At our Sunday evening Service, Feb'y 27, two selections from the writings of KORESH, from THE SWORD of May and June, 1907, were read by a sister. If they had been written yesterday, instead of nine years ago, they could not be more appropriate. The selections were entitled, "The Approach of the Days of Vengeance," and "The Westernizing of the Chinese Empire." The handwriting on the wall is surely looming up. In the last named article KORESH says: "The nations are blinded to the fact that greed leads to conflict; that international competition is the impetus to the creation of instruments of destruction and the ordnances of war, which are the natural concomitants of commercial modern enterprise. The greed of competition, and naval and military power are the coordinate forces of all modern progress. Japan is preparing the millions of Chinese pagans who constitute the Dragon power, for the onslaught that will be precipitated like a flash of lightning before an astonished Occidental population. A war with Japan in the near future means a war with the hordes of the Dragon nation; the voice with which the power haying two horns like a lamb, but which speaks as a dragon as seen by John the Revelator, will fulfil the predictions of Revelation."

We had the great pleasure, March 3, of entertaining General W. B. Haldeman and his estimable wife, of Louisville, Ky., and Naples, Fla., with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Scott, of Indianapolis, Ind., Mrs. J. H. Hammil, of Newark, O., and Mr. James Keller, city editor of the Louisville, Ky., Times. In honor of our guests, the orchestra .gave an informal concert, which included several selections and some vocal music. The General was invited to address us, and in his genial way spoke very highly of what he has known concerning the Koreshan Unity since, he first became acquainted with it. He paid THE AMERICAN EAGLE a glowing tribute, and complimented the editor, Brother Allen Andrews, in the highest terms. He said he never failed to read the editorial pages, as it was one of the best papers published in Fla., and a tremendous "power for good in Lee County. The Haldemans from away back are pioneers in the newspaper business; publishing the Louisville Courier Journal, of which Col. Henry Watterson is editor, and the Louisville Times, two of the most powerful organs in the South. On Saturday morning we arranged to show 'our guests the Unity property at Mound Key and Carlos Point. They were charmed with the Estero River, and with the view of the Bay obtained from the top of the mound, which is sixty feet high. They were also delighted with Carlos Point where we have a very attractive cocoonut grove, in the midst of which stands our Beloved Master's Tomb, on, which is the simple inscription: "Cyrus, Shepherd, Stone of Israel."

The Koreshan Geodetic Survey, in which the contour of the earth's surface was absolutely demonstrated in 1897, was carried! out on the Gulf coast, which runs straight for several miles, and adjoins the property of the Haldemans at Naples, Fla. The first full account of this most wonderful discovery of the Nineteenth

Century was published in the Louisville Courier Journal. (See "Cellular Cosmogony, pp. 76-130:.) The Haldemans have been friends of the Koreshan Unity for the last twenty years and we look forward to their visits with great pleasure.

We are exceedingly pleased to announce the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Moreland, and their two sons, Harrold and Floyd. They came from Walsenburg, Colo. They have contemplated this move for several years, and are somewhat chiding themselves for having put it off so long; but they are very glad to have reached Home at last. KORESH says: "Estero, thou art our place of rest, now in the wilderness of obscurity, but the spot of destiny, the Mecca of a New Civilization! To thy refuge we invite the world of aspiration, and will make thee resonant with the songs of fraternity."

Dr. Benedict Lust (pronounced Loost, which in German means joy), that hero of medical freedom in the healing art, came on "The Estero," last Saturday, Mar. 4, and stayed over till Monday. On Sunday afternoon he gave a lecture at the Art Hall, on the Nature Cure, which comprises principally the healing functions of the sun, air, water, and diet. Dr. Lust is a very interesting speaker, and thoroughly acquainted with his subject. He has suffered all manner of persecution at the hands of the "Medical Trust," but he says they have now reached the point in New York state where they think it wise to let him alone. He publishes the Herald of Health and Naturopath, of which you will find a review in our Literary Review and Comment Dep't of THE SWORD.

Dr. Lust is in Lee County looking for land. He wants about 3,000 acres to establish a Nature Cure Colony. He says there are about 150 people in this movement; people who are tired of city life, of the strife of the competitive system, with its false conventionalism, and who crave to get back to Nature and live in God's out-of-doors. The Doctor is wonderfully impressed with this section of Florida, and his great idea will probably materialize in the near future.

At our Sunday evening Service, March 5, the following articles from the Writings of KORESH were read by a brother: "Nearing the World's Great Crisis," F. S., July 28, 1899; "The False Cry of Peace," F. S., March, 1908; "The Farce of the Peace Congress," F. S., June 16, 1899: The quartette sang "Adonai," which is a Hebrew word for Jehovah. Then followed another article, "The Outlook: Is It Universal Peace or War?" F. S., Jan'y, 1907. I wish these articles could be published in, say, the Saturday Evening Post, and given a wide circulation. I am sure they would make the Preparationists and the Pacificists sit up and take notice, and bring them to a better understanding of the true status of affairs.

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WE HAVE HAD a very pleasant two weeks' visit from Brother Peter Campbell and his wife, Sister Jennie, and their little grandson, Raymond King Trebell. They have been connected with this work for a good many years, being among the early pioneers here in Estero. Sister Jennie was caretaker of the younger folks in Chicago, and brought them to Estero years before the Northern Division of the Unity left Chicago. She had at one time in her charge as many as 42 children; and while these have now grown to be men and women, it is pleasing to notice her motherly regard for them all, and every once in a while we hear of some of them gathering at their New York home. Brother Peter had charge of the saw mill on Estero Island, during the pioneer days, and did his share in helping to transform Estero from a wilderness into a beautiful spot.

'It will be of interest to many to know that the Campbells, with their daughter

Edith, were with the Master on Bunker Hill, Portland, Ore., when he delivered that memorable message, the "Proclamation," the "Battle Cry of the White Horse Army," which is recorded in THE FLAMING SWORD of January 24, 1891. The above "Proclamation" is also in pamphlet form. The Master told Brother Peter it was necessary for the message to be delivered from that very spot. Since our friends have lived in New York City, they have performed some valuable work in behalf of the Koreshan cause. It surely has been a great pleasure to have been favored with this visit, and we hope they will repeat it often, as no one will be more welcome than they.

At the Sunday evening Service of March 12, a sister read the following article from the Writings of KORESH, in FLAMING SWORD of August, 1908: "Does Humanity Constitute a Brotherhood?" The quartette sang, "The Lord Is In His Holy Temple," after which three more short articles were read: "Progress Through Dispensations," "Thoughts are Things," and "Incarnation and Insanguination," from FLAMING SWORD of Oct., 1908. "In the Hollow of His Hand," was then sung; the Service closing with a prayer, and the Anthem, "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates."

We had visiting us for a week, Mr. Benjamin Franklin, of Philadelphia, who has been somewhat interested in Koreshanity for the past twelve months.

On Saturday, March 18, a great many of the members of the Unity availed themselves of the opportunity to visit the Boomer property, across the river, and inspect the new barn just completed. The contract was let to the Koreshan Unity; the construction was in charge of Brother Stephen Chislett, and certainly reflected great credit on him and his co-working brothers for fine workmanship, and on the Unity, in having such efficient and faithful members.

Sister Berthaldine, the mother of Mr. LL M. Boomer, and her daughter, Sister Bertie, made this occasion one to be long remembered. The building was gaily decorated, and presented a gala appearance. Sister Elizabeth Robinson played a number of new records, as well as many others from her voluminous collection, on her Victor Talking Machine, which were very much enjoyed. The male quartette sang the following popular numbers, assisted on the violin by Brother Harold Moreland: "Hail Columbia;" "The Battle-Cry of Freedom;" "Flag of the Free," and the "Song of a Thousand Years." The one thing which furnished the most amusement was the so called fish pond, inasmuch as each had to exhibit what he caught. The pond was a large clothes basket, which was out of the fisherman's view, filled with packages contributed by the different members. Some of the contributions were exceedingly funny. Refreshments were served as a crowning climax, after which the members took the boat for home, with a most pleasant memory of a well spent afternoon.

That same night Mr. and Mrs. Albert Miller, of Chicago, came in on "The Estero." Mrs. Miller, or Sister Alice as she is familiarly known here, was on the contributing staff to THE FLAMING SWORD in the early days in Chicago, and wrote under the name of Alice Fox Miller. Her keen grasp of Koreshan fundamentals is very marked in all her articles. Mr. Miller, though not of our faith, has nevertheless been a good friend to the cause; on certain occasions assisting the Unity very materially. We appreciate and always enjoy a visit from them.

At our Sunday evening Service of March 19, the following article was read from THE FLAMING SWORD of March, 1909: "The Possibility and Process of Re-demption." Every now and then the Master used to give what he pleased to call "A Home Talk." The above selection is such a "talk," stenographically re-reported by Sister Isadora. It is truly a wonderful article; one that can't be read too often, inasmuch as special emphasis is placed on doing the command-ments: "Blessed are they that do his command-ments." The quartette sang, "Adonai." Having many visitors at this time, the decorations were unusually attractive and beautiful.

On the following Monday, a picnic was arranged in honor of our guests. "The

Estero" left the dock in the morning, with twenty-eight on board, bound for Garlos Point. At the mouth, of the river we anchored, and some of the brothers busied themselves gathering oysters. The tide was low, and in a short time we filled several sacks. Our next stop was the fish house, where, with a silver hook, we purchased the choicest silver mullet caught in these waters; these were cooked to suit the taste of the most exacting, and it is needless to say that everyone did full justice to the good things prepared. Brother John Sargent made a short speech, thanking us all for helping him to celebrate his birthday, he having reached his seventieth milestone. This was news to us; nevertheless, we were glad to help Bro. John celebrate. Many interesting things were recalled during the day, in connection with the Koreshan move-ment, which were exceedingly interesting to some of the newer members, as well as a joy to those who had passed through them. The day was all one could wish for; and having to wait till about nine in the evening for the tide, we returned home under the most glorious moonlight, feeling very much rejuvenated.

On Saturday evening, March 24, the Dramatic Art Club of the Unity, under the direction of Sister Bertie Boomer, presented at the Art Hall, Lady Gregory's short play, "Spreading the News," with the following cast: Bartley Fallen, John Clinchy; Mrs. Fallen, Bertha M. Boomer; Mrs. Tully, Marie Fischer; Mrs. Tarpey, Ella Graham; Shawn Early, Arnold Fischer; Tim Casey, Lou Staton; James Ryan, Frank Rahn; A Policeman, Alfred Christensen; A Removable Magistrate, Chas. Hunt; Jack Smith, D. J. Richards. This is one of seven short plays that Lady Gregory has written, and the London Daily News speaks of them as follows:

"There is indeed something very fine in the genius of Lady Gregory, which enables her thus truly and delicately to convey the fine edge of humor and the preying loveliness of grief. She has a very sure hand. It would be hard to recommend too highly this ingratiating volume of plays."

The audience was well pleased with the production; the many complications proved exceedingly humorous, but at the same time imparting a good moral lesson, that of circulating stories without the least basis of foundation, and when repeating same, coloring it to suit one's own fancy. The special scenery provided for the occasion was very effective, for which much credit is due Brothers Peter Blem, John Clinchy, and Lou Staton, who assisted Sister Bertie in making this feat-ure a decided success.

At our Sunday evening Service of March 25, the following selections were read by a sister from the Writings of our Master: "The New Jerusalem, the Hidden City of God," in FLAMING SWORD of Oct., 1908, and "The Koreshan Religio-Sociology" in F; S., Sept., 1908. The solo for the evening was "Open the Gates of the Temple." We are often asked why we don't in-crease in numbers faster than we do, but the following quotation from THE SWORD of Sept., 1908, is the best answer that could be given:

"The Koreshan Unity is the power ordained of God to fulfil the purpose of the Almighty in the estab-lishment of the new order of society. We are often advised to drop religion from our advocacy of the cooperative and communistic principles to which we hold. We are frequently informed that our work would progress more satisfactorily if we would leave religion out of the question. We have to again iterate our statement: We want the fruit of the age only, as our gathering represents, and therefore do not urge irreligious people to enter our institution. We are after the people who love the Lord, and who can be induced to love him through the power of regeneration, which began to work in them at the beginning of the-Christian dispensation."

On Wednesday evening, March 29, the K. U. Orchestra gave a concert in honor of our friends from New York City. The Campbells hail originally from Scotland, and so does our Orchestra leader. Brother James W. Calderwood, so he aimed to make the

evening ring with memories of the "Auld Kintry." The stage was decorated with Scotch thistles. The writer sang "Ye Banks and Braes of Bonny Doon;" Brother James Calderwood sang "The Auld Scotch Songs" very effectively, and responded to an encore with "Annie Laurie." Another distinctive feature was a Highland dance by Brother John Watson, dressed in his Scottish kilts.

Brother Harold Moreland, a recent acquisition to the K. U. Orchestra, made his initial bow in this concert as a violin soloist, playing for his first number, "Chopin's Nocturne," in a very beautiful manner, which gained him instantly the approval of his audience; he responded to an encore with Mascagni's "Cavaleria Rusticana." His technique is very good, and with the right kind of training Harold is destined to become a master on the violin. The Orchestra played the following numbers: "The Winning Fight;" "Vienna Beauties, Waltz;" "Moskowski's Serenade;" "Light Cavalry" and several Waltzes and Two-Steps in which dancing was participated, making the evening one of great enjoyment.

At the Sunday evening Service of April 2, the following selections were read by a brother, from the Writings of KORESH : "The Apostolic Succession," from THE FLAMING SWORD of March, 1910, and "The Science of the Resurrection," from SWORD of July, 1910. The male quartette sang, "The Lord Is My Shepherd."

We have had with us for a few days, Mr. L. M. Boomer, of New York City, who is paying a visit to his mother and sister, as well as looking after the interests of his property, which we have previously mentioned in this issue. Mr. Boomer is manager of the McAlpin Hotel in New York, one of the largest hotels in the world.

At our Sunday evening Service of April 9; a sister read articles from FRAMING SWORD of June, 1909, entitled: "A Return to Correct Principles," "A House Divided Against Itself;" and "The Performance of Uses of Life;" The quartette sang "The Lord Is Great," after which "The Confession of the Messiah" and "The Overcomer and Baptizer," were read from FLAMING SWORD of May, 1909. The last being a short paragraph in which KORESH states as follows:

"Some one at the end of the age must overcome for all other men. We mean by this, that there must be a Discoverer, a Teacher, who must be the Baptizer; for it is only through his power to overcome and baptize, that others can come into the power of life. 'Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers.' Elijah the Prophet is the High Priest of conjunction. He will purify the sons of Levi; that is, the sons of conjunction. Elijah is the Lord in his personal coming; he is Peter, who comes in authority."

Current Events in Our Community Life

BY D. J. RICHARDS

May 1916

THE FLORIDA State Press Association held its annual convention this year at Kissimmee. The American Eagle, our weekly publication, was represented by its editor, Brother Alien Andrews, and THE FLAMING SWORD by Sister Berthaldine; Sisters Virginia Andrews and Bertie Boomer taking advantage of the trip also. At Kissimmee they were joined by Miss Annie Ray Andrews of Brooklyn, N. Y., who had not seen her mother and brother in five years. Sister Bertie continued her journey on to New York, but the rest of the party arrived home on Sunday the 16th, reporting a most enjoyable time.

Mrs. Frank Lewis of Jersey City, N. J., who has been visiting here for a couple of months, and whose visit we enjoyed very much, left for her home; her nephew, Dean

Gilbert, accompanying her.

At our Sunday evening Service of April 16, the following articles from the Writings of KORESH, in FLAMING SWORD of July 10, 1903: "The Magnetic Power of the Name Jesus;" "The UltraPenetrable Spiritual Ray;" and "The Focus and Nucleus of Being," were read by one of the sisters. In the last article KORESH says:

"The Koreshan does not pray to an ocean of spreadalloverness which the ignorant and .gullible call God, but centrally to the focal point and nucleus of being. Such an invisible center, the Koreshan locates within this visible manifestation, this visible manifestation being the objective focal point of all present aspiration. There can be no 'God within' until after the function of Elijah fulfils its highest office in the baptism succeeding the theocrasial fire."

'We have had a visit from Brother H. Jay Morgan of San Francisco. He was at one time a member of the Unity, and was prominently connected with the orchestra, officiating for a time as leader. He left here for New York and many points East; his mother, Sister Martha, accompanying him to Fort Myers.

The evening Service of April 23 (Easter Sunday), was unusually attractive, owing to the beautiful display of palms, vines, and a variety of flowers, such as petunias and oleanders, with a large bouquet of magnolia and moonflower blossoms, which produced a most charming effect. The article read was "The Passover," from FLAMING SWORDS of April 25, May 2, and 9 of 1891. This series is being republished, the initial in this issue being the first. The quartette sang "When This Mortal Shall Have Put On Immortality." Brother James Calderwood sang "We Await Thee Here;" Brother Jay Morgan playing the accompaniment. This beautiful poem was written by Sister Alice Lowe, and is adapted to the music of "Schubert's Serenade;" it was published in FLAMING SWORD of Jan'y, 1910.

On Saturday evening, April 29, the K. U. Orchestra gave a concert at the Art Hall, and the following numbers were played: "Winning Fight;" "Erminie;" "Suzette;" "Amaranthus," and "RobinHood March." Brother James Calderwood sang "The Kerry Dance," accompanied by Brother Jay.

The fruit season, which has been an exceptionally busy one, is about over. "The Estero" has carried its last load. We hauled more fruit this year than ever before, and with the development of new groves, Estero will become quite a center for citrus fruit.

The Sunday evening Service of April 30, was well attended. A sister read the continued "Passover" articles from FLAMING SWORDS of May 9, and 23, 1891. A solo, "Open the Gates of the Temple," was then rendered, followed by two more articles: "Evolution of the Fifth Universal Kingdom," F. S., Sept., 20, 1901, and "The Light of Divine Humanity," F. S., Nov. i, 1901. In the Sept. issue KORESH says:

"The end of the dispensation will not arrive through arbitration and the quiet settlement of human differences. We are approaching the great catastrophe. That spirit 'which actuates the trust and determines the robbery of tens of thousands and reduces them to penury, slavery, and to the ignorance of the wage slave, will not change its character by simple evolution.

"On exhibition at the PanAmerican Fair [1901], there may be observed all of the modern improved methods of killing people. * * * If implements of warfare are necessary to deter mankind from fighting, it looks as if the spirit of the meek and lowly Jesus, in the Christian nations of the world, had gone through some modifications since he was led like a Lamb to the slaughter, and that the slaughter only began with his crucifixion. The human heart is full of hell, and it is not found alone with the millionaire trust, but equally with that other trust, more tyrannical and dangerous, the laborunion trust."

We read a good deal in the daily papers nowadays about such and such a town being shelled, and with it the heartrending accounts of the terrible suffering of the populace. Well, we wish to say that a part of our town is being shelled too, but our work is the very antithesis of the above, being constructive. A number of our good energetic brothers took it in hand and got up what they call a shell picnic, equipping themselves with the necessaries of life as well as the necessary paraphernalia for such work and started out with our boats, the Tiburon with the Pelican in tow, for Mound Key, and loaded them with oyster shell, which is to be had there in abundance. This shell makes excellent walks, and the prospects now are that before the summer is over our walks will be well shelled, thereby adding much to the comfort of life, as well as to the material value of what the Master was pleased to call "The Mecca of a New Civilization!"

At our Sunday evening Service of May 7, a brother read the following article from FLAMING SWORD of March 19, 1892: "Sociology, Its Evil and Its Remedy." If this article could be injected into the program of the leading political parties in the coming election it would purify politics as nothing else would from the pollutions of rum and nicotine of which the Master says: "These two inveterate poisons saturate every atom, molecule, and corpuscle of the so called statesmen, who, j politically originating in the dens of prostitution, make our laws." But there is a reason, and the Master points it out in these closing sentences:

"The great obstacle in the way of the restoration of righteousness is the modern church. It is the abetter of every abominable thing on the face of the earth, today. It upholds, by its authority, the most crying and degrading wrongs. Were it a united Christian body—without schism—marching as a mighty phalanx against the corruptions of the age, they would 'be swept by the besom of destruction, and with one withering blast of the Almighty vengeance, sensuality, with all its train of concomitants, would be hurled to the dust, to be blown away by the renovating breath of the Omnipotent."

The quartette sang "Bless the Lord," after which we listened to three more short articles: "Theology," "Is God Unknowable?" and "Sociology, the True Foundation," from FLAMING SWORD of April 23, 1892, f

Miss Annie Ray Andrews, after several weeks5 visit at the Unity, left for her home in Brooklyn, N. Y., May 12. We hope her visits will not be so far apart in the future; we believe the change has done her good, and her visit here with relatives and friends has been enjoyed by all.

Sister Evelyn Kubbett accompanied her to Brooklyn, where she expects to spend the summer months with her daughter, Mrs. Claude Rahn. Sister Evelyn has been very closely confined to her many duties, and will be greatly missed as manager of THB SWORD. We sincerely hope the change will do her good, and that when she returns she will be able to take up again the work she has faithfully performed so many years. Dualism in all its forms, is antagonistic to the true order of the Lord's appearing. Hence, whosoever teaches it must be denominated antichrist.—Koresh.

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BY D. J. RICHARDS

June 1916

THE ONE GREAT theme in this country at present is "Preparedness." A bulletin recently received from Washington, D. C., has the following: "We are all for it. Some for war! Some for defense!! Some for peace!!! There can be no real Preparedness, for war, for defense, or for peace, without National, Highways, and good roads everywhere."

There is not a state in the Union that is devoting more thought and money toward good roads than Florida is doing at present; every section of the state is alive to the advantages of good roads, and it will be of interest to SWORD readers to know what this part of Lee County is doing in this respect. About a year ago this district voted to bond itself for \$175,000, to build a road from Fort Myers to Marco, a distance of 52 miles, the grading of which is now about finished. This road goes through Estero, Bonita Springs, and Naples-on-the-Gulf, the latter place is well known, as well as being of much interest to Koreshans, owing to the fact that here, in 1897, the Koreshan Geodetic Survey Staff proved conclusively the Master's great discovery in 1870—the concavity of the earth's surface.

Dade County, of which Miami is the county seat, voted on a similar proposition to build a highway through the Everglades, to join the road at Marco, a distance of about one hundred miles; when this road is completed it will be known as the Fort Myers-Miami Road, and will connect with the Dixie Highway at Miami. The American Eagle, in a recent editorial, said:

"When this cross-state highway is completed, you may look for the most wonderful development in Lee County that has ever taken place in any section of Florida, for the situation is unusual, and in no other state in the Union do we find a parallel. With a coast line highly developed throughout almost the entire length on both sides; with the lower central part a vast unbroken wilderness of fertile soil, and no connecting highway from coast to coast in Southern Florida, it does not require a great stretch of the imagination to conceive somewhat of the tremendous development which will ensue when once the Fort Myers-Miami Road is completed."

At the Sunday evening Service of May 14, the following articles were read by one of the sisters: "The Declension of the Adamic Man," and "Marriage of the Sons of God with the Daughters of Men," from FLAMING SWORD, August 27, 1892. The quartette sang, "Adonai."

Sisters Berthaldine and Elizabeth Robinson have left for New York City, to spend the summer with their respective families. They expect to return early in the autumn.

The following articles were read by a brother at the Sunday evening Service of May 21: "Theology," from FLAMING SWORD of July 1, 1893, and "The Key to the Problem of Life," F. S., March 25, 1893. The article on "Theology" was in answer to questions submitted by a student of Koreshanity and answered by the Master. In one of the answers we find the following terse sentences on revivals:

"The so called revivals in the Methodist, Baptist, and other churches, are the result of the psychic and pneumatic energies generated in the religious excitement of these bodies, which constitutes a surplus energy that passes over to others and brings them under the same or a corresponding influence. It is not the Holy Spirit which operates in these revivals, but a very unholy and deceptive spirit, for it attempts to convince the people that they are born of God, while the fact is they are in the gall of bitterness, and under the bond of iniquity, but do not know it."

We realize the truth of the above statement when we think of the present European—so called Christian—nations in their present death grip. The quartette sang, "Great Is the Lord," written by John R. Sweeny.

Carlos Point, which has been mentioned in a previous issue of this Dep't as being an ideal spot, is being 'very much enjoyed nowadays by a number of our sisters and children who are spending their vacations there. Estero Island beach is considered about the best to be found on the entire Gulf Coast; the tides twice a day giving excellent facilities for bathing, and the OZOHC is purity itself. The Unity is much blessed in owning Carlos Point; it gives us an ideal place to go for an outing, and an opportunity for those who care to spend a few weeks at the sea

shore, to do so. Brother Carl Leuttich has the place in charge and keeps things looking very attractive.

A sister read, at the Sunday evening Service of May 28, "Koreshan View of the American Govern ment," from FLAMING SWORD of Dec. 20, 1901, and "Alchemy and the Philosopher's Stone," F. S., Jan'y 17, 1902. In the first article, KORESH writes as follows concerning Mr. Roosevelt:

"President Roosevelt is not only a typical American, up-to-date, but a typical modern Christian. He stands for what the modern world approves in religion, morals, and social life. As a standard bearer of Chris tian progress, he is one of the most enthusiastic advo cates of the greater navy, because he feels the, assur ance that the commercial tendency of the age is of such a character that the rights of the Government can only be maintained through our naval equality, if not our naval supremacy. * * * The popularity of the sentiment that the United States should become a great, if not the greatest, naval power in the world, indicates the fact that we as a nation entertain the conviction that the war potency is much better than the Holy Spirit in the universal maintenance of peace."

Our sawmill has been out of commission for about two months, owing to defective tubes in the boiler, but we expect to resume operations soon in this Dep't, as the old tubes have been taken out and new ones put m.^ This work, which was quite an undertaking, has been most efficiently done by Brother Henry Moreland. The first thing we expect to saw is lumber for a bridge to replace the old white bridge leading from the main walk to the Imperial Landing; Brother Stephen Chislett has commenced on this work, and when it is completed it will add wonderfully to the beauty of that section of our Park.

The articles read at our Sunday evening Service of June 4, were as follows: "Along the Ecliptic of Human Development," F. S., Jan'y 3, 1902, and "Upon the Verge of Revolution," F. S., Feb. 14, 1902. If the latter article had been written yesterday, instead of fourteen years ago, it could not be more up-to-date.

Speaking of platforms, the Master says: "The platform of Koreshanity is narrow; it is the doorstone, the footstep of entrance into the 'narrow gate' of the 'straight way' that opens into life. It is unlike the broad platform—the pedestal of the broad gate which terminates the devious way of fche mortal career and opens into hell." The quartette sang, "Lead Kindly Light."

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BY D. J. RICHARDS

July 1916

FOR MANY YEARS the Board of Management as well as the many members of our institution have seen the need of having one central power to run our various depart-ments. It is a great pleasure to announce to our readers that we have, purchased a 90 h. p. boiler, and we hope in the future to install an electric power plant to operate the many industries requiring power with electricity-Also it will mean so much to us to have the dining room, art hall, store, and other places of prominence equipped with electric lights and fans, and the laundry with electric irons. The advantages from an economic standpoint will be enormous in the saving of fuel and labor, and as one brother expressed it:

"The acquisition of the improvement will simply mark another epoch in our progression, a factor of preparedness, not against the enemy, but for the home-coming of God's children, who in the near future must flee to the haven of safety, divinely selected and established."

At our Sunday evening Service of June 11, the follow-ing articles were read by one of the brothers: "Commerce and Its Analogous Relations," F. S., July 3, 1906,

and "The Character of President Roosevelt," F. S., March 7, 1902. The Master pays Mr. Roosevelt a most glowing tribute, as a great leader and also as a man of great moral as well as physical courage: "Nothing could be more indicative of this fact than the exercise of his private right as a citizen of the United States, when he dared public opinion in placing another great citizen of the Republic, though a colored man, on a social equality with himself and his family."

Dr. Wilson, or Brother Frank as he is better known to us, who is our community dentist, has been at Orlando, Fla., to pass the examination of the Florida State Dental Board, and word has been received that he passed with high honors, which we naturally expected, because we surely can all testify to his efficiency along this line. This will now permit him to practice his chosen profession in the State of Florida. Brother Frank is a graduate of Ann Arbor, Mich., and has practiced dentistry for about 17 years. He loves, however, the out-door life, and when not serving the neighbor by doing dental work, he acts in the capacity of engineer on "The Estero," as well as other departments when necessary. This is one of the great blessings of living in the Koreshan Unity, there are so many lines in which one can make oneself generally useful, and in this Brother Frank has thoroughly proven himself.

On Sunday June 18, we had a very pleasant visit from parties who were former members of the Koreshan Unity.

In the evening of the above date we held our usual Sunday Service, and one of the brothers read the following articles: "The Alchemy of Human Life," F. S., April 21, 1899, and "The Great Consummation." In the last article we find this wonderful paragraph:

"When Rome fell, the Messenger was illuminated—at the age of thirty [1870]. Then was brought to light the new Cosmogony, the new Sociology, the new Religion. The next thirty years were spent in the concentration of mental energy, and in the final establishment of the nucleus of the new Church, in the pivoting of the Koreshan System in construction of the organic cell; that is, in the formation of the biologic battery upon which will depend the ushering in of the conflagration that will dematerialize the tens of thousands who will be 'put to flight' in the final enuncia-tion. The next twenty years will be replete with the revolution and its concomitant events, which will ultimate in the organization and extension of the kingdom, of right-eousness throughout the world."

Brother Wm. F. McCreedy, who has charge of our Apiary Dep't, has invented a new type of beehive; he says that a lame shoulder set him to thinking, finding— that lift-ing heavy hives was quite difficult under such circum-stances. We believe he has very much simplified the care of bees, yet at the same time produced a hive that is more efficient, both in handling and in production than anything on the market today. He has written a lengthy descriptive article on this subject, which was published in The Ameri-can Eagle, of Feb'y 24, 1916, a copy of which may be obtained by anyone writing him.

At our Sunday evening Service of June 25, a sister read: "Theology of the Koreshan Ecclesia," F. S., Feb. 2, 1900, with the following excerpt: "Equitable interest or ownership, common interest, holding all things in com-mon, as did the early church, with love to the neighbor and love for the performance of use, will insure cheerful activity." Also, "The Consummation of the Covenant," and "The Central Factor of Life," F. S., April 18, 1902. We also listened to a vocal solo, "CYRUS, the Very Thought of Thee."

The Planetary Court has been transformed in its appearance by a coat of paint; the body color is yellow, the trimmings green, and the screen doors and window screens black. Brother Peter Blem, our painter, is busy at present painting "The Estero," which is now being over-hauled. The next big job of painting will be the

dormi-tory; with good walks, a new bridge, and newly painted buildings, the esthetic appearance of things here will be greatly enhanced.

The following articles were read at the Sunday evening Service of July 2: "Definition of Miud and Mental Spheres," "Genuine Science, the Panacea for Human Ills," "Behold, How These Brethren Love One Another!" F, S., May 6, 1898. We regret that we have not the space to quote the third article, because it so ably shows our Master's keenness of wit in ridiculing vices, and also shows what an absurd position the so called Christian nations, including our own, are in at the present time. Two more short articles were read: "The Abomination of Desolation Is Prophetic," and "The Equitable Distribution of Wealth, a Factor in the Economy of Rest," F. S., May 20, 1898. The selected articles of the Master's read at these services are surely a source of much inspiration to all.

Shortly before-noon on Tuesday, the Fourth, we were agreeably surprised to find our brass band playing in front of the Dining Hall. They played several popular numbers, and each number was heartily received. Music surely does change the vibration, and as Wordsworth so truly said:

"The music in my heart I bore
Long after it was heard no more."

On Saturday evening, July 8, at the Art Hall, the Dramatic Art Club of the Unity presented a three scene, one act play entitled, "The Good Old Days." If I should judge this play from a monetary standpoint, I should say that many times I have paid a dollar and a half to see plays that didn't please, me nearly as well as this one did. Every one in the cast played their part well, and especially those who took the leading parts. Sister Edna Schwindel, who took the part of Penelope, did exceptionally well, and was very effective throughout. The same can be said of Sisters Rose Gilbert, Ella Graham and Barbara Ehrisman. Great credit is due Sister Etta Silverfriend for her able management; the cast being well selected. Brother Peter Blem, our stage artist, displayed much skill as well as excellent taste in the stage effects. In the second scene, which was Penelope's dream, silhouettes of great characters hung on the walls; among them being that of our Great Master, Washington, Lincoln, etc.; these were very true to type, which adds another evidence of Brother Peter's skill.

Another charm of the evening was the violin solo of Brother Harold L. Moreland, who played Donizetti's "Sextette from Lucia." This met with great approval, and he responded to an encore with "Reverie" by Fauconier in a very graceful manner. Harold's technique is remarkably good and he surely has a promising future. The audience was delighted with his performance. He was accompanied on the piano by Brother James W. Calderwood. Many visitors were present, and they, like our-selves were well pleased with the evening's entertainment. The program was as follows:

1. March, "Spirit of Independence,"Abe Holsmann.
2. "Amateur Overture,"..... J?. Schlepe^rell.
3. Violin & Cello Duet, "The Angel's Serenade," Braga.
Messrs. Jesse Putnam and Harold L. Moreland.
4. Romance Japanese, "Poppies," -Neil Moret.
5. Violin Solo, Selected,Harold L. Moreland.
6. Act I, Scene I,Play, "The Good Old Days.'

SYNOPSIS OF THE PLAY

Penelope Mint, a girl of eighteen, is "perfectly crazy" about the good old days of stage-coach and minuet. She wishes she had lived at the time when her great-great grandmother was a belle. While preparing for a party and awaiting her

girl friends Penelope falls asleep. She wakes, as she thinks, in the old days, asks for matches, and is bidden to fetch "flint and tinder." She is startled to find the household has never heard of telephone, telegraph, ice cream, furnaces, rocking-chairs. "What a life! No golf, no croquet, no motoring!" Aunt Abigail thinks she's bewitched. The coach of Penelope's friends is attacked by highwaymen.

Loud shouts of terror—"The Indians be upon us !" Penelope hunts wildly for the 'phone, finds an old rifle, points and fires it and faints. Then she awakes. "Ah, I'm thankful

I'm in the twentieth century."

Cast of Characters

Penelope,..... 4 young lady with old-fashioned tastes,

Miss Edna Schwindel. •

Mrs. Mint, Penelopes mother,---...-- Mrs Rose M. Gilbert.

Maud, Penelope's sister, and very modern. Miss Barbara Ehrisinan.

Miss Martha Mint, .---.Penelope's aunt,Mrs. Ella Graham.

Eileen, ... / Mrs. E. Boszormeny,

Katharine, /.,.,-.. - _ -) Miss Florence Graham.

- \. Girl -'friends of Penelope, < . . .

Grace, (1 Miss B. Ehrisman,

Julia, ' 1 Miss Etta Silverfriend.

Mrs. Tompkins, ••-;.The girl's chaperon,Miss Susie Ehrisman •

Miss Abigail James, Aunt. in. PcneJope s dream, Mrs. R. M, Gilbert,

Biddy, 4 servant.

..... Mrs. Ella Graham.

7. "Humoreske," Dvorak.

8. Act 1, Scene 2,Play, "The Good Old Days."

9. Characteristic, "Vision," F. v. Blon.

10. Act I, Scene 3,Play, "The Good Old Days."

11. March, "The Winning Fight."Abe Hoizmann.

□ On Sunday evening July 9, two wonderfully prophetic articles on the signs of the times were read by a brother, and are as follows: "The Culmination of the Old Order," F. S., Feb'y 27, 1903, and "The Age Ends in War and Revolution." In the last article we find this very pointed paragraph:

"It is not merely in one field of activity that we are to look for the woes in which the dispensation will terminate. There will be upheavals in the religious, social, political, and commercial fields of action, but especially have the commercial Shylocks fixed the mine and laid the train for the volcano of imminent destruction and retribution."

The Service closed with a vocal solo: "Fear Ye Not O Israel," written by Dudley Buck.

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BY D. J. RICHARDS

August 1916

IN CONNECTION with good roads, new bridges are being constructed along the way, and our beautiful winding stream is going to be spanned with a new steel drawbridge. The contract was awarded to the Converse Bridge and Steel Co. of Chattanooga, Tenn., for the sum of \$4,500. The bridge is to be ninety-one feet long and twelve feet wide. The base is to be built of concrete; the central pier is to be eleven feet in diameter; and each end will have concrete abutments. This work will take

about 440 bags of cement and an immense quantity of rock. Mr. W. D. Clarkson of Chattanooga, is superintending the work, which the company expect to complete by September first.

We are exceedingly well pleased with this development. The fruit traffic on the river has enormously increased in the last few years and it was necessary to build larger boats to meet the extra demand, but exceptionally high tides would prevent our boat and those of others going under the old bridge and would necessitate a wait until the water receded; this difficulty will be eliminated and much time will be gained thereby.

At the Sunday evening Service of July 16, a sister read from THE FLAMING SWORD of Feb'y 7, 1891, the "Macrocosm and Microcosm." We also listened to a vocal solo, "Like as a Father Pitieth His Children." In the above article the Master says:

"The extreme animosity exhibited towards the confessors of Cyrus in their acknowledgment that he is the divinely Anointed, the Messiah or Christ of this age, occasions in them the last final crucifixion of worldly ties, killing the last vestige of the remaining old man. They are therefore hated, reproached and persecuted, but not to their injury."

The following articles were read at the Sunday evening Service of July 23: "Physical Law, the Type of Organic Social Unity," and "The Son of God," from F. S., July, 1894. Brother James W. Calderwood sang "Unto the Hills I Lift Up Mine Eyes;" Sister Mildred Fisher playing the accompaniment. In the first article we read that "Production and distribution, regulated by claims of industry, comprise the central and fundamental factors of organic unity. * * * Justice demands that the wage slave system be utterly eradicated; that not a vestige of it remain to indicate the degradation to which humanity has been reduced by the accumulation of riches in the hands of the few."

The boiler which we mentioned in our last issue arrived and with it about two thousand bricks with which to build a fire box. We are putting it between the printing house and sawmill, and the work of installing it is progressing nicely. It is being housed in a new building 30x20, and when ready will furnish steam to the two above mentioned departments, which will be quite a saving, both in labor and fuel. We burn wood for fuel, and two brothers and a team of horses are busy a good part of the time supplying it. The waste from the sawmill will practically keep this boiler in fuel, and the extra energy can be used for farming, etc.

Gardening or intensive cultivation can be carried on here the year round, and farming easily eight months in the year. Florida soil is sandy, and citrus trees do well in it, but for growing vegetables it lacks that important substance known as humus, but this can be furnished by planting velvet beans, cow peas and other vegetable matter with the view of turning it under. At present we have many acres planted in velvet beans; they are not popular for table use, but make excellent forage for cattle, and when turned under furnish the soil with the right chemical compounds for something better.

We could not have the last two Sunday evening Services, much to our regret, on account of heavy rains. But we are glad to have rains, as they cool and purify the atmosphere, which is an agreeable feature of living in Florida in the summer time. Our rainy season usually commences in June and continues until some time in September. The thermometer seldom rises above 98 degrees, and we never hear of anyone being overcome with the heat. We mention this fact, because many northern people have the impression that it is unbearably hot here during the summer months, but such is not the case.

Current Events in Our Community Life

BY D. J. RICHARDS

September 1916

LEE COUNTY on account of its wonderful climate, due to its geographical location, enjoys the advantage of growing many varieties of fruit that it is not possible to grow in the northern counties of Florida; one of these fruits being the delicious mango. There are some thirty or more varieties grown in this county, but the predominating kind grown at the Unity at present is the apple mango; these grow to the size of a large northern apple; they have a good sized seed and the pulp is somewhat fibrous, but very sweet. There are many varieties that far excel the apple mango in flavor, size, and in being fiberless; these are the Mulgoba, Cecil, Hayden, Sandersha, etc.; we haveji number of these varieties at the Unity, and hope in a few years to have a good sized grove, as many of our brothers are taking quite an active interest in the development of this fruit.

Another choice variety of fruit grown here is the avocado pear; they ripen the latter part of August and remain in season for several months. In shape this fruit resembles a northern pear; but they grow to a much larger size, some weighing as much as two pounds. The avocado is more highly esteemed as a vegetable than as a fruit; the pulp is firm and marrow-like ; and as a food substance it is very fine, and makes an excellent substitute for butter. These trees are evergreen, and grow to a height of from 30 to 40 feet. We have a number of them on our grounds, and some of them bore a good crop. On our Mound Key property we have an excellent young grove of avocado trees, and some of these trees have borne fruit this year. This land is built up of oyster shell; consequently is

□ very rich in animal matter; vegetables, such as sweet potatoes, cabbage, beets, onions, etc., do well here. We have about two acres in a banana grove; also lime trees, papaws, sapodillas and many other kinds of fruit trees. Brother William Acuff is in charge of this place and is very faithful in his performance of use to the neighbor.

At our Sunday evening Service of August 13th, the following selections were read by a brother from the writings of KORESH : "The Great Law of Love," F. S., Oct., 1911, and "By the Potential Energy of God in Man, Scientifically Applied, Will the Restoration

Come," F. S., Nov. 26, 1892. The quartette sang
"Adonai."

We had with us for a week the Rev. David Daniel Butler, colored, who came to investigate Koreshanity.

He has studied the various cults and isms; the last being Shakerism, whose fundamental principles are celibacy of the males, chastity of the females, and communism. He has about reached the conclusion that

Koreshanity is the acme of all knowledge. We sincerely hope he will drink from this fountain to his heart's content, and in applying the principles will realize that "Blessed are they that do his commandments," etc. KORESH in "New Jerusalem," F. S.,

March, 1896, says:

"Come to us in the right spirit of sacrifice and obedience to all the laws of righteousness; come at least in the spirit of humility, and as disciples ready to be taught and to serve, and we will receive and build you an habitation, making you the temple of righteousness for the habitation of God."

On Sunday evening August 20th, a sister read at our Service "The Great Epoch of Human Destiny," from THE FLAMING SWORD of Jan'y 19, 1900. The above article deals with the deep things of God, and makes one feel like the Psalmist when he said: "Thy testimonies are wonderful * * * give me understanding according to thy word."

We are glad to note that the new steel drawbridge, which we referred to in the August issue, is completed, and now opened to the public. It is needless to say that all are pleased with the new bridge; but its value will be more fully appreciated during the busy fruit season by those who run the boats, as they can then travel at any time without having to wait for the tide to recede, as they had to do with the old bridge.

The contract for the hard surfacing of the new graded road between Fort Myers and Naples, has been let to a firm in Birmingham, Ala., and they are to commence the work soon. The material to be used for surfacing will be oyster shell and native rock; this will insure an excellent roadbed. When completed one can easily reach Fort Myers from Estero by automobile in forty-five minutes.

At the Sunday evening Service of August 27, a brother read "The Capitol City of the New Age" from

F. S., Feb'y 23, 1900. The Master says in this article that:

"There will be but one government in the world, with its Capitol city in America; all other cities of the world will be subsidiary to this one, wheresoever they may be located. This Capitol city is the New Jeru-salem, prepared to descend, not from the physical, but from the spiritual heavens. The point of her descent is as arbitrary as the rising and setting of the sun; yet the location must be the result of the voluntary intellectual effort of the mind and personality in whom the spiritual New Jerusalem has her habitation."

From the Koreshan standpoint, how inadequate is the law just passed by Congress and signed by the President to avert this railroad strike. It will be a glorious state when the world has arrived at the full realization of the following paragraph quoted from the same article. Could they see that:

"Those who create wealth [the industrial class] must and shall possess it. The men are fools who expect, through the influence of labor unions, to improve their conditions. The discussion of the question of more wages and shorter hours, is a demonstration of the prevailing ignorance of the masses who work; and the men who lead the laboring masses in their efforts to combine against so called capital, are fools and knaves. Labor is a curse, and for it economical industry should be substituted. Men should not labor for millionaire individuals nor corporations, nor should they labor for themselves."

Knowing as we do that all the present remedial measures are but patches on the old, worn-out garment, to be soon discarded as worse than useless, we are able to see the futility of the action of Congress in the present instance, though it was forced upon them by the immediate necessities of the case.

The K. U. Orchestra gave a concert Saturday evening, Sept., 2, the first given in several months, to a very appreciative audience. The program was as follows: March, "The Winning Fight;" Overture, "The Golden Sceptre;" Characteristic Dance, "The Fountain;" Waltz, "Pensee Intime;" Reverie, "Shadow-Land;" March, "Robinhood." Brother Harold Moreland played by request Donizetti's "Sextette from Lucia," and responded to a rousing applause with Fauconier's "Reverie;" Brother James Calderwood accompanying him on the piano.

It is not often that we get outside talent to take part and assist in our concerts, but on the above evening we listened to two very pleasing trios; a clarinet and two violins played by Masters Conrad and Wilmer Menge and Brother Alien Andrews, with Mrs. Menge accompanying on the piano. They played "Woodland Waltz," and "Bitter Sweet March." The Menge boys have been taking lessons from Brother Alien for the past year or more, and they are doing very well.

At the Sunday evening Service of Sept. 3, a sister read "The Enemies of Human Liberty," F. S., April 13, 1900, and "The New Koreshan Dispensation," F. S., Dec. 1, 1899. Brother James Calderwood sang "The Song of the Angels," with violin

obligate played by Brother Harold; Sister Mildred Fischer played the accompaniment. The music was very pleasing and much enjoyed.

□ At our Sunday evening Service of Sept. 10, a brother read the following articles from the writings of our Master: "The Termination of the Present Age," F. S., June 14, 1904, and "The Manifestation of Mental Depolarization," F. S., June 21, 1904. The second article showed how the fallacies of modern new thought constitute a disintegrating factor of the old order, and was very interesting. We also listened to "Adonai," sung by the quartette.

Current Events in Our Community Life

BY D. J, RICHARDS

October 1916

ON THE EIGHTEENTH of this month we will celebrate the birthday anniversary of our beloved Master. We eagerly look forward to this occasion to do homage to our Shepherd, the most illustrious personality that has lived since the time of Jesus, and whose teachings, like those of the Savior of nineteen hundred years ago, are despised and rejected by the multitude, having suffered a martyrdom, making him truly a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief.

We anticipate the birthday, however, not in the spirit of gloom, but with the thought that we know that our "Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth," as Job prophesied in olden times. With this thought in mind the different members busy themselves in preparation for this, our great yearly event. We will give an account of the events of the day in our November issue.

The east and west ends of the dining hall and dormitory have been covered with new siding by Brother Milton Porter; and we are glad to announce that this building is receiving two coats of paint, the color being yellow, trimmed with green; what has been covered has produced a great transformation, and all are well pleased with this improvement.

The 90 h. p. boiler which we mentioned in a previous issue as having been purchased, is now installed and ready to furnish steam to the printing office and the sawmill as soon as the necessary connections are made, and these we believe will be completed by the time we are ready to print the present issue of THE SWORD. Our brothers have dug a well to supply the boiler with surface water. We have two deep artesian wells that supply excellent water for cooking and drinking purposes, but they are not adapted for use in boilers on account of their mineral deposits.

On Saturday evening Sept. 16, the K. U. Orchestra gave a concert, during which were played the following selections: March, "The Periscope;" Overture, "Reception;" Cello and Violin Duet, "Angel's Serenade," played by Brothers Jesse Putnam and Harold Moreland; Waltz, "Perdita;" Flower Song, "Hearts and Flowers;" Japanese Romance, "Poppies;" March, "Under the Double Eagle."

At our Sunday evening Service of Sept. 17, a brother read the following articles from the writings of our Master: "The Great Conspiracies of Capital and Labor," F. S., June 7, 1901, and "Individual Progress and Social Reorganization," F. S., Nov. 8, 1901. The quartette sang "When This Mortal Shall Have Put on Immortality," and "How Long, O Lord." The words of the last song were written by Brother George Hunt, and are very appropriate for our Service as they are full of the true Koreshan spirit.

In the first article above quoted the Master clearly shows that there is not a particle of difference in the spirit of either the labor or capitalistic organizations; both are aiming to crush one another. Of the two leading political parties, he says: "Both of the great parties have curried favor with every resource of evil for the purpose of political aggrandizement. Both parties have attempted to

conciliate the combination of money and the combination of labor." He further says that the republican party has openly demonstrated its purpose to favor the worldwide monopoly of the gigantic commercial trust, while the "democratic party is posing as the people's friend, and will be forced more and more into this phase of the great issue and its culminating struggle. The only logical determination of the democratic party is toward and with the labor conspiracy as against the financial trust conspiracy."

Our two lighters which have been in use for several months at Marco in connection with the dredging of the new road between Marco and Naples, have been returned and the largest one has been used to bring a load of lumber for the Unity from the sawmill at Hendry Creek. The upper part of this creek is very tortuous and narrow, and not being much in use many snags and brush had to be cleared away to enable us to reach the designated spot. Overland this creek is only seven miles from Estero, but by water it is at least fifteen miles, and the trip makes a most enjoyable outing. Some of the land companies of Fort Myers are considering the dredging of a channel from the Caloosahatchee River, starting from Dr. Miles' estate, to Hendry Creek, which is only about three and a half miles. When this is completed it will give us an inland water route from Estero to Ft. Myers, besides shortening the distance some ten miles, which will mean quite a saving of time.

On Sunday evening Sept. 24, a brother read at our Service Part XLV from the series of articles on "The Alchemical Laboratory of the Brain," in F. S., Oct., 1915. We also listened to a vocal solo "Like As a Father;" these comforting words may be found in Psalm 103, verses 13, 14. There is so much food for thought in the above article that a study of it would be very profitable to SWOKD readers. All were much impressed with it, as it deals with phases of the Christian religion, Orientalism, and modern theosophy. Concerning the conarium we quote the following:

"The conarium of the universal man is that group of which the Elijah of this age constitutes the apex. The burning of this group follows immediately after the central theocrasis. When this consuming fire dissolves the central group, its reflection penetrates the brains of all who have been overwhelmed with the desire to enter the fire of dissolution, and burns out by electromagnetic combustion the pineal gland, thus destroying the copulation which holds the organic structure. The body is then immediately converted to electromagnetic spirit, which is then directed by the determination of the affections before the consumption."

The Unity has accepted a contract from Mr. L. M. Boomer of New York City, to build a house on his property here. Brother Stephen Chislett is the architect, and has charge of its construction, and this is a guarantee that everything will be done right.

On Sunday evening Oct. 9, a sister read the following articles: "Three Degrees of Humano-Divine Life," F. S., Oct. 4, 1901, and "The Principles of Constructive Cosmogony," F. S., Nov. 1, 1901. The first article read explained the church of Noah and the three great lines of its manifestations, the one developed through Ham, another through Shem, and another through Japheth. The second article dealt with the pattern of the first social order; the relations of man to man scientifically determined; and the coming kingdom of the perfect Man. The Master says that "The physical universe is constantly undergoing the process of waste or destruction, and, coordinately, that of supply and replenishment. The physical heaven is forever passing away, while at the same time it is forever rebuilding through the law of self-perpetuation." The quartette sang "The Lord Is in His Holy Temple."

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BY D. J. RICHARDS

November 1916

ON SUNDAY evening of October 8, a brother read the following articles from the writings of KORESH: "Deterioration of the Modern World," F. S., Feb'y 9, 1900, and "The Mission of the Messiah," F. S., April 27, 1900. The quartette sang "Adonai." The first article dealt with the fallacious reasoning of modern scientists; the attitude of Christian nations toward one another, showing that they have adulterated everything that was good and true in the church at the beginning of the Christian era; also that Wall and Lombard Streets have prostituted every branch of the Government, and as a result of this prostitution, we are now on the verge of the greatest revolution that the world has ever experienced; but after this revolution, "the world will be better. * * * Com-munism will take the place of competism; labor will be changed to industry, and the economics of the Divine Imperialism will dominate the world and establish its pleasures and universal peace." In the second article read, we find that the Lord Christ was the pneumo-psychic center of the human race, as shown in the following:

"It was the planting of the Christ in the race that made it possible for a new Teacher to arise, and new receptacles to receive the gospel of that Teacher. Human-ity can only be saved through the Lord's mission to the world, by applying the law that he taught men to observe."

The eighteenth of October has past and gone; a day that we shall long remember. At seven o'clock, half an hour later than the usual time, we met at the Dining Hall for breakfast. The hall was beautifully decorated with nags, bunting, and palm leaves, and a profuse variety of potted plants were banked at the east end of the hall, around the table and chair that our beloved Master used, as well as in many other parts of the hall; the whole giving a most attractive appearance, being a credit to Sister Hattie Newcomb's excellent taste.

An impressive prayer from the writings of our Master, which was read before we partook of the many good things provided for the morning meal, was a source of great comfort to us. During the breakfast hour we had the pleasure of listening to the reading of a letter from Brother Peter and Sister Jennie Campbell of New York City, who no doubt were with us in spirit during the whole day, as well as a host of others whose hearts, we know, are very near to this work. After breakfast Sister Virginia Andrews and Brother James Bubbett handed to each member the Master's picture, the Koreshan colors, which are red, green, and gold, and the Solar Festival card, upon which was printed the following:

"Let the standard of nobility be the cynosure of every eye, and the attainment of human perfection the goal of every ambition; and may the blessings of the God of peace and plenty be yours to eternally enjoy."—Koresh.

Particular attention had been given to the cleaning of the walks and park, and much credit is due Brother John Watson and others for accomplishing so much. The north and west sides of the Dining Hall with the fresh coat of paint has transformed the appearance of the building, and the remaining portion of the work, which will soon follow, will complete a long-anticipated improvement.

In the afternoon-our brass band gave a very creditable concert at Statue Point, and the music was much enjoyed by all. After the concert we met again at the Dining Hall to partake of refreshments, which consisted of ice cream and cake.

This notice would be very incomplete should we omit a word concerning the decorations of the Art Hall. The arrangement was fine, and the general effect very attractive. The principal decorative feature was banana plants with their long, graceful leaves; the one at the center had hanging on it a big bunch of the largest size bananas grown here. On the stage there were eight smaller plants, besides many other varieties of plants, such as rubber, croton, palms, and ferns, and a great quantity of flowers, both wild and cultivated. The effect was most beautiful;

and while we have had excellent decorations on previous occasions, this one excelled all. We are truly thankful to Sister Isadora Van Duzee and those who assisted her for this unusual treat; and while our hearts yearn for the culmination of events when God's Kingdom will be fully established in earth, we are grateful to our Shepherd, whom we regard as our Father and our Mother, for the privilege of being here to appreciate the many blessings that he has left for us. As for the final outcome, we are satisfied that CYRUS (KORESH) will perform all God's pleasure, as predicted in Isaiah xlv: 28 and xlv: i.

The Service itself was most impressive, and as one sister expressed it, it seemed as if the Master's spirit brooded over us. In another Department of this issue will be found the prayers that were read at the Dining Hall, and the invocation, orations, prayer, and response read at the evening Service, as well as the song, "How Long, O Lord," the words of which were written by Brother George Hunt, and sung by the male quartette. "We Await Thee Here," sung by Brother James Calderwood, was very appropriate. The rendered program follows:

SONG SERVICE AT HALL OF ARTS

October 18, 1916. A. K. 77. 7:15 P. M.

1. Selection, "Incline Thine Ear," -- Schaefer. -- K. U. Orchestra.
2. Song -- "The Resurrection," -- Congregation.
3. Reading of the Invocation, -- Bro. Henry D. Silverfriend.
4. Annunciation, -- Children of the Koreshan Unity.
5. Solo, -- "Fear Not Ye, O Israel," -- Dudley Buck. Bro. David J. Richards.
6. Orations, -- From Published Writings of KORESH. -- Bro. J. A. Weimar, Sr. Isadora Van Duzee, Bro. David J. Richards, Sr. Etta Silverfriend.
7. Vocal Quartette, -- "How Long, O Lord," -- Words by Bro. Geo. Hunt. Bros. George Hunt, David J. Richards, Jesse Putnam, Charles Hunt.
8. Selection, "Berceuse" (Jocelyn), -- Benjamin Godard. -- K. U. Orchestra.
9. Solo -- "we Await Thee Here," -- Adapted to "Schubert's Serenade," Bro. James W., Calderwood.
10. Prayer, -- Read by Bro. George Hunt.
11. Response, -- Congregation"
12. Anthem, -- "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates,"-- Congregation.
13. Recessional, March, -- "The Periscope," -- T.S. Alien, -- K. U. Orchestra.

We were pleased to have with us on the Birthday, Brother Ezra Stewart, from the Shaker Community, St. Cloud, Fla. Brother Ezra visited the 'Unity some nine years ago, and thought at that time he would visit us again in a year, but was unable to do so until a short time before the Birthday. We hope his next visit will not be so long delayed.

Miss Marie McCready, daughter of our Brother William and Sister Abbie McCready, has been here for a short visit, having just returned from a trip to the Pacific Coast.

At our Sunday evening Service of October 22, the following articles were read by a sister: "The Progress of the Koreshan Movement," F. S., April 10, 1906, and "The Bond of Social Obligation," F. S., Jan'y 16, 1906.

The latter part of October we harvested a very good crop of peanuts, from our planting of last June. There are many excellent results derived from a crop of peanuts. The nuts in themselves contain much food value, being rich in protein and carbohydrates; the hay produced is most excellent for cattle, and since feeding our cows this hay we notice a very perceptible increase in the quantity of milk produced; peanuts are great soil builders owing to the quantity of nitrogen that they attract to the soil.

We are at the beginning of another fruit season, and our boat, "The Estero," has already hauled two loads to Fort Myers, our nearest shipping point.

Sisters Evelyn Bubbett, Berthaldine Boomer, and Elizabeth Robinson have returned from several months' visit with relatives in New York. They report having had a most enjoyable time and are much benefited by their vacations.

On Saturday evening, Nov. 4, the K. U. Orchestra gave an impromptu concert in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Covelle, of Venice, Calif. Mrs. Covelle is the mother of Bro. Jesse Putnam. They have rented a cottage near by, expecting to stay several months. The orchestra played eight numbers, including a violin and cello duett, "Angel's Serenade," by Bros. Harold Moreland and Jesse Putnam, which was rendered in a very pleasing manner.

A brother read at our Sunday evening Service of Nov. 5, the following articles from the writings of KORESH: "Analysis of the Theology of Russellism," F. S., Jan'y 20, 1899, and the "Termination of the Present Age," F. S., June 14, 1904. Brother James Calderwood sang "There is an Hour of Hallowed Peace." It was very apropos to read the first article above mentioned, after having read in the daily papers of the demise of the founder of what is now known as the "International Bible Students' Association." In the spring of 1895, the Master lectured in Pittsburg, and made considerable inroad into the cult which was generally known then as Russellism, which caused Mr. Russell to issue a warning to his disciples "against doing anything which would indicate any sympathy for such false doctrines as are presented by Mr. Cyrus Teed and his so called Koreshanity."

In 1878 Mr. Russell, with a group of his followers all dressed in white robes, waited in the upper chamber of his residence in Allegheny, Pa., to be caught up in the air, and be with the glorified, literal, material body of the lyord. Having failed in this he concluded that they would have to pass through death, and enter iu through the gates of the new world. The Master, emphatically declared Mr. Russell's theology to be anti-Christian, and the function of THE FLAMING SWORD is to declare to the world that which it knows to be false. We would like to quote liberally from the above article, but lack of space forbids; however, we will quote from one paragraph:

"Mr. Russell's theories of the Lord Jesus are a slight modification of the doctrines put forth by Mr. Barbour twenty-five or more years ago; and no man ever lived, with any pretensions whatsoever to Biblical knowledge, who could crowd so much absurdity into so small a space as first found lodgment in the brain of Russell, and subsequently found expression in the form of books."

Current Events in Our Community Life

BY D. J. RICHARDS

December 1916

A NUMBER of our brothers at the present time are busily engaged in building a frame structure over the new boiler. This boiler has proved most satisfactory in every way, and has been the means of reducing our gasoline expense very materially; our printing office having been largely run by gas engines. We have not as yet connected it with the sawmill, as some of our brothers are engaged on the new house which the Unity is building for Mr. Boomer. This crowds us a little in our regular work; but since we are only living in the now, yet anticipating the future which our beloved Master has so wonderfully portrayed, we know that everything that is necessary will be done at the proper time.

In the Graces we use daily, we are admonished to "be patient in all things, tolerant in all things, waiting for the purposes and limitations of divine wisdom

as related to all our operations. * * * Awaken in us the purpose to devote our lives to God and men. Give us hearts of thankfulness and ever active devotion to your purposes with us." If we can truly awaken in ourselves the purpose to devote our lives to God and men, we are certain to be richly rewarded for our efforts.

On Saturday evening, Nov. 11, the K. U. Orchestra gave a very interesting concert in honor of the sisters who recently returned from several months' visit in New York, and the applause given each number was evidence that the music was well appreciated. Besides the orchestra numbers, Brother Harold favored us with a violin solo, "Chopin's Nocturne," For an encore he responded with Chaminide's "Scarf Dance." We also listened to a vocal solo, "Boys of the Old Brigade;" these numbers being accompanied on the piano by Brother James Calderwood.

On the following Sunday evening, a brother read from the writings of KORESH, "The Personality and Humanity of Deity," and "The Bond of Social Obligation," from F. S., Jan'y 16, 1906. The solo for the evening was "Fear Not Ye, O Israel." In the first article we learned that:

"The question of the personality of God is a problem in dispute among the pronouncedly learned men of the age. In the Christian church there is no defined statement logically formulated, upon which the theologians agree. * * * We herewith make the declaration that there is a personal God. * * * Our argument in favor of the personality of Deity is involved in the Koreshan axiomatic declaration: 'Nothing can be projected into character or quality of being, not contained in the cause.' * * * I am Alpha and Omega, [said the Lord Jesus,] the beginning and the end, * * * the first and the last."

We have recently harvested an excellent crop of Jamaica sorrel. This sorrel has a red bud, and when cooked resembles in taste the cranberries grown in the North. We understand that this is an excellent season for wild turkeys; and as the hunting season has opened, and we have plenty of the sorrel sauce, we trust Brother Charles Hunt will find a good roost of turkeys some twilight evening, and bag a few for our Christmas dinner. Whether he does or not, this will not debar us from being truly grateful for the great privilege of being here in Estero. The Master says of it: "Estero, holding the destinies of the coming age, we proclaim thee the pride of the divine Nobility, and the place where God hath set his hand for the reclamation of his people!" This should be cause for thankfulness when we think of the light we have in contrast with the war-cursed competitive world.

Tuesday, November 22, was election day in Estero, and the officers elected were: Mayor, George W. Hunt; Clerk, David J. Richards; Auditor, H. D. Silverfriend; Marshall, Chas. H. Hunt; these are to serve one year; the following five Aldermen are to serve two years: J. S. Sargent, J. A. Weimar, Lou H. Staton, John Watson, and John M. Lane.

At our Sunday evening Service of Nov. 19, a brother read the following articles from the writings of KORESH: "The Age Ending in Conflict," F. S., Oct., 1908, "The Root of the Financial Evil," F. S., Feb., 1908, and "The Geometry of Government," F. S., May, 1908. The quartette sang "Adonai."

The New York Times Magazine for Nov. 12, published an article by A. St. Ledger, a former Senator in the Australian Parliament, in which he says that "Compulsory arbitration in Australia fails. Any man who imagines that a time will come when there never will be any disputes, and big ones, too, in big industries is a dreamer. * * * Industrial disputes will be totally abolished or prevented only when men are more totally slaves to industrials, or to the State." He writes at length in this vein, blaming socialists and other faddists for this state of affairs. If he could only get a glimpse of the above articles, with his mind open to the truth, he would readily see that the competitive system was born in hell, and is now simply reaping the reward of its own hellishness. We will quote a few sentences from "The Age

Ending in Conflict."

"In the secular world there is no god but money. * * * The love of money and the money power constitute the love and power through which the great climax of revolution terminates the dispensation. No political party can effect a cure for this great evil. * * * The battle of Gog and Magog cannot be averted by cries of peace! peace! The time of peace has not yet arrived. Peace will come after the great conflict. * * * This is not the battle of Gog and Magog, but the battle of Armageddon. It is the final power-of the hells against the power of God and his Anointed. God himself will end the strife through his power to conquer the world, and in this power alone is the hope of the world against the evils into which the great political powers of the nation and the world have led us. Koreshanity is the ark of safety. * * * We have made these predictions for thirty years."

Our younger members are very enthusiastic over the prospect of a new tennis court. The court is. the regulation size 78x36, and is to be covered with oyster shell, which is being screened; the coarse being covered with the fine stuff; this will insure a good solid base. Tennis is one of the cleanest of outdoor games, and will no doubt prove a most excellent recreation to all who participate.

The croquet lawn which Brother Franklin has worked so industriously to make, and which he keeps in such good condition, has afforded the greatest pleasure to many of our brothers and sisters; those who have played the game know what excellent pastime it is.

The K. U. Orchestra gave another very pleasant concert on Saturday evening, Nov. 25. Brothers George Hunt and Jesse Putnam sang a duet, "Larboard Watch;" for an encore, Brother Jesse sang, "It Is Better to Laugh Than to Cry," which was enjoyed by all.

At the Sunday evening Service, Nov. 26, a sister read the "Character of the Lord's Coming," F. S., Feb'y, 1914, and "The Voice," F. S., Feb'y 7, 1891. Brother James Calderwood sang, "We Await Thee Here." Concerning "The Voice," the Master says:

"The voice is the medium for imparting the Word of God, and when I speak of the Voice I do not refer to the expression of words through what is called natural language, but especially to that congeries of collection of living germs, male and female, concreted into organic human form now to be translated and assimilated to the resurrection. This Voice in its mission must precede the Shepherd, for it contains the life of the world, the hidden manna, and not until the translation will it be heard by this dead world."

On Thanksgiving night we had a very pleasant entertainment at the Dining Hall. which consisted of a musical comedy sketch, vocal music, some new Victrola records, dancing, and games for the younger children, in which some of the older ones joined. Sister Berthaldine was asked to give a talk on a wonderful movie play that she saw while in New York this past summer on "Intolerance," but owing to an otherwise crowded evening, she decided to tell us about it the following Wednesday evening, on which night it is our custom to have a Victrola concert.

We were well pleased with the talk on the night of Dec. 6, and it caused us to wish that we too had the opportunity of seeing this wonderful production. There are so many avenues of life in which one can notice that the virus intolerance is being injected: and the suffering of the world today is practically from the result of the intolerance which culminated on Mount Calvary nineteen hundred years ago; but we as Koreshans know that everything works according to law, and it was then "Not my will, but thy will be done," which had to be, just as much as it is now at this end of the age. As we always like to know what the Master says about any matter, the Sister closed her talk with the following paragraph on intolerance, which may be found in F. S., Dec. 12, 1901:

"Intolerance of another because that other possesses what seem to you intolerable biases, habits, or accidents of being, while you possess equally great faults, possibly unknown to yourself, is one of the most deplorable sins of a professing Koreshan. This sin alone is sufficient to shut one out of the attainment of the firstfruits of the Kingdom. We do not mean that it shuts one out of a heavenly attainment, but it precludes entrance into the firstfruits of heavenly life and joy."

At our Sunday evening Service of Dec. 3, a brother read the following articles from the writings of KORESH: "The Salvation of the Flesh of Man," F. S., Feb. 7, 1905, and "Divine Political Economy," F. S., Jan. 24, 1891. The quartette sang "O That I Had Wings." In the last article quoted we find the following:

"The governments of the world, devoid as they are of every spark of the divine principle love to the neighbor will. find their sepulchre in the valley of the decomposing carcass of a polluted and hypocritical church; but from their ruins, resurrected into the law of the economy of everlasting life, the new and living' first-born shall arise, clothed upon with the Lord's righteousness, bright and shining as the noonday sun, kindled into the glowing heat of overwhelming love to God and man. Such is the change, and such the kingdom to succeed the crumbling ruins of the old church, which, though now corrupt, had its inception in the very heart of God."

Mr. L. M. Boomer of New York City, has been here looking after his interests and spending a few days at the Unity. Good progress is being made on the fine house he is building, which, when completed, will be a credit to this section of Lee County.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 10, a sister read at our Service the following articles from the writings of KORESH: "The Path of Progress Through Reembodiment," F. S., March, 1907; "The Mystery of the Human Soul Revealed," F. S., Feb., 1907, and "The Mystery of the Human Soul," F. S., Dec. 15, 1907. The quartette sang "The Lord Is in His Holy Temple." The first article quoted above is devoted to that illustrious genius of the 16th and 17th century, Emanuel Swedenborg, and we find in this article that:

"Swedenborg did not complete even his earthly career as Emanuel Swedenborg. He fulfills his earthly mission when he attains to the power of overcoming mortality, in that final reembodiment in which he is known as the Messianic character to the natural world, as he was the Messiah to the' spiritual world, with whose center he entered into conjunctive unity. * * * Swedenborg is in the world to complete his mission. He is the final embodiment, through which he reaches the central consciousness of the universe. He is in that consciousness which he himself recognized as the name of the Lord."

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BY D. J. RICHARDS
January 1917

WE ARE PLEASED to have with us Mrs. W. E. Linton, of Indianapolis, Ind., with her two children, James and Mary. Mrs. Linton first heard of Koreshanity through her husband, Will Linton, who is well known to those who were connected with our work in the early days at Chicago. Mr. Linton took an active part in propaganda work in those days, and we are glad to know that he keeps up the good work, talking before audiences on Koreshan Universology whenever the opportunity presents itself. Mrs. Linton is very enthusiastic about Estero, and has decided to make this her future home. Mr. Linton has been contemplating this move for a long time, and we are glad to state in this issue that Mrs. Linton, leaving the children here, has returned to Indianapolis to assist in winding up their affairs, so they can pool their interests

with us and assist in carrying on this great work.

On Saturday evening, Dec. 16, the K. U. Orchestra played for the Woman's Club of Estero, at the Estero Inn. Miss Verdier of Fort Myers, who is well known in this county as an accomplished elocutionist, delighted her hearers with several humorous recitations. Several songs were rendered, one by Mrs. Smith, the hostess, who sang "Love's Old Sweet Song." Refreshments were served and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

The following Sunday evening, a sister read from the writings of KORESH : "The Great Sign of the Son of Man in Heaven," F. S., Dec., 1907. The above article dealt with the coming of the Son of man; the signs of the dissolution of the old church and state; the sign of the genuine Scientist; the standing of the Ensign, and where should the Sign appear. We find, concerning the Sign, that "He will come as an American citizen, born an American, and after performing his preparatory functions will enter into his throne, fulfilling the great law of keeping the way of the Tree of Lives, by its perpetuation through the planting of its seed. God will begin his conquest of the world in the establishment of his universal Kingdom in the United States of America." The solo for the evening was, "Open the Gates of the Temple."

We have visiting us Mr. J. T. Gamey, from the province of Manitoba, Canada. Mr. Gamey has been a SWORD reader for a number of years, and is very much impressed with Florida,—Estero in particular, fully realizing what a wonderful center Estero is to become. He is charmed with our balmy climate; when he left Manitoba, the thermometer registered thirty degrees below zero.

A circus in this part of the country is a rarity, but recently the show known as Sun Bro's appeared in Fort Myers, and through the efforts of some of our sisters, our children were enabled to attend, and a more enthusiastic and appreciative lot of youngsters would be hard to find. It was the first time that many of them had seen a circus, and we were pleased to have the opportunity present itself, and thankful to those who made it possible.

On Saturday evening, Dec. 23, our orchestra gave a very interesting concert at the Art Hall. The principal feature was the playing of Yradier's "La Paloma," and Verdi's "Rigoletto," as a trio, by Sister Mildred Fisher, piano; Brother Harold, violin; and Brother James Calderwood on the cornet.

At the Sunday evening Service, Dec. 24, a brother read from the writings of KORESH "The Character of the Great Restoration," F. S., Oct. 16, 1903, and "The Great Mystery of Iniquity," F. S., May 16, 1902. The first article deals with the manner of the Lord's coming; the scientific credentials of the true Elijah the Restorer, and the evidences of the end of the Christian dispensation; while the second article explains the prophecies concerning the Messenger of the Covenant; the tree of the knowledge of good and evil; Joshua before the Angel, and who takes away the filthy gaiments? The "filthy garments," at the time of the writing of the above article, was a much discussed question. We will quote a few sentences from the article:

"The Shepherd of this age cleanses the outer garment first, which is the separation of all fallacy from truth. When this is done, there is no more fallacy in his outward mentality. * * * The filthy garments which the high priest Joshua removes, are taken esoterically by those who are in the esoteric movement, a condition which is abominable and repulsive to the Messenger, and to as many as truly desire to do his will. Those who take the filthy garments, take them away because they love such filth and desire to be actuated by it. Hence we say, do not be anxious nor too officious in the removal of the filthy garments of the Lord when he is at hand. This is the function of a Judas, or of many Judases."

Brother Franklin, who is untiring in his efforts to get results, has of late transformed the appearance of things in front of the Store and Post Office. He has

built a concrete wall, joining it to the concrete abutment of the new bridge, and carried it around to the edge of the water, filling in and supplanting the board walk on the dock, as well as in front of the store, with earth and oyster shell,—a much needed improvement. On the other side of the bridge he has braced the bank with timbers, and built up a wall of rock to prevent the earth from washing into the river. With the planting of flowers and shrubbery, the bridge surroundings will be transformed into a beauty spot,' and will be in keeping with the beautiful lawn that Brother Jesse Putnam maintains around the Printing Office.

The pier for the new bridge, built midstream, narrowed our channel considerably, so the bank had to be trimmed down and the channel widened in order to permit navigation easily at low tide. This was efficiently done by Brother Lou Staton; the bank has been terraced, and when this is covered with grass it will be very attractive.

The frame structure over our new boiler is now completed. The dimension of the building is 38x26. It is built of the best Florida pine, and the roof is covered with cypress shingles. The next thing to be done will be to put in a concrete floor, and after that the installation of an engine and dynamo that will furnish power to run our Inteltype, as well as light for the Printing Office, Store, Dining Hall, Planetary Court, and the Art Hall.

Mr. DuBois, of Denver, Col., who is a reader of THE SWORD, made a short visit to the Umty, and was very much impressed with Estero and its surroundings.

At our Sunday evening Service, Dec. 31, a sister read from the writings of KORESH: "The Essential Apex of the World's Progress," F. S., April, 1908. It dealt with the Messianic appearance and its relation . to all other issues and impending crises; why did the Messiah come; how did the Messiah go away; and how will the Lord come again? "The Lord will never descend from the physical clouds, but he will descend in the celestial clouds in. the literal manifestation of the Sons of God. * * * The twelve tribes are in the heavens, the spiritual world, in the function of the Holy City, gathered into the one man upon whom God has written the name of God, the name of the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, and 'my' (God's) New Name, that is, the new humanity; and this is none other than the ordained and authorized Elijah, the Messenger of the Covenant." The solo for the evening was "The Holy City."

Mr. Sterling Robinson, of New York City, was at the Unity for a short visit. He confessed that before coming to Florida he had had a somewhat prejudiced notion regarding this state, but his visit to Estero convinced him otherwise, and he was enthusiastic enough to call it a "veritable garden of Eden." We believe his visit has transformed him into a confirmed booster for Lee County. His mother, Sister Elizabeth Robinson, returned North with him.

At our Sunday evening Service of Jan'y 7, a brother read from the writings of KORESH: "The Righteousness of Scientific Communism," F. S., Dec. 19, 1905, and "The Bond of Social Obligation," F. S., Jan'y 16, 1906. Brother James Calderwood sang "Just for Today.'" The first article read dealt with the communism of the primitive Christian church as opposed to competism of pagan Christendom; the prediction made in 1870; when old things should pass away and all things become new, and why we have anything to do with politics.

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BY D. J. RICHARDS
February 1917

WE ARE PLEASED to record, in this issue, several new acquisitions to our home. Mrs. L. E. Ruggand her two daughters, Celeste and Virginia, of Littleton, a suburb of Denver, Colo., have decided to cast their lot with us.

In our last issue we made mention of a visit from Mr. DuBois, also of Denver, Colo. We are glad to announce that he has made application for membership and been accepted. We also stated that Sister Mabel Linton had returned to Indianapolis to assist her husband, Will E. Linton, in the winding up of their affairs. They are here now, to remain permanently.

We are naturally gratified that we have so many acquisitions, and we rejoice in the thought that they are willing to give up the competitive life and its worldly allurements. The Master used to tell us that we ought to be the happiest people in the world. This we fully believe, because from all visible signs, the old order is surely passing away. Concerning Estero, he said: "Thou art little among the cities of the world, but thy destiny is the grandest among its capitals." In THE FLAWING SWORD of March, 1896, he says: "Come to us in the spirit of sacrifice and obedience to all the laws of righteousness; come at least in the spirit of humility, and as disciples ready to be taught and to serve, and we will receive and build you an habitation, making you the temple of righteousness for the habitation of God." The above sentence should be of paramount importance to all of us; for the promise is surely worth any sacrifice we may be called upon to make.

Brother Linton has been appointed as representative of our weekly publication, The American Eagle. He is of the type that would make good at almost any kind of work; and we feel that the Unity will be ably represented in him; he will surely be a big boost to this wonderful bird, which the Master instituted in 1906. The Eagle has had a wonderful career, and Brother Alien Andrews, the Editor, is considered one of the most forceful writers in this state. Our newly-elected Governor, Sidney J. Catts, comments thus: "I have enjoyed reading your paper, The American Eagle, very much, and think it is one of the best edited in the state of Florida." Brother John S. Sargent writes every week on "Topics of Interest," and Sister Virginia Andrews gives us two columns of "News Boiled Down,"—a very excellent feature of the paper. The Eagle is a sixteen page paper, and we have no hesitancy in saying that there is not a cleaner sheet published anywhere in the United States. Patent medicine, booze, and tobacco are strictly tabooed from its advertising columns; in fact, Brother Alien makes it a point to handle these evils without gloves. SWORD readers who are interested in Florida, and Lee County in particular, will find plenty to interest them in The American Eagle, the price of which is only \$1.50, for 52 issues.

At our Sunday evening Service of Jan'y 14, a sister read from the writings of KORESH: "Portent of the Signs of the Times," F. S., Jan'y 30, 1906, and "Gathering into Bundles for the Burning," F. S., Feb'y 6, 1906. It will be interesting at this time to quote, from the first article, what the Master said concerning Thomas W. Lawson, who at the present time is very much in the limelight. He said: "There has never been a period in the world's history when corruption was so pronounced in every department of activity as at the present time. * * * Thomas W. Lawson has set the ball of investigation rolling, and the investigations which have been forced into public notice are exhuming from the graveyard of public morality, the rottenness of the commercial institutions of the world, and the corruption into which the Christian nations and peoples of the world have declined." The quartette sang "Adonai," the second stanza of which reads as follows:

"In this day of fierce temptations,
Adonai! Adonai!
There is trembling in the nations;
Adonai! Adonai!
And the fearful world divines
That a mighty purpose shines
Thro' the wonders and the signs!

Adonai! Adonai!"

On Saturday evening Jan'y 20th, the K. U. Orchestra gave an impromptu concert in honor of Mrs. Alice Miller, and Mrs. John Miller and daughter Jeannette, who came that afternoon by auto from Fort Myers. Messrs. John and Albert Miller, who came on our boat, "The Estero," were not in time for the concert, so Brother James Calderwood arranged a special program on the following Monday night, for their benefit, and also for the new members. When the Millers left Chicago, the thermometer registered ten degrees below zero, so they were naturally charmed with our balmy climate, with Estero, and with the surrounding country, particularly Estero Island, where we have a beautiful coconut grove, and where the tomb of our Illustrious Shepherd is located.

At our Sunday evening Service of Jan'y 21, another read from the writings of KORESH: "In the Maelstrom of Commercial Prostitution," F. S., May 31, 1901, and "Divine Political Economy," F. S., Jan'y 24, 1891. The solo for the evening was, "Fear Not Ye, O Israel." We are told that money is the root of all evil, but according to the following, from the first article read: "It need not exist as gold, silver, or paper, necessarily; for any provision that the people may institute for the regulation of the exchanges of the world may constitute money, though it be an unwritten-but active sentiment. The term money (Latin, moneta), originally signified the guard of women. The term money had its origin from Juno—it being a surname of that Goddess. Juno was the sister and wife of Jupiter. She was the Queen of heaven, the guardian deity of woman, and the foundress of marriage. The word mint (Anglo-Saxon, mynet), coin, is from moneta, and is so called because money was first coined in the temple of Juno or Moneta"

"The Campbells are coming" is a somewhat familiar phrase, but the week ending with Jan'y 27 found our friends, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, with their daughter, Mrs. Edith Trebell, and her son Raymond, of New York City, here in Estero, and we are pleased to know that they are here to stay. They are temporarily located in our building, known as the "Newport Sanitorium," which is situated on the river front about a half mile from the Unity. They have given us the contract to build them an 8-room house on their grove property, which is situated near by. We enjoyed a short visit from Albert Weiss, a young man who spent several of his boyhood years here in the Unity. He has traveled extensively over Europe, as well as this country, since leaving here, but regards the Koreshan Unity as his home, and expects to return here in the not far distant future.

At our Sunday evening Service of Jan'y 28, a sister read from the writings of KORESH: "Regenerated Men, the Sons of God," F. S., Sept. 24, 1892; the first four paragraphs from "The Birth of the New World," Chap. XXVIII, "Great Red Dragon;" "Did the Disciples Believe in Jesus?" F. S., Aug. 3, 1900, and the following paragraph from the Tract, "Reincarnation:" "When the age culminates, there will crop out two distinct forms of intelligence, both representative, the one of good and the other of evil." "Both must come—before the degree of reincarnation is full or complete—to the consciousness of awakened memory, for it is not a true or full reincarnation till the consciousness of past ages returns." Brother James Calderwood sang, "We Await Thee Here."

We are glad to have with us again Mr. Al. McDonald, of W^odlawn, Pa. He is an old friend and SWORD reader. This makes his second visit to Estero; he says he likes to be here with our people.

We are pleased to have with us Mr. Virgil Shaw, from the Shaker Colony of St. Cloud, Fla. Mr. Shaw has been connected with the above Colony, as well as the one at Watervliet, near Albany, New York, for some years. At present he is very much interested in Koreshan Universology, and we hope he will drink heartily from this

"pure river of water of life, proceed-ing from the throne of God and of the Lamb." We have had a pleasant visit with Dr. WilsonFish, of Detroit, Mich., who has been a reader of THE SWORD for some years. Dr. Fish is the librarian of a circulating library which he helped to establish in the city of Detroit many years ago. THE FLAMING SWORD goes regularly to this library each month, and other Koreshan literature may be found there as well. He also conducts a sanitarium in the above city.

Current Events in Our Community Life

BY D. J. RICHARDS

March 1917

ON SATURDAY evening, Feb. 10, the K. U. Orchestra gave a very interesting concert, playing eight numbers. Our new cornetist, Brother Linton, is a valuable accession. Five new members have been added to the orchestra in the last year. Brother Harold Moreland and. Sister Virginia Rugg, violin; Brother Lin, cornet; Brother Milton Boszormeny, trombone; and Virgil Shaw, the bass viol. The Koreshan Unity at one time had the best band and orchestra in the state. We have maintained a fairly good orchestra combination during this time of waiting, but now with new talent coming in, filling important parts, we believe we will have an excellent combination again in the near future.

At the Sunday evening Service of Feb'y 11, a brother read the following articles from the writings of KORESH: "Theology," F. S., Jan'y 7, 1893. This article explained that dualism is not the ultimate of the divine manifestation; a continuation of the same subject in F. S., Jan'y 21, 1893, dealt with the evolution of Koreshanity; "The Evils and, Dangers of Class Hatred," F. S., July 17, 1906, was also read. The solo for the evening was "The Last Battle," the words of which were written by Brother George Hunt, to the air of that stirring song, "March of the Cameron Men." We are reprinting in this issue "The Evils and Dangers of Class Hatred;" our people were unusually impressed with the above article, as well as with the words of the song above mentioned. SWORD readers will readily see how well they dovetailed into each other.

It is our custom to have a Victrola concert in the Dining Hall every Wednesday evening, and much enjoyment has been derived from them. We will now be able to alternate the Columbia Grafonola with the Victrola, as Sister Mabel and Brother Unton brought with them a fine Grafonola, and a choice selection of records. We have a library of almost 600 records of all kinds, from the most comic to very classical; a collection that will suit the taste of all.

Sister Bertie Boomer, who has been in New York City for some time, following her art studies, returned to Estero recently, coming by way of Havana, Panama Canal, Kings ton, and Jamaica. She visited many other interesting points, and her descriptions of the places, customs, and manners of the people have been very instructive as well as entertaining, and were very much enjoyed by all. Sister Bertie will write a series of articles for the "Younger Minds" Dept. concerning this trip, beginning in this issue.

The high cost of living is the topic of the hour, but we believe that no state in the Union has better natural resources than Florida. Things can be grown here practically the year round, and sea food, such as fish, oysters, and clams, are to be had in abundance. Occasionally, some of the brothers get up a picnic, to dig oysters and clams, and from the fishermen in the Bay we often obtain a mess of fish. We are glad that Estero Bay is open to all and that Wall Street cannot interfere with our getting these things, though we are conscious of the fact that the price of gasoline is again soaring skyward.

The boiler that once did service in running the sawmill has been moved over to the machine shop, and will now be used to furnish steam for the machine shop and laundry. The running of the printing office machinery and the saw. mill by our new boiler is a great convenience, as well as a great saving of labor.

At our Sunday evening Service of Feb'y 18, a sister read from the writings of KORESH: "The Dangers of False Imperialism," F. S., August 10, 1900. This article showed that the "spirit of a false commercialism is the menacing danger at the present hour. The heaping up of the wealth of the country in the hands of the unscrupulous and soulless, the tendencies of which are augmenting daily at an accelerating ratio, is the dangerpoint of disintegration. Our danger is the money power, not one political party as distinct from another." The solo for the evening was, "If With All Your Hearts," from the oratorio, "Elijah."

At our Sunday evening Service of Feb'y 25, a brother read from the writings of KORESH: "The Word of God, the Personality of Deity," F. S., Feb'y 15, 1901. We wish the writer of "Brook Kerith," as well as other iconoclasts, such as Bernard Shaw, who doesn't recognize the divinity of the Lord Jesus, could read this beautiful tribute of the Master's to the Savior of nineteen hundred years ago. Under the following questions, "Was Jesus great? and if so, what are some of the factors of his magni tude?" is to be found the most profound analysis of the character of the Lord Jesus; the last sentence reads as follows: "He was the most wonderful character of all ages, because he was the Son of God, because he embodied all the attributes of Deity, and because he was the Lord God Almighty." Brother James Calderwood sang, "The Ninety and Nine," Sister Ella Graham playing the accompaniment.

The K. U. Orchestra gave a concert on Saturday eve ning, March 3; we were much pleased to have in addition to our local talent a vocal solo by Mrs. Smith, of the Estero Inn, who sang "The Last Rose of Summer" very sweetly.

The following Sunday evening a brother read at our Service "The Structure of Scientific Socialism," and "Secret of the Success of Koreshanity." The first article treats of the futile efforts of reformers who know nothing of the law of the construction of the natural cosmos, the purpose of democracy, and the empire of the new age. The second article deals with Koreshanity founded upon a demonstrated science, the cosmos being the pattern for human government; it also sets forth the difference between experimental socialism and scientific imperialism. The last few sentences of the article read as follows: "It is the power of truth as manifest in Koreshanity, against the money power and the god of men as manifest more conspicuously in the United States than iu any other country in the world. The Chicago Chronicle hit the nail on the head when it said: 'The only remedy for socialism will be imperialism.' It will be and is the Imperialism of Koreshanity." The quartette sang "The Lord Is Great," and "Adonai."

We recently had a short visit from Mr. C. A. Frederickson, from Minn. It was thirty degrees below zero when Mr. F. left for the South; and on his return to Minn., he sent us a post card with a picture of a snow drift that was three feet higher than the caboose on a railroad track. It was very interesting to look at, but we are very glad that we are living in a country "where the sweet magnolias bloom."

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BY D. J. RICHARDS
April 1917

THE YOUNGER MEMBERS of the Unity gave a social entertainment in honor of Sister

Bertie Boomer, whom we mentioned in the March issue as having returned: from New York City. Music by the orchestra, songs, drills, and quadrilles were some of the features of the evening. Sister Bertie gave an interesting talk about her recent trip to the West Indies, as well as other interesting points.

We are pleased to announce the return of Brother John Clinchy, who has been away for several months. We are also glad to announce that Professor Frank Schoedler, after an absence of nearly three years, has returned to the Unity.' The first evening of his return, he gave us a musical treat. He is a graduate of the Conservatory of Music at Leipsic, Germany, which alone is sufficient proof that he is an expert in his line. We were charmed with the following numbers on the piano: "The Myrtles' Waltz," by Wachs; "Second Hungarian Rhapsody," by Liszt; three compositions of his own, which are gems: "The Silver Spring," "Polonaise," and an arrangement of "'Home Sweet Home," and a storm at sea. By request, he also played Rossini's "William Tell Overture" in a masterly manner. Before playing "Home Sweet Home," which is certainly a masterpiece, he remarked that the song never meant so much to him as it did that evening; for his heart's longing had been to be home, with us again. Brother Harold gave us the "Alpine Maiden's Dream," on the violin; Brother James Calderwood sang Mendelsohn's "Violet," and "A Perfect Day," a most appropriate song with which to close such an enjoyable evening.

At our Sunday evening Service of March 11, a sister read from the writings of KORESH: "The Fatherhood of God, and the Brotherhood of Man," and "The Coming World Empire," from F. S., Feb., 1915; also "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism," F. S., March, 1910. The first article clearly shows that the radical transformation of social conditions is essential before the Kingdom can be established. In it KORESH states: "Theoretically, it is all very well for the common humanity to talk of the Fatherhood of God; [but] * * * God forbid that I should be compelled to endure the association of the rum and beer drinkers of modern civilization, and to breathe the common air of the tobacco fiend." In the last article, we note that: "Koreshans can never become Godless'Christians.' 'One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism' is the motto of Koreshans. To them the Lord Jesus is King of kings and Lord of lords; he is to come in his 'New Name,' to construct and rule. He is the Master Builder, who shall rebuild Jerusalem and lay the foundation of the Temple." Brother James Calderwood sang, "The Better Land."

At certain periods, the Estero River is alive with phosphorescence. According to the Century Cyclopaedia: "The phosphorescence of the sea is produced by the scintillating or phosphorescent light emitted from the bodies of certain marine animals." Be that as it may, it is the effect produced by moving objects in the water that we wish to say a few words about. It is most interesting to be on the water, or near the water's edge, on dark nights when power boats are passing, and observe the illuminating effect produced by the stirring of the water by the propellers, and with the fish darting hither and thither. But the most wonderful spectacle we ever witnessed on the river, was our boys taking what they call their phosphorescent bath, late one evening. Their diving, playing tag, and other stunts, kept the water so stirred that the dock upon which we stood was illuminated; and the splashing in the flaming water produced a most wonderful effect.

At our Service, Sunday evening, March 18, a sister read from the writings of KORESH: "The Fundamentals of Koreshan Universology," F. S., Dec. 4, 1906, and "Coordinate Factors of Evolution and Involution," F. S., March, 1911. The first article explained the sacrifice of the Son of God; the cause of the fall of man; succession of spiritual and natural states, and the great doctrine of the resurrection. In the second article KORESH declares: "'To all that believe in his name, gives he power to become the Sons of God.'" The reason for this is, that those who believed in Him at the beginning of the age were receptive—through the law of

attraction—to the spiritual power proceeding from him in his theocrasis (translation); they being impregnated in the will by the Deific seminal essence proceeding from him." The solo for the evening was, "Like as a Father Pitieth His Children."

The K. U. Orchestra gave an excellent concert on Saturday evening, March 24. In addition to our local talent, we were favored with two vocal numbers by Mrs. Smith, of the Estero Inn, who responded to three encores, which proved how well her singing was appreciated. Mrs. Smith is the possessor of a very sweet soprano voice, and sings with perfect ease. Brother Frank Schoedler was at his best on the piano.

On Sunday, March 25, a brother read the following selections from the writings of our Master: "Where is the New Jerusalem?" F. S., Dec. 29, 1899, "Hastening to the Inevitable Vortex," "All in the Interests of Peace!" and "On the Point of the Sword," F. S., April 8, 1898. The solo for the evening was "The Lord's Prayer." The three articles last mentioned above, were written nineteen years ago, and are as uptodate on the signs of the times, as if they were written now. They clearly show the wonderful prescience of our Illustrious Shepherd.

On Sunday evening, April 1, a sister read "The Passover in Type and in Antitype," by KORESH, from THE SWORDS of May, June, and July, 1916. It being Palm Sunday, the stage was appropriately decorated with palm leaves. The solo for the evening was the "The Palms," written by Faure; the quartet sang, "When This Mortal Shall Have Put on Immortality."

Lee County is more immune from frost than any other county in the state of Florida; but Jack Frost paid us a visit some weeks ago, and left the marks of desolation on all tender shrubbery and trees. As a result, there have been wholesale pruning and cutting; and as bon fires at night are a source of great jollification, an announcement was made that we would have an evening of fun along with the burning, and that prizes would be awarded those who had the best makeup. Everything came off as scheduled; but we didn't bargain with the weather man, and a heavy downpour put out the fires. However, the rain did not dampen the spirit of jollification; for we repaired to the Art Hall, where the rest of the evening was spent in dancing, games, and good, wholesome fun.

Sunday being a day for recreation, two parties were made up to spend the day at the seashore. One party went to Md. Key, while the other went to Estero Island, where the day was delightfully spent in reminiscences, bathing, and in general relaxation. The day was an ideal one, but on the way home we encountered quite a wind and rain storm, which interfered with our customary Sunday evening Service.

The Art Hall having been beautifully decorated by Sister Isadora in honor of Easter, Service was held on Monday evening. A brother read "The Science of the Resurrection," F. S., Sept. 26, 1902. The quartet sang, "The .Lord Is in His Holy Temple."

CURRENT EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

An Interesting and Instructive Lecture by a Noted
Traveler, and a Timely Talk on Agriculture
BY D. J. RICHARDS
May 1917

FARMING in Florida has been given a great impetus since the pressure of the H. C. L. has been so keenly felt throughout the country, and also since President Wilson's appeal to the South to plant diversified crops to help solve the problem. Lee County has been specializing principally in citrus fruit, but the prospect of hard times is causing the pendulum to swing the other way.

We had a rousing meeting in our Art Hall recently, when Mr. Boring, Lee County

agricultural demonstrator; Mrs. Parker, Lee County demonstrator in domestic science, and Mr. Case, Sec'y of the Board of Trade of Fort Myers, were here to address us, Mr. Boring, who is an expert farmer and keeps in close touch with everything that grows in this county, gave us some valuable information as to what is being accomplished in this line. His advice concerning soil conditions, what and when to plant, will save both time and money to those who will heed his advice. The same can be said for Mrs. Parker, who gave us the very latest on food preparation and conservation; her advice being both timely and good.

Mr. Case, who is one of the foremost orators in the state, gave us a rousing talk on the ideal things of life. He said the individualist is almost a nonentity; that the spirit of the age is tending more to the cooperative and the communistic ideas. He dwelt at length on the wonderful possibilities of Lee County, with its ideal climate, and laid special stress on the need of good roads. We feel that the Unity and the entire neighborhood will be greatly benefited as a result of this visit, and we hope it is only the beginning of many such meetings. As Mr. Case remarked: "We need more of the get-together spirit."

At our Sunday evening Service of April 15, 0 sister read from the writings of KORESH: "Time for Concerted Action," "A More Literal Exposition of the Science of the Decalogue," and "The Baptism of Fire Essential to the Removal of Selfishness," from F. S. of March, 1913. The quartet sang "The Last Great Battle," and "Lead, Kindly Light." We find in the first article above quoted the following: "If one man will fix upon the central doctrine of human perfection, and draw to himself the only few who can appreciate and make application of his wisdom, then that man has formulated the human battery by which the world will be electrified and through which it will receive its baptism. Koreshanity has solved this mystery. It has formulated the science of the Decalogue; it has reduced to an exact demonstration the mystery which, until now., has been hidden in the Ark of the Covenant.."

The K. U. Orchestra gave a concert on Saturday evening, April 21, in which eight numbers were given, besides a celio solo, "Evening Star," by Brother Jesse Putnam; also a piano solo, "Rigolletto," by Professor Schoedler, who responded to two encores. We greatly appreciate the Professor's musical ability, and can realize his pleasure in being out of the competitive hell and in a position where he can apply his talent, not according to time at so much per, but according to the pupil's needs. God speed the day when everything in the competitive line will be done away with, all monetary considerations eliminated, and the injunction: "Blessed are they that do his commandments," fully established.

We recently had the pleasure of entertaining, and in turn being entertained by, Dr. Thomas Wallace, of Sedalia, Mo. Dr. Wallace is a man of unusual attainments; he is master of five languages, the author of many books, and has traveled in all four quarters of this concave sphere. Coming in on "The Estero," Saturday afternoon, Apr. 27, he lectured that evening, in the Art Hall, on the land of Egypt, besides touching on many other points of the old world. This lecture was very instructive as well as entertaining; the speaker possessing a wonderful fund of information.

The following Monday evening he gave a public lecture on Mexico. Having lived many years in that country, he stated that in his estimation it was the wealthiest and grandest country he had seen in all his travels, not excepting the United States. The climate, the soil, and the natural resources of Mexico surpass anything he has ever seen; but he thinks there is very little hope for this country of revolution, unless the United States takes possession of it, and will police and develop it as we did the Philippine and Hawaiian Islands. Dr. Wallace has had an excellent opportunity to study the Mexican situation from all angles, acting as interpreter to ex-Pres. Diaz for some time in Mexico City. We certainly enjoyed his short visit with us. He had never heard of the Koreshan Unity, nor of the Science of

Universology, and concludes that if our premise be correct, there are many ideas he will have to throw overboard in order to accept it. He supplied himself well with our literature before leaving, and we trust he may perceive the wonderful truths given by the Master Mind of this age.

On Sunday evening, April 29, a brother read at our Service, "The Possibility and Process of Redemption," F.S. March. 15, 1909. The Master delivered this lecture some years ago, and it was reported in shorthand by Sister Isadora. It contains much needed advice as to how Koreshans should conduct themselves toward one another. The last paragraph is as follows: "If you will study your self, and make an effort to understand your own character, you will be so occupied that you will not have time for the other thing's, except the general desire for the redemption of the whole human family,—if you ever come in through the '^ates.' So be careful, and wise, and generous, and fulfil the law of love. Love God with all the heart, might, mind, and strength; and when you find your neighbor, love him as yourself. Don't try to make others keep the com mandments, but keep them yourself, and send broadcast a 113 better and a brighter example." The quartet sang "Adonai." "Consider the Lillies," was rendered as a solo.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller of Chicago, who have been spending the winter at Fort Myers, have been here for a short visit. They will return to Chicago soon. We are glad to announce that Brother William Clinchy, after an absence of many years, has returned to the Unity to remain with us.

Some eighteen thousand shingles are being used to cover our Art Hall. All kinds of roofing paper have failed to give satisfaction; but with a cypress roof we may be sure of a dry hall.

Mr. L. M. Boomer, of New York City, recently made a short visit to the Unity. The fine house he is having built on his grove property near here is about completed.

At our Sunday evening Service of May 6, a sister read from the writings of KORESH: "The Lord Will Come Through the Posterity of Joseph," "True Christianity Is True Communism," and "The New Name," F. S., Jan'y, 1913. It is comforting to all Koreshans to know that the "'New Name' is CYRUS. Isaiah has declared him to be the Anointed One, who is to fulfil all God's pleasure. This 'New Name' will take the place of the old one, and future generations will celebrate the birth of CYRUS as the day of the inauguration of the new era, the Koreshan dispensation." Brother James Calderwood sang, "O Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me. Out."

CURRENT EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Interesting Items Concerning Gardening, Music, Newcomers & Visitors

BY D. J. RICHARDS

June 1917

A CHORAL society has recently been organized in the Unity, under the direction of Prof. Schoedler. The members meet twice a week in the Art Hall, and those who love to sing and have taken advantage of this opportunity are highly gratified with the results. Both sacred and secular songs are studied.

In this month's issue we reprint an article by the Master, on "Sacred Song." In it he advises to "Urge forward the institution of sacred singing—so entrancing to the masses—wheresoever the chorus of sacred music can be swollen, till its reverberations shall vibrate and fill the air, and lull into peaceful harmony the entire world."

One of the most successful vegetable gardens the Unity has had for some years was planted by Brother Charles Fifield, a veteran of the Civil War. We have not kept tab on his birthdays, but we would judge him to be about 75 years young. It

has given him great pleasure to furnish our large family with green vegetables. He has demonstrated that he understands the science of gardening, because he has produced fine results under the most adverse conditions, as we have had a long spell of drought.

If this country had adopted Dr. Osler's ideas concerning those who had reached the age of 60, the Koreshan Unity would have received a solar plexus blow, and would have been deprived of its most valuable members, since most of the pioneers of this movement are past that age, but are still diligent, faithful, and untiring in their efforts to carry out the trust reposed in them by our Master.

At our Sunday evening Service of May 13, a brother read from the writings of KORBSH: "America's Bondage to the Money Power," F. S., Jan. n, 1901, and "Koreshan Social Theocracy Demonstrated by Laws of Human Physi-ology," F. S., July i, 1898. In the first article above quoted, we find ,that "We are as completely under the bondage of the money power, as were the children of Israel under their Egyptian bondage. That was a great oppression, and one difficult to bear, but the bond-age caps the climax: this is the consummation." The solo ren-dered. was "Fear Not Ye, O Israel."

The atmosphere the country over, is surcharged with the psychology of war. We recently entertained a com-pany of ladies from Fort Myers, who, in behalf of the Red Cross work, desired the use of our Art Hall to tell us what was being done toward this work in Lee County. Their object was to form a division in Bstero of the Fort Myers Chapter of the Red Cross. Shortly after their visit here, they gave a dance in Fort Myers for the benefit of the Red Cross work, the K. U. Orchestra furnishing the music without charge.

We had a very pleasant visit from Brother Ezra Stew-art of the Shaker Colony, St. Cloud, Fla., and Mr. Albert Kruse, of Detroit, Mich. Mr. Kruse is the possessor of a good baritone voice, and by request sang the "Rosary," at one of our Saturday evening concerts. He responded to an encore, and both numbers were enjoyed.

At our Sunday evening Service of May 20, a sister read from the writings of KORESH: "The Koreshan Religion of Practical Life," F. S., May 22, 1906; "Reincarnation and Re-embodiment," F. S., Feb. 8, 1890, and "Sacred Song," March 24, 1894. In the first article we find that "The foundation of the Koreshan System is the life of uses to the neighbor, prompted by the conviction that to perform uses is the highest possible attainment of the human soul, whether in the natural or the spiritual world."

The K. U. Orchestra has of late been giving a concert every Saturday evening, and a number of the young folks, who are practising on different instruments, have contributed "their bit" to the enjoyment of all. In each concert Prof. Schoedler usually gives two or three numbers on the piano. As a preface to his playing, he sometimes gives a brief sketch or history of the music played; this feature is very much appreciated by the audience, inasmuch as it helps to indelibly fix the music in the mind, through the law of association, and gives one a keener insight into the life and purpose of the great masters through their productions.

At the regular Service, May 27, a brother read "The Koreshan Religion of Practical Life," from the writings of KORESH, in F. S., May 22, 1906.

We are glad to announce in this issue the return of Brothers Lloyd Graham and Frank Rahn, the latter having been away about four months. Brother Lloyd is an efficient printer, and is now at work in our job dept. He is also an excellent performer on the flute and piccolo, having played in both band and orchestra in the Unity when we were known to have the best organization in the state, Brother Frank is also a printer, and can hold his own on the clarinet.

At the Sunday evening Service, June 3, a sister read "An Exposition of Macrocosm and Microcosm," F. S., Nov., 1909, and "The Discovery of Deity," F. S., Apr.,

1908, by KORESH.

Brother John Sargent, besides writing for THE SWORD and The American Eagle, is actively engaged at present in preparing about 17 acres of Mr. Boomer's land to plant sweet potatoes. Brother John is using his best efforts to supply us with vegetables, and also feed for the cattle. And by the way, he too is a veteran of the Civil War, untiring in his devotion to this work, despite three score and ten years. He and Brother Lauritz Pederson were the first brothers to migrate from Chicago to Estero, the spot designated by the Master as the "Mecca of a New Civilization.."

At our regular Service, June 10, a brother read from the writings of KORESH: "The Mystery of the Human Soul Revealed," F. S., Feb'y, 1907, and "The New Order of Human Evolution." F. S., Feb'y, 1908.

Current Events in Our Community Life

BY D. J. RICHARDS

July 1917

SOME MONTHS ago we mentioned in this Department that the young people of the Unity were laying out a tennis court, to be made of oyster shell. We were satisfied that tennis was all that was claimed for it, but we soon found out that oyster shell alone was not practical; so the next thing to do was to devise ways and means whereby cement could be laid over the shell court. We are glad to state that this has been accomplished, and we are very grateful to our Koreshan friends of Brooklyn and New York City, who assisted financially to make this possible. We understand that the above mentioned friends are also lovers of tennis, and that some of them contemplate making a visit to the Unity in the near future. We hope this is so, and trust that tennis in Estero will prove equally as attractive to them as it has been in Greater New York.

Part XI of the wonderful series of articles by KORESH on "The Book of Revelation," F. S., Jan'y 4, 1901, was read by a sister at our Sunday evening-Service of June 17. This article explains the laws and principles of the commerce of life, and declares the great truth concerning the pivotal Man of the new age, and also the conservation and appropriation of the hidden manna. There is no mincing of terms in this article concerning the relations of the sexes on the natural plane. KORESH states that: "We do not pretend to say that strong characters may not be produced on this plane; but they are gross, and if at all spiritually inclined, their spirituality is of the diabolic kind, not of the divine order." The quartet sang "Adonai."

We have with us at present, Miss Ruth Boomer of New York City. Miss Boomer is much interested and charmed with the fine home just finished, which the K. U. built for her brother, Mr. L. M. Boomer, on his grove property, situated on the banks of our beautiful Estero River.

We have with us on a visit Mrs. Nellie Mahone, of Ga.; also Mr. William Whistler, formerly of Muscatine, Ia. The latter has resided for some years in the northern part of this state. Both are firm believers in the Master, and in the fulfilment of his prophecies.

Brother Frank Wilson, our very efficient dentist, who, when not acting in the above capacity, has been for a long time engineer on our boat "The Estero," has been transferred to a new department, the .. apiary,--which is more to his liking. He is assisting Brother Wm. McCreedy, who has had charge of the apiary for a number of years. Brother Frank has had considerable experience with bees; previous to his coming here from the Hood River valley section of Ore., he disposed of 105 stands. The above mentioned brothers love the bee business, and we have every reason to

believe that it will hum more now than it ever has in the bee history of the K. U.

At our Sunday evening Service of June 24, a brother read from the writings of KORESH : "The Prophets, on Mount Carmel," F. S., May 2, 1905, and "The Approach of the Days of Vengeance," June 15, 1907. The last article read is wonderfully prophetic, and clearly portrays part of the retribution coming to the world for its deviation from the principles laid down by the Lord Jesus. Concerning the Lord Jesus, we read that "He was the most tremendously hated man of the world, because he was the best. The spirit which prevailed in his. day prevails again at this time; and God pity this poor world when its anger rises to the visitation of the destruction for which it is preparing.

"There will be an ark of safety for the people of God. The warning to the nations will be distributed without stint, but will the blind see, and the deaf hear ? Those who have eyes for the observation of the signs of the times, and those who have ears to hear the warning voice, will be provided for and protected. Destruction never comes to the world without the warning voice, but the negligent will not observe." Brother James Calderwood sang, "Flee as a Bird."

Brother Alien Andrews and his mother, Sister Virginia, attended the State Press Association's con-vention held this year at Jacksonville. They report having had a fine time. Two years ago the convention was held at Miami, and the Board of Trade of that city offered a silver cup to the editor giving the best "write up" of his impressions of Miami. This of course is ancient news to us here in Estero, but we believe many of THE SWORD readers will be glad to know that Brother Alien's "write up" brought home— not the bacon—but the cup in this instance. There is not a better edited paper in the state of Florida than The American Eagle, and if any of THE SWORD readers have \$1.50 they don't know what to do with, this being the price of The Eagle for one year, they can make an investment that will prove a joy for 52 weeks, and at the end of that time we believe they will come back for more.

At our Sunday evening Service of July 1, a sister read the following articles from the writings of KOEESH: "Promised Salvation of the Body," F. S., July, 1908, and "The Coming Age of Equilibrium," F. S., Nov., 1908. The solo for the evening was "Lucifer," the words of which are to be found in our Koreshan song book. Prof. Schoedler has given these words a new musical setting; the air heretofore used was "Kathleen Mavourneen," but the new arrangement is far more suitable in the portrayal of these wonderful words.

We had the pleasure recently of entertaining Rube Allyn, one of Florida's most noted characters. In the editorial columns of The American Eagle of July 5, we find the following under the caption, "Rube Allyn, Missionary of Cheerfulness:"

"Like a breeze from the piney woods, he drifted in upon us, refreshing, wholesome and pleasing to encounter, after a hot, sultry day in the city. Such to us is Rube Allyn, humorist, orator, editor, linguist, actor, naturalist, philosopher and missionary of cheer-fulness to a troubled world. Refreshing is Rube, because of his naturalness; his kindly humor; his honest, outspoken manner; his abhorrence of cant and hypocrisy; his utter disgust for artificial manners and unmeaning conventionalities. So supreme is his naturalness that his personality is a peculiar blending of primitive tastes and impulses with a highly cultured and educated, up-to-the-minute mentality. * * *

"Possessing a highly developed sense of humor, a vivid imagination, a wonderful faculty of mimicry, and features as changeable as the flickering forest shadows, he can within a few moments run the entire gamut of human emotion, from gay to somber,—Bill Nye to Shakespeare,—and back again. And he is equally good in all. His dialect stories and impersonations are one continuous scream, and those who have never heard him have certainly missed something worth while.

The children of the Unity gave an entertainment in the Art Hall on the evening of

July 4. The hall was gaily decorated with Old Glory; songs, drills, recitations, and dancing were the order of the evening. The music was furnished by the orchestra. The chorus sang "The Star Spangled Banner." Mr. Rube Allyn, our guest, was called upon to make a few remarks, and in a fitting manner paid Old Glory a most beautiful tribute, and congratulated our children highly on their exercises. He recited a bear story as told by a little boy, which was very much enjoyed by all; for an encore, he told us a good story of two Irish soldiers at the front in France.

"We have referred to Rube as a missionary of cheerfulness, and such he is, for wherever he goes, he makes two good laughs grow where petty cares and worries flourished before, and as such, who shall say that he is not doing as much good in this troubled world as are the regular graduates of recognized missionary schools? While with us at Estero he entertained us with his impersonations, and he left us sore from convulsive laughter. He is on his way again, dispensing cheerfulness and sunshine. We shall miss him, and to paraphrase the words of Riley which he so touchingly recites, we can only say, "Goodbye Rube, take keer yerself." "

At our Snuday evening Service of July 8, 'a brother read from the writings of KORESH: "Communism and the Spirit of Sacrifice," F. S., Oct. 25, 1901, and "The Climax of Human Evolution," F.S., Sept. 11, 1906. There are startling statements in this last article on fche approaching consummation. We read that "We are hastening into the vortex of this great and final discomfiture of the so called Christian nations of the world. Shall the 'heathen' constitute the sword of the Almighty, by which he shall distress his wicked and fallen church? It is declared: 'The wicked is my sword.' Watch the armament of the millions of China through the machinations of the 'rising Sun,' prepara-tory to the demolition of the white race which has ordained its own 'yellow peril'—the gold power through which its plagues are to come upon it; for the love of money is the root of all evil." Bro. James Calderwood sang, "Let Joyous Peace R^ign Everywhere."

Current Events in Our Community Life

BY D. J. RICHARDS

August 1917

WHEN Mr. Boring, our county agricultural demonstrator, visited us last May to address us on Lee County's farming possibilities, the K. U. agricultural committee made use of the opportunity to show him Estero Bay and Carlos Island, where we have approximately 300 acres, and get his opinion as to what he thought we could plant on this Island that would give us the best results. He remarked that we had some of the finest land he had seen in Lee County, and thought that Irish potatoes, onions, and other staple vegetables could be grown there successfully. Since then we have had some very enthusiastic grubbing picnics (one day each week), and the result is that we have already cleared between three and four acres of land. Much can be accomplished when a force of about fifteen brothers are turned loose on a piece of land, with a unity of purpose to get results; we presume from thirty to thirtysix hours have been put in actual service, and land enough cleared to keep our tables supplied with vegetables for months this coming winter. Of course we have a good deal yet to do in order to get the soil ready for planting; but with the enthusiasm already shown, we have no fear of the outcome. We feel very grateful to the sisters who cooperated in preparing the good things that were necessary to sustain the "inner" man. After the strenuous work of grubbing, we enjoyed a surf bath in the Gulf of Mexico. These picnics have not lacked the proper incentive.

Miss Ruth Boomer, before leaving for the North, gave a delightful party for a number of her friends from the Unity, in their charming new home. Some of her girlhood years were spent in the Unity, consequently she has many warm friends here,

and the manner in which she received and entertained them speaks volumes for her friendship. Her one regret was that she couldn't entertain all the members of the Unity. Those present were royally entertained, and spent the afternoon in a manner that will be long remembered. She left here for a month's vacation in the foothills of Wyoming. As she wished to know something of the inland towns of the west coast of Florida, she, with her mother and sister, Sisters Berthaldine and Bertie, Brother James Bubbett and the writer, motored as far as Tampa, where she took the train for the North. Needless to say, all were charmed with the trip.

While we have always been greatly impressed with Florida, particularly the county of Lee, with its balmy climate, its semitropical plants, and the pride of the nation for citrus fruits, as well as some additional varieties of fruit that will not grow in the northern part of this state, such as the avocado pear, the mango, etc., we are yet willing to concede that Lee County is not all there is to Florida by any means; it was a revelation to observe fine farms, with the kind of corn growing that one is accustomed to see in Illinois and Iowa. Florida is forging to the front in good roads; many miles of our journey were made over a rolling country, the paved brick and asphalt roads in many places lined with large live oaks covered with Spanish moss. This was particularly true of Bartow, one of the most attractive towns we have ever seen. This section of Florida is well known for its phosphate mines, from which thousands of tons are shipped annually. Lakeland is another town we were very much impressed with. It is properly named; having around it some thirteen lakes. It is a live railroad town as well as an agricultural center, and we were informed that at the last harvest of strawberries, a million and a half crates were shipped from this city.

Tampa, our destination, is the metropolis of the west coast of Florida; it is a city which impresses one as being up to date, with its high buildings, wide streets, fine residences, and a splendid boulevard that extends for miles along the water front. It is a seaport town, situated at the mouth of Hillsboro River in Tampa Bay. It is a great shipping point, noted largely for its large cigar factories, which give employment to thousands of Cubans.

At our Sunday evening Service of July 22, a sister read from the writings of KORESH : "The Great Secret of Koreshanity," F. S., Nov. 15, 1909, and "The Shepherd and the Little Flock," F. S., May 22, 1906. The subhead of this last article reads: "A Message of Encouragement From the Messenger to His People at Estero, Florida." It was written by our Shepherd while lecturing in Beaver Falls, Pa., and vicinity. We will quote one paragraph, because it is a most beautiful tribute, particularly to those who have remained loyal to the trust he reposed in them.

"Did my duty and my choice coincide, and could that duty (my obligation to the fruit of the dispensation) be as well discharged at our head Center in Estero, I would never leave you. To reach that which I must find, I am sometimes forced into the wilderness, where the flock is driven by the wolves of demolition that would devour. I find no people like those who have followed and have been with me through the deepest persecutions and the most bitter efforts to destroy my influence in the world. It is a noble few who would sacrifice the world for the higher life which the Koreshan Universology inculcates. There can be nothing more noble in character than to confront the entire world with a doctrine and life which it despises, and to hold the fort against the most determined obstacles. Words fail to portray the meed of deserving praise to which such a people is entitled. I almost wonder myself at the fortitude of my little central body, upon whom I am depending as the nucleus of polarization into which the spirit of the age must ultimately flow." The quartet sang "Adonai."

The K. U. Orchestra gave a very interesting concert on Saturday evening, Aug. 4. In addition to the orchestra numbers we were favored with a violin duet, "Spanish

Air No. 6," by Brothers Alien Andrews and Harold Moreland; they responded to an encore with another pleasing number. Prof. Schoedler favored us with two pianoforte selections: Prelude "Raindrop," and Waltz, "A Flat," both by Chopin. Brother Harold also played a violin solo, his first number being Weir's "Gypsy Dance;" for an encore, he gave "Angels' Serenade."

At the following Sunday evening Service a brother read from the writings of KORESH: "The Structure of the Cosmos," F. S., Nov. 22, 1904; "Signs of Impending Conflict;" "The Geometry of Government," F. S., May, 1908, and "The Conquering Hero of the Age," F. S., May 3, 1901. We wish to call our readers' attention to the following prophetic paragraph taken from the second article above read: "God will destroy the old church, and the instrumentality of its dissolution will be found in the millions of despised 'pagans,' whom the Christian world has educated in the glory of the world's commerce and its aggressive colonization schemes. Do not imagine that the Oriental nations, under the inspiration of Nippon, will hesitate to claim the right to exploit every field of industry and commerce throughout the world. . . . The Japanese nation is bent on the Oriental supremacy of the commerce of the world." The solo for the evening was "Fear Not Ye, O Israel."

Monday evening, August 6, an entertainment was given by the children of the Koreshan Unity at the Art Hall. The children acted well their parts; the program consisting of instrumental duets and solos, recitations and songs, closing with a comic play. The stage was appropriately and beautifully decorated, and well set to suit the occasion. One feature was unique,—a juvenile orchestra (which made its debut that evening), with Prof. Schoedler's assistance, furnished the music for the evening.

Current Events in Our Community Life

BY D. J. RICHARDS

September 1917

WE HAVE with us Mr. Will Morgan and neice, Eleanor Morgan, of Dayton, Ohio, on a short visit to his mother, Sister Martha, who is a member of the Unity. She was glad to have this visit from her son and grandchild, the latter being the daughter of her son, Joe Morgan, now deceased. The Morgan family has been connected with the Koreshan movement for over twenty years. Will is a fine musician and an expert piano tuner, and while here tuned our two grand pianos.

We also had a short visit from an old acquaintance of Sister Virginia Andrews, Mr. James Button, formerly of Alexandria, Va., but now of Montclair, N. J. He is a veteran of the Civil War, and a typical southern gentleman whom it was a pleasure to meet.

A sister read the following articles from the writings of KOKESH, at our Sunday evening Service of August 12: "The Economy of Genuine Commonwealth," Aug. 21, 1906, and "The Great Doctrine of the Resurrection," F. S., Aug. 7, 1906. The first article treated of government conduct of public utilities; the practical socialism of Koreshanity, and the brotherhood of the new order; while the second explained the processes of the resurrection, illustrated by developments in Nature; lessons taught by the sown seed, the Messianic factor, and the keys of knowledge. At our Sunday evening Service of Aug. 19, a brother read from the Master's writings, "The One Who Is Coming," F. S., May 15, 1909, and "Japan as the New World Power," F. S., Sept. 12, 1905. We have been much interested in reading in the daily papers the utterances of the present Japanese Commission in this country; but as we are ever mindful of what the Master has written concerning the ambitions of this yellow race of the rising sun, their utterances here are accepted with a ? mark, and a very large one at that. Their domination over China is practically complete, if what Mr. Biythe

says (as stated in Saturday Evening Post of June 7) is correct; England made an alliance with her simply to save her own face, but she has outwitted British diplomacy, and is now pluming herself to serve the United States in like manner, unless something radical frustrates her plans. The Master in the above article says: "The Japanese have demonstrated their superiority in war, for they have whipped the greatest bully and bluffer of all the nations, the Russian, even outwitting Spain herself in all her vainglory. They have shown their superiority in statesmanship and diplomacy." The solo for the evening was, "By the Waters of Babylon."

The following articles were read by a sister at our Sunday evening Service of Aug. 26: "Mistakes of Ancient and Modern Chronologists," F. S., March 17, 1899; "Is It War or Peace?" Jan., 1896; "Gog and Magog," F. S., July, 1896, and "The New Jerusalem," F. S., March, 1896. We find in the second article above mentioned that: "War is as righteous as peace when, in the providence of Almighty God, the end to be subserved is a righteous one. It was the command of Jehovah that the nations surrounding the Israelites (whose tendency was to exterminate the Jews) should be destroyed. For what? Because the Lord God had planted his germ of salvation in that race, and at all hazards it must be preserved, even though the surrounding pagan nations were completely exterminated." The quartette sang, "When This Mortal Shall Have Put on Immortality," and "The Lord Is in His Holy Temple."

At the following Sunday evening Service, a brother read from the writings of KORESH: "Mission of the Messiah and Shepherd," F. S., Feb. 21, 1902; "American Liberty in Danger;" "Gog and Magog Is a House Divided Against Itself," and "Rumbling of a Coming Revolution," F. S., July 30, 1892. In "American Liberty in Danger," KORESH says: "All our sympathies are with the downtrodden working man, woman, and child, and we advocate the reduction of the hours of labor, the equitable adjustment of all the factors of economical use, the right of all men (union or nonunion) to work or play when they choose, and the distribution of wealth to those whose industry creates it. There is not a principle involved in the competitive system that is not destructive to true religion and morals, to political and social security, and that does not tend toward, and will not end in, the downfall of a house divided against itself." Will Morgan and the writer sang a duet, "The Lord Is My Shepherd."

At our Sunday evening Service of Sept. 9, a sister read the following articles from the writings of KORESH: "Science and Theology," F. S., Dec. 17, 1892; "Sociology" and "The Kingdom of Righteousness Will Be a Material One," F. S., Dec. 31, 1892. The people of the world are beginning to realize that there is something wrong with a system that is creating so much strife as the competitive system is now doing. In the article on "Sociology" we find that: "Every business man in the competitive system is a gambler, on a large or small scale, and the big gambler is the more honorable of the two as the world counts honor; yea, as the church of today estimates it. The men who gamble are not necessarily bad, as viewed from a knowledge of a single incarnation, because they are educated to believe in the righteousness of it. The condemnation is in the system; and when the system goes down the great (?) men of the world will have a fall. Great will be the fall thereof, and justly, because the power to rob, as Jay Gould has done, is the result of piratical piracy for generations. . . . Events are rapidly crowding themselves toward the great finale of the issue of the black horse, and his Rider, who goes forth with the scales of justice." The quartet sang "Adonai."

The children of this neighborhood, under the auspices of the Estero Auxiliary Red Cross Society, gave a very creditable entertainment at our Art Hall on Friday evening, August 31. A number of people from Fort Myers were present, among whom were Sheriff Tippins and family. We were charmed with the singing of Walter Tippins, the sheriff's son, who has a very sweet soprano voice. We understand the entertainment

was a success financially; the proceeds will be devoted to Red Cross work.

The K. U. Orchestra has given several concerts during the month. We were pleased to have a few vocal numbers from Will Morgan at our concert of Sept. 1. He sang several humorous songs, which "brought down the house." The principal number by the Orchestra was Verdi's "La Traviata." Prof. Schoedler favored us on the piano with Liszt's "Second Hungarian Rhapsody," and Benders "Moonlight on the Lake," and "Waterfall."

Our belated rainy season having at last arrived, we are now experiencing heavy showers almost daily. There are many things that grow well in Florida during the rainy season, and rice is one of them; the wetter the land, the better it is for rice. We were very agreeably surprised recently at seeing about two acres of this product, which Brother Conrad had planted in what we call the flatwoods, land supposed to be of little account; but from all appearances it will yield a very creditable crop of rice. Brother Conrad has charge of our dairy; he is constantly on the job, and always looking for something new. Our county agricultural demonstrator, when visiting the Unity some months ago, didn't know that rye could be grown in Lee County, and was quite elated when shown an excellent specimen the above brother had grown. We are told that Irish potatoes will grow in these flatwoods, as was recently demonstrated at Hastings, Fla., from which section several hundred carloads were shipped when prices were at the highest point. The farming industry of Florida is in its infancy, and this state, through its educational institutions, is doing everything in its power to enlighten the people as to the wonderful possibilities of her natural resources.

Current Events in Our Community Life

BY D. J, RICHARDS

October 1917

WE ARE again on the eve of celebrating another anniversary of the birth of our Master, this one being the 78th. It is a wonderful thought to realize that the year 1, A. K, of the new age will be reckoned from October 18, 1839, and will be observed in due time by the whole world, the same as Dec. 25th is now being observed by Christendom in commemorating the birth of the Messiah of nineteen hundred years ago. This should be a great event to all Koreshans. We wish we could convey to the SWORD readers how eagerly the members of the Koreshan Unity look forward to October 18, of each year; but this we feel would be impossible, even were we in perfect command of the English language. As the years roll on and the destructive tendencies of the nations accelerate, we are more than ever imbued with the truth that our Shepherd is the Messiah of this age; that he "will loose the loins of kings to open before him the two eaved gates," as recorded by the prophet Isaiah, is plainly visible to the thinking mind from what is now transpiring the world over.

It may be said of KOKESH, as it was of Jesus nineteen hundred years ago, that "He was despised and rejected, a man of sorrows and acquainted with gnet. While visibly with us he was subjected by the world to the vilest epithets, caricatured and unmercifully treated by the press; yet through all this persecution, he undauntedly wrote and preached the truth "as clear as crystal" from the throne of God, all for the sake and in the name of humanity. And he arranged that this work should be carried on during his temporary absence, by means of his uncompromising magazine, THE FLAMING SWORD. What a legacy he has entrusted to his people; and there have been times when the forces of demolition seemed bent on destroying every vestige of this trust; but the Guiding Star has warded off disaster, and has shielded with a protective sphere, all those who remained faithful to his trust. Active preparations are being made to make the event pleasurable as well as

impressive; some of our brothers are doing all they can to get the park in good order. We have recently put a new wire fence from the store to the Art Hall, and have had planted along it a row of hibiscus, which when in bloom makes a very attractive showing.

A number of our brothers with the team have been to Carlos Island for a week, working on the newlycleared land which we mentioned in this department some months ago. We hope to plant a variety of things this fall, such as Irish potatoes, onions, etc., and from the appearance and condition of the soil, we believe a very successful garden will be the result of this effort.

The following articles were read by a brother at the Sunday evening Service of Sept., 16, from the writings of KORESH : "Theocratic Socialism vs. Social Democracy," F. S., Aug., 1897; and "The Koreshan ReligioSociology," F. S., Sept., '08. In the first article we learn that "There are two extremes of general government in the world today—the autocratic and the democratic. The so called civilized nations have forms of governmental organization all the way from these extremes, and the advantages to the people governed are about equally discriminated. The vidual (indi vidual) under the restrictions of British law is as well protected and possesses the same liberty as the vidual under the power of the laws of the United States. The male population of the United States is more generally electoral than the male population of the British government, but the government itself is more autocratic than the government of England." The solo for the evening was, "If With All Your Hearts," from the oratorio "Elijah."

The following Sunday evening a sister read: "Sinai," "A Radical Revolution in Both Religion and Politics, Our Only Hope," and "The Demand of Humanity Upon Koreshans," F. S., Nov. 15, 1890. We will quote a short paragraph from the second article and one from the last article above mentioned: "Whether men believe or not, the King of kings and the Lord of lords is coming to take the reins of government. The Theocracy will arise from the ashes of the fiery indignation about to sweep the earth." "Let Koreshans show forth their love to God by devoting their energies to the perfection of the neighbor's joy, and thus demonstrate that in the Koreshan Unity is fche evolution of Christianity." The solo for the evening was, "Open the Gates of the Temple." The articles read at our Sunday evening Service of Sept. 30, were: "Antitypical Circumcision," F. S., May 17 and 24, 1890. We glean this thought from the article read: "Jesus and his little Jewish church as a vital force in the progress of development was in Judah, even while Judah was captive to Babylon. Babylon would have destroyed this germ carried in the womb of Judah, had not the protecting power of Jehovah been exercised over it. Though Babylon was antiMessianic, it was not apostate, neither could it be, because it had occupied no position from which to fall." The solo for the evening was, "We Await Thee Here." The articles read at our Sunday bveuiiig Service of Oct. 7, were: "Seedtime and Harvest Shall Never Fail," F. S., Feb., 1897, and "The Planting of the Christos in the Beginning of the Christian Age Is the Only Hope of the Present," F. S., Sept., 1897. The solo for the evening was, "Like As a Father," and the quartet sang "Adonai."

Mr. Edward Critcher, of Chicago, is at present visiting the Unity, having come to pay his last respects • to his dying mother, Sisfcer Cornelia, who met with an accident through a fall in her room, August 31, and from which she cannot recover. She was closely connected with THE FLAMING SWORD, being on the editorial staff, and for many years a regular contributor, as well as editing the "Open Court of Inquiry" Dep't. She was an able writer, to which fact SWORD readers will readily testify. She was thoroughly en rapport with her work, and despite her 76 years of active life, was always ready and glad to contribute her part when called upon. She will be greatly missed, particularly as a contributor and member of the

editorial staff of THE FLAMING SWORD.

Current Events in Our Community Life

BY D. J. RICHARDS

November 1917

THE PHYSICAL SUN blazed forth in all his glory, on the morning of the Eighteenth of October. We naturally thought of the corresponding anthropostic Sun who was born to the world on this day of all days in the year 1839, and what it really means to Koreshans here in Estero, the place the Master dearly loved, and designated "The Mecca of a New Civilization." Nothing was more appropriate than music to start the day with the right vibrations, so the K. U. Band, under the direction of Brother George Hunt, played a half dozen numbers or so, on the broad walk in front of the Dining Hall, before breakfast. The Dining Hall was beautifully decorated, as it always has been on these occasions. Having killed a beef the day before, a sumptuous breakfast had been prepared; and if we may judge all the members by the ones we are privileged to. associate with daily at the festive board, we can truthfully testify that all did ample justice to the good things provided. After breakfast, the souvenir card, badge of the Koreshan colors, and the October issue of THE FLAMING SWORD were distributed to the members.

The graces, invocations, and orations were specially chosen for this occasion, from the writings of our Master. They are most appropriate, and are published in this issue in Founder's Dep't. In the evening, the Solar Festival Service was held at the Art Hall. The stage had been decorated in the most exquisite manner, for which great credit is due Sister Isadora and her coworkers. The impressiveness of the Service indicated that we were worshipping the true and living God, who has a message of "Peace on earth, good will to men." The program was as follows:

1. SELECTION, "Simple Aveu," - F. Thome
K. U. Orchestra
2. SUNG, "Grace to the King Who Is Rising Victorious,"
Congregation
3. READING OF THE INVOCATION,
Bro. Henry Silverfriend
4. VIOLIN SOLO, "Melancholic," - - Weir
Bro. Harold Moreland
5. ORATION, From the Writings of KORESH
Sister Berthaldine
6. SOLO, "The Good Shepherd," Beardsly Van de Water
Bro. David J. Richards
7. ORATION, From the Writings of KORESH
Sister Isadora
8. SELECTION, "Apple Blossoms," A" .--/. Roberts
K. U. Orchestra
9. ORATION, From the Writings of KORESH
Bro. Augustus Weimar
10. VOCAL QUARTET, "When this Mortal Shall Have
Put'on Immortality," Dr. J. B. Herber
Bros. Geo. Hunt, David J. Richards,
Jesse Putnam, Chas. H. Hunt
11. ORATION, From the Writings of KORESH
Sister Etta Silverfriend
12. SOLO, "A Dream of Paradise," Hamilton Gray

- Bro. James C. Calderwood
 'Cello Obligate, Bro. Jesse Putnam
 Piano Accompaniment, Sister Ella Graham
13. PRAYBR, - - - Read by Bro. Geo. Hunt
 Response by Congregation
14. ANTHEM, "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates,"
 Congregation
15. RECESSIONAL, March, 'The Ultimatum," T. S. Alien
 K. U. Orchestra

Mr. Wm. Whisler and family from Stark, Fla., have recently moved to Estero, and taken up their residence at the Unity property known as the "Sanatorium." Mrs. Nellie Mahone, of Valdosta, Ga., is to be their guest for several months.

Last year, Lee County instituted a Farmers' Day. The second celebration was recently held in Fort Myers, and several of our band boys assisted the Fort Myers Band in the musical program. This year a number of speakers were engaged from the Gainesville Experiment Station. Bros. John S. Sargent, Henry Moreland, Wm. Fischer, and Alien Andrews, Editor of The Eagle, attended, and got in touch with the latest developments along agricultural lines, which no doubt will be of great value to the Unity during the coming year.

The Unity is building a runabout boat for Mr. L. M. Boomer, of New York City. It is of the latest Art Nouveau design, concave V bottom, size 6x24 ft. with 20-inch draught; it is to be equipped with a Scripps Special, valve-in-head, 4 cylinder, 4 cycle engine, complete unit power plant 15-20 h. p. Brother Stephen Chislett is quite enthusiastic over this new style of boat, and will no doubt turn out one that will be substantial in every way.

We have recently installed a 12 h. p. engine in the dairy barn for the purpose of grinding feed for our cattle; this has been a great help to Brother Conrad.

The following articles were read at our Sunday evening Service of Oct. 14: "The Power and Purpose of Koreshanity," F. S., July 13, 1900, and "Synopsis of a Lecture Delivered by CYRUS, September 2, 1892," F. S., Dec. 24, 1892. The quartet sang, "O That I Had Wings." The first paragraph of the above mentioned lecture reads as follows:

"There are those who have been with us, but were not of us, for they have gone out from us. Though they nominally accepted the Koreshan doctrine, and even aspire to teach it, they cannot teach it aright, because they reject the one to whom the message was given—even the Messenger of the New Covenant. There are certain prophecies concerning the coming of a Shepherd through the posterity of Joseph. The people living at the time of the Lord did not accept him. Not until afterward did the world largely receive him. The prophecies concerning Joseph are clearer and more specific than those which pointed to Jesus, even the name being given. This is because he (the Shepherd from Joseph) is of the natural degree, while Jesus was of the spiritual."

For the Services of October 21 and 28, "The Two Fig Trees" were read from FLAMING SWORDS of July 18, 25, and August 1, 1891. The special music for these meetings were a solo, "Come Unto Me," the words adapted to the music of Gounod's "Margarita," in Faust; and "How Long, O Lord," sung by the quartet. From the above articles we learn the following important lesson:

"God loves man in proportion to man's love for God. Man's love to God augments proportionably to man's development toward God, through the gradual azixesis of man's being, by taking on from God the elements of attraction through which they are drawn together. In the amplification of the human intellect a knowledge of God is acquired. As man amplifies in his knowledge of the Supreme, forming an intimate

acquaintance with every attribute of Deity, and perceiving them to be supremely desirable, his attraction to the Supreme is intensified. As man becomes familiar with all the laws governing attributes, he discovers them to be coordinates of formulated personality. Hence in the mind he associates the attributes of Deity with human personality, and knows God to be very man."

Brother Charles Fifield recently called our attention to a new variety of bean that he is growing, called the East African mammoth bean. It is a native of Africa, as the name implies, and from what we can learn, is entirely new in this country. He received about a dozen of these seeds last June, which he planted in as many hills, and their growth has been somewhat phenomenal. The vines are strong, and the pods (when fully matured) measure from 12 to 14 inches in length, with a dozen or more beans to the pod. The bean resembles the lima, only it is larger.

The following articles were read at our Sunday evening Service of Nov. 4: "The Alchemy of Human Life," and "Fulfilling the Cubical Number of the Man," F. S., April 21, 1899. The first article gives a scientific analysis of the divine fire; difference between the atoms of the mortal and the immortal man; the psychology of matter, and atomic experiences in the progress of life. The second article explains the wisdom of the Prophet who counts the number 666; its relations to the mathematical cube of the New' Jerusalem, and the amplification of Zodiacal evolution. The quartet sang, "Raise High Your Heads."

The K. U. Orchestra gave a very interesting concert Monday evening, Nov. 5, under the leadership of Brother George Hunt, with Sister Mildred Fischer officiating at the piano. In addition to the orchestra numbers, Brother Louis Boszormeny rendered a piano-forte solo, and the quartet sang "The Battle Hymn."

At our Sunday evening Service of Nov. 11, a brother read: "The Salvation of the Flesh of Man," F. S., Feb. 7, 1905, and portions of the "Alchemical Laboratory of the Brain," FLAMING SWORDS, Dec. 26, 1905, and Jan. 9', 1906.

Current Events in Our Community Life

BY D. J. RICHARDS

December 1917

WE ARE glad to announce in this issue that Sister Orlene Thacher, who has been absent from the Unity for some years, has returned, and is very happy to be back with us,

The Unity is very much interested at present in the development of the cleared land that we now have ready for planting on our Estero Island property. The community spirit is injected into planting, as was done in the clearing, and once a week a dozen or more members go there to perform some useful service. Hundreds of peppers, tomatoes, and a nice tract of onions have already been set out; we hope to plant a lot of Irish potatoes as soon as seed is available. Fifty three avocado pear trees (a little over an acre) have been set out; our plans are to increase this to five acres; also a number of guavas and mangoes have been planted.

We have in the neighborhood of 200 avocado trees on our Mound Key property; a number of these trees had fruit on this last summer. We were pleased to notice recently the excellent crop of Irish potatoes that Bro. Wm. Acuff is growing on Md. Key, as well as cabbage, turnips, beets, sweet potatoes, etc. With these things coming on, our living problem does not seem so gloomy as we are led to believe it is going to be in many parts of the country. Florida is almost unlimited in her resources.

The fruit season is now on, and our brothers who ply on "The Estero" find plenty to do. Our boat up to date is the only one that has hauled any fruit out of Estero, and the prospects are that we will be the only ones to do so this year.

Brother Jesse Putnam, our pressman in the Publishing House, has a good-sized job

on hand at present, printing 30,000 folders in two colors, making 60,000 impressions, for the Fort Myers Board of Trade. This is a very neat folder; it is profusely illustrated, setting forth the beauties of Fort Myers and surroundings. In it is found the picture of Vice President Marshal, shaking hands with a Seminole Indian; also a picture of Thomas A. Edison, Henry Ford, and John Burroughs. We had the pleasure of meeting the latter renowned naturalist and author two winters ago, who in company with Mrs. Edison, Mrs. Ford, and party paid a visit to the Unity. Any one interested in this folder could procure one by writing to Mr. Biggers, Sec'y of the Board of Trade of Fort Myers, Fla.

Lee County is going to have a County Fair at Fort Myers this coming February. Judge Williamson, Sec'y Biggers, and Mr. Borland, all of Fort Myers, addressed a meeting at the Unity Art Hall, and they were enthusiastic at the outlook for a successful Fair. Fort Myers is well advertised through its prominent winter residents, for be it known that Mr. Edison and Mr. Ford have their winter homes there, and last season there were about four thousand visiting tourists. But a county fair will attract thousands more, and will give the people an idea of what this county can produce. We believe it will advertise Lee Co. as nothing else would.

The thought that "the Lord will provide," comes to mind in our desire to say a word concerning the happenings here on Thanksgiving Day, because we surely were amply provided with the good things of life on that day through the generosity of our friends, the Carnpbells and Sr. Berthaldine. In retrospection the question arises: Who really can be as thankful as the Koreshans? To begin with, we know positively that our Master is the Messiah of this age; that in Koreshan Universology we have the science of the universe, and to have seen the "Great Light" which Matthew's gospel refers to is indeed a privilege for which we find it hard to find words to express our gratitude. What a rest point it is to know that all the terrible things that are now happening in the world have been foretold by our Shepherd, and are simply confirming his predictions. The "hand writing on the wall" has been visible since the years 1869-70, but few there are as yet who have heeded it. KORESH is the only Light of the world, and we have positive proof that all God's pleasure is going to be performed through him, according to Isaiah xlv: 28 and xlv: 1.

An interesting entertainment was given Thanksgiving evening, at the Art Hall; the children performing a unique little sketch entitled "Father Time," with Brother Louis Boszormeny playing the leading part, which he did well. He also composed and read a poem, "The Mighty Hunters," a compliment to Brothers Charles Hunt and Frank Wilson, for the gobblers they brought home from their recent hunting trip. The evening was enjoyably spent with music by the orchestra as well as the graphophone, singing, games, and dancing. Brother George Hunt wrote a song for the occasion, which was sung by all present, to the tune of "Auld Lang Syne." The song will be found in this issue. We are thankful to Sister Etta Silverfriend, who worked untiringly to make this Thanksgiving evening the crowning climax of a well-spent day.

We are harvesting this year an excellent crop of sorrel; our Matron, Sister Emma Norton, and her assistants, have been busily engaged putting it up for future use. Sorrel when cooked is very much like cranberry sauce; we hope our "mighty hunters" will see to it that we get lots of turkeys.

We have never said a word concerning our school in this dep'fc, to our knowledge. The Unity school has about ten or a dozen scholars, and is conducted by Brother Henry Silverfriend. He possesses a fund of information and understands the art of imparting that which he knows, which makes him an excellent teacher. Our children are taught the basic principles of a common school education, also the truth concerning the structure of the universe, the Cellular Cosmogony, in contrast

with the false Copernican theory.

The Master recognized the necessity of manual training, as well as teaching the three r's in the school curriculum, consequently, a number of hours each day are devoted to performing useful service, and where those who show a talent for the different trades, are placed under competent instructors to this end. There is every advantage gained here for rounding out one's character in the Koreshan Unity, and it is truly named "The College of Life."

On Dec. 10, the Town of Estero re-elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Mayor, George W. Hunt; Secretary, David J. Richards; Auditor, H. D. Silverfriend; Marshal, Charles H. Hunt; and the four following Aldermen for two years: James H. Bubbett, Wm. F. McCreedy, Jesae Putnam, and Lauritz Pederson.

At our Sunday evening Service of Nov. 18, the following articles were read: "The Principles of Immortal Life," "The Science of the Atonement," and "The Restoration of Divine Consciousness," F. S., July 24, 1906. We find in the first article above quoted that: "The identification of the genuine Prophet of God will be through the credentials which have been so distinctively defined in the Scriptures, that there are no doubts in the minds of those who are destined to become the Sons of God. . . . Those who failed to recognize the Son of God as the source of the baptism at the beginning of the dispensation and the assurance of the new life, cannot now, by any process of mental desire, attain to the immortal state. Immortality is a transient condition and the stepping-stone, merely, to the eternal state of the celestial Deities." The solo for the evening was, "Like as a Father."

Owing to the chilliness of the weather, our Sunday evening Service of Nov. 25 was held at the Dining Hall, where we have a large heater. The selected readings were excerpts from the Master's writings bearing on the Japanese nation and the wonderful part this yellow race is to play in the winding up of the affairs of the old order. Some of these excerpts are printed in this issue, which we are sure will prove of great interest to SWORD readers. Suitable records were played on the Victrola in the place of the congregational singing, two of which were by that inspiring Welsh singer, Evan Williams: "Sound an Alarm," and "Open the Gates of the Temple." Evan Williams, through his wonderful singing, has found a very warm spot in the hearts of Koreshans here; being a Cymro myself, I naturally would have a warm feeling for him.

For the third Sunday Service, Dec. 2, the article was, "The Messianic Appearing and Personality," F. S., Oct., 1907. This article was written in response to the following questions: "(1) Who are you, and what is your mission in the world? (2) What is meant by the title 'KOEESH,' and what is your authority for taking this name? (3) Do you mean to teach that you are the Messiah of the new dispensation, or that the Messiah will be produced by the Koreshan Unity? (4) When the Messiah is manifest in the flesh, or in one personality, is there still a power elsewhere to govern or to aid him?" We would advise any one who is in doubt concerning the Messianic character of this age, to read and mentally digest this article. From it we learn, that "The Lord comes in this, the end of the Christian dispensation, with the name CYRUS, as has been prophetically declared; and if any man is looking for his appearing he will be compelled to acknowledge that name before acceptance with God. This is one of the times and places where God records his Name. Study carefully the 45th chapter of Isaiah, without bias."

Current Events In Our Community

Happenings of Interest To Those Who Have Been Among Us and Those Who Expect To Join Us In The Future.

By D.J. Richards

January 1921

WE ARE GLAD to record in this issue the return of Brother Lou Staton, who, for the past four months has been visiting' with relatives at DuQuoin, Ill., and St. Louis, Mo. While at St. Louis he met a number of the SWORD readers. Brother Lou. is never so much at home as when talking on the Cellalar Cosmogony, and a fine opportunity was given him when invited to lecture at the Perry County Fair in Illinois, besides several of the high schools of the neighborhood, also the M.cKinley High School of St. Louis. For the first time many were made acquainted with the fact that the universe which they mhabit is a concave cell, and not the opposite, as taught by the followers of the benighted Copernicus. No doubt considerable good will come from the lectures. On his. return, Lou came via Chicago, New York City, and Washington, D. C. (believing- in the old adage that the longest way round is the nearest way home), visiting friends who had been in Estero, and who treated him royally while en route.

Sister Marie Fischer, who, up to the time of the arrival of Brother Elbert Lindbeck, was the linotype operator for The American Eagle, is in Tampa for a few months. Lois Geiger left for a holiday visit with relatives at Jacksonville, Fla. Milton Boszormeny, who for the past several years has been attending Stetson University at DeLand, Fla., visited the Unity over the holidays. Estero held its town election Dec. 27, and the following officers, were elected: Mayor, George W. Hunt; Auditor, H. D. Silver-friend; Clerk, H. D. More- land; Marshal, Chas. H. Hunt; four Aldermen: J. H: Bubbett, Jesse Putnam, W. F. McCready, and. Lauritz Pederson. Etta Silverfriend, Isadora Van Duzee, and Lou Staton were judges of election.

A somewhat unique entertainment was given at the K. U. Art Hall on Saturday evening, December 18, in the form of a darky dialogue by Sister Edna Schwindel and Mrs. Edith Trebell. Their stage names were, Mrs. Dilemma White and Mrs. Onyxpected Johnson. The least that can be said about the per-formance was that it surely was "onyxpected." In -fact, it was a feat at memorizing not often found among stage folks. Over one hundred jokes were added to the original sketch, many of them of a local character, which gave color and spice, and kept the audience in constant laughter. Mrs. Dilemma White surprised her audience with her native ability in singing; but the climax was capped by an original dance, a bur-lesque on interpretative dancing, given by Mrs. Johnson.

Another pleasing feature of the evening was the "Dance of the Flower Queen" by Dorothy Geiger, who is quite talented, and has already given great pleasure to Estero .audiences during the short time she has been with us.

Several members of the K.U. Orchestra were engaged to play for an entertainment at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kellum, of Fort Myers, Dec. 30. Mrs. Kellum is a niece of the late Andrew Carnegie. No expense was spared to make everything an enjoyable affair. Our orchestra has played for Mr. and Mrs. Kellum on previous occasions, and needless to say was treated royally.

We had the pleasure recently of showing Dr. Seebold, late of Madison, 111., but now of LaBelle, Fla., over our grounds. Dr. Seebold has been a reader of THE SWORD for many years, and made a visit to Estero in 1910.

For several months past our friends have been reading with much pleasure the interesting' letters published in the Department "For Younger Minds." We are glad to record in this issue that the author of said articles, Miss Bertie Boomer, returned to the States from South America December 24, and arrived in Estero Jan. 3, looking hale and hearty, and, -needless to say, very enthusiastic over her six months' sojourn in the tropics. We agree with the writer who said: "The world's a great book, and they that never stir from home read only a page."

The date of the Lee County Fair to be held in Ft. Myers, as stated in the Publisher's Department of this issue, is incorrect. It should read Feb'y 15, 16, 17,

and 18, 1921.

[Note: The remainder of this column was not scanned since it only dealt with what readings, songs, etc. were used at the Sunday services.]

There was no "Community Current Events" column in this issue. Only a piece on what was done at the weekly Sunday service.

Current Events in Our Community Life

BY D. J. RICHARDS

March 1921

LEE COUNTY held its fourth annual fair at Fort Myers, Fla., February 15 to 18 inclusive, and the interest shown this year eclipsed all previous efforts. The American Eagle, in its issue of Feb'y 24, gives a detailed account of the whole Fair, which we would like to quote in its entirety but space does not permit it, so we'll be content with what Brother Alien says about the Estero booth:

"Estero, always with an interesting and varied display, fairly outdid itself this year. The framework of the booth was constructed of giant bamboo, adorned with flowers, fruits, vines, and coconut leaves, while along the base were crotons and other potted plants. Several rustic flower urns were also seen, made from inverted hollow cypress stumps. Across the entire back of the booth extended a beautiful tropical river scene (painted by Mr. Peter Blem, a local artist), the remainder of the background being of white muslin, which served to show off the exhibits to great advantage. Showcases in each end of the booth were unique, being homemade, of compo board hauled to a framework, and with window sash forming the glass tops.

"The front central portion of the Estero booth was devoted to The Cellular Cosmogony; a large demonstrating model of the hollow globe or concave universe being shown according to the Koreshan concept. Literature and specimens of job printing were also on display from the Koreshan Unity'printing plant.

"The bakery products, jelly, and marmalade, and candy exhibits in the Estero booth were the largest and most varied collection of such goods seen on the entire fair ground, comprising thirtyfive bakery products, one hundred sixtythree varieties of jams, jellies, and marmalade, fortyeight kinds of bonbons, and fourteen varieties of fudge.

"Of the miscellaneous exhibits, probably the most novel was a razorback hog made of the following materials: Body, coconut fibre; ears, coconut husk; coconut eyes; hoofs and fcnout, bamboo; tail, sweet potato. Also deserving of mention were a bamboo hanging basket and rustic pine birdhouse, both made by a 14yearold boy. A variety of bamboo novelties were also noted, including boxes, matchsafes, paper knives, pin trays, pen holders, fans, etc. Two large bamboo settees, hanging lamps made of palmetto stems, and a lamp stand of bamboo and palmetto stems were also seen. A beautiful bookrack made of home grown eucalyptus, and equal in beauty to any mahogany wood, attracted much attention.

"Fine vegetables and fruits were seen in great variety; of especial interest was the fruit pyramid shown by Mr. Chas. Wetland, which took the first premium for best individual fruit collection. A beautifully arranged sunflower pattern made of citrus fruit from the L. M. Boomer grove, also in the Estero booth, took the premium for second best individual fruit exhibit. One of the unique exhibits of this booth was a rustic well, from which was served ice cold tangelo juice from fruit grown at Estero."

The Estero booth won first honors and got sweepstakes over all competitors for the best decorated booth. In addition, twentyeight premiums were given the Unity on

the following products: tamarinds; overbearing lemons; rough lemons; Sicilian lemons; coconuts; papaya; natal hay; Japanese sugar cane; rutabagas; orange jelly; tangelo jelly; seagrape jelly; pineapple jelly; the best collection of jellies; preserves in glass (best collection); lard; pickles, catsup and relishes; vinegar; bread; cinnamon rolls; chocolate layer cake; light fruit cake; nut cake and nut layer cake; orange cake; doughnuts; guava pie; mango pie; and divinity fudge.

The Koreshan Unity could do nothing better to attract attention on external lines than an exhibit such as we had at this Fair. But the main feature to us is not so much the winning of prizes, although these are acceptable, but the opportunity it gives to promulgate Koreshan Science, and to tell the people that the universe is not a convex globe as they have been led to believe through centuries of fallacious teachings, but a concave cell, with the people living on the inside. Hundreds, if not thousands, who had never heard of this new idea, heard it for the first time at this Fair. Like all previous exhibits of this character our efforts will no doubt result in much good.

Among the many visitors to Estero this winter, none have been of more interest than Mr. and Mrs. Dinwiddie of Metuchen, N. J. In its issue of Feb. 17, The American Eagle had the following concerning them: ". . . Mr. Dinwiddie was for many years city editor of the New York Herald; was war correspondent for Harper's Magazine during the RussoJapanese War; provincial governor in the Philippines after the American occupation of the islands, and established the first American newspaper there.

"He is a globetrotter, and in the course of his work as newspaper and magazine correspondent has covered practically all sections of Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Philippine Islands. He is touring outoftheway spots of Florida in his present capacity of correspondent for Harper's Monthly Magazine.

"Mr. and Mrs. Dinwiddie camp wherever they happen to stop, having a remarkable camping outfit, including tent, air mattresses, folding chairs, electric lights, thermos bottles, typewriter, camera, cooking utensils, etc., all of which can be stored in an inconceivably small space when traveling. They have a Filipino boy with them named Joaquin Acotanza, who serves in the capacity of chef. Joaquin is a loyal American, all right, having served in the marines during the late war, and carries a bullet in his leg, which he received while fighting in France.

"Mr. and Mrs. Dinwiddie are charmed with Estero, and found so much of interest that they decided to remain over until Wednesday, and certainly our people are delighted to have them with us."

Another interesting visitor to the Unity was Mr. J. S. Frazee, of Brooklyn, N. Y. About twenty years ago Mr. Frazee entertained the Master at his home in Brooklyn, and gathered a company of people to hear him lecture. Being in a reminiscent frame of mind, Mr. Frazee told us many interesting things concerning the Master's visit, and how impressed he was with his wonderful personality.

Dr. D. J. Arnold and Miss Putnam of Eldora, Ia., and Mrs. Putnam of Friendship, Md., made a visit to the Unity. Dr. Arnold made himself so generally useful, and accomplished so much good while here, that it was with genuine regret we saw him leave. He is thoroughly en rapport with Koreshanity, and trusts the fates will not keep him away too long from Estero.

Mr. Frank Schwindel, a contractor of Kankakee, Ill., who had been overseeing some work at St. Petersburg, Fla., stopped at the Unity on his way north, for a brief visit with his mother and sister Edna. Mrs. Schwindel expects to join her son later at Kankakee.

Mrs. Myers and daughter of Gloversville, N. Y., daughter and granddaughter of George Main, and Mrs. Harrelson of Tabor, S. C., are on a visit to the Unity at present.

Brother Frank Schoedler is back home, after several _months' visit with his folks at Allentown, Pa. He also visited friends of ours in Brooklyn, N. Y., New York City, and Baltimore, Md., where he was very hospitably entertained, and enjoyed himself.

Brothers Henry Silverfriend and Alfred Christensen took. in the Gasparilla Fair at Tampa, Fla.

To have written a story that has attracted international attention is some accomplishment, and it gave us considerable pleasure to conduct Mrs. Alice Hegan Rice, author of "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch and her husband, Mr. Rice, over the Unity grounds some days ago. They have been spending the winter at Naples, Fla. Included in the party were Mrs. Garber and Mrs. Hamil, of the Naples Improvement Co., Mr. and Mrs. Sloan and son of Dayton, Ohio.

Current Events in Our Community Life

BY D. J. RICHARDS

April 1921

The Florida Legislature is now in session, and coming up before it is a bill known as the "No Fence Bill." The title is not very illuminating, but its object is to pass a law prohibiting the cattlemen of this state the privilege of allowing their cattle to run wild everywhere throughout the state, irrespective of the inconvenience to which the citizens are put. But this is not the worst feature, cattlemen have come to believe that the country is theirs by divine right, and when the grass becomes tough and wiry, the thing to do is to start a fire and burn everything in sight so as to provide fresh green pasture for their scrub stock. But patience has ceased to be a virtue, and this practice has become a real menace, so much so that several buildings have been burned during the past month and communities endangered, including" the Koreshan Unity.

On Thursday, March 24, some lawless person, not taking the wind into consideration, started a fire about a mile south of the Community, and in less than half an hour the majority of both sexes were obliged to go out and fight the fire. It was only by a streak of good luck that we managed to save our buildings. The fire raged around our large barns that are thatched with palmetto leaves, burning up several tons of hay, besides threatening the poultry yard, hog pens, the garage, and several dwelling houses; the roof of one of the latter took fire, but was put out before serious damage was done.

We have a great deal to thank our neighbors for, who willingly came to our assistance and kept the fire from doing serious damage, although the fire swept into our sugar cane, burning some of it, severely scorching a good many fine hills of watermelons, besides burning up hundreds of fence posts. We sincerely hope the above bill will pass, so as to remove the incentive of furnishing fresh grass for scrub cattle by burning up the landscape.

Mr. and Mrs. Einar Christensen, who have been spending the winter at Tampa, Fla., were guests of the Unity for a few days. Their being in Tampa was a surprise for Brother Alfred Christensen, whom they had not seen for twenty two years, and at his invitation came to Estero; needless to say the meeting was a happy one. Brother Alfred, who for some time has been talking of taking a vacation, is now on a leave of absence for six months. We shall miss him very much, but hope the change will do him good.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Miller of Chicago have been spending the winter in Fort Myers, and we have had the pleasure of entertaining them at the Unity. Mrs. Miller is contemplating building a winter home on her property adjoining the Unity; she has already drilled a well and planted an assortment of fruit and nut trees.

We also had a friendly call from Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Boomer, of New York City.

This was Mrs. Boomer's first visit, and she was charmed with Estero and surroundings.

The Florida Press Association held its annual meeting this year at Tampa. The American Eagle was represented by its editor, Brother Allen Andrews, who reports having had a most interesting time.

Among the pleasant things transpiring in the Unity during the month was a concert given by the K. U. Orchestra, the first since Brother Frank returned from the North. Besides orchestra music, Master Floyd Moreland played a couple of lively selections on the flute, and Mrs. Guy Smith, of the Estero Inn, entertained us with a number of vocal selections. Needless to say that both solists did themselves proud, and gave the audience a great deal of pleasure.

One of the most unique entertainments ever given at the Unity was given by four of the younger children, the two older ones being about nine years old; all were girls. No one seemed to know what they were up to, but the Matron's permission seemed to be all that was necessary, because they were fully confident they could entertain a Koreshan audience. They were assisted by Brother Frank Schoedler, who confessed he had not had a rehearsal with them, but was ready to do his part as directed. For about an hour we were entertained with songs, recitations, dancing, and a physical culture drill, each number eliciting a lively round of applause. The old adage that children should be seen and not heard is a safe maxim, but we never saw so much initiative and self confidence.

Many times in looking at the old Herr sawmill tractor that was brought to the Unity by outside parties for repairs, we considered it as so much junk. But it is not always safe to judge from appearances, because the Unity purchased the 17 h. p. gas engine, which was in it, and Brother Stephen Chislett has installed it in our carpenter shop, and we now have a first-class equipment in our saw mill.

A few years ago a trip to LaBelle, a distance of about fifty miles from Estero, was a whole day's journey, but with hard-surfaced highways the distance is now covered in a little over two hours'. Some days since we were pleased to have a visit from' our friends, Mr. and Mrs. James Newcomb and daughter, and Dr. Seebold, of LaBelle, Fla.

Current Events in' Our Community Life

BY D. J. RICHARDS

May 1921

PROFESSOR and Mrs. Clarence E. Snyder, of Captiva, Fla., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Livingston Bull, of Oradell, N. J., and Mr. Stanley Hanson of Port Myers, were among- the vistiors at the Unity during- the month. Mr. Bull is an artist of national reputation, and is considered the greatest living painter of wild animal and bird pictures; his work appears often in The Saturday Evening Post and other leading magazines of the country. We have on previous occasions mentioned Prof. Snyder and his Outdoor School for Boys at Captiva, Fla., but little did we realize that we would have the pleasure of visiting his school within a few days after their visit here.

Upon the invitation of Brother Alien Andrews, editor of The American Eagle, we motored to Fort Myers and took the steamer "Gladys" at Punta Rassa, accompanied by Mr. Hanson. The water trip was a most delightful one, as the boat made many stops at Sanibel and Pine Islands, w-hich gave us the oppor-tunity of becoming acquainted with places we have read about for years in the columns of The American. Eagle. Prof. Snyder met us at the landing and w-e immediately sensed the wholesome pychology with which Captiva Island is inoculated and made famous through his outdoor School for Boys.

Like all great institutions, the Snyder School had a very humble beginning. Nine years ago, Prof. and Mrs. Snyder landed on Buck Key, an adjoining island to Captiva, with five boys and four teachers; starting, as one aptly put it, with a two-cent postage stamp and a million dollar enthusiasm. The Snyders, however, knew what they were about, and they soon outgrew their humble quarters on Buck Key. Today twelve states are represented in their school, with thirty-five boys and a faculty of seven teachers; as fine an aggregation of boys as one would wish to find, ranging in ages between ten and eighteen.

All the subjects of a high school course are taught in this wonderful school, with the additional advantage that outdoor life gives to both physical and mental development; athletics being a very important feature of the curriculum. Tennis, basket ball, surf bathing, the use of pleasure boats, and the finest fishing for which Lee County is famous, are surely some attractions; and people of affluence are beginning to find out what it means to a growing youngster to be brought up in an environment such as the Snyders can create.

But the school has about outgrown its present quarters and Professor Snyder is branching out; having purchased forty acres of land on Estero Island. As soon as the land is cleared and buildings erected, we will have them as near neighbors, figuratively speaking, and their coming is going to be a big asset to this section of Lee County. Estero Island is now connected with the mainland by a new bridge over seven hundred feet long; the road connecting it to the McGregor Boulevard being about completed.

We understand that Professor Snyder is going to organize a stock company. This will be a good investment, because the school from now on is going to grow by leaps and bounds. The island will be within forty-five minutes' ride by auto from Fort Myers, and it doesn't require much stretch of the imagination to see the hundreds of cars that will travel back and forth to this wonderful spot.

We are pleased to record in this issue the return of Sister Marie Fischer, who, for the last five months, has been in Tampa, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Campbell, of New York City, are now in Estero on a visit to their daughter, and grandson, Mrs. Trebell and Raymond. The Unity has no more loyal friends than the Campbell family.

Having suffered several bad scares with indiscriminate forest fires, we are now taking time by the forelock, and by concerted action are clearing the land around the Art Hall and Planetary Court, and grubbing out a new roadway so that vehicles can get to the machine shop without having to go through the main grounds.

On the last day of April we were agreeably surprised when a party of ten, mostly from Ohio, drove into the Unity grounds in two big cars. Two of the party, in a conversation in their home town in Ohio, were discussing the world in general but Florida in particular, and the town of Estero was mentioned. One of the parties immediately asked, "What do you know about Estero?" The other replied, "I have a friend living at the Koreshan Unity." It turned out that both parties had friends at the Unity; this by way of introduction simply goes to show that the world is not so big after all. The friends in question at Estero were Sister Melora Wakeman and the writer.

We failed to get the names of the whole party, but those immediately concerned were Mr. and Mrs. McMullen; Dr. John Eynon, Mrs. Eynon, and their daughter Betty. The writer for some years made his home with the Eynons and their coming unawares was like a bolt from the clear blue. Nevertheless, I was very happy to see them, and to reminisce over old times, and particularly pleased to hear them sing again. My friends are very musical, which revived memories of the many pleasant hours spent together in this way; but best of all was the pleasure of listening to their daughter Betty, who is the possessor of a most remarkable voice. The visit was

altogether too brief, and our hope is that they will come again when they can stay longer.

On Staurday, April 30, the K. U. Orchestra gave a concert at the Art Hall under the direction of Brother Frank Schoedler. Among the special numbers was a piano solo, "Second Hungarian Rhapsody," played by Brother Frank, who gave a brief account of the com- poser, Franz Liszt. It takes an artist of considerable ability to play the Rhapsody, and Brother Frank was at his best.

Another interesting number was a Chilean Song, "Cielito Lindo," in the costume of Bolivian Indians, by Misses Bertie and Doris Boomer, assisted by Messrs. J. E. Putnam and D. J. Richards. Miss Doris Boomer speaks the Spanish language fluently, and Miss Bertie, who recently returned from a six months' sojourn in South America, acquired considerable insight into the life of the people and its language; the song, costumes, and the ladies' dancing made a decided hit, and were appreciated by all present.

Current Events in Our Community Life

BY D. J. RICHAKDS

June 1921

THE K. U. school held its closing: exercises at the Art Hall Saturday evening, May 14. The program consisted of songs, recitations, instrumental music, and the school drill. Two of the scholars, Helen Boszormeny and Floyd Moreland, having successfully passed all examinations, were made recipients of servicable tokens as a mark of appreciation of the Board of Management and their teacher, for their faithfulness and good conduct during the school term.

The principal. Brother Frank Schoedler, in a few well chosen remarks outlined to the audience what had been accomplished during the school term; he called attention to the fact that the three H's (head, heart, and hand) were the important features of the K.U. school curriculum. In other words, our children were being taught practical as well as theoretical things. As an example, the audience was informed that the programs used that evening were the work of one of the scholars.

The children did themselves proud on the above night, reflecting great credit on the Unity as an educational institution, and on their teacher. Brother Frank, who was ably assisted by Sister Etta Silverfriend. At the close of the entertainment the audience was treated to a delicious and refreshing drink, through the kindness of Sister Berthaldine and her daughter Bertie. Every one expressed delight with the performance.

A very interesting party was that given Miss Doris Boomer, Thursday evening, May 19, at the Mirasol, on the eve of her departure for New Orleans, La. A number from the Unity were present; the evening was devoted to music and other levitating attractions; refreshments were served, and all present had a good time.

At the Art Hall May 19, Mr. Morgan gave an interesting talk on the latest discovery in manufacturing paper. Heretofore, wood has been the principal ingredient used in the making of paper; but within the last few years it has been discovered that sawgrass (five million acres of which grows here in Florida, according to Mr. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture of this state) will make an excellent grade of paper. So we need lose no more sleep over the shortage of paper, because Florida has an unlimited amount of the raw material with which to supply a number of paper mills. But this material will not be confined wholly to the manufacture of paper; such by-products as roofing paper, fiber shingles, compo board, fruit boxes, fruit jars, sugar barrels, milk bottles, dishes, insulating paper, a non-conductor of electricity, etc., etc., etc., can be easily made.

Mr. Edward R. Lacy, late of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., but now of Leesburg, Fla., is

given the credit for solving this problem. A mill is under construction at Leesburg to manufacture the above mentioned products, which, if calculations do not fail, will be ready for operation by September of this year. The Company intends to erect a mill in Fort Myers and another at Jacksonville, Fla. In the Florida Industrial Record for Nov., 1920, we find an article by Mr. Gilbert D. Leach on "Paper Pulp Making," from which we quote the following:

"Being an entirely new industry, but manufacturing and producing one of the essentials of civilization, paper, the plan of operation of the mills, and particularly the handling of the sawgrass, are of considerable interest. Sawgrass, as every duck hunter knows, is exactly what its name implies. It grows to a height of nine or ten feet under favorable conditions; its roots are firmly imbedded in from one to three feet of water. The leaves of the plant have two exceedingly rough saw edges, which cut the strongest clothing and will lacerate flesh of man or animal. For this reason every part of the process of manufacture must be so designed that it is unnecessary to handle the raw material except by machinery.

"In order to harvest the material at a rate sufficient to manufacture twenty-five or more tons of pulp a day, it is necessary to cut one hundred or more tons of sawgrass. For this work a steel barge thirty feet long and eight feet wide is designed, with a jumbo cutting blade similar to that of a big wheat binder. Caterpillar tractor treads eighteen feet long and two feet wide run on both sides of this barge, making propulsion possible on land or water. The material is cut into short lengths and blown into a barge of fifty tons capacity, this being towed to the mill when filled, and another barge attached to the harvesting machine. Eight laborers and two trained men can operate one of these machines and harvest upwards of ten tons an hour.

"The process of manufacture of this pulp is not by any means as expensive as that used in making mechanical ground wood pulp, and the time required for turning out the product is only a fraction of that required for wood pulp. No macerating is necessary beyond the simple cutting into short lengths, which is done by the harvesting machine, in the field. Agitator tanks are used for most of the process, but there is specially designed machinery which handles the product under the patented processes which protect this company in the manufacture of grass fibre paper pulps. By this process a white bleached news print pulp can be turned out in six hours after the sawgrass is brought from the fields to the mill."

Sister Abbie McCready left for a few month's visit with her daughters in Tampa, Fla., and Chicago, Ill.

The 1921 "Caloosahatchian," recently turned out for the senior class of the Gwynne High School, Fort Myers, Fla., is a piece of work that speaks volumes for the Koreshan Unity Press. This makes the fourth year we have done similar work for the Gwynne High; the work this year, however, was more elaborate in every respect. This souvenir volume of 92 pages, 11 x 8, printed on the best quality of white glazed paper, with a purple cover, gold lettering, and trimmed with gold colored cord, was a work of art in every respect.

A number from the Unity attended the commencement exercises of the above school at Fort Myers. Just before leaving, however, our master pressman, Brother Jesse Putnam, had the misfortune to break his right arm while cranking a Ford car.

Sister Emily Boszormeny and her son Auriel left Estero for Washington, D. C. They expect to spend the next six months in the North.

The American Eagle for several years past has been given the contract of printing the Lee County delinquent tax list, but the job this year was about twice as large as usual, and our office force has been unusually busy getting out the list. This list will be run in The Eagle for five consecutive issues.

Our Ford truck has been making two trips a week on an average to Ft. Myers to

get ice for the K. U. store. We are glad to state, however, that there is relief in sight, from that arduous task, as our Board of Management has contracted with the Grant Quick-Ice-Making Machine Company (incorporated in Montgomery, Alabama, but having headquarters for the State of Florida, at Lakeland) for one of their machines. When installed, this machine will make 500 lbs. of ice in a few hours. The Unity will have the agency for the above plant for Lee County.

Our sawmill has been busy lately getting out lumber for general purposes. Our carpenters at present are building a storeroom 12 x 24 feet, back of the Dining Hall, in which to keep vegetables, canned fruit, etc. A number of our buildings have had new roofs put on, including the house at Mound Key.

Community Current Events

The Varied Happenings, Social and Musical, That Make Our Lives Interesting

BY D. J. RICHARDS

July 1921

THE American Defense Society, Inc., with headquarters in New York City, of which (In Perpetuum Memoriam) Theodore Roosevelt is its

First Honorary President, wrote to ask us if we would like to have placed in our schoolroom the portrait of Theodore Roosevelt, so as to keep forcibly before the mind of the rising generation the, foremost exponent of Americanism and the principles for which he stood. We replied that we would be pleased to have the portrait, and would consider it a privilege to hold a presentation service befitting the occasion. It was decided that the Fourth of July would be the logical day to honor, commemorate, and pay tribute to the memory of one of the great characters America has produced.

There was something so magnetic about the personality of Theodore Roosevelt that even now, two years and seven months after his demise, one can sense the aura of greatness with which he swayed the multitudes, and which seemingly still exists. It is no wonder that the A. D. S., in electing him, its First Honorary President, In Perpetuum Memoriam, did so because the psychology which is born only with greatness still seems to be a living reality.

No public man was ever eulogized by the Founder of the Koreshan Unity as was Theodore Roosevelt, and while he was greatly maligned by his enemies, KORESH declared he was a most consistent Christian, as he lived up fully to the principles in which he believed. In the article, "Roosevelt as President and Statesman," which was read at the meeting of July 4th (from THE FLAMING SWORD of July 12, 1904), KORESH said:

"Men are backed by the powers of the spheres, and that support is proportionate to the integrity of the material vortex which constitutes the physical apex of the combinations which they are promoting, and the achievements which they purpose. Roosevelt's religion constitutes the foundation of his moral integrity, which is up to the best standard of what the world at the present time regards as the acme of virtue. He is characterized by a moral stamina commensurate with his conviction of a standard set by the most reliable standardmakers of the present age.

"We do not say that it is our standard, nor the highest to be achieved in the progress of the age; for ours is that of the character and life of the Son of God, whose integrity is the ensample of our aspirations and the sure promise of our attainment. Roosevelt is deeply religious, and his religion constitutes the foundation for the regulation of his life. He has moral convictions of a pronounced order, and a force of character equal to those convictions. . . ."

"As a Christian man Roosevelt deplores the necessity for war, and he would as

quickly exert his influence toward the disarmament of the world, as any of the maudlin sympathizers with the principles of international arbitration as bases of settlement for the contentions which lead to conflict; but as the physician with his finger upon the pulse of his patient diagnoses his case, so the President, with his finger upon the public and international pulse, has gauged the character of the heartthrobs of the human race, and, knowing its vices, seeks to prepare for the crisis which threatens his charge.

"Time will show that his determination to place the United States in the front rank of military and naval powers is due. to his grasp of conditions which are more deeply seated than 'peace' doctors are aware, and which, in the crisis, will demand the aggressive force which the President has displayed in his public acts, and the ability to supplement such force with powers equal to the occasion. He may not foresee the climax, but he has that insight into human character which enables him to calculate the! fatality of neglect. ...

"From the common and orthodox point of view Roosevelt is great; and we will herewith present a resume of the elements which .conspire to constitute this greatness. First, then, he is a religious man of practical conceptions of its obligations. Again, he has a deep sense of moral obligation, which ho demonstrates in the devotion he displays in his observance of any function, either private or public, to which he is called, and his hard work in his function shows his fidelity to obligation. He is endowed with a force of tenacity superdominant above the machinations and conspirations which, either through policy or subversive interests, would be seductive against his own judgment, which the world must admit is of the superlative order, quick as lightning, and as sure as the arrow of the trained eye.

"He is farreaching in his conceptions of what must constitute the nation's greatness, involving those principles of expansion which include commercial interests of international character, with the military and naval occupations which give to the nation a commanding position, an attitude for the protection and augmentation of such interests. He has grasped the entire situation of what constitutes our relation to the world as its active force; and while he is thoroughly aggressive, his aggressiveness is so controlled by sound judgment as to make him a safe exploiter of American prowess."

The Art Hall was beautifully decorated with the American colors, and with a color scheme of red, white, and blue flow^ers and shrubbery such as are only grown in tropical and semitropical countries, and with which Estero is bountifully blessed. Roosevelt's picture, which rested on an easel draped with the American colors, was encased in a beautiful frame made of Florida eucalyptus, magnolia, and black walnut wood. Printed on the picture is Roosevelt's last public message, read in the Hippodrome in New York City the night before he died:

"Keep up the Fight for Americanism" "I cannot be with you, and so all I can do is to wish you Godspeed. There must be no sagging back in the fight for Americanism merely because the war is over. There are plenty of persons who have already made the assertion that they believe the American people have a short memory, and they intend to revive all the foreign associations which most directly interfere with the complete Americanization of our people.

"Our principle in this matter should be absolutely simple. In the first place, we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith becomes an American and assimilates himself to us he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed or birthplace or origin.

"But this is predicated upon the man's becoming in very fact an American and nothing but an American. If he tries to keep segregated with men of his own origin and separated from the rest' of America, then he isn't doing his part as an

American.

"There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but is something else also, isn't an American at all. We have room for but one flag, the American flag, and this excludes the red flag, which symbolizes all wars against liberty and civilization, just as much as it excludes any foreign flag of a nation to which we are hostile.

"We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language, for we intend to see that the crucible turns our people out as Americans, of American nationality, and not as dwellers in a polyglot boarding house; and we have room for but one soul loyalty, and that is a loyalty to the American people."

The program was as follows:

- 1 MARCH--"Liberty Bell"--Sousa-- K. U. Orchestra
- 2 INTRODUCTORY REMARKS--Prof. F. A. Schoedler
- 3 UNVEILING ROOSEVELT PICTURE
Helen Boszormeny and Floyd Moreland
- 4 HYMN--"How Firm a Foundation"--Roosevelt's Favorite--Words by Dr. Kirkham
Audience, Accompanied by K. U. Orchestra
- 5 READING--From Writings of Koresh--"Roosevelt as President and Statesman"--H. L. Silverfriend
- 6 FLUTE SOLO--"Long, Long Ago"--H. Steckmesi Floyd Moreland
- 7 RECITATION--"Freedom's Star Spangled Banner"--Ninette Lozvater, Helen Boszormeny
- 8 OVERTURE--"From Shore to Shore"--Bennett--K. U. Orchestra
- 9 RECITATION--"The Flag, Boys" --
7. A. Elwood--Floyd Moreland
10. MARCH (Piano Duet) "In Lilac Time" Engleman--Prof. F. A. Schoedler and Helen Boszormeny
11. RECITATION--"Our Old Flag"--Tibor Wyka, Mace Stephens, and Alex Wyka
12. MARCH--"Dixie"--Emmet--Prof. F. A. Schoedler
13. RECITATION--"Written for Civil War Mothers"--Alafae Stephens
14. SONG--"The Star Spangled Banner"--Words by Francis Scott Key--Audience,
Accompanied by K. U. Orchestra

The Unity orchestra at a recent concert was given unusual support when assisted by Professor Grella, band master of Fort Myers, and his first clarinetist, Signer Mazzeri. In addition to playing in the orchestra, the professor played a baritone solo, "A Night in June," and for an encore played "Remember Me," by Balfe. Signer Mazzeri gave "Scene and Air," from "Luisa di Montfort," by Bergson, and Meyerbeer's "Cavatina," for an encore; needless to say their numbers were much appreciated. Prof. Frank A. Schoedler played on the piano the "Awakening of the Lion," by Kontski, and for an encore his own composition "A Storm at Sea," arranged to "Home Sweet Home." Each number was much enjoyed, and the audience considered it an unusually good treat.

Miss Annie Ray Andrews of New York City is at present on a visit to her mother, Sister Virginia, who has not been very well lately.

Miss Eunice Hussey of Havana, Cuba, her mother and sister Eula of Fort Myers, recently made the Unity a short visit.

When Florida solves the forage problem for cattle, which it almost has in the Napier and Merker grasses, the state will surely be able to claim that this is the land flowing with milk and honey. The Unity has an excellent herd of Jersey cattle, and it is our intention during the rainy season to set out several more acres of the above named grasses. The bees of the Unity apiary have done unusually well this season, and our dentist, Brother Frank Wilson, who also has charge of the apiary,

expects to extract at least four barrels of honey from 50 hives.

A wonderful invention of the twentieth century is the motion picture machine, that has practically taken the place of the stage with its oldtime acting; at least in the smaller towns and rural districts, and has brought the happenings of the world right to our doors.

The Unity has been presented with a brand new Acme Motion Picture Machine, the gift of Miss Bertie Boomer and her mother, Sister Berthaldine. Miss Eula Hussey, who operates the picture machine at the Arcade Theatre, Fort Myers, and Mr. Charles Raby, also of Fort Myers, spent a day with us, getting things in readiness to operate that same evening. Four reels were exhibited; one showing the sights of Atlanta; another portraying the making of Stetson beaver hats; another devoted to good roads and what they mean to the development of the country, and the last a comedy. The evening was indeed one of unusual enjoyment, and everything went off smoothly. Words really seem inadequate to express the Unity's appreciation to the donors for this gift, because pictures are a language, if we may use the expression, that all can understand, and as stated above, are the means of bringing the world right to our door.

Current Events in Our Community Life

BY D. J. RICHARDS

August 1921

ESTERO ISLAND has become the wonder place of Lee County since it has been connected to the mainland by a bridge across Matanzas Pass. The island shore is formed like a crescent and is now known as Crescent Beach, and by all odds the most attractive of any in the state. It is within an hour's ride from Fort Myers, and has already proven an oasis to this fair city, judging from the number of cars that make the trip daily, particularly on Sundays. Recently a party from the Unity motored to Crescent Beach, and on their way home passed 68 cars from the beach to McGregor Boulevard, a distance of only three miles. This by way of illustration describes its popularity.

Estero Island is about seven miles long, and its lovely beach is a veritable paradise to automobile enthusiasts. It takes an exceptionally high tide to prevent driving on the beach its entire length at any time; so between the wonderful facilities for speeding back and forth, along with the surf bathing in the gulf waters, it is not to be wondered that Crescent Beach has become the most talked of place on the west coast of Florida.

We recently had the pleasure of seeing the island from several angles. Our boat, "The Estero," with about 40 people aboard, left early one Sunday morning with the intention of going around the island and coming back to Carlos Point for our noon lunch. It was to be a nonstop ride, but after going about nine miles engine trouble developed, necessitating tying up at Winkler's dock.

We discovered that the engine would have to be partially dismantled to get at the trouble, and as this would take hours, we walked across the island to the gulf side; we had no more than arrived before we saw a car speeding down the beach, and as it drew near we saw it belonged to our loyal friends, the Campbells. This was luck indeed, and we were soon speeding up the beach, enjoying the exhilarating gulf breeze and Dame Nature's perfect speedway. So what seemed a misfortune turned out to be a veritable treat, as all aboard "The Estero," with few exceptions, enjoyed this privilege.

We had read a great deal about the developments that were going on at Crescent Beach, but now saw for the first time what was really taking place, due to the energies of Capt. Jack DeLysle. Like the fable of the early bird, DeLysle surely

seized his opportunities while others were dreaming; for what we saw was a "Coney Island of mushroom growth," with a dancing pavilion, bath houses, buildings in which refreshments were served, and a number of others in course of construction. We were informed that all this, however, was but temporary; that the proprietor contemplates erecting a large building over the water, and that a pier would soon be built out to deep water to accommodate goodsized vessels. This means the greater part of a mile, judging from the distance bathers could wade out from shore. We have since learned that Captain DeLysle has bought two large seagoing vessels from the Government, so the above will no doubt be realized in the not far distant future.

We were attracted to the following headlines in the Fort Myers Press of August 1: "He'd Charter a Train and Bring His Friends Here if He Had Time." The above is credited to Mr. Earnest Harvey, a prominent manufacturer with offices at 40 West 42d Street, New York City. He comments as follows: "The Gulf of Mexico has Long Island Sound beat to death as a good place in which to bathe, and Long Beach and Far Rockaway and all the other Atlantic Ocean resorts near New York have to take a back seat to Crescent Beach, which bids fair to be another Atlantic City."

Property on the island is now practically selling by the foot for what it could be bought by the acre a few years ago; moderate size lots are now being sold for three thousand dollars. Estero Island is but in the infancy of its development, and if we can judge the future from the present we may look for great things.

After spending five delightful hours at Crescent Beach, and with our engine in good condition again, we resumed our trip around the island, coming back on the gulf side. The draw bridge across Matanzas Pass is over 700 feet in length; nine cars filled to capacity were held up waiting for our boat to pass. By the time we had gone around opposite DeLysle's place, the beach seemed lined with hundreds of cars, many of them speeding up and down. It was a most interesting sight. Arriving at Carlos Point at sundown, our Captain, Brother George Hunt, allowed half an hour for a dip in the surf; this gave him time to get through the "stakes" and into the river before it got too dark, and home was reached in good season and everybody was happy. To paraphrase Thos. A. Edison: "There is only one Crescent Beach and ninety million people are going to find it out."

The moving picture machine is filling a longfelt want as an entertainment in the life of the Unity. Several reels have been exhibited since our last issue, among them, "The Horses of War," of Uncle Sam's army; one marvels at the wonderful cavalry maintained in time of peace, preparatory to war; reels of Mesa Verde, National Park, and one devoted to agricultural pursuits. Sometimes we fail to make the right connection with houses that make it a business to supply reels at a given date. Saturday evening,

July 30, was just such an occasion, and a large audience from the neighborhood would have been sadly disappointed were it not for the efforts of Miss Boomer, who at the last minute arranged with the Arcade Theatre of Fort Myers for five reels and went up after them. The offering was "Maggie Pepper," with Ethel Clayton as the star.

The K. II. Orchestra, though somewhat reduced at present in the number of players, gave an excellent concert Saturday evening, July 23. Particularly pleasing was the group of piano selections by Prof. Schoedler, which were as follows: "Birds," Grieg; "Spring Song," also by Grieg, and Galop "Queen of the Fairies," Smith; responding to an encore he gave "Pure as Snow."

Mr. Samuel Armour of Tampa, Fla., was a recent visitor to the Unity.

Sister Abbie McCready, after six weeks' vacation with her daughters in Chicago and Peoria, Ill., and Tampa, Fla., returned to the Unity quite recuperated by the outing.

It grieves us very much to record the passing out of one of the noblest souls it has ever been our privilege to know, that of Sister Virginia H. Andrews. The end came peacefully in the early morning of August 3, after an illness of four months. She has been a tower of strength in the Koreshan movement, and one of its earliest pioneers, coming with her family into united life at No. 2 College Place, Chicago, Ill., in Nov., 1888. She was Secretary of the Society ArchTriumphant for about thirtyone years, at which post she was devotion itself, and her passing will undoubtedly be felt by its many members. Her faith in the ultimate triumph of KORESH, for which she gave so many years of her life, was unflinching. Her character was most exemplary and we never came into her presence but that we felt elevated in thought.

We would be depriving our readers of a classic did we not include the tribute of her son, Brother Alien H. Andrews, printed in the editorial columns of The American Eagle of August 4:

A Faded Flower in Life's Garden

Like a drooping flower that has shed its fragrance and radiance to brighten the pathway for a little season and folds its petals with night's lengthening shadows, so she sank peacefully into that dreamless slumber from which there is no awakening, and I am left here thinking,—thinking how idle are mere words; how futile to portray the stern realization of a place made vacant that never can be filled.

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Gentle she was, but a tower of strength withal; cheerful and hopeful even in adversity. Thinking never of self, she lived to make others happy; appreciative of every little kindness; a true friend and counselor,—in short, the finest woman in all the world.

Of all the pictures that hang upon memory's wall, the sweetest is that of one whose unstinted devotion and selfsacrifice a lifetime of gratitude can never repay,—My Mother.

Community Current Events

BY D. J. RICHARDS

September 1921

MISS Annie Ray Andrews, who has been visiting the Unity for the last two months, left for her home in New York City. Her brother, Mr. Dudley Andrews, also of New York, has been here for a week's visit.

Dudley has grove property in Estero under the management of his brother Alien, which is planted to citrus, mangoes, and avocados, principally. Receiving a small shipment of the Haden variety of mangoes, at his home in New York, shortly before coming South, he interested himself and visited a number of commission houses with a view to ascertain, the market possibilities of this most delectable fruit. He found it most encouraging, and disposed of what mangoes he had at \$4.00 a dozen. We are told that this fruit retails at 75 cents and \$1.00 each in New York, so \$4.00 a dozen is not exorbitant. It speaks volumes for this section of Florida and its possibilities.

Avocados and mangoes should be planted on soil that salt water cannot reach; the Unity has had the experience, and found that out to its sorrow. We had about six acres of these wonderful fruit bearingtrees planted on Estero Island, and, according to Mr. Wilson Popenoe, the Government expert, it was the finest young grove he had seen in all his travels,—and he ought to know, for he has been all over the world collecting species of avocado for the Government and had made this subject a study for many years. But alas and alack, a tidal wave swept over the Island, and in 24

hours our dream: of a thrifty, grove vanished.

We had the pleasure of visiting the above Island the latter part of August, going there for the first time by auto, and driving its full length, up to where the above mentioned grove is situated. We were naturally curious to see what was left of the grove, and were prepared for the worst, of course; but what we saw revived our hopes somewhat, as we counted sixty trees still living, and some doing fairly well. But we are afraid to exult over these, and we do not worry over what we lost,

The above incident is too trivial in comparison with the beauties of Estero Island as we tried to record them in our last issue, and these features transcend any agricultural failures we may attribute to the Island. . One really has to visit the place to realize its full import. Jack DeLysle is still the chief center of attraction; he employs a hundred or more men, and the transformation that is taking place is simply wonderful. We saw other important developments going on, among them a dredge at work excavating a channel across the Island to come within three hundred feet of the Gulf. On each side of this channel the land is platted into building lots, most of them already sold, providing those fortunate enough to own one a private water way.

The threemile stretch of road leading from McGregor Boulevard to the Island is not built to stand up under the heavy traffic it has already been put to, so the publicspirited citizens of this county are going to build, by popular subscription, a cement road 16 feet wide; the work is to begin soon, and is expected to be completed by the first of the year. According to the Fort Myers Press, a million dollars has already been spent in this county for development in the last eight months, and this is simply a scratch on the surface.

Mr. L. M. Boomer of New York City and Estero has recently purchased thirteen acres of Estero Island property from the Koreshan Unity. The land is now being cleared, and he expects to put up a building for occupancy between now and winter.

We were. delighted recently with a visit from Miss Margaret Penn of this state, and Miss Lydia Pierce of Philadelphia, .Pa. Miss Penn has been a student of Koreshan science for some years, and is quite anxious for Miss Pierce to partake of the same joys; needless to say that they were well pleased with this, their first visit.

On Saturday evening, August 20, the following educational reels were shown at the Art Hall: "The Royal Gorge of the Arkansas River;" "Romance of Rails and Power;" two reels on "Making the Desert Blossom;" "How Text Books Are Made," and a comedy, "Superstitious Sammy," a .selection to satisfy the most exacting, and greatly appreciated by all present.

Sister Berthaldine and her daughter, Miss Bertie Boomer, left Estero Sept. 3 for Philadelphia and New York City; .they expect to be gone about two months.

The Unity tractor is being used these days breaking up land for a Massachusetts developing concern, two and one half miles north of our colony. This new company has a tract of over 500 acres, which they intend planting in avocados, selling young groves in ten acre tracts. They have engaged our boat, "The Estero," to go to Bokeelia, Fla., for a load of nursery stock soon. Some newcomers have already moved to this neighborhood, due to this developing concern.

This is supposed to be our rainy season, but we have had the least rainfall so far this summer in the recollection of some of our oldest settlers. It remains to be seen what this and next month have in store for us.

The following reels were exhibited at the K. U. Art Hall, Saturday evening Sept. 3rd: "Jupiter's Thunderbolts;" "Kilanoo Volcano;" "Camouflage in Modern Warfare;" "Coalfield to Cornfield;" and a "Mutt and Jeff" Comedy,—"Cold Tea." The titles are not very illuminating, and a little synopsis of each film will not be amiss. In "Jupiter's Thunderbolts," Ben. Franklin and son were depicted flying a

kite, testing and proving his claims that the atmosphere is surcharged with electricity. From then on to the present day the various discoveries made along electrical lines; the process of manufacturing galvanic batteries, the picture ending with an automobile entering a garage to have its batteries recharged, showing the wonderful progress and the high state of efficiency attained through the development of electricity. Yet we know from the writings of KORESH, that electricity is only in its infancy, and that time awaits a genius who can apply the spigot, "tapping the universe of space so as to pour out its metallic and mineral wealth for the uses of mankind."

"Kilanoo Volcano," in the Hawaiian Islands, taken by the Ford Film Corporation, portrays the wonders of Nature in its eruptive state, flowing in great streams of lava. KORESH describes volcanos as: "The result of chemical pustules sometimes produced by the igneous union of natural gas, petroleum, and coal mines, in the rind or skin of the great hollow sphere."

"Camouflage in Modern Warfare," produced by the United States Government, shows the artifices carried out in the late war to deceive the enemy, thereby saving thousands of lives. This picture should be seen in order to gain a full appreciation of what the word "camouflage" really means.

"From Coalfield to Cornfield" was a truly remarkable reel, showing how coal is mined with modern improvements; transported by electrical power; transformed from coal to coke in immense coke ovens, and the byproducts extracted therefrom to be utilized again in assisting Nature to grow two blades where she only grew one.

"Mutt and Jeff" in "Cold Tea," amused the younger people very much, and in fact was enjoyed by all present.

Brother Lou Staton's niece, Cecil Hamilton, of DuQuoin, Ill., made the Unity a visit recently. She has accepted a position as teacher in the Fort Myers Grammar School for the present term.

Mrs. Jennie Campbell left Estero, Sept 8, for New York City.

Current Events in Our Community Life

October 1921

By D. J. RICHARDS

Our Annual Solar Festival, which occurs on the Eighteenth of October, will have been celebrated at the Koreshan Unity before this issue of the Sword will have reached many of its readers. As each year brings us that much nearer to the culmination of the old order, we are anticipating the coming anniversary with greater zeal than ever, and with the utmost confidence that KORESH will conquer death and hell and baptize those destined to go out by the new and living way, in life immortal. No such hope is held out to any people as that given to the followers of KORESH ; from the study of Koreshan Science and his Biblical credentials we have positive assurance that he is the only Light of the world.

Here we are, thirty five months after the close of the great world war, with 6,000,000 unemployed in our own country, the richest in the world, while many thousands in other countries are on the verge of starvation. There never was greater need for a Savior to lead humanity out of this chaotic state. President Harding has called for a disarmament conference in November, but the people everywhere are uneasy and sensing trouble. From what we know of Koreshan Science, we have every reason to believe that this conference will be only another farce, like the one held at The Hague years ago. Concerning it, KORESH wrote (in F. S., June 22, 1902) :

"We looked upon the peace conference at The Hague as an ostentatious burlesque, the precursor of the world's greatest conflict. . . . We have

reached the time of the end, and the beginning of the world's catastrophe. This is the time of which it is said, they shall cry peace, peace, when there is no peace. Those who cry peace when the conflict is upon us, are ignorant prophets whose allurements deceive the world, inveigling it into that false security which will, preclude the possibility of escape from the world's greatest calamity. There will be no more peace until the revolution in the human soul destroys the love of money—the god of this world. . . .

"The so called powers, embracing the Christian nations of Europe and America, are another name of 'forces,' and they are inevitably and irresistibly moved by 'the god of forces,' and will be so moved until the conflict ends in the destruction of the old dispensation, with all that belongs to it. After this will come the great day of universal joy and rest."

We are glad to record the return of Brother Alfred Christensen, who has been on a six months' leave of absence, staying most of the time with relatives at his former home along Lake Erie. He returns with greater enthusiasm than ever for Koreshanity, and says that, after all, there's no place like • Estero.

Brother William Acuff has gone to Texas for a visit with his aged mother, who is over 90 years old; he expects to be away about six weeks. During his absence. Brother Peter Blem is in charge of our place at Mound Key.

The Koreshan Unity school opened its fall and winter term the second week in September, with Brother Frank Schoedler in charge.

, Among our recent improvements was the hard surfacing of a new road leading to the machine shop. This will obviate automobiles needing repairs driving through the .mpin grounds as heretofore.

Among the many "movie" reels exhibited during the month, none were more appreciated than those issued by the Government on "Making a Nation Fit." Too much cannot be said for pictures of this character, because through them is imparted something that is of inestimable value to every individual. We decry war with all its hideousness; but it certainly aroused the Nation to the deplorable physical condition of its young men, and caused methods to be adopted that have placed its young manhood in the first ranks of all nations for physical fitness. Among the many things shown were Walter Camp's famous "daily dozen." This renowned athlete has devoted over a third of a century to teaching athletics at Yale College, and from his great fund of knowledge and experience along these lines, he has deduced a system for all purposes in the formula as above mentioned, the "daily dozen."

A grave misconception has largely prevailed with physical culture enthusiasts heretofore, that gave the impression that in order to be healthy, one had to develop large muscles, but Walter Camp, thank goodness, is now changing all this, by using animals, caged tigers, and other specimens for his illustrations, showing that all that is necessary is the stretching of the muscles of the body. It will pay in physical dividends for those not familiar with the above system to interest themselves in it, because Walter Camp is one of the foremost evangelists for good health in the United States.

Current Events in Our Community Life

BY D. J. RICHARDS

November 1921

THERE was more interest displayed by readers of THE SWORD, aside from those in the Unity, in the Solar Festival on the Eighteenth of October, than has been exhibited heretofore, since the inception of the Koreshan movement. Words are inadequate to express our appreciation for both the material and spiritual support given. It indicated to us a loyalty and wholesome confidence in KORESH and those left here to

carry on the work, which simply imbues ^ us with incentives to greater exertion for the ensuing year of 82, A. K.

The curtain has rung down many changes on us during the year; a number of familiar faces were missing from their accustomed places; nevertheless, all who were able were present at the morning repast, to listen to the sublime words of our Master's Graces, so full of hope and promise, and to partake of the bountiful blessings provided for the day. The Dining Hall was beautifully decorated, as it always is on such occasions, thanks to Sister Hattie Newcomb and her coworkers. Following the reading of letters of congratulation from friends, with donations, the souvenir cards, the October SWORH, and Koreshan badges were distributed to all present. There were no special exercises during the day, but in the evening Commemoration Services were held at the Art Hall, in which was rendered the following program:

- 1 March -- "Periscope" -- Allen -- Koreshan Unity Orchestra
- 2 Song -- "The Resurrection" -- Words by Koresh -- Congregation
- 3 Invocation -- Read by Bro. George Hunt
- 4 Floral Tribute to Koresh, with Incense -- Children of the Koreshan Unity, with Recitations by Floyd Moreland and Helen Boszormeny
- 5 Oration -- From the Writings of Koresh -- Bro. Henry Silverfriend
- 6 Vocal Solo -- "If With all Your Hearts" -- Mendelssohn -- Bro. David Richards
- 7 Oration -- From the. Writing's of Koresh -- Sr. Etta Silverfriend
- 8 Overture -- "From Shore to Shore" -- Rennet -- Koreshan Unity Orchestra
- 9 Oration -- From the Writings of Koresh -- Bro. David Richards
- 10 Cornet Solo -- "The Star of Bethlehem" -- Adams -- Mr. Robert Campbell
- 11 Oration -- From the Writings of Koresh -- Sr. Isadora Van Duzee
- 12 Song -- "The Messenger" -- Congregation
- 13 Prayer -- Read by Bro. George Hunt -- Response by Congregation
- 14 Anthem -- "Lift up Your Heads, O Ye Gates" -- Congregation
- 15 Recessional -- "The Aeroplane" -- Braham -- Koreshan Unity Orchestra

In order to give our Estero friends the benefit of the exquisite decorations in the Art Hall, in which Sister Isadora and her coworkers seemed to excel all previous efforts, an orchestra concert was advertised for the following evening. In connection with this concert we wish to announce the advent in our midst of Mr. Robert Campbell, who is truly an artist on the cornet. The orchestra rendered some half dozen selections; the rest of the evening Mr. Campbell played a varied selection of cornet solos, to the great delight of all present. His coming to us before the Birthday enhanced the orchestra music, and his rendering of the "Star of Bethlehem" on that occasion will not soon be forgotten.

History has been in the making with us at Estero during the month of October. One of the most devastating storms in the last decade struck this section of South Florida October 25. It had been announced some three days before it reached here, as coming from the Carribbean Sea, but it struck South Florida in full force on the above date.

One of our friends, on reading the account of the storm, wrote to condole with us, quoting the following:

"God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform.
He plants his footsteps on the sea,
And rides upon the storm."

Mysterious is surely the right word, because on the morning of the 25th we awoke to the fact that there was the highest tide in the recollection of anyone

living in Estero; it was at least six feet above normal, coming within two feet of the K. U. store floor. This meant that all the island points were inundated with seven and possibly eight feet of water, and our great concern was for those living there. Our large boat, "The Estero," was on the ways, and it was out of the question to risk going to the island in a little boat, in a gale blowing from 75 to 100 miles an hour.

Toward noon, however, the wind abated, and three of our brothers ventured to make the trip. They reached Estero Island in about two hours, and found one of the houses completely washed away, without leaving a trace of where it stood, and the other was blown off its foundation. The Tomb of KORESH was demolished, but thanks to Providence our two Brothers, Carl Luettich and Wm. McCreedy, had found shelter (after a thrilling experience) on a houseboat that had fortunately blown over from Hickory Island, to within 75 yards of where our houses stood. .

Brother Wm. Acuff, whom we reported in our last issue as having gone to Texas on a visit, returned to the Unity very much pleased with his trip. Arnold Fischer is back again with us after several years' absence. Since leaving here, he has not only seen a great deal of this country, but Europe and South America as well.

Sister Berthaldine Boomer and her daughter Bertie are back again in Estero after a couple of months' vacation in New York and Pennsylvania.

Mr. Miles Barager, from the badger state, Wisconsin, made the Unity a short visit. A Koreshan student interested him in our Cosmogony, creating in him a desire to know more about us, hence the visit. Needless to say, he left with a sincere appreciation of our work here, and our system in general.

Dr. Thomas Wallace, a world traveler, who visited the Unity in April, 1917, has been here again on another visit, and gave us two interesting lectures on his travels. It is quite complimentary to this state to know that Mr. W. has purchased a farm here, and thinks that Florida, after all, is one of the garden spots of the world.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Case, who for a number of years lived in the Unity, were here from Fort Myers recently. During the war Mr. Case held a responsible position with the Hog Island Navy Yard; within the last few months he returned to Fort Myers, and is now manager of the Floweree estate, which has large grove interests in Estero and Alva in this county.

Among the many moving picture reels shown at the Unity during the month, two were of the King of Denmark on his tour through Schleswig-Holstein, his regained provinces. Anyone who thinks the people of these provinces did not welcome the change, need only to see these pictures to be convinced otherwise.

Reels of considerable interest were those showing the United States method of constructing aeroplanes; beginning with the sawing of the huge spruce pine logs from the forests of Washington and Oregon to the finished product. The government spent a billion dollars on this industry during the war, and was about ready to flood Europe with aeroplanes when the armistice was declared.

Another very interesting reel was "Community Life" in North Dakota, showing how the community spirit had been developed in that state under the non-partisan league government. From a recent election we notice that the people of the above state, however, have decided to go back to their old form of government, from which we would imply that community life was not a success with the majority of the people. Communism without the Spirit of God is not going to work, as has been amply proven by the Soviet form of government in Russia. The Spirit of God must be injected into a community to make it binding. As KORESH says:

"The relying, the religion, is the marriage again of God and man in the church, wherein resides the matrix for the planting of the seed which belongs to the age. . . . We find the commonwealth idea a more practical and cheerful

incentive to industry than the satanic system of competism which, in opposition to the gospel of the Lord Christ, now holds universal sway, and is at the foundation of all woe, misery, and death in the world. The commonwealth system obviates 'the love of money,' which is 'the root of all evil.' "

The K. U. Orchestra gave a most interesting concert on Saturday evening Noy. 5. The program was as follows: "National Honor;" "Skeleton Rag;" "Spanish Waltz;" "King Dodo," a Selection; "Dance Fantastique," and March, "Our Sammies." Master Floyd Moreland favored us with a flute solo: "Amid the Odor of Roses," and for an encore "Pizzicato." Robert Campbell gave us two numbers of his own composition on the cornet: "Mermaid," and "Esparage Waltz." Both soloists were at their best, and their work was very much appreciated by the audience.

Mr. Ed. Moreland, Mrs. Nichols, and Miss Whiting arrived in Estero recently, coming by auto from Colorado. They expect to remain in Estero all winter.

Current Events In Our Community Life

BY D. J. RICHARDS

December 1921

TOURISTS are arriving much earlier than usual, and the reports are that more people will visit Florida this winter than at any previous time in the history of the state. The cream of the country are drawn toward Florida; and speaking for Lee County, no one takes, more interest or pride in the whole state than General W. B. Haldeman, of Louisville, Ky., and Naples, Fla. For the last thirty-five years the General has about divided his time between the two states, and those who have been privileged to visit his beautiful home at Naples-on-the-Gulf, have found what charming hosts the General and Mrs. Haldeman are, and that they exemplify the Southern hospitality one reads about.

The Koreshan Unity is proud to consider the General among its many loyal friends. He is as proud of our beautiful park as we are, and never misses an opportunity to bring his many friends from the North to see the place. Accompanying him on a recent visit were Mr. Bentley Parker of New York City, and Mr. Parker's nephew, of Brooksville, Fla.; they too were much impressed and enthusiastic with what they saw here.

The Grass Fibre Pulp & Paper Corp'n of Leesburg, Fla., informs us that their mill is nearing completion, and "has now become a source of venter to every one who has not been near it during its growth." When this mill gets to running, it will be one of the wonders of the South, and the manufacturing of paper will be but one small item. The list to date includes a great many articles that will be manufactured from Florida saw grass, of which there are about five million acres, the latest product being the making of boxes in which citrus fruit will be shipped to market.

This industry will be worth keeping in touch with, and the company has "arranged with the Leesburg Commercial to print a short resume every Friday of what has been accomplished in the past week." The Commercial is published twice a week, Tuesdays and Fridays, and the subscription price is \$2 a year, or \$1.25 for six months.

The Koreshan Unity store has installed a new gasoline and oil station, and patrons find it a great improvement over the old way of doling out gasoline. Brother Stephen. Chislett has covered the pump with an exceedingly neat structure, which shows the skill of a master workman.

The Fort Myers Musical and Dramatic Club gave a very fine concert recently in which Brother Frank Schoedler took part. With reference to Brother Frank's performance the Fort Myers Press comments as follows:

"The feature of the evening's pleasing entertainment was the appearance of Frank H. Schoedler, pianist, who is the musical director of the Koreshan Unity at Estero. Mr. Schoedler, who lived in Philadelphia many years, is a graduate of the Royal Conservatory of Music at Leipsic, Germany.

"He showed that he is a master of the piano. His first number, the difficult "Second Hungarian. Rhapsody/' of Liszt, was preceded by a brief explanation of the music and how it happened to be written by the great composer. Professor Schoedler played the "Rhapsody" with feeling, and his technique was faultless. For encore numbers he played two original compositions, "The Nightingale" and "The Storm at Sea." He played each excellently, particularly the latter number, which had as its theme "Home Sweet Home"."

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TOURISTS are arriving much earlier than usual, and the reports are that more people will visit Florida this winter than at any previous time in the history of the state. The cream of the country are drawn toward Florida; and speaking for Lee County, no one takes, more interest or pride in the whole state than General W. B. Haldeman, of Louisville, Ky., and Naples, Fla. For the last thirty-five years the General has about divided his time between the two states, and those who have been privileged to visit his beautiful home at Naples-on-the-Gulf, have found what charming hosts the General and Mrs. Haldeman are, and that they exemplify the Southern hospitality one reads about.

The Koreshan Unity is proud to consider the General among its many loyal friends. He is as proud of our beautiful park as we are, and never misses an opportunity to bring his many friends from the North to see the place. Accompanying him on a recent visit were Mr. Bentley Parker of New York City, and Mr. Parker's nephew, of Brooksville, Fla.; they too were much impressed and enthusiastic with what they saw here.

The Grass Fibre Pulp & Paper Corp'n of Leesburg, Fla., informs us that their mill is nearing completion, and "has now become a source of venter to every one who has not been near it during its growth." When this mill gets to running, it will be one of the wonders of the South, and the manufacturing of paper will be but one small item. The list to date includes a great many articles that will be manufactured from Florida saw grass, of which there are about five million acres, the latest product being the making of boxes in which citrus fruit will be shipped to market.

This industry will be worth keeping in touch with, and the company has "arranged with the Leesburg Commercial to print a short resume every Friday of what has been accomplished in the past week." The Commercial is published twice a week, Tuesdays and Fridays, and the subscription price is \$2 a year, or \$1.25 for six

months.

The Koreshan Unity store has installed a new gasoline and oil station, and patrons find it a great improvement over the old way of doling out gasoline. Brother Stephen. Chislett has covered the pump with an exceedingly neat structure, which shows the skill of a master workman.

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A WORD of explanation is due our readers why the January SWORD was so late making its appearance; the principal reason being that the dynamo that runs the Intertype needed overhauling. We have little room for complaint, however, because this dynamo has given eight years of service with hardly any attention, but all machinery becomes defective in the course of time. We have received many letters from our readers inquiring the cause of delay, but it was unavoidable on our part. We appreciate the interest, however, as it indicates to us that THE SWORD is a vital matter with our readers; that when it fails to put in an appearance, they immediately want to know the reason why. Of course THE SWORD is vital; in fact, there is nothing so vital in the world today as the truths emanating from The Guiding Star Publishing House.

In our last issue we stated that this year we had planned to have an exhibit at home instead of at the County Fair, as has been our custom the last five years. From the interest already shown we know it is going to be a success. Two large banners strung across the road from the Art Hall announce "Welcome; Industrial and Art Exhibit, Feb. 10 to 25." The Art Hall, both inside and out, is undergoing a transformation and will present a festive appearance to the hundreds of people who will visit us the next two weeks. We believe this to be a momentous step in the history of the Koreshan movement, and the Cellular Cosmogony is going to be heralded

far and wide. Many no doubt will hear of it for the first time, and some will likely come prepared to doubt, but will go away feeling like the friend who recently wrote to us, saying that he had been obliged to accept the Koreshan premise in spite of his own prejudice.

We will greet the opening day with a new edition of The Cellular Cosmogony. The subject matter is from the writings of KORESH, and is replete with the most remarkable knowledge ever given to the world. The time has arrived when people are demanding to know the truth and Koreshan Universology is forcing the issue. Exponents of the Copernican system have heretofore met Koreshan arguments by ignoring them, but that day has passed; from now on they are going to find it hard to satisfactorily explain their fallacious system, which has enthralled humanity since the fifteenth century, when Copernicus heralded his fallacious discovery to a benighted world.

The American Eagle, in its issue of February 9, contained an article pertaining to the Koreshan Exhibit, from which we quote the following: "The Hall, which is electrically lighted, contains a larger stage than any in Fort Myers, and is being put in the best condition for the event. A lot of new seats have been ordered, which it is hoped will arrive in time; but at any rate, sufficient seating will be provided to fill the house to its capacity, which will be required at the evening entertainments.

"It is planned to display the exhibits on shelves, tables, and in show cases around the sides of the room, leaving the larger portion of the floor space undisturbed for the seating arrangements. Across the road will be a typical hunter's camp, while nearby will be a commodious tent for farm and grove products. Among the exhibits will be a number of interesting relics and curios, shown for the first time in Florida, and including a book from Gen. Washington's library, a piece of Washington's first coffin (outer casket, of course. His remains were transferred to a new tomb about 1830); piece of Napoleon's coach lining (coach was captured on the battlefield of Waterloo and later exhibited in London); key of old Spanish cathedral, Eskimo and Indian curios, etc.

"The latest acquisition among the entertainment features is Dr. James Russel Price, formerly of Chicago, Ill. a lecturer and entertainer of note, who has toured the country on Chautauqua circuits from Maine to California. It was J. T. Trowbridge, the celebrated American author, who some years ago awarded Dr. Price a silver medal for his inimitable rendering of Trowbridge's poem entitled, 'Darius Green.' Darius, a country youth, was one of the original promoters of the flying game, and it is said that in this poem Trowbridge has in reality portrayed his own youthful experiences, wherein he tried to fly like the birds and came to grief in the attempt. It is expected that Dr. Price will be able to arrange his schedule so as to be with us most of the time during the exhibit at Estero.

"Other features of the evening entertainments will be music by the Koreshan Unity Orchestra, which is well worth a trip to Estero to hear; piano solos by Prof. Frank Schoedler (graduate of Leipsic Conservatory), besides other instrumental and vocal solos; one act plays, farces, and specialties. On Saturday the 18th will be the motion picture play, 'Kismet,' with Otis Skinner in the title role. Altogether, it is calculated that there will be a variety of high class features such as can be seen and heard only at reputable Chautauqua entertainments where admission price is charged. These entertainment features at Estero, however, will be entirely free to the public. Effort has been made to avoid entertainments on such nights as might conflict with attendance at the Lee County Fair, so please observe that the entertainments will be given only on the following nights: Feb. 10, 11, 13, 17, 18, 20, 21, 24, and 25. Exhibit is open from 11 a. m. to 10 p. m. Lunches may be purchased on the grounds, if desired."

In addition to the above, another innovation that will advertise our system 365 days in the year is the large sign of the Cellular Cosmogony, size 10x17 feet, that Brother Moses Weaver is painting. The sign is a little southwest of the Publishing House and is already attracting a great deal of attention.

We regret to announce that Mr. LeRoy Bubbett was called away owing to sickness in his family, but hopes to return to the Unity with his family as soon as conditions permit.

During the Pan American Exposition in 1901, some one asked the "sage of East Aurora" if he was going to exhibit at Buffalo. He replied that he was not, and asked why he should. The people were coming from the Exposition in crowds to see him and his place. We have awakened to a similar situation in starting something of our own here in Estero, and the opening day of our Industrial and Art Exhibit eclipsed our expectations. To begin with, the weather was all that one could wish, and by n o'clock, the appointed hour to open, the numerous articles for display were for the most part in their places.

Of course, we have been accustomed for years to receive winter visitors who came here specially to see our beautiful park, but many would drive by and not stop. Situated as we are along the Tamiami Trail, a branch of the Dixie Highway, a great many cars drive past Estero on their way to Bonita Springs, Naples, and other points south, and we attracted many such parties Friday, February 10. That the visitors were delighted with what they saw goes without saying.

The decorations of the Art Hall are exquisite; people immediately feel at ease, and are most generous in expressing their approval of the way things have been arranged,— thanks to our decorating committee. To enumerate all that we have on display would take more space than is at our disposal, so we will confine ourselves to the most vital,—"The Cellular Cosmogony."

Our miniature model of the Hollow Globe is arranged on the south side of the Hall, and we were fortunate to have on hand some fine columns that were used by the Master in the Koreshan booth at the Pan American Exposition in 1901. Every article is exquisitely arranged, and that we are rousing interest in Koreshan Universology the future will amply demonstrate.

We would be justified in holding this Exhibit if only to celebrate the new edition of "The Cellular Cosmogony." The subject matter of this volume is practically all from the writings of KORESH, while in previous editions there were only a few pages written by him. We trust there will be an unprecedented demand for this new edition, owing to the fact that it was nearly all written by KORESH. Nothing in the world today can approach it for real knowledge.

Another innovation in this exhibition of ours is the display, in full view of every one who passes up and down our highway, of the Rectilineator, the only apparatus ever constructed to determine the contour of the earth's surface, which our Geodetic Staff positively demonstrated in the winter of 1896-97. To say that the Rectilineator is attracting attention goes without saying, and is quite convincing even to the most skeptical. Much could be said concerning this instrument, but complete data can be found in "The Cellular Cosmogony."

Great credit is due the K, U. Orchestra for the excellent music it furnished, and also the soloists; the Scotch dance in kilties by Robert Campbell. and the work of our talented guest, Dr. Price, were noteworthy features. But number 7 on the program: Impromptu, "Inside Inn," was the main feature because of the unique manner in which the Cellular Cosmogony was given to the audience. We are indebted to Sister Berthaldine and her daughter Bertie for this quaint production, but space will not permit of an elaborate description, only of the characters, Lecturer and Auto Tourists. The latter are supposed to have listened to a most wonderful lecturer on the street on the subject of the Cellular Cosmogony. Coming to the Inn for

refreshments, and being impressed with what they had heard, they could not refrain from discussing; the matter; they were followed a little later by the lecturer himself. The audience was then entertained with a short dialogue on the Cellular Cosmogony, much to their enjoyment, and in such a way that important truths were brought out in a convincing manner. The program of our opening entertainment was as follows:

- 1 March--"Robin Hood"--Losey--Koreshan Unity Orchestra
- 2 Overture--"Princess of India"--King--Koreshan Unity Orchestra
- 3 Vocal Solo--Selected--Mrs. J. Guy Smith
- 4 March--"Liberty Bell"--Sousa--Koreshan Unity Orchestra
- 5 Piano Solo--"Hungarian Rhapsody"--Schoedler--Prof. F. A. Schoedler
- 6 Original Poems--Dr. James Russell Price
- 7 Impromptu--"INSIDE INN"

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Landlord	H. D. Silverfriend
Lecturer	Dr. J. R. Price
Scotchman	Robert Campbell
Auto Tourists	{H Moreland {Ed. Moreland
Ladies	{Mrs. Ida Fischer {Mrs. Cora Stephens
Hungarian	Prof. Frank A. Schoedler
Chinaman (Woo-Hoo-Ling)	Alfred Christensen
Gentlemen	{Floyd Moreland {Alex Wyka

Out of courtesy for the Lee County Fair, being held at Fort Myers, we are not having any entertainments on the nights of Feb. 14, 15, and 16. The program given on Monday evening, Feb. 13, was exceptionally fine. If we measured it in dollars we might quote Mr, Ellison, who recently moved to this neighborhood from New York City. He said: "An entertainment such as you put on Monday evening would cost at least f>2 a seat on Broadway, and their stage would not be any more attractive than yours."

The above comment was unsolicited on our part; but it was the consensus of opinion of all present that the entertainment was of the highest order. Numbers 4, 6, and 8 of the program given below were exceptionally good.

The special feature of the evening, of course, was "Rosalie," a one-act comedy. Mr. Max Murray, the author, is one of the leading theatrical men of Paris. Aside from being a successful author, he has a most enviable list of excellent productions to his credit, among them being Dicken's "David Copperfield." "Rosalie" is a little home scene consisting of three characters, Sisters Florence Graham, Bertie Boomer, and Alfred Christensen.

Brother Moses Weaver, in his "Chalk Talk," made plain the glaring inconsistencies of the Copernican system, such as their method of triangulation to obtain distances of the heavenly bodies, with their conclusions, etc; and, by way of contrast, illustrating the Koreshan System, using the same instruments, but on the inside of the shell, bringing the central sun to a distance of 4,000 instead of 95,000,000 miles, as taught by the followers of Copernicus.

The program for the evening was:

- 1 March--"Spirit of Independence"--Abe Hoizmann--Koreshan Unity Orchestra
- 2 Vocal Solo--"A Soldier Song"--Angelo Mascheroni--Dr. D. J. Richards
- 3 Fox Trot "I'm Hitting the Trail to Normandy"--F. H. Kickmann--Koreshan Unity

Orchestra

- 4 Song--"Upsetting Gravity"--H. C--Adaline Shepherd--Koreshan Unity Orchestra
6 Dialogue--"Watermelon Pickles"--Adapted from Detroit Press
Mrs. Jones Mrs. Ella Graham
Johnnie Jones Mace Stephens
7 Piano Solo--Selected--Prof. F. A. Schoedler
8 Comedy--"ROSALIE"--Max Murray
Madame Bol--Miss B. M. Boomer
Monsieur Bol--A. Christensen
Rosalie (Maid)--Miss F. Graham
9 Morceau--"Dainty Daffodils"--Reynard--Koreshan Unity Orchestra
10 Chalk Talk--Mr. Moses Weaver
11 Rag--"The Skeleton Rag"--Wenrich--Koreshan Unity Orchestra

CURRENT EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

BY D. J. RICHARDS

March 1922

February, 1922, "Will Be Remembered with. Pleasure by Those Who Visited our Industrial Exhibit

WE CLOSED our remarks last month with the "doings" of the Industrial and Art Exhibit that was held here from the loth to the 25th of February. But since the half has not been told, it is but natural that we continue the subject in this issue. To give an idea of what was on exhibition, the items having been so well enumerated in The American Eagle of Feb. 23, we will quote from it as follows: "Collection of sea shells; specimen of inlaid woodwork; pine needle baskets and novelties; embroidery and fancy work of all kinds; display of homemade candies of many varieties; rustic lanterns of curious and novel designs; carved coconuts (one representing the head of a high caste Hindu); artificial flowers; table made of euca-lyptus wood (resembles finest mahogany); marine view, with big steamer in foreground, surrounded by torpedo boat, seaplane and motor boats, with miniature village in distance (all carved out of wood); large collection of jams, jellies, marmalades, pickles, etc., all most attractively labeled.

"Quite a variety of relics and curios is shown, includ-ing piece of flag raised over the Marshall House in Alex-andria, Va., immediately after Col. Ellsworth was shot there during the Civil War; piece of Washington's first coffin; book from Washington's library; piece of Napoleon's coach lining (coach captured on the field of Waterloo); piece of Washington's old medicine chest; key of ancient cathedral at Tucson, Ariz.; Aztec pottery; whale's tooth; Indian doll; Eskimo fish hook; bowlus for killing birds and small game (c.arved from ivory); brick from Pohick church (first Quaker church in America, and sometimes visited by Washington); lock from old Custis mansion near Mount Vernon; fragments of stone from Washington's old mill, etc.

"In small booths across from the Art Hall are other curios and novelties, including Chilian blankets, coconut novelties, fish scale flowers, bamboo novelties; citrus fruits; vegetables; homemade preparations,-as vinegar, catsup, chowchow; large collection of native and cultivated grasses, etc.

"A refreshment stand is near by, containing a large assortment of homemade bakery goods. Here may be obtained hot coffee, cocoa, sandwiches, doughnuts, pies, etc.; lunches and souvenirs being the only things for which any charge is made on the grounds."

There were no entertainments given at the Art Hall the first three evenings the

County Fair was on at Fort Myers, but Friday evening Feb. 17, opened with an excellent program which was as follows:

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| 1 March | "Our National Honor" | Brooks |
| | Koreshan Unity Orchestra | |
| 2 Flute Solo | "Junita" | Popp |
| | Floyd Moreland | |
| 3 Piano Solo | Selected | |
| | Prof. F. A. Schoedler | |
| 4 Farce | "HANGING UP THE WASH" | |
| | Onyx Johnson . . . | Mrs. E. Trebell |
| | Dill White . . . | Miss E. Schwindel |
| | Ephraim Johnson . . . | Mr. A. Christensen |
| | Mike O'Flannigan . . . | Mr. R. Campbell |
| 5 Rag | "Black and White" | Botsford |
| | Koreshan Unity Orchestra | |
| 6 Farce | 'The Shades of a Pseudo-Science' | A. H. Andrews |
| | Doctor , . . . | Dr. J. R. Price |
| | Copernicus . . . | .A. Christensen |
| | Newton . . . | D. J. Richards |
| | Galileo . . . | E. J. Moreland |
| 7 Selection | * "Madame Modiste" | Herbert |
| | Koreshan Unity Orchestra | |
| 8 Character Impersonations | | Selected |
| | Mr. Rube Allyn | |
| 9 March | "Jersey Shore" | Pryor |
| | Koreshan Unity Orchestra | |

"Hanging Up the Wash" is a darky sketch of a very amusing nature, woven around a colored mammy who makes her living by taking in washing, with the usual "lazy, good-for-nothing" man around the house. One of the characteristics of colored people is that they will "butcher" the English language most unmercifully by using irrelevant terms. The dialogue in this respect was ludicrously funny, interspersed with which were the witticisms of a humorous Irishman whose avocation was that of a salesman, his specialty being washing machines. The parts were excellently played, and the audience was kept on the alert as to what to look for next, each movement in its turn producing a round of applause.

In the department for "Younger Minds" of this issue will be found "The Shades of a Pseudo-Science," by Brother Alien Andrews. We consider this an effective way of presenting Koreshan Cosmogony, as it places all pseudo-scientists where they rightfully belong. The audience was captivated from the beginning, and the play was a decided hit.

The main attraction of the evening was Rube Allyn, one of Florida's best known newspaper men and a character impersonator of the first magnitude. Mr. Allyn came to us on the invitation of Brother Alien Andrews, and he certainly was a whole show in himself. We kept no record of the numbers he gave, but they ran the whole gamut of human emotion, and for about an hour he kept the audience very much amused.

A miscellaneous program was given Saturday evening, Feb. 18. Besides the orchestra numbers, Robert Campbell, dressed in Scotch kilties, took part in a musical dialogue with Prof. Schoedler; an illustrated recitation about "Granny's Stars" was given by Dr. Price; piano selection by Prof. Schoedler, with Rube Allyn for the closing number. It was truly an all-star cast. The musical dialogue was

particularly refreshing, ending with a Scotch dance that was well received. Robert Campbell is certainly an artist, and proficient along many lines. Dr. Price's work was heartily received; the room was darkened while he recited "Granny's Stars," the same being illustrated with light behind a perforated board, the stars and constellations, as well as the moon, appearing as he described them. Prof. Schoedler was at his best; he played Liszt's "Hungarian Rhapsody" with wonderful expression. The hit of the evening, however, was Rube Allyn, who simply took the house by storm. Brother Alien described him as follows:

"Rube could only be with us on Friday and Saturday nights. Had he stayed longer, some of us might have died from laughing; and as it was, several complained of their sides feeling sore for some days afterward from the convulsions which he evoked. As a dialect comedian he is a scream, being equally good in Norwegian, Swedish, French, German, Italian, Irish, Scotch, or Yiddish, and can look and act the part of any of them almost to perfection. There is only one inimitable Rube Allyn, and any one who has failed to hear him has missed a great opportunity."

The attraction for Monday night, Feb. 20, was "Kismet," with Otis Skinner as the principal actor. We are indebted to Mr. L. M. Boomer, of New York City, for this fine entertainment. A number of people from Fort Myers were in attendance, among them Mr. Coffey, a newcomer to Fort Myers, who has one of the finest bakery establishments in the state. Mr. Coffey entertained us with song and recitation before the pictures were thrown on the screen, much to the enjoyment of all. Between reels Dr. Price sandwiched in several of his own amusing poems. The Doctor has upward of a thousand poems of his own 'composition, which he hopes some day to have published.

The following program was given at our entertainment of Tuesday evening, Feb. 21:

- 1 March--"Aeroplane"--Braham--Koreshan Unity Orchestra
- 2 Son's (a) "When You and I Were Young, Maggie" Butterfield
 (b) "Love's Old Sweet Song" Mzilloy
 (c) "Afterwards" Mtilien
 Mrs. J. Guy Smith
- 3 Waltz "Polaire" Belcher
 Koreshan Unity Orchestra
- 4 Farce "RISING OF THE MOON" Lady Gregory
 The Ragged Man , Dr. D. J. Richards
 Sergeant . . . Robert Campbell
 Policeman B . . . , Charles Hunt
 Policeman X . , John Watson 5 Piano Solo

Selected

Prof. F. A. Schoedler

- 6 Impromptu "INSIDE INN"
 CHARACTERS:
 Innkeeper . . . H. D. Silverfriend
 Lecturer . . . Dr. J. R. Price
 Scotchman . . . Robert Campbell
 " m . . . f H. Moreland
 Auto Tourists . . . ^ j Moreland
 fMrs. Cora Stephens
 • Guests . . . j Mrs- Ida Fischer
 ' Floyd Moreland
 I^Alex Wyka
 Hungarian . . . Prof. F. A. Schoedler

Chinaman (Woo-Hoo-Ling) Alfred Christensen 7 Piano Solo
Selected

Prof. F. A, Schoedler

We commented in our last issue on "The Inside Inn." Some new features were introduced that improved it very much, particularly the darky songs with banjo accompani-ment by Brother Jesse Putnam. The Lecturer and Auto Tourists presented the Cellular Cosmogony in a most convincing manner. Mrs. Smith's group of songs was most acceptable, and the farce, "The Rising of the Moon," was well received. Lady Gregory, the author, comments on it as follows:

"When I was a child and came with my elders to Galway for their salmon fishing in the river that rushes past the gaol, I used to look with awe at the window where men were hung, and the dark, closed gate. I used to wonder if ever a prisoner might by some means climb the high, buttressed wall and slip away in the darkness by the canal to the quays and find friends to hide him under a load of kelp in a fishing boat,—as happens to my ballad-singing man.

"The play was considered offensive to some extreme Nationalists before it was acted, because it showed the police in too favorable a light, and a Unionist paper attacked it after it was acted because the policeman was represented 'as a coward and a traitor'; but after the Belfast police strike, that same paper praised its 'insight into Irish character.' After all these ups and downs it passes unchallenged on both sides of the Irish Sea."

On Washington's birthday our big family had a picnic dinner on the exhibit grounds, an excellent repast having been provided. Every one enjoyed the novelty of it, and no doubt our matron, Sister Emma Norton, will want to repeat it again some day for the benefit of all. After satisfying, the "inner man" we all met in the Art Hall, where Dr. Price entertained us with several humorous recitations that were most enjoyable. No entertainments were given on the evenings of Feb. 22 and 23.

On Friday evening, Feb. 24, our entertainment com-mittee decided to repeat the comedy "Rosalie" (which we reported in the February SWORD), and "The Shades of a Pseudo-Science" for the benefit of those who had not seen them, and the audiences were most lavish in their praise. Sisters Florence Graham and Bertie Boomer, and Brother Alfred Christensen did themselves proud in "Rosalie;" their acting was worthy of those who make their living at the profession. As for "The Shades of a Pseudo-Science," the rendition of it was more effective than on the previous occasion, and it was truly a work of art. Dr. Price gave a number of readings, and recited Trowbridge's "Darius Green and His Flying Machine," in which the Doctor was at his best.

Feb. 25 was the last day of our exhibit, which closed with a fine concert in the evening. In addition to the excellent numbers given by the orchestra, Brother Alien Andrews gave De Beriot's "Scene de Ballet" on the violin, and for an encore played "Souvenir," by Franz Drdia, both numbers being heartily applauded. Mrs. Guy Smith sang a group of songs: "Kathleen Mavourneen," by Crouch; "Mammy," and "Look for the Silver Lining," both by Kern, in a most delightful manner. She sang "Daddy Long Legs" for an encore.

Dr. Price, during the intermission, gave a rousing talk on why he was here, and what Koreshanity had meant to him. Having been a devout follower as well as a teacher of the Copernican system for thirty years, he explained how he came to accept Koreshanity after KORESH showed him where he was in error. During the entire exhibit the Doctor was a big factor in our entertainments; we enjoyed his closing remarks, because he spoke with such apprecia-tion fof having been led from darkness into light,—a living testimony for the grand science of Koreshan Universology.

To sum up, our Industrial and Art Exhibit, with its entertaining features, has

been a success from start to finish, and unquestionably one of the best things the Koreshan Unity has ever given. We are so encouraged that we are looking forward a year hence, when we can repeat it on a larger scale. It would be hard to tell how much we have accomplished at this writing, but we are satisfied that the hundreds who came here and listened to our speakers have gone away with an entirely different impression of the Koreshan Unity and the work for which we are here assembled. That it will be productive of much good we have no doubt, and it gives us a feeling that the Science of Universology is fast coming into its own, and that if it once gets hold of the hearts of the people it will "go like wildfire."

We are glad to record the return of LeRoy Bubbett with his family to the Unity. Roy is happy to be back with us.

In addition to Mr. Rube Allyn, Dr. and Mrs. Price, we have had as guests Mr. J. Howard Green, of Seattle, Wash., Mrs. Alice Miller and Miss C. Hamilton, of Fort Myers, and others whose names we do not now recall.

Current Events in Our Community Life

BY D. J. RICHARDS

April 1922

A new organization, known as the Taxpayers League was recently organized in this southern end of Lee County, with Brother Allen Andrews as its chairman. The purpose of the organization is to keep tab on how the business of this section is conducted, and to see that the taxpayers get value received for the money expended. At a recent meeting of the above League held at Bonita Springs (the adjoining town south of Estero), which a number from the Unity attended, we had the pleasure of listening to a most interesting talk by Mr. Chas. O'Connor, Field Organizer of the American Automobile Association, on what this organization was doing in behalf of good roads throughout the United States as well as foreign countries.

This organization has its headquarters in New York and Chicago, and consists now of over a million members. It was organized when there were but few automobiles, in the country, by a few millionaires whose principal hobby was good roads. What they have accomplished sounds like a dream from fairy land; but as Mr. O'Connor remarked at the beginning of his talk, he was not there to make a flowery speech, but simply to state facts and give statistics. He took us from one end of the country to the other; but what concerns us most, however, is his mission in Florida, particularly Lee County.

Mr. O'Connor said that last year they had over 8,000 inquiries from members of their organization, as to how they could reach Lee County, Fla., but with great reluctance their officers were obliged to inform them to keep away from Lee County because the roads were in no fit condition for travel,—which is the truth, with the result that only 100 cars reached Fort Myers, our county seat. Counting five persons to a car, 500 persons got to Lee County, instead of 40,000 had the conditions been otherwise.

Mr. O'Connor painted a vivid picture of what this meant to Lee County; that we lost about \$3,500,000 for our indifference this year alone, and that he was here to arouse us to the need of connecting up with other trunk lines in the state and get ready to get some of this business by next winter. This he thought could be done if the county got busy right away and bonded itself for \$1,500,000. We believe he is arousing sufficient interest to put it through.

Mr. O'Connor told us his organization was now working on a plan to have the Federal Government lay aside 100,000 acres of land for a National Park, about fifty miles south of here, the section in which lies the Royal Palm Hammock. This would be the only National Park in the United States that would be accessible the year

round, and would give the Federal Government a reservation wherein our beautiful plumed birds, such as the flamingo and other rare species, protection from pot hunters. He thought these birds would become extinct in from three to five years if they were not given this protection.

The first consideration with tourists, Mr. O'Connor said, was climate,—and we had a 6% better all-year-round climate than California. The next was distance; and New York and Chicago would save 3,000 miles on a round trip by coming to Florida. But the most important thing he ig'aid, was that Lee County should be opened up and developed so that the nation could be fed with its products. We have an all-year-round growing climate, and one of the most staple products of the nation was sugar, which Florida could easily supply the country with in a very few years, not to mention Irish potatoes and all kinds of vegetables.

Florida is on the boom, and the eyes of the nation are looking toward her. But there are other reasons for this activity, and particularly in this favored section, that the world is not conscious of, but of which Koreshans are fully cognizant. As KORESH says, the "New Jerusalem is to be the heart and center of the coming kingdom of righteousnesis in the earth; the place where the consociation of such as would renew their lives, may aggregate in the heart of the kingdom."

"The New Jerusalem at Estero, Florida, is located on the mainland and islands of the Estero Bay, and on the islands fronting the Gulf of Mexico, that is, outside keys bordering on the waters of the Gulf and forming the west boundary of the Bay of Estero. It is the purpose of the Unity in constructing the New City; to create an outside harbor that will accommodate shipping of the deepest draught. The harbor is to be formed by building broad and solid structures long distances toward and into the Gulf of Mexico, with right angle wharfs and docks that will act as breakwaters against the Gulf storms. This will require time and labor, but the accomplishment is simple.

"Without the necessity for great engineering skill, there can be developed a veritable Venice of America, far surpassing any city ever constructed in any stage of the world's history,—at least during the last twenty-four thousand years. It would be impossible to express in language the possibilities awaiting those who are and who become pioneers in the construction of the prospective city. In holding out these inducements for the aggregation of a righteous people purified from the lusts of the flesh and separated from the influences of Babylon (the competitive system), we but emphasize the promises of the Lord and his Apostles regarding the glory to be revealed in those who seek the kingdom of God and his righteousness." (F. S., March, 1896.)

Prof. Clarence Snyder with a number of students from his Outdoor School at Captiva, Fla., made the Unity a visit, camping overnight on our grounds. Prof. Snyder has 36 students in his school this year, collected from various points of the United States, and as fine a bunch of boys as anyone could wish to meet. His scholars are taught all the grades with advanced studies for those ready to enter college. We appreciate the fact that Prof. Snyder never misses an opportunity to have his boys visit the Koreshan Unity, and we are glad to have them. His school received the highest endorsement from the late revered Theodore Roosevelt, and it being here speaks volumes for Lee County.

Four members from the K. U. Orchestra, Brothers Allen Andrews, Prof. Schoedler, Robert Campbell, and Floyd Moreland, made the Captiva School a visit to entertain them with music, as well as to be entertained, and they report having had a most delightful time.

We quote from Estero notes in The American Eagle of April 6, the following: "Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wallace of Fort Myers were in Estero last Thursday with the following party: Col. Harry B. Butler and assistant, Miss Verna B. Thornhill of U.

S. Public Health Service, Washington, D. C.; Eugene L. Dakin, of Fort Myers and Bangor, Me.; Mrs. S. L. Kimball, Bangor, Me.; Mrs. Laura Moore, Effington, 111., and Mrs. W. F. Gwynne, Fort Myers. A porch supper was served the party by Mrs. B. S. Boomer and Miss Bertha Boomer, after which they repaired to the Art Hall, where an impromptu concert was given them by the K. U. Orchestra. Mr. Eugene L. Dakin of the party, who located recently in Fort Myers, has invested heavily there, having built fifteen houses and brought some thirty people there within the past year."

We might say in addition that through the courtesy of Col. Harry B. Butler, we had the pleasure of two reels at our movie entertainment of April 8, issued by the U. S. Public Health, on "The Care of the Teeth." The reels besides being very entertaining, were exceedingly instructive, showing how imperative good teeth were to good health, a truth oftentimes ignored and lost sight of.

The Unity had a most delightful visit from Mrs. Frazier, from the Province of Alberta, Canada, and Mrs. Daniels, of Toronto, their principal object being to see the Koreshan Unity. Coming from such a long distance their visit was entirely too brief; needless to say, however, they were much impressed with Estero and surroundings.

Sister Jennie Campbell, as she is familiarly known in the Unity, arrived in Estero recently from New York City. Her neice, Miss Jessie Stevenson, from Colorado, has been a guest at the Campbell home for several weeks, but has now returned to Colorado; her aunt, Mrs. Logan, who has been in Estero for over a year, returning with her. Miss Stevenson, too, is delighted with Estero, and hopes some day to make a return visit.

We regret to announce in this issue that on the 5th of April a disastrous fire broke out in our dairy barn, and reduced it to complete ruins in a few hours, and for a short time severely threatened other buildings. We luckily managed to get what live stock there was out by the narrowest margin. Work was progressing nicely on our new electric light plant, but this now will be temporarily checked till we build suitable shelter for our fine Jersey herd of cattle.

From various parts of the country we hear echoes from our February Industrial Exhibit. The committees of the exhibit are still functioning, and meet once a month to discuss ways and means for the exhibit to be held a year hence; the probabilities are that we'll erect a special building for our fair of 1923. It was decided at our last meeting that the entertainment committee arrange to give a play once every two months or oftener, so as to keep in practice and work up a repertoire. The dramatic work is under the direction of Bertie Boomer, and a play is now in progress to be given the latter part of April.

The Florida State Press Association is holding a convention at Daytona, Fla., at the present writing, and The American Eagle is represented by its editor, Brother Allen Andrews.

The K. U. Orchestra gave a most interesting concert on Saturday evening, April 8. Besides the instrumental music, Mrs. Guy Smith sang a group of songs as follows: (a) "Crossing the Bar" by Dudley Buck; (b) "Recessional" by De Koven, and (c) "The Laird of Cock Pen" (old Scotch song), besides singing two duets with Brother George Hunt: "Larboard Watch" and "Home to Our Mountains."

Current Events in Our Community Life
BY D. J. RICHARDS
May 1922

IT IS VERY gratifying- to us to record the addition of two new members to the Unity, in Messrs. Fulger Mattus and F. M. Wells. For the last six years Brother Fulger has been serving Uncle Sam in the army, having been stationed at Honolulu, Fort Sill,

Okla., and San Pedro, Calif. But while in the army he learned of the White Horse Army, the doctrines of which he has been diligently studying the last two years, and has lived since in anticipation of the day he could cast his lot with us.

Brother Wells came here from Sweeney, Texas. We are publishing in this issue a letter he wrote us some time ago; this was set up in type before we knew he was coming, but it' explains how he came to accept the Master. Needless to say, both of our new brothers are as happy to be with us as we are to have them.

Through the kindness of Miss Bertha Boomer, the Unity as well as the people of Estero in general had the pleasure on Saturday evening, April 15, of seeing portrayed on the screen, Louisa Alcott's famous novel, "Little Women." There is much that is charming in this most fascinating story which depicts early New England life and its surroundings. The play was enacted in New England, among surroundings that have since become famous, such as the home of Ralph Waldo Emerson, as well as other historical places, and the acting was superb.

The following Sunday being Easter, the Art Hal! was most exquisitely decorated for the occasion by Sister Isadora and her co-helpers, the color scheme being green with white flowers, among them the beautiful magnolias that are now in bloom in our park. It was one of the sights that must be seen to be appreciated.

Some one has said "That a thing of beauty is a joy forever;", so in order to share these beautiful decorations with our neighbors, an impromptu concert was announced for the following evening with a general invitation to the public. Harold Moreland, having recently returned from Little Rock, Ark., was a great acquisition to our music, and he favored us with two violin solos that were most delightful. Mrs. Guy Smith sang a group of songs in her cheery manner; Brother Robert Campbell gave us some excellent numbers on the cornet; Professor Schoedler played "Home, Sweet Home" with "The Storm at Sea," his own arrangement, and last but not least by any means, were two excellent flute numbers by Master Floyd Moreland. We are accustomed to good concerts, but this somewhat excelled the average, and those present enjoyed a rare treat.

On Saturday evening, April 29, the Dramatic Club of the Unity presented O. W. Gleason's comedy, "How the Story Grew," under the direction of Miss Bertha M. Boomer. The cast were all female, and made up of the following sisters: Rose Gilbert, Edna Schwindel, Ida Fischer, Cora Stephens, Edith C. Trebell, Bella Armour, Barbara Ehrisman, and Ella Graham. The play was exceedingly humorous from start to finish, the end of the story having no semblance to the original, each having drawn on her imagination and adding a little. The acting was excellent, and the audience was kept in a state of laughter from beginning to end.

We were sorry not to have Prof. Schoedler with us, he having been called to Pennsylvania. In his absence, the orchestra played eight numbers without piano accompaniment. Miss Althea Ellison, a pupil of Prof. Schoedler, gave us two selections on the piano. (a) "Butterfly," Merkel; (b) "Barcarole," Barnett. She is very talented, and her playing on this occasion was exceptionally good. The male quartet sang; "Come Where the Lilies Bloom," and an encore number, Miss Ellison played the piano accompaniment. The closing number was a farce, "The Bugtown. Band," under the direction of Mrs. Edith Trebell. The cast was made up of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Moreland, Robert, Campbell, Floyd Moreland, and Tibor Wyka. This skit was a scream from beginning to end; the boys were dressed like a bunch of "rubes" who didn't know anything about their instruments, but their closing number of "Home, Sweet Home," was very gratifying to their teacher, Miss Montford (Mrs. Moreland), as well as another number, the name of which we do not now recall, bringing to a close a most excellent evening's entertainment.

In the November SWORD of 1921 we recorded the arrival in Estero of Mr. Ed. Moreland, Mrs. Nichols, and Miss Whiting, coming by auto from Colorado. The above

party left Estero on the 4th of May, going back the same way. The allotted span of life is threescore and ten, but Mrs. Nichols has already gone this ten better, and from the way she's enjoying life, we would not be surprised to see her reach the century mark. They were all very enthusiastic over their sojourn here, and we hope some day to see them back again.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Miller made a few days visit to the Unity before leaving for their northern home in Chicago; their winter home is in Fort Myers.

Mrs. Jennie Campbell left on the 4th for New York City.

Brother William Fischer has gone for a short vacation to the Florida Everglades. He expects to visit the "Everglades Poet," Dr. James Russell Price, at Okeelanta, before returning.

Brother Carl Luettich met with an accident which at first we thought might prove very serious; he fell from a building on which he was working', and struck on his back; we are happy to report, however, that he is convalescing nicely; he is now up and around.

Work is progressing favorably on our new dairy barn; we expect to cover the roof and sides with galvanized iron.

Current Events in Our Community Life

BY D. J. RICHARDS

June 1922

INASMUCH as June is the month in which officers are selected to represent the county and state for a specified number of years, it will not be amiss to say a few words concerning the primary election in Estero on June 6, and the part the Unity took in it. Our vote in the county, while not large numerically, has in it nevertheless much potential strength in the aggregate, because we all vote as a unit. The Master laid much stress on the influence of the ballot, concerning which he has expressed himself in unmistakable terms. In "Purity of Koreshan Patriotism" (F. S., Dec. 13, 1901) he says:

"KORESH and Koreshans recognize and endorse the laws of the nation, state, county, and towns of the domain of the United States. We place the laws of the nation above the laws of the state, and maintain that to perpetuate the integrity of the national Government, the states (in the creation of their laws) should be subordinate to the general government. . . .

"This is the opportune time to begin the consideration of the questions which interest the common people on the basis of broader issues than have ever been declared; and it is upon this basis that the Koreshan Unity purposes to make its attack upon the political corruptions of state and nation. We propose to wield an influence in the politics of Lee County first. If this is a criminal purpose, then the people of Lee County, the state, and the nation are criminals, and we are not alone in this criminal exploitation.

"If there obtains a purpose on the part of Koreshanity to enter into the political field, it is that the principles of Koreshanity may be exploited for the good of the masses of the people, in opposition to the criminal course pursued by the gigantic trusts, whose octopian tentacles clasp every avenue and source of private effort to maintain its tenure of existence."

The article deals at length with railroads, public ownership of public utilities, and the part Koreshanity will ultimately play in world affairs, but we have quoted enough to show that KORESH intended we should use our influence through the ballot. But the ballot is not alone our source of power in the county; in fact, it is as yet the smaller part. The greatest influence for good, and so acknowledged, not alone by our friends, is the power of The American Eagle a paper born out of

protest to the then existing conditions of the county, when the politicians at our county seat undertook to rule us out of an election because the Unity vote was cast in that particular year for Theodore Roosevelt. This, of course, is now ancient history to many of our readers, but new to a host of others.

The election this year was held at the Unity Art Hall, which proved a great convenience to our people, particularly the sisters. If the women of the country will take to the ballot as have our sisters at the Unity, it will prove a weapon that will cause the oldtime politician to tremble. The old time politician is surely passing, as results in Indiana and Pennsylvania show in the selection of Beveridge and Pinchot, the latter even without a machine, but supported solidly by the women.

There were 56 votes cast in our precinct, 46 of these from the Unity. The music of the ballot sounds sweeter to the politician or office seeker than any other, and it is to our advantage to give it all the volume possible. We might have swelled the above number by at least ten votes from the Unity, but some were away, and some were indisposed. KORESH says:

"We purpose at all events to make our influence felt by bringing our people from the world into the common fold of the Communism of Koreshanity, and to still further utilize our elective rights as citizens of the United States, in the regulation of the affairs of the county in which we reside. . . . We do not purpose to violate any law, but we do demand our rights, and we purpose to demonstrate our power (what little we may possess) at the polls. . . . We are bold in our enunciation, because we know the power which has ordained this movement, and which will protect and direct its movements to the accomplishment of its purposes."

By concerted action a fine young grove of avocado pear trees was recently set out by a number of brothers at the Unity. As luck would have it, the rainy season set in at least a month ahead of time. We have not had such a rainfall in ten years as we are having this year.

The bees have been unusually active this spring, so active that Brother Frank Wilson has already made two extractions, filling several barrels with delicious honey from bloom gathered off the saw palmetto. This bloom is about gone; but in this land of flowers there is always something new for the bees to work on, and at present they are busy on the black mangrove, which remains in bloom for from six weeks to two months.

Our new barn is not fully completed, but sufficiently to turn the cows in. It is built very much on the latest approved model for dairy barns, with plenty of light and good ventilation, the floor where the cows stand is made of cypress blocks, with cement as a binder; the rest of the floor is solid cement.

Mrs. James Newcomb of LaBelle, Fla., with her two children are at the Unity on a visit.

We are pleased to record the return of Sister Florence Graham, who has been on a two months vacation to Miami, Fla.; her father and brother are engaged in the dairy business in the above city,

We had to do without electric lights for about a week, the engine driving our small plant having given out; but there are prospects of an early resumption with the installation of another engine.

Through the kindness of Mr. L.M. Boomer, of New York City, we are enjoying the Burton Holmes Travelogue pictures at our movie entertainments. The ones already shown were scenes along the Rhine, and the City of Brussels. We are looking forward to the series to be presented with a great deal of pleasure.

It has been successfully demonstrated in many parts of Florida that bananas can be successfully grown in the state, and the fact is now being fully demonstrated at the Unity. With this in view, a piece of land covered with a ledge of rock is now being blasted, preparatory to the planting of bananas. Brother Ezra Stewart, of the

Shaker Colony at St. Cloud, Fla., has shipped us the plants to start a fine grove of the variety known as the lady finger. These are preferable to those sold in our local market, shipped in from Cuba. The Shakers have several acres of this variety growing in rich muck soil which yields abundantly, and for which a ready market is found.

Current Events in Our Community Life

BY D. J. RICHARDS

July 1922

WE ARE pleased to announce that Miss La Reina Bubbett, of Chicago, Ill., is in Estero on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Bubbett. She expects, to remain here during the summer months, returning in the fall to resume her work as teacher in one of the principal schools of Winnetka, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rahn, of New York City, have bought the Lesnett tract of land of 16 acres, several of which have a grove of bearing citrus trees. This land is excellently situated along the river bank, and is close to the Unity property.

Miss M. L. Stone of Philadelphia, Pa., is a guest of the Unity at present, and expects to remain South for some time.

The Unity Press has just gotten out a new edition of the "Caloosahatchian," the annual book of the school of Fort Myers. This is the fifth issue the Publishing House has put out, and it eclipses all previous numbers for its ornate appearance. The book contains 112 pages, with a heavy weight Castillian cover, and is profusely illustrated with pictures of the students and faculty, as well as a number of humorous cartoons and considerable reading matter. It is well patronized by the merchants of Fort Myers with advertisements.

In the June SWORD we made reference to our apiary department and the lot of fine honey already extracted; but little did we think that before we jotted down items for the July issue that our apiarist, Brother Frank Wilson, and his assistant would have extracted over four barrels more, but such is the case. We have never known the bees to yield as much as they have done this year.

The Dramatic Art Club of the Unity presented two humorous plays at an entertainment given at the Art Hall, Saturday evening, June 24, the program being as follows:

1 March	"Fighting Hope"	Maurice
2 Waltz	"Perdita"	McKee
3 Farce	"MORE; TIME OUT"	C. F. Rice

CHARACTERS:

Mrs. Booth, who wants a maid	Rose Gilbert
Miss Quimby, who conducts an employment bureau	Ella Graham
Applicants: Nora O'Toole, Irish	Mary Irving
Lena Olson, Swedish	Ida Fischer
Amanda White, Negress	Cora Stephens
Gretchen Friedman, German	Barbara Ehrisman
Charlotte Montgomery, American	Bertha Boomer
Mary Perkins	Bella Armour
4 Medley "The Great American Favorite"	De Ville
5 Selection "Basket of Roses"	Albers
6 Cornet Solo Selected	Robert Campbell
7 Comedy "ENTER DORA—EXIT DAD" F. Til den	
Scene—Office in the rear of Tibb's Store.	

CHARACTERS:

Joel Tibb, owner general store	A. Christensen
Dora Tibb, his daughter	Edith Trebell
Walter Barnes, his clerk	Fulger Mattus
A Saleslady	Marie Fischer
Joey	Mace Stephens

8 Rag "Skeleton Rag" Weinrich

Dr. Wolcot, in his "Expo&tulatory Odes," sings:

"Care to our coffin adds a nail, no doubt,

And every grin, so merry, draws one out." That being the case, we can assure our readers there were no nails driven in the proverbial coffin on the above evening. The first play, "More Time Out," was a "scream" from start to finish, and the comedy, "Enter Dora—Exit Dad," aside from its humorous features, presented in a most convincing manner the wholesome effect of women in politics and their judicious use of the ballot. "Dad," who had been in politics all his life, and much of it in public office, said office, as pointed out, "having grown to be a habit," discovered that the old regime had served its days of usefulness; every incumbent of the old regime met with defeat, and an entire new ticket was elected. We wished every politician in the county could have been present, if for only its moral effect. It is to be hoped the play will be enacted throughout the United States. "Enter Dora—Exit Dad" was written by Freeman Tilden, and published in The Ladies Home Jozirnal for May, 1922.

In the absence of Prof. Schoedler, Edith Trebell officiated at the piano for the orchestra, and acquitted herself in a very creditable manner. We were also fortunate to have with us Messrs. Campbell and Mazzeri of Fort Myers for this occasion, both con-tributing materially to the evening's entertainment with their respective instruments, the cornet and clarinet.

Current Events in Our Community Life

BY D. J. RICHARDS

August 1922

IT FALLS to the lot of very few people to travel over one's country, much less the world, but since the advent of the moving picture it is possible, figuratively speaking, to bring the world to one's door, and in this respect we have much to be thankful for here in Estero. Since the third of June the following Burton Holmes Travelogues have been shown here:

A Day in Florence (Italy); in Brittany (France) ; Mirrors of Nature (France) ; From Kilarney to Broadstairs (Ireland to England) ; Bustling Brussels (Belgium) ; The Lure of the Loreli (Germany) ; The Land of the Laos (Siam) ; Souvenirs of Singapore (England's port and stronghold of the Malay Straits) ; A Little Atlantis (Bermuda) ; Present-Day Prague (Czescho-Slovakia) ; A Polynesian Odessey (Island of Ball-Dutch E. Indies) ; The Galata Bridge (Turkey) ; Monte Carlo (France) ; Country Life in Bohemia (Czescho-Slovakia) ; Spanish Children (Spain) ; The Road to the Pyramids (Egypt) ; Calling on the Sphinx (Egypt) ; In Barcelona (Spain).

Sister Bella Armour is spending a few weeks' vacation in Tampa, Fla., with her relatives and friends.

Sister Evelyn Bubbett will visit Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rahn and Mr. Lawrence Bubbett in New York, for several weeks. We hope the trip will rejuvenate her to continue the management of THE FLAMING SWORD. She has been with the Master from the beginning of the Koreshan Ecclesia in Chicago, and has been identified with the Guiding Star Publishing House from its inception. Her record for faithfulness to the Koreshan movement is an enviable one, and her untiring devotion and love for the Master and his work speak volumes.

The Florida, Times-Union of Jacksonville, in its Sunday issue of July 30, paid the Koreshan "Unity's" weekly secular paper the following tribute: "The American eagle is not losing its proud place. At least its journalistic namesake, published in Estero, Lee county, is as lusty as ever, and 'flies high.' More strength to its wings." We consider the Times-Union the leading newspaper in the state and appreciate very much its good opinion of the product turned out in Estero.

For the last two months brother Alien Andrews, editor of The American Eagle, has been featuring special articles in its editorial columns supposedly to have been written by one Patrick Clancy, after the style of the famous "Mr. Dooley." These articles deal with local issues and conditions at the county seat, with its varying factions, and by getting them to laugh at one another, they are having the effect of that passage in the Scripture: "Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?"

Sister Berthaldine Boomer and her daughter, Miss Bertie, left for Philadelphia for a short visit with her daughter, Mrs. Thomas, and from there they go to New York City where they expect to remain for the next few months.

Miss Eunice Hussey, who for the past two years has been in the United States Consular service at Havana, Cuba, was home on a two months' vacation and made the Unity a short visit. Her mother, sister, and brother from Fort Myers accompanied her to Estero.

We regret to record in this issue the passing out of Sister Christine Hamilton. The American Eagle in its issue of July 27 said: "Mrs. Christine Hamilton, who has been ill for some weeks past, died here on Monday morning, about one o'clock, aged 72 years. Deceased was a native of Copenhagen, Denmark, and for many years resided in British Columbia, later removing to Pasadena, Cal., where she became inter-ested in the Koreshan Unity, then in San Francisco, later removing to Chicago, and finally to Estero, having been a member of the colony for thirty years preceding her death. She was a woman of high education and culture, highly esteemed by all who knew her, by whom she will be sadly missed. She is survived by two daughters," one living in California and the other in Canada.

We are pleased to state that after a cessation of about two months the work has again been resumed on our new power plant.

Current Events in Our Community Life

September 1922

BY D. J. RICHARDS

IT GIVES US great pleasure to announce in this issue that we now have cloth bound copies of the "Cellular Cosmogony," "Immortal Manhood" and "The Great Red Dragon" ready for sale. It was our good fortune to find a bookbinder, Mr. W. E. Browning, of Fort Myers, who had followed that business for 15 years. Although not presently engaged in it, he came to the Unity for several days and gave us an excellent boost toward getting out this work. We hope from now on to be able to supply the demand for these books, and wish to thank those who've patiently borne with us, waiting to have their orders filled for cloth bound books.

Miss La Reina Bubbett, who for the past few months has been in Estero visiting her parents, left on the second of September for Winnetka, Ill., to resume her duties as teacher in one of the public schools there. Miss Bubbett is a pioneer in a new system of education, called the "Individual System," and before her departure gave our people a most interesting talk on this new method of teaching.

The originator of the individual system is a Californian whose name we failed to learn, but the principal of the Winnetka schools is Mr. Carleton Washburn, and so great was the enthusiasm over his work that about 16,000 people visited the

school last year, among them were educators from all parts of this country, as well as Europe and India.

The one great complaint of our public school system, heretofore, has been that of cramming the mentalities of pupils, oftentimes with studies of not much value to the students when their school careers were over. The individual system allows the pupils to progress, at their own rate of speed; we mean by this that they are not forced to learn faster than they have capacity for. Miss Bubbett, however, emphasized that there is an insistence on every pupil knowing the minimum essentials so thoroughly that the student will pass 100%.

An excellent feature of this new system is that no pupil can hold another back in time spent on studies. Those slow of comprehension may take a year to master certain studies, while another may get through them in three months. All the grades, from one to eight, are taught, but some of the pupils master their studies in two years less time than they would under normal circumstances in a school of the old regime.

From a third to a half of a day is devoted to social work; nothing is omitted, apparently, pertaining to the child's welfare. Music, art, science, and dramatic work are important features. In music, for instance, the pupils are taught under a most competent teacher, rhythm and how to build scales, and classical and folk songs, thereby cultivating a desire only for the best; anything bordering on the jazz is strictly tabooed.

Another illuminating feature was her description of how the love for birds and animals had been substituted in the boy's mind for that of the sling shot; such devices are no longer to be found in Winnetka. Also the instances of the pupils for things sanitary; their campaign became so intense that merchants were obliged to screen every article of food for human consumption. When birds, animals, or flies are topics for study, the subject is delved into so thoroughly that all the redeeming features, or otherwise, react subconsciously, as it were, and reform or protection is brought about as a natural consequence. Miss Bubbett is so en rapport with her work that we can't help but think of it in the words of Alexander Pope:

" 'Tis education forms the common mind,
Just as the twig is bent, the tree's inclined,"

We are glad to have with us at present Miss Mildred Fischer, who for the past two years has been living in Madison, Wis., and engaged in the printing business as a linotype operator, a profession she learned at the Unity. She left Madison in the early part of the summer to take a short course at Bryn Mawr College. This college is making a special effort to give working girls' who have not had the advantage of a higher education an opportunity to get one, and it speaks volumes for the girls who seize it. The Dearborn Independent, in its issue of August 19, had a most interesting article on the "Highbrows of Our Mills and Factories," from which we quote a few paragraphs:

"Nowhere else is there a school where the students are more eager to learn than at Bryn Mawr, the summer school for women workers in industry. The teachers, most of whom have had classes in other great American colleges, are the authority for that statement. It is a thirst for knowledge, too, that works both ways, for the women know from personal and intimate experience conditions in a dozen industries that teachers know only from books and surveys. The result is that nowhere else can a teacher get so much firsthand, practical information from his pupils.

"If Bryn Mawr graduates and teachers who organized the school believed that they were doing a favor for working women and getting nothing in return but the warm glow of philanthropy, experience has changed it. Bryn Mawr has learned as much as the workers. Women of the shops and factories are showing that they can think,

and that even those who have been deprived of the advantage of early education are doing things to solve industrial and social problems that are well worth the study of the educators."

The faculty summarizes their experience as follows: "Viewed from every angle, it is agreed by all who participated in it that the first summer of the school was a success. The undoubted intellectual development of the students during the two months in itself would have made the experiment worth while. Added to this, an asiset almost equal in importance from the students' point of view, was the contact between different groups and the broadening of mental horizons."

Koreshan friends called on Mildred while she was at Bryn Mawr, and before coming South she visited Koreshan friends in New York and Washington, and says that her summer has been one round of pleasure, having been made most welcome everywhere, and now she is very happy to be in Estero for a visit with her mother, Sister Ida Fischer, and the members of the Unity.

Miss Hamilton, a niece of Brother Lou Staton, was a guest of the Unity, having just returned from Gainesville (Fla.,) University, where she had been for several months taking post graduate work. Miss Hamilton taught last year in the Fort Myers public schools and will resume her work there when school opens in September.

The Unity Orchestra at a recent concert had the assistance of Prof. Mazzeri and Conrad Campanucci of Fort Myers. The latter favored us with two clarinet solos, compositions of Prof Mazzeri, the Prof. playing the accompaniments. Brother Floyd Moreland also favored us with two flute solos, which were very much appreciated.

A number of brothers from the Unity have been busy for a week or more erecting a water tower on Brother Peter Campbell's place.

The American Eagle of August 24 contained the following: "The new electric power house for the Koreshan Unity is now well toward completion, the frame being up, the sheet iron on roof and sides, and doors and windows in place. The large 50 k. w. generator was moved in Friday and installed on its concrete base. Work on the concrete floor is being held up awaiting the arrival of two exhaust pipe connections for the big crude oil engines that failed to arrive and have been ordered from New York. The plant, when completed, and run at full capacity, should be capable of generating 1000 fifty watt lights, more than enough required for the buildings and grounds for some time to come. It is expected to have it in operation by this coming winter."

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October 1922

BY D. J. RICHARDS

WE ARE again on the eve of celebrating our Annual Solar Festival, which will be held on the Eighteenth of October in commemoration of the birth of KORESH, our great Master Teacher. It is an event that very few people know of, yet it is one of greater significance than the 25th of December, in which the Christian church now celebrates the advent of the Lord Jesus, who left such an impression upon the world that its chronology dates from his birth, or approximately so.

The early church (the one established by the Lord Jesus) was communistic, and all members brought their earthly possessions and laid them at the Apostles' feet, and they had all things in common. Its span of life, however, was short, and it declined to such a degree that history tells us that Constantine, in the year 325, amalgamated the Christian religion with the pagan Roman church, with Constantinople as its capital. What today is called the Christian church has no semblance whatever to the one the Lord Jesus established (being Christian in name only) and is spoken of in Revelation as: "Mystery, Babylon the great, the mother of harlots and

abominations of the earth."

However, the principles of the early church have not been lost, but are incorporated in the church and gospel of the New Dispensation, which is known as Koreshan Universology. The Harbinger of the New Age was ushered into the world October 18, 1839, and Koreshan chronology will record the coming event as A. K. 83. Eighty-three years, and yet but a handful of people (comparatively speaking) know anything about it. Is it not an honor, as well as a rare privilege, to have had our intellects open sufficiently to recognize the Messiah of this New Age, when the whole world is in the throes of dissolution? We consider it is, and our command of language is inadequate to express our appreciation.

We know of many who would love to be with us on the eighteenth, and will be, as far as humanly possible, in spirit. If, perchance, you read these few remarks before the great day, we sincerely hope they will help you to rivet your attention to its importance and the cause for which we are here assembled.

There is always much to be done in the Unity by way of preparation, but we have always managed, heretofore, to have the park looking its best, and we undoubtedly will this year.

We regret to announce in this issue that Sister Isadora VanDuzee passed out from this life Sept. 12, after an illness of about four weeks. She became interested in Koreshanity at the Buffalo Exposition in 1902, and for the last eighteen years has been actively connected with the movement here in Estero. She was frail of body, but cultured and of a very artistic temperament. She was one of the best decorators we have ever seen and always strove to make her work as perfect as humanly possible.

An informal entertainment was given recently at the Art Hall in commemoration of the establishment of the Koreshan Unity Home in Chicago, Sept. 6, 1888. Sister Etta Silverfriend, being one of the early pioneers, was elected to act as mistress of ceremonies. Miss Louise Stone was the first called upon for a piano solo, which was followed by a flute solo by Brother Floyd Moreland, accompanied by Sister Edith Trebell. Sister Etta then read some interesting excerpts from the diary that our late beloved Sister Virginia Andrews had kept of Unity doings for some thirty years. We quote her item for December 25, 1888.

"Our first Christmas in the Home was a very memorable occasion. CYRUS had promised to give us a talk that evening, so we all gathered in the parlor awaiting his return. When he came he seemed sad and unusually preoccupied, but said, 'Sing something.' So we sang the hymn, 'Every day, every hour, let me feel thy cleansing power,' and it seemed to bring a soothing spirit to us all. He then addressed us with a pathos I have rarely seen excelled; spoke of our aims and aspirations; our need for overcoming; his great expectations for us, and his need of our sustaining love. Such a hush fell on our little gathering that it was painful, and an intensity of feeling was evident that we had never experienced before; many were in tears. When he closed the silence continued so unbroken that he arose and offered a most tender prayer for the little group, then he passed to each one, taking their hand and giving his blessing.

"A loaf of 'angel food' had been sent in to be used that evening, and when it was passed he noticed all refused it, not being inclined to eat. So he said:

" 'I know you feel but little like eating material food after the experience we have had, but I want each one to eat with me, if but a little, as a symbol of our compact together. We partake of this food as a type of the divine flesh about to be manifest.'

"He then passed the food himself, and we all ate with him. It was the most impressive sacramental service I ever participated in,—for that was what it seemed to me." As Sister Etta read these, we too felt an influence that can only be

experienced through Koreshan fellowship.

Brother Henry Silverfriend, one of the few present who helped to establish the Home at 24 College Place, Chicago, spoke at some length of the joys and trials of the Home. There is nothing more interesting to most Koreshans than the reminiscences of the first members and their associations with the Mastery particularly so to those who had not the pleasure of an acquaintance, much less personal contact.

Sister Emma Norton, our Matron, was another present who was among the early ones with the Master. She might be said to be one of the Master's first converts, having fully believed in his mission at the age of ten. We regretted the absence of Brother James Bubbett from the meeting, he being a little indisposed, as he too was among the first pioneers and could have added much to what had already been said. It is to be hoped more informal gatherings will be held if they can be made as interesting as this one. No doubt but what there is a vital experience wrapt up in the bosom of every member here, with reference to how each came to embrace this doctrine and what influences led them to it, which are of great interest, and if put in book form would make very interesting reading. Two songs were sung, followed by games by our younger members, which brought the entertainment to a close.

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Account of the Annual Solar Festival in honor of the Birth of Koresh, and other items.

BY D. J. RICHARDS

November 1922

AGAIN the pleasure of celebrating the Annual Solar Festival has come and gone, and we feel our readers would like to know what took place here in Estero. As, stated in our previous notes, there was much to be done by way of preparation; the results were very gratifying indeed, because the principal parts of our beautiful grounds were looking their best, a feature which our beloved Master always appreciated. Visitors always comment on the beautiful landscape effect of our park, and they should, because the park was designed by the master Mind of the universe, although KORESH didn't make any special claim to being a landscape gardener. However, a visit through the grounds would convince anyone, that he had a knowledge of such things.

The day of the Eighteenth was all that one could wish, and the decorations at the Dining' Hall, as usual, were exceedingly attractive, giving zest to the excel-lent things prepared to satisfy the inner man: After breakfast a few announcements were made, and the members marched to the head. of the Hall to receive the Birthday Souvenir Cards, the October FLAMING SWORDS, and badges, which were handed out by our matron, Sister Emma Norton, and Brother James Bubbett.

Greetings, from friends, who never fail us on these occasions, and who consider it a great privilege to contribute of their material substance, were read during the noon hour. The greetings did all present much^good to hear. These, the reading of an article entitled "Koresh Lives" (v/hich is published in Founder's Dept in this issue), and an excellent dinner comprised the noon exercise.

An abundance of. ice cream and cake comprised' the evening meal, accompanied by the strains of excellent Victrola music. During this hour we had a very heavy shower, which, we thought would interfere somewhat with the evening's Service, but it didn't dampen the ardor of the occasion and, as luck would have it, it cleared up sufficiently for everybody to get to the Art .Hall without much inconvenience.

The Art Hall was beautifully decorated with variegated crotons and Spanish moss. The decorating of the Art Hall and Dining Hall was done by Brothers Moses Weaver, Peter Bicm, and Theodore Naeselius. The Service, .as usual on these

occasions, was most impressive and the Master's presence seemed very near. The children's exercise was exceedingly impressive. Carrying baskets of flowers, they marched onto the stage to the music of our song "The Red, Green, and Gold" (the colors of our order), put the baskets in front of the Master's picture (which rested on an easel at the centre of the stage), and sang one verse of the song, waving their flags while singing the chorus, while two of them swung in rhythm the receptacles containing burning incense. The exercise closed with the reading of a most appropriate passage from the writings of our Master.

The program of the evening Service was as follows.:

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| 1 Selection | "ELEANOR" | Jessie L. Deppen | Koreshan Unity Orchestra |
| 2 Invocation | Read by Bro. George Hunt | | |
| 3 Song | "THE: RESURRECTION HYMN" | Congregation | |
| 4 Oration | From the Writings of KORESH | | Bro. Henry Silverfriend |
| 5 March, Song and Incense | Annunciation to the Children | | Sr. Marie Fischer and K. U. Children |
| 6 Vocal Solo and Chorus | "ODE TO CYRUS" | Words by Bro. George Hunt | |
| Bro. George Piunt and Congregation | | | |
| 7 Oration | From the Writings of KORESH | | Bro. David J. Richards |
| 8 Vocal Quartet | "HARK; THE SONG OF JUBILEE" | J.H. Tenney | Bros. George W. Hunt, David J. Richards, Chas. H. Hunt, and Jesse Putnam |
| 9 Selection | "WATER LILIES" | F. J. St. Clair | Koreshan Unity Orchestra |
| 10 Oration | From the Writings of KORESH | | Sr. Berthaldine |
| 11 Vocal Solo | Jerusalem | Parker | Bro. David J. Richards |
| 12 Oration | From the Writings of KORESH | | Sr. Etta Silverfriend |
| 13 Song | "THE MESSENGER" | Words by E. M. Castle | |
| Congregation | | | |
| 14 Prayer | Read by Bro. George Hunt | | Response by Congregation |
| 15 Anthem | "LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, O YE GATES" | | Congregation |
| 16 Recessional | March "STONY POINT" | | Lanrendeaite Koreshan Unity Orchestra |

A very attractive arbor was erected in our park a few days prior to the Birthday, which harmonizes and adds wonderfully to the general scheme of things. It was built by Brother Stephen Chislett, and covers part of the walk leading off from the main walk, past what is known as "the bear pit," so named because a bear was captured on Estero Island a number of years ago, brought up to the Unity, and caged there. The arbor is painted white on the outside and green on the inside. Two thrifty bougainvillea vines are growing on each side of the arbor. These grow rapidly and produce one of the most exquisite flowers grown in the South. There are two seats under the arbor, so visitors can rest while admiring the beautiful surroundings.

Another excellent contribution before the Birthday was two paintings.; one of the Log House (the first dwelling house put up at the Unity) and one of a cypress scene, both done by our local artist, Brother Peter Blem. We are not an authority on painting, but it is hard for us to conceive how these paintings could be improved upon. Brother Peter has produced two paintings that surely meet with the general approval. They grace the walls of our Dining Hall, and, like everything that is done well, are exceedingly restful to the eye.

Sister Marie Fischer has been placed in charge of the Unity school this year, and a better selection would be hard to make, as she is efficient in everything she does, and will unquestionably have a good influence over the children.

Mr. Lloyd Graham of Miami, Fla., made the Unity a short visit. His mother and sister. Sisters

Ella and Florence Graham, have lived in the Unity for many years. Lloyd was brought into the home when but a very small child, so a visit here is like coming home.

Miss Mildred Fischer, whom we mentioned in our September notes, left October 20. We were glad to have her extend her vacation until after the Birthday, and wish we could have induced her to remain here, but she felt she couldn't do it at this time. A few nights before her departure. Sister Berthaldine Boomer and her daughter, Bertie, having just returned from their visit to New York, gave Mildred a party at their home, "Mirasol," at which all had a good time. It gives us great pleasure also to state that Mildred, before leaving, made application for membership to the Society Arch-Triumphant.

For the benefit of our many readers we will explain that the Society Arch-Triumphant is the "Outer Court,—the Investigative Degree," and "the first step [to take] toward associating with us." Those desiring to take this step should write to The Koreshan Unity, and the Secretary will gladly furnish you the desired information of how to proceed.

On October 7 the Unity Orchestra gave a most interesting concert and were ably assisted by Prof. Mazzeri and Signer Quertaro of Fort Myers. Signer Quertaro is a trombone artist of exceptional ability and the three numbers he gave were heartily received. Prof. Mazzeri accompanied him on the piano. Brother Alien Andrews gave a violin solo entitled "Kuiawiak" by Wieniawski, also an encore number; Sister Edith Trebell playing the accompaniment.

The members of the Unity were pleasantly reminded on October 31 that it was Halloween, and that preparations had been made to celebrate it. Webster's International tells us that "In many countries Halloween is traditionally devoted to merry-making," and so we found it to be on that night. Sister Marie Fischer had the entertainment in charge, and did an excellent job, and was ably assisted by Sister Bertie Boomer.

To mention all that took place would be too lengthy, so we will note only a few of the things. The first number was a shadow scene; two boys, dressed in costumes befitting the occasion, kept the audience in a merry mood while performing around a smoking cauldron, dropping all kinds of things into it, and they finally vanished the same way. The act was unique and elicited many commendations for its cleverness, reflecting much credit on Sister Bertie for her resourcefulness. Music, games, a humorous recitation by Dr. James Russell Price, of Okeelanta, Fla., and refreshments took up the rest of the evening, which all present found delightful.

Dr. and Mrs. Price and their grandson, Harl Price Cook, are with us. The Everglades have been flooded for the last three months, and when the water began rising several inches in their house, the Prices felt it was time to get out, and there is no place where they could be made more welcome than at the Unity. However, they are not discouraged over the Everglades, which undoubtedly will eventually be well drained. We have had no such conditions here in Estero. While we have had more rain this summer than usual, our settlement has high river banks and excellent drainage, for which we are truly thankful.

It gives us great pleasure to announce the return of Wm. Fischer (familiarly known to us as Dad) to the Unity as a member; and needless to say very much to the happiness of his son and daughter, Brother William and Sister Marie Fischer. Dad left here in June, 1920, for Monongahela City, Pa., where he has since resided with a daughter. He says he is glad to be back among us.

Some Political Issues Decided; an Enjoyable and Varied Program "Was Given
Thanksgiving Night
BY D. J. RICHAKDS
December 1922

THE COUNTRY'S ATTENTION has been riveted during the past month on candidates and election results, and it was no less so with us here in this southernmost part of the United States, only ours was more local than national. The principal issue to be decided here was whether the people of Lee County were in favor of county division at this time. There was considerable dissatisfaction over the successful candidate in the primary, so much so that an independent candidate came out to contest the election, over the issue of county division, but the results were unmistakable, the majority favored it. So this issue will undoubtedly be enacted into law at the coming legislature and Hendry County will become a reality, with LaBelle as the county seat.

Another issue which caused considerable dissatisfaction was that of county commissioner for district number three. There is only one party, practically speaking, in Florida, and that the democratic. A candidate winning in the primary is almost equivalent to his being elected. But, this year the unexpected happened, the defeated primary candidate, besides many others who seemed to be in a position to know, preferred charges of gross irregularities against the successful candidate over the way things had been conducted at Naples, and the matter was taken before the judge of this district, but the judge, for some reason or other, refused to allow the ballot box to be reopened. The name of Mr. A. M. Smith, the defeated primary candidate, was again placed on the ticket to run against Judge Wilkinson, the present incumbent, and we are glad to state that Mr. Smith won by the small majority of seven votes. Estero is situated in district number three, and we supported Mr. Smith, both in the primary and the general election, and we believe he will make a conscientious officer and will devote his energies to the best interests of all concerned.

It is customary in the Unity to hold a caucus the night before the election, to inform ourselves as to the merits and demerits of the candidates up for election and decide whom we will support. After reaching this decision, our vote is cast as a unit. So in a close race the Unity vote is a deciding factor, which emphasizes the axiom that "In unity there is strength." The Koreshan Unity cast fifty-seven votes in the last election. Dr. Price was chosen to act as chairman of our caucus, a position he is eminently fitted for, and in his jolly manner the business was transacted with dispatch and good order.

In "Reasons for Thanksgiving," by Moses Folsom in the Jacksonville Times-Union of Nov. 26, we read that: "President Washington issued the first Thanksgiving proclamation while the capital of the nation was in New York." This, we are told, was done the third day of October, 1789. The thought occurred to us, of all the people in the world today that can be truly thankful, none can claim more than Koreshans for having found the absolute truth as revealed to us through our beloved Master and expounded in his wonderful Science of Universology. The last Thursday of November of each year is set aside as a national holiday; but inasmuch as we are grateful to Him, not one day in the year, but the entire 365, for what he has done for us, we observe it like any other (with emphasis on the Eighteenth of October, the Master's Natal Day) in the performance of use to the neighbor. However, the matron stressed the point in the pro-visions, of the day, and in the evening a merry entertainment was given in the Art Hall, in which dull cares had no part.

The opening number was "The Landing of the Pilgrims." Sister Berthaldine Boomer read extracts from the November Mentor of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth

Rock. At the conclusion of her reading the stage curtains were drawn, revealing a tableau portraying the landing. A benediction was offered and songs sung by the Pilgrims in thanks for their safe arrival. This; number was a winner, and many wished a flashlight picture could have been taken of it.

Two humorous short plays were enacted, the first being Maud E. Hall's "The Scrubtown Sewing Circle's Thanksgiving." The cast was: Sisters Rose Gilbert, Ella Graham, Bertha S. Boomer, Florence Graham, Bertha M. Boomer, and Barbara Ehrisman, and each did their part well. This play was hilariously funny and concluded with the following in concert.

"We know we are guilty of shamming 'tis clear,
We feel not so old as we've tried to appear,
But just to amuse you 'tis surely all night,
And so we will wish you good night.

The other play was entitled "The Physical Torture Club," by W. N. Bugbee. The cast represented a family by the name of Bangs and the parts were taken by Dr. James Russell Price, Mrs. Price, their grandson, Harl Price Cook, and Sister Edna Schwmdel. The daughter (Sister Edna) was what might be called a "physical culture crank" and was very anxious for her brother to follow in her footsteps, so they performed their exercises, but the boy .was too mischievous to make much headway. The father, who was terribly afflicted with rheumatism, wondered if these exercises wouldn't help his rheumatism, and after a little urging decided to give them a trial, the whole family taking part. From this to the end the play was a scream- in more senses than one; needless to say all four played their part as if they were professionals, to the merri- ment of all present. Other interesting numbers were the children's humorous recitations and song, accompanied by their teacher, Sister Marie Fischer, on the guitar. All that could participated in the grand march. Next was two quadrilles, the first one by eight sisters, and the second one all brothers, both under the direction of Brother William Fischer. The orchestra played a number of selections during the evening. The entertainment came to an abrupt, but very humorous, end when the lights went out before the last dance was finished. This joke, if intentional, was enjoyed as much as any, all retiring after spending a most enjoyable evening.

Our boat, "The Estero," which has been on the ways for needed repairs, was recently launched and made the first run to Fort Myers in many months for the purpose of inspection by government officials, as required by law; it returned with a cargo of provisions for the Unity store. The fruit crop in Florida this winter is most excellent. This year the Flower Grove is shipping their fruit by truck, as are many other shippers. However, "The Estero" has been booked to haul fruit from a number of groves here.

We have gone as far as we can for the time being with our new power house. The cement floor was laid recently. The engine after a few additional fittings, is ready to turn over; the auxiliary engine with air tanks for starting purposes is now installed and ready for business, but a circulating water tank will have to be erected besides putting on belting and other accessories before the plant will be ready for operation. These will come in due time.

What child doesn't thrill over a circus? and many grown-ups, for that matter. Well, we are glad the children of the Unity, through the kindness of Mrs. Edith Trebell, saw Sparks' circus that came to Fort Myers recently, and all report having had a most enjoyable time.

Mrs. C. Newcomb and daughter from Colorado are guests this winter at the Campbell home in Estero. Mrs. Newcomb is a sister of Mrs. Campbell, and at one time was an active member of the Unity.

Mr. Louis Bessemer, of Washington, D. C., recently made the Unity a two days'

visit. .Having spent many of his boyhood days in the Unity, he returned to it with much enthusiasm and was delighted to meet our people again. He represents the Radcliffe Chautauqua organization, with headquarters at the national capital. His love for Koreshanity is greater than ever and he said Estero is the apex of the thought world. His work brings him in contact with the fore-most business men of the cities he visits and whenever the opportunity presents itself he proclaims the great work carried on at this center. His coming to us at this time was most refreshing; the only fault we found was that his stay was entirely too short.

Lili Lehman, in her book "How to Sing," says: "The true art of song has always been possessed by such individuals as are dowered by nature with all that is needful for it—that is, healthy vocal organs, uninjured by vicious habits of speech; a good ear, a talent for singing, industry, and energy."

It was our good fortune, in company with a number of other brothers and sisters of the Unity, to listen to an artist possessing the above qualifications. The artist in question was Miss Helen Davis, who, in company with Mr. Victor Young, composer-pianist, gave a "Joint-Recital" with the Edison Re-creation Phonograph, tendered to the music lovers of the county by the Parker Book and Music Store of Fort Myers, Fla., at the Gwynne Institute on Wednesday evening, Dec. 6.

Mr. Young made a few preliminary remarks about some of the wonderful things Mr. Edison had contributed to humanity, and stated that for years Mr. Edison had cherished a desire to produce a phonograph that would re-create the human voice, and that he and Miss Davis were there that evening to demonstrate to the audience the success of the invention, they to be the sole judge. He stated also that of all the instruments to re-create the most difficult was the piano, and the test would be more with the voice than with the piano.

Miss Davis' first two numbers were: (a) "The Quiet Road" by Speaks, (b) "No Sir!" by Wakefield, and there it was; singing with records of her own making, blending perfectly without a perceptible difference, with the exception of the movements of her lips. She sang five more numbers with the phonograph. For a moment during one of the numbers the lights were turned off, and when turned on again there was no singer on the stage, but the effect was just the same, proving unquestionably that Mr. Edison almost had made the impossible, possible,—that of re-creating the human voice.

Mr. Young, likewise, accompanied records of his own making: (a) "Little Shepherd" by Debussy, (b) "Crescendo" by Lasso, and (c) "Improvisations of Old Songs," his own composition, and several other selections. We have already stated the difficulty of re-creating the piano, but nevertheless the artist's playing was scarcely perceptible with the record. The thing that impressed us most in the performance, however, was the consummate skill of the artist, every movement and touch synchronizing with the record. It was truly an event, as both were artists of the first magnitude.

The program concluded with two selected groups of songs by Miss Davis without the phonograph, accompanied by Mr. Young, and two selected numbers by Mr. Young on the piano. In these the artists were not restrained, but everything ad lib. We don't recall the titles of their selections, but it will be some time before the effect produced will be effaced from the memory. Miss Davis has a rich, flexible mezzo-soprano voice, also perfect diction, with all the delicate gradations possessed by the best artists. We can only think of the artists' mission to Fort Myers at this time in the words of the poet:

"O Music! sphere descended maid,
Friend of all pleasure, wisdom's aid."

Current Events in Our Commusiity Life

BY D. J. RICHARDS

January 1923

WE WISH our readers the Season's Greetings, and trust that 1923 will be good to them. We have every reason to rejoice that the Master's prophecies are rapidly coming true, and that genuine interest is being manifested in his wonderful doctrines. From the Koreshan viewpoint we believe 1923 will prove a most fruitful year. We regret there is so much suffer-ing in the world, but feel that Koreshan Universology alone can solve the world's problems. "Thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven/7 is our sincere prayer.

We wish to say a word to those who have allowed their subscriptions to THE SWORD to lapse, that now would be a good time to renew. It goes without saying that Koreshans are the richest people in the world today in spiritual pabulum, but this does not pay for the materials we are obliged to use in getting out THE SWORD each month. Goliath's head was cut off with his. own sword, but the time has not yet arrived for us to wield our SWORD without the use of money. When a red slip is enclosed in your copy, it means that your subscription has expired, and you will favor us, besides greatly facilitating our work, if you will kindly fill out the blank immediately and return it with the required amount.

We feel that THE SWORD is too vital to every one of our readers for them to be without it at present. One of our friends writes: "I wish I could express the wonderful peace of mind which my awakening to the truth has given me. The world is an entirely different place to me since, and it seems, at times, that I am an entirely different person from what I was before I found the truth." He concludes by saying: "Please know that the joy I get out of doing what I can for Koreshanity amply rewards me." Let this be our resolution for the greatest work in the world today.

We are very glad to announce that Sister Evelyn Bubbett, after a visit of several months with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rahn of Brooklyn, N. Y., returned to Estero and has resumed her executive duties of manag-ing the affairs of the Publishing House. She reports having had a, most delightful time, and that the rest did her much good.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis of Jersey City, N. J., accompanied Sister Evelyn oin the return journey, traveling by water from New York to Jacksonville. The Lewises expect to remain South for some time, and have taken up their abode in one of the Boomer .cot-tages on Mirasol grove.

It also gives us much pleasure to announce that Dr. and Mrs. Price have cast their lot with us and are now full-fledged members of the Koreshan Unity.

Mr. George Main of Gloversville, N. Y., is visiting the Unity at present and expects to remain South until spring. Brother George, as he is familiarly known to us, is a horticulturist of the first order, having made that his life work, and we appreciate the fine work he is now doing in our park.

Mr. John Grier, who for many years was a member of the Unity, has been here for a short visit. For the last five years he has resided at Washington, D. C., where he had a good position in the Bureau of Stand- ards. He expects to remain South for the time being, and is going to look after the Case interests on Estero Island for Carleton Case, his son-in-law.

Mrs. Hamilton of DuQuoin, Ill., a sister of Brother Lou Staton, and her daughter spent the Christmas holidays at the Unity. Miss Hamilton is on the teach- ing staff of the Fort Myers public schools.

Brother Wm. and Sister Abbie McCready spent the Christmas holidays with their children in Tampa, Fla. Their youngest daughter, Mrs. Campbell, and her family of Chicago were there also.

The Koreshan Unity will hold its Second Annual Fair Feb. 12 to 19 inclusive. We hope to have our new electric power plant running by that time and the grounds illuminated, also a new building in which to have the exhibits. Last year the exhibit was held in the Art Hall, but this year we are reserving the Hall solely for Cosmogony talks and entertainments. Much enthusiasm was created over our first venture, and through it we attracted many visitors who heard of the Koreshan Unity for the first time. We received cordial invitations, both from Tampa and Lee County, to exhibit at their respective fairs, but as this involves a great deal of work it was decided to concentrate on our efforts at home and make that a grand success.

The American Eagle is attracting a good deal of attention throughout the state over the articles appearing in its editorial columns, supposedly written by one Patrick Clancy. The Tampa Times, in its issue of Jan. 3, under the caption "A Florida Dooley," says:

"The American Eagle, published by the Koreshan Colony at Estero, is developing a humorous writer who bids fair to share honors with Peter Dunne, author of the famous Dooley articles. The articles in The Eagle have the added interest for its readers that they are largely devoted to the discussion of local topics. In his article describing the Christmas festivities at his 'shanty' Patrick—he writes over the nom de plume of Patrick Clancy—introduces this very clever rhyme," and then follows six stanzas concerning the "Christmas Cellybrayshin," which, for lack of space, we cannot include in these notes. It will give us much pleasure however, to mail a sample copy of The American Eagle to any of o'ur readers upon request. Brother Alien Andrews, editor and author of "Patrick Clancy," is a writer of exceptional ability, and it is very gratifying to us to have him receive this merited praise from his brother scribes throughout the state.

Miss Harriet Jenks of Chicago, a sister of Mrs. Dr. Price, is a guest of the Unity at present.

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Current Events in Our Community Life

BY D. J. RICHARDS

February 1923

THE Second Annual Industrial and Art Exhibit of The Koreshan Unity is to open on Monday, Feb. 19. It will be held on a larger scale than; that of last year. A special building in which it will be held has been constructed, forty-two feet in diameter, octagon in shape, with the center space left open, from which a flag pole will project that will fly the American colors.,

The entrance is built of massive pine timbers, pergola style, with a gable roof. The sides and roof of the entire building, are covered with palmetto leaves, producing a, rustic and artistic effect that will undoubtedly be admired by the many visitors we expect to attract here during this Exhibit week. The lunch stand, which proved so popular last year, and the tepee that attracted so much attention, are located to the north and south of the main building. It has taken approximately 9,000 cabbage palm leaves to cover these three buildings; this alone was'quite an item, because we had to go several miles; in the woods for them, and could haul only one load of a thousand leaves in a day.

Brother Stephen Chislett, o'ur architect, informs us that an elaborate gate entrance to the grounds is to be constructed between now and the 19th, hence no

efforts are to be spared to make things look attractive.

Nothing worth while is ever accomplished without some effort; and to us The Koreshan Unity is the most important institution in existence. We proved to our entire satisfaction last year that our Exhibit was an excellent medium in which to advertise the Unity and the things it stands for. Hundreds of people were attracted here, most of them hearing for the first time the fact that the universe is the very opposite of what they had been led to believe it was; others came with preconceived notions, but after having seen and heard what we had to offer, they left with entirely different impressions. Talks o'n the Cellular Cosmogony will be conducted in the Art Hall, with the aid of the miniature model of the Cellular Universe and Rectilineator

Our Dramatic Art Club, under the direction of Sister Bertha M. Boomer, is busily engaged rehearsing plays to be presented during the week of festivities. These plays undoubtedly will have the same degree of excellency as those produced during the Exhibit last year.

It is very gratifying to us to state in this issue that The Koreshan Unity succeeded this year in getting the contract of printing Lee County's tax list, and an allowance of \$200.00 by the county commissioners toward getting out a booklet advertising Estero. Every community in the county has, its booklet setting forth the merits of the various localities. Surely no section is more favored in this respect than Estero, situated as it is, on the Estero River, the Dixie Highway, and only a short distance from the Gulf of Mexico; besides it has attractive citrus groves, the most equable climate in the United States, and best of all, is the home of The Koreshan Unity.

The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad has recently completed a survey as far as Bonita Springs, with the expectation of extending the road from Fort Myers to Naples-on-the-Gulf. Plans were under way to build this road in 1917, but the entrance of the U. S. into the war interfered with its progress. We are now told it is a "sure go." This road will cross the Estero River 'about a mile below the colony, and probably will run through some of our property.

Dr. and Mrs. Price, with Miss Harriet Jenks and Brother Carl Luettich, recently made a trip to the Everglades, to the Doctor's old home at Okeelanta. The Everglades, as already stated in a previous issue of THE SWORD suffered tremendously from the torrential rains of last summer, flooding thousands of acres and causing great loss as well as much suffering. The Price's, home being on the Miami Canal was in the direct path of this flood, with the result that their house has been surrounded with water for the last five months, and wasn't gone even when they visited it on this occasion. Under normal circumstances the Doctor is one of the best boosters the Everglades ever had, and as an item of interest we asked him to tell our readers about it in his own way. He evidently was not in a boosting mood if we are any judge at .all of his sentiments as expressed in the following lines:

From Gulf to Glades

We list to rumors from the Glades That soil is 'gain in sight; We start with boat to prove report While sun was at full height. We reach Fort Myers in the eve And start at dawn next day, To wander 'twixt two river banks— No stakes mark channel's way. A river full of islands And shallow spots between, With need of skilfull sailors,— No place for those still green. Harsh words 'neath tongue would gather In those who wielded pole; And blame was heaped on Myers As the advantage goal. The crooks and winds in river From Myers past LaBelle,— No wonder that the water Would stay just where it fell. We reached Lake Okeechobee Canal on margin now; Unfinished end at Clewiston Through weeds our boat must plow. The hyacinths and grasses In Lake will soon control; Good roads are surely needed To reach an earthly goal. We reached our

destination And found the water, still Surrounding habitation Near to the domicile.
Three weeks of mud and water Seem enough for little spell; Return to sandy country
For present suits us well.

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Current Events in Our Community Life

BY D. J. RICHARDS

March 1923

In our LAST ISSUE we referred to the Industrial Exhibit to be held by The Koreshan Unity, February 19 to 26 inclusive, and stated that a special building' had been constructed, forty-two feet in diameter, octagon in shape, etc.; but "the half has not been told," because it was. the most unique exhibit we have ever seen.

The building being octagon in design made it ideal to partition off into booths. Section one (at the right) was labeled Agriculture, in which were displayed the following products; grapefruit; tangerines; three kinds of oranges,—king, naval, and valencias; papayas; loquats; guavas; tamarinds; strawberries; and an assortment of seeds, and soap berries; also vegetables, such as beets, carrots, onions, sweet potatoes', lettuce, tomatoes, spinach, cabbage, and pumpkins. There were seventeen different kinds of grasses, arranged in systematic order, making a most creditable showing.

Section 2 was devoted to Art. Here were found exquisite paintings of Florida and other scenes, mostly the work of Sister Bertha M. Boomer; samples of job printing done by The Koreshan Unity Press, with charts, books, and magazine. An enlarged picture of KORESH hung in the center; occupying the center space of the booth was the section, of a round house, representing Father Time and Mother Earth, and the progressive stages of evolution,—vegetable, animal, human, and the God kingdom, with temporary intermediate links. This artistic piece of work was done by Brother Moses Weaver.

Section 3 contained novelties; this was one of the most attractive booths of the whole exhibit. The bamboo lends itself readily to many artistic creations, owing to its shape and glossy surface. It was made up into vases with ornate color designs; napkin rings walking sticks, etc.; other woods, s'uch as orange, ; palm, etc., were made into beautiful souvenirs, the ; work of Brother Theodore Naeselius. Other attractions in this booth were lamps from the coconut husks lamp stands made from coconut leaf stems; benches made of bamboo'; these useful as well as' ornamental articles were the work of Brother Lou Staton.

Adjoining the novelty booth was the stand from ; which drinks made from delicious tangelos were dispensed this fruit was grown in Mr. Boomer's grove. ; The tangelo is a cross between the tangerine and the grapefruit; it contains the most juice of any of the citrus products, and when made into marmalade and jelly is most delicious. A great deal of green bamboo [was used in the decoration of this section, in the • center of which hung an excellent water color painting . of the log house, the work of Brother Peter Blem. ; Plants and flowers, particularly the Egyptian lotus lilies, were much in evidence and harmonized beautifully with the general scheme of things.

The needlework booth was next to attract attention ; the things on display here were fine. Fancywork of many patterns and beautiful designs; rugs; baskets woven from pine needles by the sisters. This booth I was exceptionally popular, and satisfied the tastes of the most exacting.

The next section was the Museum; here one could I spend considerable time looking over relics and curios. An excellent collection of war posters done by

French artists during the late world war was exceedingly interesting and attracted a great deal of attention.

The last section was devoted to confections, and from a gastronomical standpoint was the most attractive of all. There were on display the choicest kinds of candies, jellies, jams, marmalades, and candied citrus peel, all properly labeled and put up in glass containers. Among the jellies we noted: orange; grapefruit; tangelo; Surinam or Japanese cherries; rosette; downy myrtle berry; orange and tangelo marmalade; plum butter; plum preserve; sweet guava pulp; lemon, grape, and lime juices; honey; dried coconut; apple, roselle, and guava vinegar; white guava butter and preserve; downy myrtle berry jam; sweet pickled guavas; loquat preserve; dried roselle; kumquat pickles (sweet.) ; plum preserve; pickled beets and onions; mango and mulberry sauce; plum jam; tree gooseberry; Japanese persimmon; salt pork, leaf lard, etc. etc.

A large banana plant in bloom and about ready to fruit, was displayed in the center of the building". Many flags of various colors were symmetrically arranged both inside and outside the building, with the stars and stripe's flying in the breeze. The entrance was banked on each side with crotons, ferns, flowers in baskets, etc. The plants and shrubbery surrounding the entrance gate made the whole ensemble resemble fairyland, as near as we can describe it. A rustic table, hat rack, easel, and a large standing fruit basket made from orange wood, by Brother Fred Wells, commanded much attention. The American Eagle, in its editorial columns of Feb. 22 and March 1, gives an unique description of the building as well as the entertainment features conducted each evening at the Art Hall, the account of which we take great pleasure in passing on to our readers:

"This second annual exhibit is far in advance of that held last year, when exhibits and entertainment features were all crowded into the Art Hall, very much hampering the work of actors and musicians on the stage. This year a large, circular exhibit building has been constructed in the field across the road from the Art Hall. It is of rustic design, thatched with native cabbage palm leaves, and over forty feet in diameter, containing more than twice the exhibit space ever occupied by the Estero exhibit at the Lee County Fair, and is filled to the limit with interesting exhibits of a varied nature. The broad entrance way is built of heavy pine logs with the bark on, and framed up in a most attractive and artistic manner.

"There is no continuous roof over the central portion of the building, being an open space of approximately twenty feet, while surmounting a bamboo pole, like a gigantic umbrella, and raised above the balance of the roof, is, another thatched roof, leaving ample space between the two roof sections for circulation of air and light. A rustic refreshment counter stands, nearby where hot and cold drinks, ice cream and substantial lunches can be obtained on short notice, refreshments and souvenirs being the only things for which any charge is made on the entire grounds. At night all buildings are well lighted by electricity, giving quite a carnival appearance to the scene.

"Short mention may be made here of the entertainment features so far produced. Monday's program was a combination of both musical and dramatic features, including a farce by local talent entitled, 'The Shades, of a Pseudo-Science,' and portraying the consternation of the shades of Copernicus, Newton and Galileo upon their learning that a new system of cosmogony has arisen to supplant their cherished theories. The most ambitious production of the evening was a gypsy operetta, with special scenery, costuming and colored lighting effects such as are rarely seen outside of the large cities, and certainly quite unexpected in a little settlement so small as Estero. The play was replete with lively songs, drills and dances, with not a dull moment from start to finish, and was roundly applauded by a highly appreciative audience. "Tuesday night's program, besides music and recitations,

featured two roaring farces, the first • being entitled, 'The Lady Interviewer.' It is based upon mistaken identity, the gushing young newspaper correspondent coming to interview a celebrated authoress, and finding the housemaid trying on the new cloak and hat of 'the missus,' mistakes her for the celebrity she has come to interview. The second farce, entitled, 'Enter Dora,—Exit Dad,' centers around the recent acquirement of the political franchise by the women. Mr. Tibb, dapper and dignified little merchant and town councilman, is up for re-election; 'doesn't want the office,' of course, but is terribly chagrined when the news reaches him that the women have turned down the old bunch and elected a new set of town officials.

"In Wednesday night's program was featured a bright little farce by three boys, entitled 'The Stupid Witness,, ' in which the prosecuting attorney has a difficult time eliciting the desired information from a rustic witness who persists in misunderstanding the questions put to him and is finally dismissed in disgust. The second farce entitled "More Time Out," enacted by an all-female cast, was a takeoff on the servant problem and employment bureau. The characters represented servants of various nationalities seeking positions, but each applicant was very particular to know before hand what her privileges would be, as they all needed "More Time Out," each giving, apparently to themselves, good and sufficient reason. The lady needing a servant, however, couldn't see it their way and was about giving up in despair when another applicant came in whom she recognized at once as having been many years in the employment of a friend. The new aspirant was engaged there and then, and much to the delight of a crowded house all ended harmoniously. A most interesting talk was given on the Seminole Indians, their traditions, habits and customs, by Capt. L. C. Spencer, U. S. Indian Agent, who brought out much interesting and little known information concerning this remarkable and primitive people. It will be our pleasure to refer to this matter at greater length on some future occasion.

"Many who have witnessed the Estero Exhibit have been most enthusiastic in their praise and have expressed the desire that it might be seen in Fort Myers, but this, of course, would be impossible, for it should be remembered that the Estero people, when on their home grounds, and with their base of supplies and labor right at hand, can put up, with no more expenditure of time, labor and money, far better exhibit and entertainment features than would be possible to do at some distant point, and, besides, it is their own show and they can run it to suit themselves."

"With the Monday evening performance the Industrial and Art Exhibit closed at Estero, after a most successful week. Many were the expressions of surprise and amazement that so varied and extensive an exhibit could have been staged in so small a place, together with high-class entertainment features, including special scenery and electric lighting effects, < costuming, orchestra, etc., and not a few declared it to be the finest exhibit of its kind that they had ever witnessed.

"Resuming a description of the entertainment features, on Thursday night of last week was given a concert in the Art Hall by the Koreshan Unity Orchestra and visiting talent. . . . The brass and reed quintets rendered by the visiting musicians were especially appreciated, these men being all artists of high ability on their respective instruments. The clarinet concerto was rendered by Mr. Compagnucci with great technical skill and musical expression. It is a composition by Prof. Mazzeri, leader of the Fort .Myers Concert Band, who played the piano accompaniment.

"On Friday night were repeated the farce entitled, 'The Shades of a Pseudo-Science,' and the little operetta, 'The Gypsies' Festival,' the latter, with its special scenery, costuming, music and lighting effects, being the most elaborate production staged during the entire week, and was enthusiastically received by a delighted audience.

"The balance of the Friday night program was filled by Rube Allyn, editor of

the Florida Fisherman, and a humorist and impersonator of national reputation. Rube paid a glowing tribute to his Estero friends and the aesthetic work they were doing in taking the logs from the wayside, the bamboo, palms and native materials that are usually passed by unnoticed, and creating things of beauty and utility from them. His impersonations of Norwegian, Italian, Negro, English and Irish characters were simply inimitable and his recital of Bill Nye's dog story, entitled 'Entomologist,' was side splitting.

"Saturday night's program was comprised of both musical and literary features. The political farce given on Tuesday night, entitled 'Enter Dora, Exit Dad,' was repeated and met with an enthusiastic reception. The latter half of the program was filled in, and filled to bursting, by Rube Allyn, impersonator. There is only one Rube, and any of the ninety million people who have not yet found it out have some experience coming to them. By way of contrast he recited James Whitcomb Riley's touching little poem, 'Goodbye Jim, Teke Keer Yerself,' proving himself a master of the dramatic as well as the humorous side of life.

"No entertainment program was given on Sunday, but all day long a stream of visitors came and went, enjoying the many exhibits to be seen and partaking of refreshments at the lunch counter.

"On Monday, the closing night, a large crowd assembled to enjoy the musical and dramatic features of the program. 'The Lady Interviewer' was repeated with great success. A new farce was also presented, entitled 'How the Story Grew.' This clever little skit was based upon the well known theme of kitchen gossip, and how a story grows in the telling, entirely out of all semblance to the original version. Dr. James[Russell Price entertained the audience with several recitations and funny stories, including, 'How We Hunted a Mouse,' which latter brought down the house. The program closed with music by the orchestra.

"In every way the second annual Industrial and Art Exhibit at Estero has been most successful and if the succeeding years witness as great an advance over the past as has been the case this year, these annual exhibitions will come to be known as one of the greatest entertainment features for the winter visitors in South Florida."

Mrs. Nellie Mahone of Valdo'sta, Ga., has been a guest of the Unity for several weeks. We also had as guests during the week of the exhibit, Mrs. Cora Newcomb and daughters, from LaBelle, Fla., and Mr, Luther Andrus, of St. Petersburg, Fla.

We had a delightful visit with Mrs. Houston, of Jacksonville, Fla. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Duss, formerly of Economy, Pa., who were prominently connected with the communistic society there. Mrs. Houston is the possessor of a charming soprano voice; she sings like a song bird, and to the delight of our people sang to us almost daily during her week's visit. We agree with the poet who said: "I never heard the old song, . . . that I found not my heart moved more than with a trumpet."

Mr. August Weisenbach, of St. Louis, Mo., a profound student of Koreshan Science, has been a visitor of the Unity for several days. He is thoroughly en rapport with the Master's teachings.

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Current Events in Our Community Life
BY D. J. RICHARDS
February 1924

BEFORE this issue of THE FLAMING SWORD will have reached many of our readers, The

Koreshan Unity will be holding its annual Industrial and Fair Exhibit, beginning February 18 and closing February 24. Active preparations are now going on toward making our efforts count during the Exhibit week, as we are expecting many of the tourists who visit the various sections of Lee and adjoining counties at this time of the year. We have already recorded in these columns the success of our Industrial and Fair Exhibit for 1923 ; and since we believe in going ahead, the coming one will undoubtedly exceed our previous efforts. Entertainment will be provided for our guests every evening at the Art Hall. The Dramatic Club of the Unity, under the direction of Sister Bertha Boomer, is busy preparing for the affair. Music will be furnished by the Unity Orchestra through the entire week, under the direction of Brother Allen Andrews. We hope to have with us during the Exhibit week the Motorcaders, who made history last April when they put the Tamiami Trail on the map by their adventurous trip across the Everglades through "no man's land." Readers of The Dearborn Independent will no doubt be delighted with the thrilling narrative of this adventure in the issues of February second and ninth, by Brother Allen H. Andrews, editor of The American Eagle. Three members of the Koreshan Unity went on this expedition; Brothers Allen H. Andrews, Charles Hunt, and Alfred Christensen. These brothers have just returned from a visit to the South Florida Fair held at Tampa, where they report having had a wonderful time. The Motorcaders camping several nights on the Fairgrounds in that city. Radio sets are becoming very popular all over the U. S., and Sister Berthaldine has arranged for the use of her set during Fair week. No doubt many of the natives around here will have the opportunity of hearing this remarkable device for the first time. The machine will be in charge of Brother Jesse Putnam. However, we are not going to be content with merely a receiving set: we have the greatest thing to give to the world in Koreshan Universology, and it is our great desire to have a broadcasting station that will tell the world about it. This will be possible as soon as we get our new power plant in operation. The means will no doubt be forthcoming". as we have been approached by people outside the Unity, who are desirous of doing all they can to inform the world of the great truth of Koreshan Universology. Apropos of this, we quote an extract from a letter received from Pennsylvania. "I have a chance to have an article on Cosmogony broadcasted over the radiophone, by the pioneer broadcasting station of the world, the Pittsburg Post. This station broadcasts to England every evening, and covers the entire United States and Canada." This important bit of news is obvious without further comment, only to say that we are simply delighted with it. We feel that our friends everywhere are interested in the things we are doing here, and we wish one and all could visit our Exhibit and take in the entertainments. To those who are within reaching distance we extend a hearty welcome. One of the surprising exhibits at the Tampa Fair was the thousands of watermelons shipped there from Estero Island, Lee County, by Mr. Leroy Lamoreaux. Watermelons are not supposed to be a winter product, and Leroy, to speak in the common vernacular, simply "nut it over" on all competitors and had the field to himself. These melons were grown on Koreshan Unity property at Middle Carlos. It was the greatest ad that Lee County could have, and simply goes to show the possibilities of this wonderful section. The American Eagle for Jan. 31, under the caption "Lee County Prevents Watermelon Famine," says : "Telegraphing to various points in Florida, sending cablegrams to the West Indies and South America for a watermelon, and finally locating not only one, but many other melons in Lee County. Florida, was the recent experience of a wealthy Pittsburg family, as follows : " A twelve year old child was ill with kidney trouble. The doctors, after a consultation, prescribed a diet of watermelon in connection with the treatment, but where to secure such a rarity at this season of the year, that was the question. After extensive research one lone melon was found in cold storage in Pittsburg. Another was located in Arcadia, Fla., and shipped to

the anxious parents. But these were soon gone. Then began a long and exasperating quest for more, which involved telegrams to various parts of Florida and cable messages to the West Indies and South America, but without result. "By chance one of the telegrams had been sent to a party in Fort Myers, who learned that a trucker on Estero Island was growing watermelons for the Tampa Fair. He soon got in touch with him and since then one melon a week has been going forward by express to the people of Pittsburg; latest reports being to the effect that the child is improving." The reports of the Kores'han meetings received from Chicago, held every Sunday afternoon at 2:30. at the old Masonic Temple, now known as the Capitol Building, are very encouraging indeed. The meetings are in charge of Mr. L. H. Bubbett. 7740 Haskins Avenue. Anyone desirous of information concerning them can get it by writing to the above address, and enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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THE UNITY was delighted with a few days' visit from Mrs. Jeannie Miller of Hood River, Oregon. Mrs. Miller is one of the many loyal friends of the Koreshan Unity which dates back to the early days of the movement in Chicago. It is about eight years since Mrs. Miller was here last and since then she has been for a trip around the world and naturally had many interesting things to relate of her travels. She came direct to Florida from the Sesqui-Centennial, recently closed in Philadelphia; while she saw much to enjoy at the Sesqui, it didn't begin to hold her interest, she says, like the Centennial Exposition held in the same city in 1876. Mrs. Miller is in Florida for the winter and is staying with her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Miller of Chicago and Fort Myers. Messrs. Alfred and Robert Graham of Miami, Florida, pleasantly surprised us by appearing unannounced recently for a few days' visit with the Unity. Since our last notes the writer, in company with Raymond Trebell, had the pleasure of visiting the Grahams at their home in Miami, and everything possible was done to make our short stay there a joyous one. Miami is a city of many charms, situated as it is on beautiful Biscayne Bay and the shores of the Atlantic. This city and surrounding territory caught the full brunt of the hurricane September last, and while it was tremendously hit, the recovery has been very remarkable. Motoring through Coral Gables, with its magnificent wide streets and beautiful homes, we saw very little to remind us of the hurricane; but continuing through Coconut Grove, an older residential section of Miami, we were made conscious of the ravages of the storm, not so much, however, to dwellings as to trees and shrubbery. We stopped en route to see some of the interesting sights, such as the remarkable Venetian bathing pool at Coral Gables, with its unusual rustic features of nature in the form of coral rock fully preserved in the construction. The Biltmore Hotel at Coral Gables has in connection with it also a most remarkable swimming pool. This hotel is one of the most ornate structures in the country, built at a cost of ten million dollars; but space does not permit a recital of its many interesting features. The Bryan Memorial at Coconut Grove is also one of the attractions, and the effects of the storm were quite noticeable here. It will take more than one storm, however, to rob Miami of its well merited title, the Magic City. From West Palm Beach to Miami we had the pleasure of the company of Dr. Benedict Lust of New York City and Tangerine, Florida. Dr. Lust had but recently returned from a visit to his fatherland, where he received many honors for the great service he has rendered the cause of drugless healing and where naturopathy takes precedence over other systems of healing. He was happy to note for once the converse to be true that: "A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country, and in his own house." Dr. Lust came to America over thirty years ago from

Germany with a direct commission from Father Kneipp to teach Americans the virtue of naturopathy. That he has succeeded in his mission is amply testified by the thousands of naturopaths practising in this country today, and we hope to see the day when he will be nationally acclaimed for the wonderful work he has accomplished in behalf of Buffering humanity. Brother Henry Silverfriend has arranged with the caladium king, Dr. Nehrling of Naples, Florida, to dispose of his stock of caladium bulbs this season, so in the interest of this business, he and Laurence Bubbett called recently upon the leading nurses' men between Fort Myers, Orlando, and St. Petersburg. The Seaboard Air Line expects to run its first passenger train through Estero to Naples (its terminus) January 7, 1927. Pres. Warfield expects to bring with him a party of 350 notables and great preparations are being made in Fort Myers for their reception. To quote from The Palm Leaf: "Two hundred members of the party will board the special at New York when it leaves for the sunny South and Fort Myers on the evening of January 5, and 150 more guests will be picked up on the journey south. ... The celebration, with a mammoth motorcade, banquet, and gala events, is being sponsored by the Pageant Association in co-operation with all the civic clubs in the city. Fort Myers will appear at her best, arrayed in many colors, and neat as a new pin for the reception of her famous guests." Mr. August Naeselius of Brooklyn, N. Y., is a guest of the Unity at the present writing. He came to visit his brother Theodore, who is a member of the Colony. Mr. Naeselius is so impressed with our wonderful climate that he will very likely make his future home in the sunny South. Sister Cora Stephens, accompanied by her daughter Alafae, Irene Wyka, and Raymond Trebell, motored to Montverde, Florida, and back to Estero the same day, a journey of about 400 miles. Mace Stephens, who is attending the Industrial School at Montverde, returned with his mother and will spend the holidays in Estero. We deeply regret to record the passing out of our faithful Sister Susanna Ehrisman. She was eight years beyond the allotted three score and ten, and thirty-six of these she spent in loyal devotion to the Master and his Cause.

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IT GIVES us great pleasure to record in this issue the return of Brothers Elbert W. Lindbeck, of Rock Island, Illinois, and Frank Rahn of Baltimore, Maryland. They are both happy to be back in the Unity again, and we are glad to have them. Brother Elbert is a linotype operator, but understands the technique of job printing as well, and his assistance in this department of the publishing house is very much needed and will be appreciated. Brother Frank Rahn fits in wherever needed; it will be good to see him at his old place in the Koreshan Orchestra, playing the clarinet, or it may be the saxophone, as we understand he brought a saxophone with him. Both brothers are en rapport with the Master and his work, and have proved it by coming back. The Unity was honored with a few days' visit from Mr. Chas. Greenfield of Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Greenfield, a tried and true friend of the Master, was also his attorney while the Koreshan Unity was located in Chicago; needless to say the older members here who knew him in Chicago were delighted to see him again. We have as guests at the present writing H. W. Manley of New York City, George M. Bassett of Chicago, Illinois, and Montclair, New Jersey, and George Main, of Gloversville, New York. Mr. Bassett is an old friend of Dr. Price and Sister Adah, and is delighted to be here with his old friends of many years standing. The people of Estero were given a decided thrill on Friday, January 7, when President S. Davies Warfield of the Seaboard Air Line brought into Estero his wonderful Orange Blossom Special train with its six hundred guests. The special came in four sections, about forty Pullman cars all together, with President Warfield, Governor

Martin, etc., in the first section. The special was greeted with rousing cheers by the assembled gathering of Esteroites, and Mr. Warfield, Governor Martin, and others soon made their appearance. These gentlemen spoke enthusiastically of the things that had been so far accomplished, and what the future had in store for this section of south Florida. Brother Allen Andrews delivered the address of welcome. Each guest was presented with a copy The American Eagle, which had for its special feature a cartoon "Welcome SAL !" which portrayed two railroads, the Seaboard Air Line and the Atlantic Coast Line, with the significant heading " A Rival Appears on the Scene," and the Seaboard getting all the attention .by the characters portrayed. The cartoon was drawn . by Bertha M. Boomer at the suggestion .of Brother Allen, and it made a great hit with all. There were about six hundred copies of The Eagle distributed to the guests on the Orange Blossom Special, besides a liberal quantity of Koreshan leaflets. Among the special articles featured in this issue of The Eagle was one entitled "Estero Cult Claims Modern Astronomy False," by Allen H. Andrews, a reprint from the National Magazine, published by Joe Mitchell Chapple, of Boston, Massachusetts. A number of Estero people were invited to accompany the special to Naples, the terminal of the Seaboard Air Line; among those from the Unity were our guest, Mr. Greenfield, with Brother Allen Andrews, Henry Silverfriend, Lou Staton, John Watson, Elbert Lindbeck, and the writer. The Seaboard has under construction a \$50,000 depot at Naples and it is quite wonderful what this company has accomplished thus far in this famous resort. The guests were treated to a magnificent buffet lunch at the Naples Hotel, now owned by the Seaboard company. Two first class bands were in evidence; the Scotch Riltie that plays during the tourist season at St. Petersburg, Florida, and the other, composed of Czecho-Slovakians, brought there by Mr. Ringling of circus fame, from Sarasota, Florida. President Warfield has brought more advertising to this section of Florida in about a year's time than it has ever had. The company has a tract of land in Estero of four hundred acres, and it is the Seaboard's intention to build a town on this site. Incidentally, the Science of Universology was brought to the attention of hundreds of people who had never heard of it before; so, all in all, we in Estero have reason to feel elated at the things accomplished on the seventh of January, 1927. We have had a number of inquiries from friends wanting to know if we intend to hold our Industrial and Art Exhibit this year. We have not fully recovered from the destruction of the September, 1926, hurricane; and inasmuch as we are behind with our repair work it was thought best not to add more to our burdens at this time, so we will not give the Exhibit this year. At the present writing our brothers are covering the dining hall and dormitory with galvanized sheet roofing. Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Boomer of New York City were in Estero lately on a visit to their mother and sister at Mirasol Grove, and while here gave the Unity a pleasant call. Messrs David Logan and Charles Melton, driving in their Dodge car from Colorado to Estero, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Campbell of Estero. Mr. Logan is a brother of Mrs. Campbell. Brothers George and Charles Hunt, and Frank Wilson made a few days' visit to Collier County to survey a tract of land owned by the Unity, known as "Rattle Snake Hammock." Timber is being cut and hauled from this tract to Rice Island in said county, to be used for piling preparatory to putting a sea wall around the island.

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IN THE FEBRUARY ISSUE of THE SWORD we wrote about President Warfield of the Seaboard Air Line arriving in Estero aboard his Orange Blossom Special with six hundred guests. In appreciation for the showing made by the people of Estero, Mr. Warfield wrote the following to Brother George W. Hunt : "Dear Mr. Hunt: I am taking the

first opportunity, having just returned to Baltimore from Florida and a trip over the lines, to thank you for the many courtesies of the citizens of Estero who were kind enough to extend us such an unusual welcome on the occasion of the ceremonies at Estero incident to the opening of the new lines. I appreciate more than I can say what you have all done for the Seaboard and its President, also our guests. . "With best wishes asking that you will extend my thanks to those who so kindly took part in the ceremonies, believe me, very sincerely yours, S. Davies Warfield, President." , Uncle Sam is now bringing the mail to Estero via the Seaboard Air. Line. The new schedule took effect Tuesday, February 15; the incoming mail arrives at 11 :05 a. m., and the outgoing leaves at 4 :05 p. m. For years, before the advent of the automobile, the Unity carried the mail in and out of Fort Myers on horse- back and it was an all day job, inasmuch as it took four hours to go and four to come, rain or shine, besides the lay-over of several hours daily in Fort Myers. For the last twelve years or so the mail has been coming to Estero by auto, and now that it is coming by rail, the evolution of Uncle Sam's business is decidedly a noticeable one to the early pioneers of this section. Sister Orlene Thacher had a pleasant visit from her cousins, Mrs. Orlene Brock of Chicago, als.' Jennie Hut ton and Mr. Gordon Hut ton of Kissimmee, Florida. Mrs. Jeannie Miller of Hood River, Oregon, and Fort Myers, spent an enjoyable week at the Unity with her many friends, who were delighted with her visit. Brother Allen Andrews motored to Sanford, Florida, to meet his brother, Dudley Andrews, of New York City, and Mrs. Andrews and her. mother, Mrs. Perkins. Dudley and family expect to spend the winter months. in Florida; they are now residing in Fort Myers. Mrs. Camphausen, with her sister, Mrs. Johnson, and Miss Lindberg of Tarpon Springs, Florida, motored to Estero and were guests of Sisters Berthaldine and Bertha M. Boomer, at their home, Mirasol Grove. The ladies were also guests of the Unity one evening for supper, after which" an impromptu concert was

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by D.J. Richards

THE UNITY WAS pleasantly reminded that Christmas was approaching when, on Saturday -evening, December 17, Mrs. J. M. Ahrano and her oldest son, Jean, and Mrs. F. McConnell and her son, motored from Tampa with some good things for the people here. The above ladies are the daughters of; Sister Abbie and Brother William Wc- Cready, who 'for the last thirty years or so have lived in the Home, both here and in Chicago, and in which their daughters were brought up. It goes without saying that their attraction and love for the people. and the home of their youth have notdiminished, and needless to say, it is reciprocal by all who have known them from their childhood. On Friday, December 16, Brother Lauritz Pederson passed from our midst. He was among the first brothers to arrive in Estero, and no one has been more faithful than he in the pioneering" work of the Unity, it is with a note of regret that we record his passing. However, we know that everything works according to law. KORESH says: "Those of us who pass out, in this faith pass over into the other world and become teachers and lead those spirits into a recognition of the Divine Humanity. ..there." Mr. Richard Berry, a student from the state uni- versity at Gainesville, Florida, was a guest at the Unity for two weeks. He came with the purpose of writing a thesis on the Koreshan Unity for his Alma Mater, and was quite diligent in his investigations while here. We have llotas yet seen the results of his labor, but he was a most fikable y?ung man and made friends readily. Brother George Hunt made a trip to Tampa on business. He was accompanied by Walter Spooner , who proceeded from there to California. Brother Walter, as he was familiarly known to us, made him- self very useful in the Unity store where he was en- gaged, and in

his genial way made a host of friends, and we, as well as Patrons of the store, miss him very much. We have as guests at the present writing Messrs. George Main and Lin Davis of Gloversville, New York, and Mr. Fred Lang M New York City. We also had Mr. and Mrs. Pulcifer of Warwick, Massachusetts, for . about a week, until a house in the neighborhood w-as -j made ready for them to occupy. This is the .third or fourth season.for Mr. and Mrs. Pulcifer to visit Estefo ., and they are on the most friendly terms with all of our people. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goldstein of Punta Gorda have made several visits to Estero within the last month in the interest of orchestra music. Mr. Gold- stein plays the violin, having graduated from a con- servatory in Germany While he doesn't follow music as a profession, he plays well on this wond~rful instru- lllent. Mrs. Goldstein also plays the cello very nicely. She is also very active with the woman's organization at Punta Gorda, being its chairman, Their obj~ct in coming was to get the Unity orchestra to-assist with an entertainment, given-by the ladies of the above city, Friday evening, December 9. Mr. Goldstein brought with him a very fine selection of orchestra music, and for the above occasion led the orchestra; needless to say, our musicians enjoyed the experience immensely, and they were treated most royally by the Goldsteins while in the above city. We were pleased-to have a call from Mr. Grosve- nor Dawe, with his traveling ,companion, Mr. Johnson, of Tallahassee, our state capital, accompanied by Secretary A. A. Coult of the Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce, recently, Mr. Dawe was making an industrial survey tour of the state, for the purpose of taking an inventory of conditions, as it were, the idea -having been conceived by Ron. Nathan Mayo, Secre- tary of Agriculture. Re had covered about half of the countcies when here. Mr. Dawe spoke that samec~en~ ing at the court house in Fort Myers, and it was -our great pleasure to be present, as it was one of the best addresses we have ever heard. Florida, as the world knows, had a boom, and like most booms a period of reaction followed from which the state still }feels the effects of the wild orgy of speculation that went on at that time. But if anyone came to the meeting with the idea that the state was going to the dogs, Mr. Da~e soon dispelled that idea with his armamentari- um of facts; he also gave an illuminating account of , th~ money that was being spent by northern capi- talists, and the marvelous developments now going on throughout the state. Space does not permit, however, of a recital of the fact~ he gave us, but suffice to say that the data he is now compiling will be put into book form, and when off the press will be a most interesting docu!llent of the true ~tate of things in Florida. Sisters Abbie McCready, Emma Norton -- (our Matron), Etta Silverfriend, and Brother George Hunt, motored to Tampa over the Christmas holidays to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ahrano, and. while they -have not returned as this is being written, it is needless to ask if they had a good time because that goes without saying when one is with the Ahranos. Brother John Grier, who has been on a visit to his folks in Iowa, has returned to Estero. He says the climate there is not nearly so agreeable as in Flor- ida. At the present writing we are having a cold snap, but we have the consolation of knowing that it is not produced here; however, it rarely lasts more than a few days, thank goodness !

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THE KORESHAN UNITY has much to be thankful for in having loyal friends. The writer, during the month, spent ten days in Lakeland, Florida, with Mr.. and Mrs. Alex McKay and their son, Tom, and with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lamb, who made our. visit a most enjoyable one. Sister - Evelyn Bubbett has been with the McKays for a month or more, and is getting a much needed rest. Our Lake- land friends are so imbued witli the love of the Master that their constant thought is, how can they do some- thiIig for

the Unity and its people ? Lakeland is one of the most delightful towns in Florida. It has twelve beautiful lakes within the confines of the city limits, and a drive over what is called the highlands., over perfect roads, and through miles of magnificent citrus groves is indeed a treat. Polk County, in which Lakeland is situated, has the largest per capita of any county in the state and is the very heart of the citrus industry in Florida. A year or more ago we had the pleasure of meet- ing Mr. Pricken, of Lakeland, here in Estero, and it was our good fortune to run across him during our visit to Lakeland. .Knowing that he was manager of the Florida Citrus Products Corporation of Lakeland, , we expressed a wish to see hfs plant, which he granted most cordially, and took us there in his car. This com- pany extracts the juice of grapefruit and oranges, which is rich in vitamins A B & C, and seals it in 11-oz. , cans, which are shipped to northern markets, principal- ly New York and Boston, under the catchy name "Honey Moon Brand." Going to Lakeland without visiting the Carpen- ters' Home is like going to \$rance and not seeing Paris, for the Home is truly one of the show places of the city. The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America are regponsible for this ideal insti- tution, where those who have grown beyond the age of toil can come in their declining years and be provided for in a magnificent home and in a sumptuous manner ; a new feature, this, for the poor working man! To them, it almost presages the new age ; and yet they have had a vital part in its construction, because one has to be a member of the organization thirty years before he is entitled to the privileges of the:!!Iome, and during that time each member has contributed ten cents a week to a fund toward its construction and maintenance. . The Brotherhood has a tract of eighteen hund~ed. , acres and the building is situated a mile or so from the main highway, with a beautiful driveway leading up to it. The main building looms in the distance as an ornate structure; upon arrival we entered the main office and lounge, which simply captivates the atten- tion by. its exquisite appointments, Here visitors register and are then conducted through the various departments. There ate accommodations at the Home for a thousand people, but as yet only about forty aged carpenters, abide there. The lounge is about 200 feet long arid 100 feet wide, the furniture and upholstery of which were cohtributed by carpenter lodges in and -around Chicago. The dining hall, "which was a contri- bution of the carpenters. ill and around N ew York City, is also beautifully fumfshed. The auditorium, with a . seating capacity of over two thousand people, has a large pipe organ, and is furnished sumptuously. Organ recitals are given frequently, but it so happened there was "nothing doing" .the day we were there.- The sleeping quarters are about the last word in comfort. ~r guide, Mr. Southwell, a native of Plymouth, South W~les, has resided for the last fifty years in Canada. He had only been in the Home about two months; but so appreciative was he of the place, that his eyes were moist with sheer joy in telling of the comforts of his new home, and his improvement in health since coming to Florida. The Carpenters' Organization showed great wis- domilllocating in Florida, where the climate is equable and condu.cive to health and longevity. As Dr. John Harvey Kellogg of the Battle Creek Sanitarium says : ."The whole state of Florida is a great sanitarium. ... This sunny land is, perhaps, the most favored section of the whole United States, considered from a health standpoint. Florida is the one state in which one ~ find everything worth .while which pertains to tropical climes without the disadvan- tages or the extreme tropics. ...Winter sunshine in the nQrthern states is not only scant in amount, but is almost wholly lacking in the ultra-violet rays which are regarded by many as the essential health-promoting elements of the sun's rays." Lakeland is the home of the Southern College of the Methodist Episcopal denomination; it is situated on a hill, overlooking Lake Hollingsworth, a most beautiful setting. Lakeland also has one of the most ornate civic . centers and recreation grounds in the state, surround- ing Lake Mirror.

Fully a half million dollars has been spent in beautifying this remarkable center. The city has done everything possible to make it attractive for its winter visitors~ Last winter the town was practically filled with tourists; those going there in the years to come will surely not lack for civic comforts. We are pleased to have Mace Stephens with us again in the Unity. He graduated at the Montverde Industrial School, which he attended the past four years. His mother and sister, Sisters Cora and Alafae Stephens and Miss Bertha .M. Boomer attended the .graduating exercises of the school. Mace is engaged at present in the Unity press room, and is of great assistance to Brother Jesse Putnam, our superintendent. We have as guest at the present writing, Mr. Paul Sargent of Charleston, Ill., who came here to be with his' Father, Brother John S. Sargent, who has been ill for some time.

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THE SOLAR ANNUAL FESTIVAL, A. K. 90, in commemoration of the birth of our Beloved -Leader, will be observed as usual at the Unity on the Eighteenth of October, 1929. The nine- tieth Anniversary of the birth of KORESH is fraught with meaning to his followers here; for before his de- parture from our midst he said in substance that the most important part of his work would be performed in the succeeding twenty years; also that the principal events of his life occurred in cycles of thirty. All these culminate with the forthcoming Anniversary. In retrospection, w-e note the things that have transpired in the past twenty years, and particularly that the sum total of human happiness has taken a decided slump. In "'The Guiding Star" of August, 1888, KORESH said: " About 1914 will occur those special events, agreeing in this age with the destruc- tion of J erqsaalem some seventy years after the birth of J esus the Christ." What took place in August, 1914 (30 years to the month) , and the subsequent five years, are still vivid in . our memory; the nations of the earth are still groaning under financial burdens, and the labor situation, not to speak of the agonized sufferings as the result of the World War .Everything was thrown out of balance then, and we have every reason to believe that the com- petitive system will never regain its former foothold, for KORESH says in substance, that the competitive system has in it the seeds of its own destruction. .We apparently have made great progress in the l?ast few years, along mechanical and electrical lines, so much so that. the present time is talked of as the "robot age." The world should welcome progress along all inventional line~, for all useful 'inventions should lighten men's burdens; but when thousands of people are thrown out of employment and deprived of the means of earning a livelihood, the so called progress seems more of a curse than a blessing, This, however , is only another sign of the perversity of the competi- tive system, which ultimately will bring about its own downfall. KORESH says : "It is useless for the people to rely on what any political party may offer as a pledge for the correction of the trust plague. The trust is the money power; it has come to stay until the end. Those predictions founded upon the philanthropy of the millionaire are falsely predicated, and are only intended to deceive. ... "When the Jewish church reached the limit of its. corruptibility (when the dispensation had attained the fulness of its iniquity) , it was obliterated in the bloody catastrophe in which the age terminated. ...The Christian age will end in a greater revolution, in a greater catastrophe; but before the great and dreadful day of the Lord, now at hand, Elijah the Prophet- God the Lord in person, will appear to inaugurate a greater baptism than that by which the Christian dis- pensation was ushered in. ... "Koreshanity is the ark of safety. God has pre- pared this place and ark of safety from the storms of revolution about to sweep the face of the-earth, the storms through which the old heaven and the old earth will be made to pass a,way. The old church and state are grown hoary with. age and iniquity; with the

besom of destruction they are to be swept away in the new' light and glory of the ages." (F. S., Oct. 1908.) We have as guest at the present writing, Alton Bessemer. of Washington, D. C. Alton's mother, familiarly known to us as Sister Emily, came to the Unity with her five children. It was pleasing to hear Alton say: "It is good to be home again !" A few days later, Dean Gilbert also arrived "home," in the Unity, where his mother, Sister Rose Gilbert, our post mistress, has resided for many years. The familiar haunts in the Unity and surroundings fairly bristled with interest for these "boys," especially "' Amity" (where they were both domiciled for a time) , and "The ole swimmin' ole," a few paces away. It is difficult to decide who gets the greatest thrill from these "boys" coming home; whether it is they or the older members, for their coming has surely given us much pleasure, and we hope they will come often, for "the latch string is always out." Sister Tacy Weaver spent a couple of weeks visiting her sister at Orlando, Florida; Sister Ella Graham spent three weeks with her folks at Miami, Fla., and at the present writing brother James Russell Price and Sister Adah are in Chicago, and from there they went to Omaha for a visit with other relatives. Dr. J. R. Petersen of Bonita Groves, Homestead, Florida, lectured in the Unity Art Hall, August 27, his subject being: Tropical Plants, of much economic value that can be grown in Florida. The Doctor fairly bubbles with enthusiasm when talking about Florida and its possibilities, the surface of which, he says, has not been scratched. The hall was well filled with plant lovers from Ft. Myers, Punta Gorda, and Estero. The Doctor brought with him a large variety of cuttings from his Bonita Groves, some with fruit attached, and for about two and a half hours he discoursed on the merits of the remarkable things he is now demonstrating at Homestead. Space forbids a recital of the things he talked about, but those of our readers who take The American Eagle must have reveled in Brother Allen's account of the meeting, in the August 29 -issue. It is encouraging to say that many of the choice fruits the Doctor talked about are now growing in the Unity Park, thanks to Dr. Petersen for giving them to us. These plants are most carefully looked after by Brother Theodore Naeselius.

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THE AUTUMNAL FESTIVITIES in honor of our Beloved Shepherd were duly observed in the ~ -Solar Festival by the "little group" here at the Unity on the Eighteenth of October. It was very evident from the letters received from Koreshan adherents from coast to coast, that the day was a most sacred one with them too, for the tenor of all communications was that while they regretted they could not be present with us in person, they gave assurance that they would be with us in spirit. This we felt at the reading of their appreciative letters during the dinner hour; and the volume of spiritual pabulum experienced was more than we can express in mere words. It is very heartening to us to know that we have such loyal supporters in the field. -Indeed, our efforts here would be up-hill work were it not for the loving devotion of our friends, and the pledge of their continued assistance is a great encouragement to us. To quote from the writings of our Beloved Master in the October SWORD : "Every religious cause is supported by its devotees. ...Is Koreshanity any the less worthy, in the estimation of its friends, than any other of the religious or scientific efforts that call for support from their many followers ?" The testimony of Koreshan adherents on this occasion testifies that the Master's work is uppermost in their thoughts; but we would like it to be unanimously so; for the prophet Isaiah assures us that only CYRUS (KORESH) has the key to "the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places." We were indeed pleased to have with us for the occasion, Mrs. E. F. McKinney, of Kansas City, Mo. ; Messrs. Alfred Graham of Miami; Moses G. Weaver, St. Petersburg; A. Suhonen, New Port Richey,

Florida ; also friends from Fort Myers and Alva, not forgetting those in the immediate vicinity. Mrs. McKinney was impelled to come- especially for the occasion; "I simply couldn't keep away," was the way she put it; needless to say we were only too pleased to have her with us. The evening Service was the event of the day; the rostrum of the Art Hall was exquisitely decorated for the occasion; our Beloved Master's picture, beautifully decorated, occupying the center. Surely his invisible presence hovered over us, as was evident to those who truly desire his coming. Many friends have written for information concerning the storm that visited Florida the latter part , of September, and what damage, if any, was done to the Unity. Comparing the recent storm with the hurricane of 1926, will say that the damage to our property was not as great, but the damage by the high winds to the trees and shrubbery was very noticeable to any who walk through our grounds. The greatest injury to the entire neighborhood, however, was the loss of about 75% of the citrus and other fruit crops ; and this was serious to those who depend on their fruit crop for their livelihood. Following is the program :

1 ORCHESTRA "Eleanor" Jessie L. Depper 2 SONG "The Resurrection" - Koresh Congregation 3 INVOCATION - Koresh Read by Brother Henry D. Silverfriend 4 ORCHESTRA "Bowl of Pansies". Jules Reynard 5 ORATION From the Writings of Koresh Sister Berthaldine 6 VOCAL QUARTET "Great Is the Lord" Jno. R. Sweny Brothers George W. Hunt, David J. Richards Chas. H. Hunt, and Jesse E. Putnam 7 ORATION From the Writings of Koresh Brother Henry D. Silverfriend 8 ORCHESTRA "Water Lilies" Floyd J. St. Clair 9 ORATION From the Writings of Koresh Sister Etta Silverfriend 10 VOCAL SOLO "We Await Thee" Adapted to Schubert's "Serenade" by Alice J. Lowe Brother David J. Richards 11 ORATION. From the Writings of Koresh Brother David J. Richards 12 ORCHESTRA "Dream of the Flowers" Chas. Cohell 13 SONG "The Messenger" E .M. Castle Congregation 14 PRAYER Koresh Read by Brother George Hunt Response by the Congregation 15 ANTHEM "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates" Congregation As a result of and an aftermath to the storm, the Unity power plant was put out of commission by a number of coils in the generator burning out. An expert was hired to look over the situation; and when it was thought all was ready to start, the coils still gave way. The result was that the generator had to be sent to Tampa for repairs, which, with transportation and other costs, amounted to nearly \$400.00. We have as guests at present, Brothers Daniel MacNamara and John Grier. "Mac" is busy assisting Brother Peter Blem with the garden, while Brother John makes himself generally useful in the park. Sister Cora Stephens, after a sojourn of about three months with relatives in North Carolina, returned home to the Unity much benefited by her vacation. Dr. James Russell Price and Sister Adah returned with Dr. Guild of St. Petersburg, Fla., from Chicago. The Price's went as far West as Nebraska. Dr. was much interviewed on the subject of Koreshan Univer- sology by northern papers while en route.

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As The Eighteenth of October will soon be with us, it is well that we call the attention of our readers, especially our new readers, to the fact that on the above date we shall celebrate the ninety-first anniversary of our beloved Master. If the reader will turn to Isaiah 44 :28 and 45 :1, he will find . it predicted that CYRUS (Hebrew, KORESH) is the chosen one to perform all God's pleasure, and that he is the Lord's Anointed, "whose right hand I have holden to subdue nations before him." We are in receipt of a letter from a friend in New York City in which he says: "Well, the old world rushes on, apparently getting a little more muddled each day. The economic situation is at low ebb- lots of unemployment with considerable stagnation of business. On the surface I see little evidence of distress, although

I know it exists. Perhaps the system will crack all of a sudden, like the Florida boom and the stock market crash. Popular sentiment attributes the present difficulties to overproduction, which I know to be the case in the manufacture of our equipment. We are producing more manufactured articles through highly developed labor-saving machinery than we have need of. No doubt this will have the tendency to reduce hours that labor will be required to perform, just as the Master has foretold." KORESH is the Light of this age, and his followers have surely been favored to have had the eyes of their understanding opened sufficiently to recognize. God's Messenger. In 1870 KORESH restored to the world "the keys of knowledge," and from then on to the present his light has been shining as the noonday sun, yet only a few people, comparatively speaking, have been able to recognize it. This undoubtedly is as it should be, for the prophet Isaiah speaks of another people: "If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness !" The import of that statement is not hard to understand, for on every hand we see the evidence of it. In the field of science our foremost institutions of learning cling to the fallacious Copernican system of astronomy. In theology there are about two hundred different cults, all praying to the same God, which to them is "everywhere and nowhere, infinite and incomprehensible," for they generally all uphold the old system of astronomy, with its illimitable space and incomprehensible distances. No wonder, as our friend says, "the old world rushes on, apparently getting a little more muddled each day." We know of many Koreshan friends throughout the country who would like to be with us in Estero on the Eighteenth; others will be thinking about us. But what a force could be sent to the central storehouse if all our readers could lay aside a certain period of the day and direct their thoughts to Him who is destined to "make the crooked places straight: and cut in sunder the bars of iron. ...That they may kntlw from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the Lord, and there is none else." (Isa. 45 :2, 6.) , , KORESH says: "We rejoice in the heaving up of the money power. We have made the predictions for thirty years." (This is from THE FLAMING SWORD, October, 1908.) "The centralization of the wealth of the world is the false imperialism which, when fully ripened, will inaugurate that other great battle -the battle of Armageddon. This is the power of evil against truth and good, the imperialism of Jehovah. This battle is that of the wealth of the world and the power of the competitive system against the riches of truth, equally centralized and all-powerful. "There will come a great conflict. This is not the battle of Gog and Magog, but the battle of Armageddon. It is the final power of the hells against the power of God and his Anointed. God himself will end the strife through his power to conquer the world, and in this power alone is the hope of the world against the evils into which the great political powers of the nation and the world have led us. Koreshanity is the ark of safety. God has prepared this place and ark of safety from the storms of revolution about to sweep the face of the earth, the storms through which the old heavens and the old earth will be made to pass away. The old church and state are grown hoary with age and iniquity; with the besom of destruction they are to be swept away in the new light and glory of the ages." It gives us much pleasure to state in this issue that Mrs. C. P. Camphausen and Miss Elin Lindberg, of the Estero Rustic Tea Garden, have returned to Estero from Williams Bay, on Lake Geneva, Wis., where during the summer they conducted a similar establishment to the one here. A Koreshan axiom is: the only way to judge things is by comparison and contrast; the above ladies are very much pleased to be back in Estero and are more in love with the place than ever. Their place of business on the Tamiami Trail will soon be open to the public. They say there is a great difference in the class of patrons they attract in favor of Estero to their northern establishment, so here's hoping their business will greatly increase this

coming season. Mr. Arthur Gomez of Key West, Florida, who undoubtedly will be the democratic state senator from this district, was our guest during the month. Messrs. Alfred Graham, his son Robert and daughter, Mrs. Victor Phillips, with Mr. Phillips, of Miami, Florida, were guests of the Unity over Labor Day. At the present writing Mrs. Frank S. Lewis of Everglades is our guest. Sister Rose Gilbert, our post-mistress, returned with Mrs. Lewis, whom she visited for a week at Everglades, Florida.

Community Current Events - November 1930

THE SOLAR Festival on October 18, commemorating the 91st Anniversary of the birth of KORESH, was observed by the Unity with the impressiveness due the occasion. As usual, it inspired a feeling of gratitude for the privilege of being able to help carry on a work which to us is unquestionably the greatest movement in the world today. The dining hall was beautifully decorated with a wealth of color and tropical verdure from the Unity nursery. Adorning the Master's table was an exquisite bouquet of lotus lilies from our own lily pond. By the way, the pond is covered this year with a profusion of the most gorgeous lilies imaginable. - Letters of felicitation from devoted friends from all parts of the country were read during the dinner hour, and the expression of love and loyalty for our Beloved Master and his Cause was exceedingly encouraging to the "little flock" left here to carry on. This spirit of co-operation is really a big factor in the carrying on of the Koreshan movement; and words are inadequate to convey our appreciation to our friends for their loyal support. The Koreshan Unity is rich in everything pertaining to the truth. As one reader recently expressed it: "The legacy which KORESH has left the world already stands as a lasting monument to his name." The doctrines "are a priceless inheritance, and I hope I may prove a worthy recipient." This undoubtedly expresses the feeling and appreciation of most of the readers of THE FLAMING SWORD. Though the Master has been away from his "little flock" for many years, yet his presence seemed very near to his people on his Natal Day; especially was this felt during the Commemorative Service at the Unity Art Hall, which had been exquisitely decorated for the occasion. The orations from the writings of KORESH were exceedingly impressive and left one without a doubt that CYRUS was the only Pivot in which Koreshans should center their thoughts and affections. The music by the orchestra was delightful, and the congregation sang the Koreshan songs with a warmth and feeling that only such Koreshan words can inspire. The program was as follows: 1 ORCHESTRA "A Summer Dream" Flath 2 SONG "Grace to the King" E. M. Castle 3 Congregation 3 INVOCATION Koresh Read by Brother Henry D. Silverfriend 4 ORCHESTRA "Bowl of Pansies" Jules Reynard 5 ORATION From the Writings of Koresh Brother David J. Richards 6 "Meditation" Go'ltnod Flute, Floyd Moreland; Violin, Harold Moreland Piano, Edith Trebell; Organ, L. W. Bubbett 7 ORATION From the Writings of Koresh Sister Etta Silverfriend 8 VOCAL SOLO "Invocation" Adapted to Godard's Berceuse from "Jocelyn" by L. W. Bubbett Brother David J. Richards Violin Obligato, Harold Moreland 9 ORATION From the Writings of Koresh Brother Henry D. Silverfriend 10 ORCHESTRA "Water Lilies" Floyd J. St. Clair 11 SONG "The Messenger" E. M. Castle Congregation 12 PRAYER by Koresh Read by Sister Etta Silverfriend Response by the Congregation 13 ANTHEM "Lift Up your Heads, O Ye Gates" - Congregation 14 Recessional - Orchestra It was a pleasure to have so many friends from Fort Myers and elsewhere present at the above Service, and it is to be hoped they will continue coming to our Sunday evening Services, which have now been resumed and will continue until the hot weather next summer. We had with us, in addition to guests from the immediate neighborhood, on the Birthday, Brother Alfred Graham and his son Lloyd, from Miami, Florida. Sister Ella Graham returned with them to Miami for a

vacation. Harold Price Cook and Roger Rilleau, of New York 1 City, arrived in Estero on a motorcycle and were guests of the Unity for some days. Harl is a grandson of Doctor J. R. Price, and lived in the Unity for a while. The boys had a wonderful time while here, fishing and swimming. Harl contributes one story a month to the True Story magazine. It gives us great pleasure to announce in this issue the return of Brother William F. Fischer, after an absence of two years from the Unity. Brother William believes implicitly in the Master, and says he is glad to get back home again; needless to say we are glad to have him, for his assistance is most urgently needed at this time, especially in the agricultural department.

Community Current Events - April 1931

THE WRITER, in company with Dr. James Russell Price and Sister Adah Price, spent four days in St. Petersburg, Florida, recently, attending the 46th annual convention of the Southern Homeopathic Medical Society, of which Dr. Price is a member. The convention was held at the Suwanne Hotel, and was one of the most successful ever held by the organization, due largely to the untiring energy of its president, Dr. William A. Guild, of St. Petersburg and Chicago. Dr. Guild, who, at the behest of President Hoover's crime commission, recently investigated criminal cases in the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, read a most illuminating dissertation on "Surgery and Its Relation to Criminals." The Doctor said in part: "'There are men in the Federal prisons who have the will power to behave themselves if we could correct flaws that exist in their physical bodies. No amount of religion, education, or punishment will correct it; the one way we can help these criminals is to give them healthy bodies." Dr. Price read a paper on "Homeopathy Alchemically Considered." He said in part: "Wonderful things have been accomplished in the name of chemistry, while in reality the results obtained were the work of alchemy. ...I never was able to see this clearly until I came upon the writings of the Master Alchemist of this new age, who made the discovery and proclaimed to the world the form and function of the universe in the year 1870. This great honor came through a physician of the State of New York, DR. CYRUS R. TEED, whose writings portray universal laws which have no exceptions." St. Petersburg is an ideal convention city, and everything possible was done by the officials of the city to make the visit of the hundreds of physicians and their wives a memorable one. Dr. Price and Sister Adah were guests of Dr. and Mrs. Guild while in St. Petersburg. The writer was a guest of Mrs. Alice Fox Miller, one of the early disciples of KORESH when the movement was first launched in Chicago, in the 80's. Mrs. Miller contributed a number of articles to THE FLAMING SWORD years ago, and her one hope now is to see the fulfilment and triumph of the Koreshan Cause. Returning to Estero by way of Lakeland, Florida, we called at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Alex McKay and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lamb, and as usual were heartily received by these Koreshan friends. We stopped over night with them, and drove through miles of the finest orange and grapefruit groves to be found in the state. Lakeland has two outstanding institutions in the Carpenters' Union Home, an international organization, and the Southern College, where there are between four hundred and five hundred students. We were greeted in the reception hall of the Southern College by Miss Margarite Wills, dean of the woman's department. Dr. Price favored Miss Wills with some of his original poems, among which was "Granny and the Stars." This introduced the subject of the Cellular Cosmogony to Miss Wills, of which she had never heard before. A very pleasant half hour was spent in this institution. Miss Ann Eytel of New York City, and Miss Helen Ross of Brooklyn; New York, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Campbell of Estero. The ladies attended the Sunday evening Service at the Unity Art Hall, and Miss Ross, who possesses a very sweet so-

prano voice, favored us with a song. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Acuff of Orlando, Florida, were guests of the Unity during the month. Miss Annie Brown of Washington, D. C., a cousin of Brother Allen H. Andrews, stopped off in Estero, while on a vacation tour of the state. She was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Barnes, and Miss Florence Claque, also of Washington. Miss Brown has a fine position with the National Geographic Society; Miss Claque is with The Pathfinder, and Mr. Barnes is with the Government printing plant. They were very much interested with what they saw here. Messrs. Robert E. Murphy, of the Miami Herald, and C. Clinton Page, farm editor of the same paper, stopped off in Estero while en route recently, and were delighted with the Unity grounds. They evinced much interest in the talk given on the Cellular Cosmogony. It isn't often we meet a minister of the gospel as liberal as the Rev. William G. Clinton, who was willing to learn something, concerning the gospel of Koreshan Universology. We had the pleasure of conducting the Rev. and Mrs. Clinton over the Unity grounds, and enlisting their interest in the great truths taught by KORESH. Mr. Clinton is pastor, of the Tamiami Temple Methodist Episcopal Church of Miami, Florida. Mr. Paul C. Camphausen was a recent visitor in Estero and remained here for several days, prior to taking up his duties with the Sarasota Terrace Hotel of Sarasota, Florida. Mr. Camphausen is a most genial personality, and a visit from him is always a great pleasure. - Sister Emma Norton visited a number of, days with Miss Lydia Pierce of Fort Myers. Sister Rose Gilbert, our postmistress, visited her sister, Mrs. Frank Lewis, at Everglades, and the Unity was favored by a visit from Mrs. Lewis later. During the month Mr. Ben Johnston favored the following members of the Unity with a motor trip to Miami, Florida: Brothers Frank Wilson, Samuel Armour, Stephen Chislett, Peter Blem, Charles Hunt, and Sisters Vesta Newcomb, Florence Graham, and Miss Bertha M. Boomer.

Community Current Events -- April 1931

JOHN SARGENT, JR., of Charleston, Illinois, son of Brother John S. Sargent, arrived for a short visit with his father and his sister, Mrs. Pearl Cox. Mrs. Cox and her brother left by motor for their respective homes in Illinois a few days later. Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Boomer and daughter, Bonita, and Miss Florence Richardson, all of New York City, have taken up their residence at River Bend for some weeks. The main building on the estate has been remodeled and beautifully furnished and the grounds are being transformed. Brothers Frank Wilson and Peter Blem are busy preparing the Unity apiary for a new crop of honey. Good honey is a staple article of food with us, and we could not very well do without it. An impromptu entertainment was held at the Unity Art Hall Friday evening, March 6. The program consisted of talks and musical numbers which were enjoyed greatly by all present. The talent was gathered from among the members of the Unity. We are pleased to note that Mr. Paul Camphausen, until recently connected with the Sarasota Terrace Hotel, at Sarasota, has been visiting the Tea Garden folks for a number of weeks. He will return North in a short time. Brothers Alfred Christensen, Samuel Armour, and the writer accompanied Ben Johnston on a trip to St. Petersburg, where a number of Koreshan friends were visited. Over 140 visitors registered at the Rustic Tea Garden during one week, recently. The tourist travel on the Tamiami Trail is at its maximum at this writing, and many tourists find it a pleasant respite to stop here for refreshments. Mr. Henry Ford and his secretary, Frank Campsall, have been frequent and welcome visitors at the Unity recently. On one of his visits, Mr. Ford purchased two old steam engines from us for his museum at Dearborn, Michigan. One engine, a Reliable, was in use for over twenty-five years in the sawmill, and with it went a steel slipper made in July, 1881. The other engine, a Russell, is over thirty years old and was used in the Unity machine shop. We found Mr. Ford to be very democratic

and most charming and likable. He told the writer that he found the members of the Unity to be a fine class of people. Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Main of Gloversville, New York, and Miss M. E. Burke of Albany, New York, made a short visit with Brother George Main recently. Mr. Albert Main is Brother George's son. The party spent an enjoyable time while here, and gathered a number of the beautiful shells which are so plentiful on the Gulf beaches. Sister Jennie Campbell recently entertained several of the Unity members at dinner at the Rustic Tea Garden in honor of Miss Ethel May Burnett of Narbeth, Pennsylvania. Springtime in Florida is flower time, and the Unity park is resplendent with many colors and varieties of floral growth which add greatly to its scenic beauty. We are in receipt of a letter from Mr. Gustav F. Ebding of Cleveland, Ohio, who is endeavoring to have Congress appoint a committee to study the question of the shape of the earth, in which he issues a challenge to debate in public the matter of the true direction of the earth's curvature. "I have exhausted my breath challenging local astronomers and others, and each and all have shown they are afraid to debate the issue with me," writes Mr. Ebding. He has not found a man who has proof of the theory of convexity. Many years of exhaustive study has convinced him that concavity is true and that convexity is an abuse of reason and common sense. Mr. Ebding calls the present time the modern Dark Age and states that the public stands as the gullible dupe of blind leaders who keep it in ignorance. To prevent the loss of a number of ornamental trees by further erosion of the south bank of the Estero River where it touches the Unity park, the bank has been reinforced with piling and tubing, and filled in with sand. Brother Allen Andrews and Sisters Emma Norton and Etta Silverfriend recently motored to Tampa and St. Petersburg, visiting Koreshan friends en route. A most enjoyable entertainment was given at the Unity Art Hall on Friday, March 20, the program having been arranged by Lynn Russell. A motion picture of scenes around Estero, taken by Mrs. L. M. Boomer and Miss Florence Richardson, was shown and was of great interest to the members of the Unity who appeared in the scenes. This was followed by an article giving the resources of Florida by Brother Henry Silverfriend, and a poem by Dr. J. R. Price. A vocal solo and an encore by Brother David Richards; two solos by Mrs. J. Guy Smith, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Palmer, of Fort Myers, and on the violin by Harold Moreland, were outstanding features of the program. Two violin solos by Harold Moreland were enthusiastically received. Brother Lou Staton amused the audience with the recital of a pirate story. Friends from Fort Myers and other points were present and enjoyed the program very much. A good supply of fresh vegetables is coming to the Unity tables from the truck garden developed by Brother Daniel McNamara. Fresh produce is always welcome to us.

Community Current Events -- May 1931

Mrs. E. F. McKinney of Kansas City, Mo., paid the Unity a brief visit and we were pleased to have her with us if only for a short time. We are glad to report the return to the Unity of Emerson Saunders after an absence of several years. Brother Emerson has taken up his duties in the construction and horticultural departments. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, together with Mrs. Edison's two sisters, had luncheon at the Rustic Tea Garden recently. Brother Lou Staton had an interesting interview with Mr. Edison on this occasion and found that many of Mr. Edison's views were unusually progressive. Mr. Paul Camphausen, who visited with the Tea Garden folks for a number of weeks, has returned to New York City. We hope to see him back in Florida next fall. Seventeen members of the original twenty-three men who blazed the trail across the uncharted stretches of the lower Everglades from Fort Myers to Miami, in April, 1923, met for their eighth annual reunion at Estero on April 4. An

interesting program was given at the Art Hall, followed by a luncheon at the Rustic Tea Garden. A tree-planting ceremony in which Mrs. Thomas Edison participated was held in the afternoon. Brothers Allen Andrews, Charles Hunt, and Alfred Christensen, who were members of the party that made the original trek across the Everglades, took part in the reunion. It is with deepest regret that we report the death of Brother George Main, and his many friends in and out of the Unity feel the loss keenly. Brother George was a successful landscape gardener and possessed a large fund of valuable information concerning horticultural questions. For many years he spent his winters at the Unity, during which time he worked tirelessly in beautifying the Unity grounds and giving his services where required. Brother George is survived by three sons and one daughter, all of whom reside at Gloversville, New York. His son, Albert C. Main, had visited at the Unity with his father just a few weeks previously. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Brother George's family. His body was shipped to his home in New York for burial. Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Boomer and children, who had been making their home at River Bend for some weeks, have returned to their home in New York City. Brother John Grier will act as caretaker of the River Bend estate during the summer. Alfred Graham and his son Lloyd, of Miami, paid the Unity a short visit. - Sister Florence Graham returned to Miami with her brother Lloyd, where she visited about two weeks. She returned later with Brother Allen Andrews, who had gone to Miami to attend the annual meeting of the State Horticultural Society. , Mrs. J. E. Johnston and Mrs. Helena Lem~ of Tampa, Florida, were recent visitors at the Unity. Dr. J. R. Price returned with them to Tampa. The purchase of a new Ford truck by the Unity became necessary due to the breakdown of the old model T truck which had done good service for many years. Sisters Ida Fischer and Bella Armour, and Brother Sam Armour, Ben Johnston and the writer motored to Lake Wales for a visit to the Bok Singing Tower at Mountain Lake. The Singing Tower is the most unique and imposingly beautiful memorial structure in the South. The colony of bees which was formerly owned and operated by Brother Gus Faber has been combined with the colony at the Unity. Brothers Frank Wilson and Peter Blem were kept quite busy at this task for a week and did some excellent work in making the combination. The many friends of Sister Louisa Bradford will learn with regret of her passing on April 23. Sister Louisa was one of the oldest members of the Unity. She had been in poor health a long time, but exhibited unusual vitality for a woman of her years. She came to Chicago with the San Francisco group of Koreshans, and later came to Estero, being a faithful member of the Unity until her death. An interesting and amusing program of entertainment given by the Parent-Teachers Association at the Estero public school was enjoyed by many of the Unity members who attended. Brother Lynn Russell took a leading part in the entertainment. Mrs. F. S. Lewis of Everglades, Florida, paid a visit to the Unity, visiting with Sister Rose Gilbert. A small group were entertained at a beach party at Bonita Beach, which was given for Alafae Stephens, whose birthday anniversary it was. Fred Christensen, who has been visiting with us and assisting in the store, accompanied Brother Allen Andrews on the trip to Miami to attend the State Horticultural Society convention. An additional structure to protect nursery stock is being constructed by Brothers Theodore Naeselius and Emerson Saunders. An impromptu concert was given at the Unity Art Hall on Saturday, April 18, by the Koreshan Unity Orchestra, under the leadership of Brother Laurence Bubbett. The rendition of tuneful light music was very creditable and was greatly enjoyed by those who attended. Bathing in the Wal'ffi waters of the Gulf under sunny skies is one of the privileges available to us. With two of the finest beaches within easy reach, many enjoy frequent dips and beach parties.

Dr. JOSEPH MEYER, X-ray expert from Detroit, Michigan, visited the Unity, remaining over night and attending Sunday evening service. He was pleased to be able to procure an interesting interview later with Thomas A. Edison, at Fort Myers, Florida. Brothers Allen Andrews, George Beilor and William Fischer made a trip to Alva to visit a dairy farm. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ahrano with Mr. and Mrs. Straub, of Tampa, Florida, who were returning from a motor trip to the East coast, stopped for dinner with us and to visit with Brother William and Sister Abbie McCready. Brother Alfred Graham came from Miami to spend two weeks and to oversee the placing of a well on his grove property. While here he was seized with an illness that developed into pneumonia, and it is with sorrow that we have to record his death, which occurred May 18. Robert and Lloyd Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Baldwin came from Miami to attend the funeral. In 1890 Brother Alfred became interested in Koreshanity and with his family moved to Chicago. Four years later he came to Florida, spending some time in Estero, and finally locating in Miami. The Graham home in Miami has always been "open house" to Brother Alfred's many Koreshan friends, who at various times have visited him and enjoyed the warm hospitality that was invariably to be found there. Of a genial arid kindly disposition, Brother Alfred left a host of friends who keenly feel his passing. Brother Theodore Naeselius has made another beautiful bamboo settee on order. It was placed on exhibition before being crated and shipped to the Purchaser at Palm Beach, Florida. Among visitors recently we note the names of Henry Moreland from Alva, Mrs. Frank Lewis from Everglades, and Roy L'Amoreaux from Estero Island. The improvement in the park grounds continues. Brothers Lou Staton and Eric Olson have been beautifying their place on the Immokalee Road. Brother Charles Faulkner has been clearing off the river bank near the printing office. George Main, Jr., of Gloversville, N. Y., spent a day or two with us. He drove back with the car his father had owned. We have been abundantly supplied this spring with luscious Surinam cherries and big juicy mulberries. The following from The American Eagle describes them fully: " A dependable fruit not to be overlooked at this time of year is the Surinam cherry which grows and bears tremendously in well drained locations and successfully withstands any low temperatures that we get here. The fruits are about the size of ordinary cherries, somewhat corrugated in shape, red in color, but nearly black when ripe. They are very tart until matured and are then of a pleasing sub-acid flavor. They are exceptionally fine when pitted and allowed to stand in sugar for a time. The fruits are greatly relished by the birds and the bushes are highly ornamental, with small, glossy leaves, the new growth being of a reddish tint. The plant is of the Eugenia family and is often incorrectly termed the ' Japanese cherry. Black mulberries are now also in their prime at Estero and yield an abundance of fine fruit, sufficient for the human population and the birds also who are very fond of them. This fruit is wonderful for sauce and pies. The trees are deciduous, attain large size, and once planted you can almost forget about them, as they practically take care of themselves. They are fine for planting in poultry yards, as the hens get the benefit of the grateful shade and greatly relish the fruit. Mrs. Edith Trebell gave a party to celebrate the birthday anniversary of Wade Stephens. Drs. J. V. and Lulu McManis, accompanied by Mrs. Mae Dewitt Hamilton, all of Kirksville, Missouri, were most interesting and welcome visitors for two days. Dr. McManis and his party stopped here on their way to attend a convention of electronic physicians at Daytona Beach, Florida. Dr. J. V. McManis is a doctor of osteopathy and Chairman of the Committee of Research of the Associated Colleges of Electronic Medicine. Dr. Lulu McManis is also an osteopathic physician and is nationally known for her research work along the lines of electronic diagnosis and treatment. Dr. J. V. McManis' attention had been called to our basic premise by

means of which we had demonstrated the concavity of the earth's surface and it proved to be a revelation to him in many ways in solving the problems which he had to meet in his research work. The Drs. McManis afforded us two days filled with great interest and pleasure, and we in turn were able to bring much to their attention by way of corroboration of the truth of Koreshan Universology. It was indeed a worthwhile visit for all concerned. Brother Max Arendt accompanied Dr. McManis and his party to Miami, remaining for a visit of several days. Dr. Francis A. Cave and Mrs. Ethel M. Jones, of St. Petersburg, Florida, stopped at the Unity for a brief visit, being enroute to Miami and New York City. Dr. Cave is also an authority on electronic medicine and is interested in the Koreshan premise of concavity. Miss Cecil Hamilton, Mrs. Samuel Hamilton and three little sons from Fort Myers spent a day visiting their uncle, Brother Lou Staton, as well as other friends in the Unity. They expect to leave for Illinois shortly to spend the summer there.

Community Current Events - June 1932 by Max Arendt

ONE OF THE largest political rallies ever staged at Estero was held on Wednesday, April 27, at the Estero school grounds. A barbecue supper was served to the crowd in attendance, which numbered about five hundred. Practically every prominent candidate for office in Lee County was present and gave a short talk. The political activities were followed, by an entertainment presented in the school auditorium. The Unity membership took a large part in the affair and seemed to enjoy the proceedings immensely. Brother Henry Silverfriend acted as Chairman of the speaking program. Recent heavy rains have put an end to the destructive woods fires that threatened life and property for the past several months. As the result of one of these fires a bridge on the Tamiami Trail south of Estero was completely destroyed, making the construction of a new one necessary. A second political rally, similar to the one at Estero, was held on May 7, at Bonita Springs, about eight miles south of Estero, and was attended by many of the Unity members. At this time, Lee County is a hotbed of political activity and will continue to be so until June 28, when the final elections will be held. The work of replacing old poles carrying the electric power lines of the Unity plant with new ones is under way. A group of brothers was engaged cutting down the timber and preparing it for use, and will assist in erecting the new poles. Sister Barbara Ehrisman, whose duty among other things is to assist in the mailing of THE FLAMING SWORD, The American Eagle, and our Koreshan literature, enjoyed a vacation of two weeks in Miami, staying with Sister Ella Graham, who was also on a visit there with her sons, Robert and Lloyd. Sister Ada and Dr. J. R. Price motored to St. Petersburg and Tampa with Paul Sargent, visiting Koreshan friends en route. Brother John Watson was a recent Sunday guest of the Benson family at Bonita Beach. Robert Graham, accompanied by his mother, Sister Ella Graham, who had been visiting him, and Miss Dorothy Baldwin, his cousin, arrived from Miami. Sister Barbara also returned with them. Robert and Miss Baldwin returned home the next day. We are glad to report the return to the Unity of Mrs. Emily Bessemer who had been residing at Washington, D. C., for some time. Sister Emily was a former resident of the Unity. Harry DuBois who has been in charge of the filling station, left for the North on a vacation of several months. Richard Dumbleton and Benjamin Rayfield with the assistance of Brother George Hunt, will operate the station during his absence. A picnic supper that will live long and pleasantly in the memories of those who attended it, was enjoyed by a group of about seventy members and guests on Sunday, May 14. The picnic was held at the beautiful bamboo landing in the Unity park, which proved to be an ideal setting for such an affair. The menu consisted of turkey sandwiches, fruit salad, and fruit preserves, coffee and cake. The picnic was given by Mrs. Jennie Campbell and

daughter, Edith Trebell, and a warm vote of thanks was given them for their kindness in making the affair possible. A vote of thanks was also expressed for those who assisted with the preparations. Guests who attended were Miss Lydia Pierce, Dr. Myrtle Seller, Miss Clara Angell, Miss Genevieve Bisbing, Miss Meta Monsees, and Mr. P. B. Bisbing, all of Fort Myers. Paul Sargent has painted another portrait of Dr. J. R. Price, and needless to say, it is excellently done. Mrs. A. Camphausen, Miss Elin Lindberg, and Miss Bertha Boomer motored to beautiful Sanibel Island, which, can be reached only by ferry from Punta Rassa. Sanibel Island is known far and wide for its tropical beauty, fine beaches, and rare shells. Sister Tacy Weaver enjoyed a visit of several days with Mr. P. B. Bisbing and daughter, Genevieve, and Miss Meta Monsees, at Fort Myers. Miss Lydie Pierce of Fort Myers, Paul Sargent, and the writer recently motored to the Bok Tower at Mountain Lake, and to Lakeland, visiting with our good friends, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lamb, Mrs. Alex McKay, and her sister, Miss Margaret Penn, all of whom reside at Lakeland. The party returned the same day. Brother Henry Silverfriend accompanied Mr. Joseph Meyer, of Detroit, on a trip to Tampa and was gone several days. Brothers Alfred Christensen, Stephen Chislett, Will Fischer, and William Shearer drove to Alva for a visit with Henry Moreland, who is now busily engaged in harvesting and marketing a fine crop of cantaloupes which he was able to grow successfully on his farm. Mr. Paul Sargent, who had been visiting at the Unity for several weeks, left for his home at Charleston, Illinois. He was accompanied as far as Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, by Sister Cora Stephens and her daughter, Alafae, who will visit relatives there. Before his departure, Mr. Sargent exhibited some of the paintings which he had partly or completely finished during his visit, much to the enjoyment of those who appreciate the high quality of his work. Needless to say, we will miss Mr. Sargent's presence and hope for a visit soon again. Sister Emily Bessemer has taken over Sister Cora Stephens' duties in the kitchen during Sister Cora's absence.

Community Current Events - July 1931

The usual Sunday evening services have been held through the month with readings from our Master's valued writings. It is always cheering to see the lovely plants which are faithfully placed each time on the rostrum. Miss Alafae Stephens, daughter of Sister Cora Stephens, graduated from Edison High School in Fort Myers. She was one of a class of over seventy students. The occasion was described as one of "grandeur and solemnity" and took place in the auditorium of the Edison High School. Brothers Henry Silverfriend and Theodore Naeselius have been much occupied with the many beautiful caladiums which are now making a fine showing. They have rearranged the plants and rescued many from the rubber tree which furnished shade and which was sending its roots into each and every jar. The second floor of our bakery building has been partitioned into four sleeping rooms, each nicely finished in stucco. Our summer rains were a little dilatory about starting, but at this writing showers bountiful and of daily frequency occur. Our old friend Roy L'Amoreaux calls occasionally. Recently he brought us cantaloupes and broccoli. Ernest F. Coe, head of Tropic Everglades National Park Association, made a short visit at the Unity on his way to Tallahassee. Sister Tacy Weaver enjoyed a week's visit with her sister at Orlando, going by automobile through central Florida. Dr. J. L. Seibold, Mrs. Cora Newcomb with daughters Olive and Margaret and Miss Edna Moon, all from LaBelle, visited us and remained over to Sunday service in the Art Hall. Miss Cecil Hamilton, Mrs. Samuel Hamilton and three sons paid us a farewell visit before returning early this month to their home in Duquoin, Illinois. Miss Hamilton is a niece of Brother Lou Staton. Sister Florence Graham spent a few weeks in Miami visiting her sister,

Mrs. Victor Phillips and family and brothers Robert and Lloyd Graham. In the absence of Sister Florence, Brother Frank Rahn has been operating the linotype in our printing office. Henry Moreland and son Floyd, Mrs. Thelma Moreland and three young sons, recently spent a Sunday with us. We have been fortunate in having cantaloupes, watermelon& and tomatoes from Brother Henry's gardens in Alva. At present he has a large space filled with healthy and flourishing pineapples, all under a shelter shed which protects them from the burning sun. The fruit is about half grown. Sister Adah Price while enjoying a trip down the Estero River recently was lucky to catch some fine fish, namely, a tarpon, one jew-fish, a grouper and two snook. Sister Rose Gilbert and her sister, Mrs. Frank Lewis, postmistress at Everglades, motored to St. Petersburg to attend the Postmasters' Convention, which was held in that city May 29 and 30. A very enjoyable part of the trip was made by ferry from Piney Point to St. Petersburg It was a joint convention of postmasters, clerks and letter carriers. Their headquarters was in the Princess Martha Hotel, which is across the street from the open air postoffice. There was a fish fry at Pass-a-Grille which was much enjoyed by the guests. Mr. Thomas A. Edison, Mrs. Edison, with their son Charles and wife, took lunch at the lovely Unity Fair Tea Garden one Saturday. They were well pleased and remained two or three hours in pleasant and thoughtful conversation with the charming hostesses. It is surely a pleasure to renew old friendships and especially so when the friend and former member proves to be our Mamie Weimar, who spent several years here as a child with her father, Brother Augustus Weimar, and mother, Sister Elizabeth Weimar. Mamie is now Mrs. Charles Miller and resides in Washington, D. C. She and her husband and son Harry arrived June 20 by automobile. June 21 was a red-letter day for Sister Hattie Newcomb. Despite frailty and declining years she took the long ride to LaBelle and return to visit her son James and family and enjoyed every minute in her usual cheery way. Brothers Jesse Putnam, Frank Rahn and Walter Spooner took a three days' vacation by going over the Trail to Miami. While there they visited Robert and Lloyd Graham; also bathed in the Atlantic Ocean and found it most too cool. Many old time friends assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Campbell June 23 to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Miller. Refreshments were served. The following day the Kingfisher took Mr. and Mrs. Miller and son Harry down Estero River to the bay on a fishing trip. A number of people here went to Sarasota where an opportunity was afforded to view the newly constructed and completed art gallery on the Ringling estate which was created by John Ringling of circus fame. Many of the members have availed themselves of the privilege of viewing the two beautiful litchi trees in the grove of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Campbell. The fruit of the litchi tree is a deep red, resembling a large strawberry in general appearance. The tree is a Chinese importation and presents a most alluring and unusual sight.

COMMUNITY CURRENT EVENTS:

August 1931

On JULY 6, Sister Ida Fischer left for Minneapolis, Minn. by train, where she met her daughter, Mildred, her son-in-law, Mr. Barager, and their two children. Mr. and Mrs. Barager had motored from Seattle, Washington. Sister Ida returned with them to Seattle. She enjoyed the scenic beauty of mountains and forests on the way; she will be gone several weeks. Tjhe weather is warm now and we notice a decrease in the rainfall usual at this time of the year. However, we were recently treated to ice cream which cooled and pleased us very much. Mr. and Mrs. Fred McConnell and son, Duane, came from Tampa, July 12, to visit old friends as well as Brother William and Sister Abbie McCreedy. Mr. McConnell returned the same day. Mrs. McConnell and her son remained a few days longer. Mr. Ernest F. Coe, of Miami, chairman of the Tropic

Everglades Park Association, visited Dr. and Mrs. Price. Thirty-six big, beautiful blooms on one plant of the night blooming Cereus! Another plant had climbed high in a tree, and had four lovely blooms drooping from its stalk. All this was to be seen late in the evening of July 5 by artificial light in our gardens near the fountain. With the coming of the long days and the rather torrid weather it has been considered advisable to discontinue our Sunday evening service until fall. Our bees have been very industrious for the past two months, giving us a generous supply of excellent honey made from orange blossoms, saw palmetto, and other bloom. Now that the rains have begun the bees will reduce their activities. We procured about two thousand sweet potato slips for planting from Henry Moreland at Alva. Brothers William Fischer and George Bielcor have the work in charge. Great interest is being shown in the growth and manifold uses of the Cajeput tree, which BrothelAlien Andrews was instrumental in introducing successfully in the Florida swamps and low lands. Recent visitors from Miami and other points have viewed the specimens on our grounds. Brother Franklin Jacke, in charge of the Unity store, forgot cares of business for one day and went on a fishing trip down in the bay. Among the catch reported was one jewfish. Brothers David Richards, and Theodore Naeselius recently motored to LaBelle to deliver bulbs of our beautiful water lilies at the Tyrell estate in Fort Denaud. The lilies grow profusely on the Unity grounds. Sister Cora Stephens and daughter Alafae have returned from a week's sojourn at Fort Myers Beach, where they enjoyed the sea bathing and gulf breezes. Brothers Walter Spooner, D. J. Richards, and Theodore Naeselius made a trip to Buckingham to visit the interesting home of Mr. and Mrs. Peace. Mrs. Peace is a native of Tahiti and has many novel and interesting specimens of her hand work. Mr. Joseph Peck, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was an interested visitor at the Unity for several days. He was shown many of the places which are of particular interest to Koreshans in this vicinity. On July 4, a number of our people attended the celebration incident to the opening of the new Ban-on Collier bridge at Punta Gorda. The largest crowd ever assembled there was successfully handled in the cordial and hospitable way for which Punta Gorda is noted. Mr. Collier made a graceful and appreciative speech. Gov. Doyle E. Carlton addressed the crowd as also did Congressman Herbert J. Drane. The following is quoted from The American Eagle regarding this event: "Congressman Herbert J. Drane reminisced concerning the work of former Florida developers, recalling when H. B. Plant was constructing the first railroad from a little town named Kissimmee to a little town of no greater size, named Tampa, on the west coast. When asked by Mr. Drane why he was making so great an expenditure to build a railroad through practically uninhabited country, Mr. Plant replied that the railroad was the necessary forerunner and that its completion would be followed by rapid settlement and development, and so it proved. The same is true of highways. Mr. Drane paid high tribute to Mr. Collier, saying that great developers do not build selfishly, but for the benefit of generations to come. "Following his speech Mr. Collier took his place under the arch, scissors in hand, ready to cut the ribbon that denoted the opening of the big bridge. With a Seminole Indian holding the ribbon on each side of him, he paused for a moment to allow the photographer to take several snapshots of the scene. "Following the cutting of the ribbon, two cars with Mr. Collier and distinguished guests took the lead, followed by the Tamiami Trail Blazers, in the first motorcade over the new bridge. This bridge is of similar type construction to the Edison Bridge at Fort Myers, except there is but one sidewalk instead of two. The flooring is infinitely smoother than that of the Edison Bridge, which is rough and bumpy, and one rides over the Collier Bridge without a perceptible jolt or jar. Returning, we rode over the old Punta Gorda bridge, probably for the last time. It has served a good purpose, having been in use exactly ten years to a day. The middle portion will be removed and it is said that the two ends will now be used for fishing piers."

COMMUNITY CURRENT EVENTS - SEPTEMBER 1931

We are glad to see Sister Ella Graham, at home again and pleased that she could spend a few weeks in Miami visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Victor Phillips and family, and with her sons, Robert and Lloyd. Sister Ella returned Aug. 11, refreshed and ready to take up her duties again. Sister Tacy Weaver spent two days in Fort Myers with friends. Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Lauber, of St. Petersburg, Florida, passed through Estero recently on their way to Miami. They were welcome callers at the Unity, both going and on their return trip. Henry Moreland and son, Floyd, have been harvesting a fine crop of pineapples at their farm in Alva. As ever they remembered their Unity friends most generously with a quantity of the very excellent fruit. It is really an amazing sight to see the countless numbers of fruit on our Cattley guava trees; the Cattley guava is smaller in size than the common variety and grows in clusters like grapes. Brothers Jesse Putnam and Charles Faulkner went to Miami for a few days' outing, calling at Everglades for a few hours on the return trip. With refreshing showers and cooling breezes we are enjoying our summer. The season was pleasingly described in a short poem by Lynn Russell, which was printed recently in The American Eagle: FLORIDA SUMMER Sunshine and ram . . . blue sky and Cloud . . . Summer is here! Marsh pinks again, slender and proud,, Rise from the plain. Hark to the song cardinals sing, "Summer has come, We are not 'wrong, servant or king, Here we belong." . . . Pine trees and, palms, k^sed by the breeze, Smile at the sun, Whispering psalms . . . (Thinking to please With their salaams!) Islands of green dotting the glades, Florida calls; Every lo-ved, scene takes on ne'w shades- Summer is queen! Wade Stephens had a vacation trip to Tampa where he visited with his aunt, Mrs. Elkes, a sister of Sister Cora Stephens, and with his cousins. Brother Emerson Saunders has been assisting Brother Theodore Naesehus in arranging and classifying the many beautiful palms, crotons, caladiums, and other plants. It is .a pleasure to walk through that part of the park and view these plants.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Lewis, of Everglades, have called on us. a number of times the past month, and also inspected their cottage, which is being constructed in this vicinity. Brothers Charles Hunt and Wade Stephens have been attending to the filling station in the absence of Harry DuBois, who is enjoying a vacation with friends at Spring Creek. Sister Orlene Thacher spent a week with her friend, Mrs. Lillian Rugg, who lives about two miles north of us. The fence from the store to the Art Hall is beingrebuilt. It will be set a few feet back, thus making the highway wider. It seems most fitting at this time to mention how well-kept our park grounds look; this is due to the energy and persistence of Brothers Charles Hunt and Laurence Bubbett. To keep ahead of the rapid growth of weeds and grass during the rainy season requires constant care. We read this lately and .congratulate the blind man for seeing more than scientists with unimpaired optics: "The universe is perpetual-it had no beginning and it will have no end," stated Prof. Edwin B. Frost, blind astronomer of Yerkes Observatory, at Williams Bay, Wisconsin. We were pleased and surprised on Aug. 23 to receive a call from our friends Mrs. Alex McKay of Lakeland, her sister, Miss Margaret Penn from Ohio, Mrs. Hilda Lamb of Lakeland, and her sister, Miss Daisy Collier of Tampa, and Miss Lydia Pierce of Fort Myers. They remained to lunch and for the evening. Miss Eleanor Phillips arrived on the bus from Miami, Aug. 23, to spend a few days with friends here. She is the granddaughter of Sister Ella Graham. A lily pond, in which the overflow from the fountain near the bake shop will be drained, is being constructed by Brother Theodore Naeselius. Another cow has been added to the Unity dairy. It is two months or more ago since

the Poinciana trees burst into gorgeous red flame and subsided almost as quickly into the customary and inconspicuous green shade which is characteristic of them during the greater portion of the year. Not so, however, with the big tree near the store at Estero. Regularly each year at the usual season it starts to bloom, but does not waste its substance in one short burst of riotous color. It blooms rather on the installment plan,—a few gorgeous flower clusters here and there and changing from week to week to different portions of the tree. This Poinciana is still in bloom and usually remains in flower well into September. We are wondering if there are Poinciana trees elsewhere that are similar in blooming habit.—From The American Eagle of Aug. 20, 1931.

Community Current Events - October 1931

by Rose Gilbert

A DELIGHTFULLY refreshing spot these days is found at our fountain; cool, clear water to drink and a feast for the eye on lovely plants are afforded. The pond for the lilies is completed and will soon be stocked with the Egyptian lotus. Several brothers have been hauling beach shell and distributing it over many needed places on walks and drives. The cottage on our grounds belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Lewis has been completed and they spent their two weeks' vacation there. The house will be occupied when they leave by Sisters Rose Gilbert and Florence Graham. A beach party was given for Miss Olive Newcomb of LaBelle, who spent some time here visiting her grandmother, Sister Hattie Newcomb, and other friends. We were all a little surprised one day to have a brief call from Eugene Wyka. He spent several years with us as a child. Since leaving here he has traveled in several states, but intends to make Florida his home. Brother Laurence Bubbett is having a vacation in Miami for a while. Both brothers and sisters have been much occupied for several weeks gathering and canning guavas of which we have had a great abundance; the season is not yet over. A sale of two hundred young cajeput trees from our nursery was made to Mrs. Edna Winters of West Palm Beach. Brother Stephen Chislett is making some much needed repairs on the laundry building. A number of our brothers and sisters were delightfully entertained by Miss Lydia Pierce at her home in Fort Myers in honor of her guest, Miss Margaret Penn, of Antioch, Ohio. A most delicious dinner was served. Sister Emma Gertrude Fiske, aged 75 years, died Sunday, August 23, at 4 a. m. after a long illness hastened by a recent fall and injury to her hip. She was a native of Waltham, Massachusetts. She had been a member of the Unity for over 27 years, coming to Estero from Chicago, Illinois. For many years she had been partly invalided and her suffering was intense. Her many friends regret her loss and she will be greatly missed. She was a loyal friend and firm believer in the Koreshan doctrines. The deceased was buried in the Koreshan cemetery in Estero. Miss Cecil Hamilton visited her uncle, Brother Lou Staton, and other friends. Miss Hamilton has just returned from her home in Duquoin, Illinois, to resume her duties as principal of Gwynne Institute in Fort Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. J. Raby and three children of Fort Myers came one Sunday to visit us and remained to dinner. Miss Lydia Pierce and Miss Margaret pr— ^'joyed a boat trip down the Imperial river, Estero Bay and up the Estero River in Ben Johnson's cabin cruiser, the Kingfisher. Others in the party were Miss Olive Newcomb, of LaBelle, Sister Cora Stephens and daughter, Alafae, and Brother Max Arendt. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ahrano and Mrs. Fred Me" Connell of Tampa, were welcome visitors. Mr. Ahrano returned to Tampa, accompanied by Alafae Stephens who visited with relatives in Tampa. Mrs. Ahrano and Mrs. McConnell remained for a visit of

several days. Miss Margaret Penn who is visiting with Miss Lydia Pierce, of Fort Myers, was the guest for several day of Mrs. B. S. Boomer, at Mirasol Grove. The appearance of the dining hall has been greatly improved by the repainting and rescreening with canvas of the doors and windov^s. Mrs. J. M. Ahrano and Mrs. Fred McConnell, daughters of Brother William McCready and Sister Abbie McCready, were entertained at a beach party at Bonita Beach. A number of the Unity members and friends .attended, and needless to say, the occasion proved to be an enjoyable one. Schools are all in full swing now. Sister Cora Stephens' son. Wade, is attending high school in Fort Myers this year. We were pleased to have Lloyd Graham of Miami with us for a short time. While here he and his sister Florence motored to Tampa and St. Petersburg. Our readers will be interested and pleased to know that an address on the Cellular Cosmogony and the Koreshan principles of physics was given in the Rose Room of the Morrison Hotel, Chicago, before the American Electronic Research Association Convention by Dr. J. V. McManis of Kirksville, Mo. Dr. McManis reported that a good crowd of delegates and laymen were present and that he was. granted the entire evening for his address; his talk v/as well received and much interest in the Koreshan ideas was shown as a result. This is attested to by a number of inquiries we have already received as a result of the address. On the night, following the above address, Dr. McManis addressed the American Association for Medico-Physical Research, also in Convention, and he reported that this address also created much interest and found the audience favorably inclined toward the views expressed. We are indebted beyond words to Dr. McManis for his effective and enthusiastic championship of the Koreshan principles, and v/e know he has the gratitude and good will of all those interested in the progress of the Koreshan movement.

Community Current Events - September 1932
by Max Arendt

A PARTY consisting of Sisters Rose Gilbert, Emily Bessemer, and Emma Norton, and Brothers David Richards and Franklin Jacke made a visit to Everglades recently. Sister Rose Gilbert remained to visit with her sister, Mrs. Frank S. Lewis, for a few days, the rest of the party returning to Estero the same day. Word reaches us of the sudden death, of Carl Jackson, recently of Paisley, Florida, and at one time connected with the Koreshan movement in Chicago in the early days. Mr. Jackson was active in organization work among .colored people up to the time of his death. Recent heavy rains have helped considerably to keep the thermometer down during the day and to cool the air at night. The rain has .also helped to freshen the vegetation which had been showing the effects of the dry weather of last month. A beach party at Bonita Beach was enjoyed by Sisters Etta Silverfriend, Barbara Ehrisman, and Brothers Alfred Christensen and Henry Silverfriend. Recent guests and visitors were Mrs. Jeannie Miller, Miss Lydia Pierce, Miss Clara Angell, Mrs. J. Litchfield, Dr. Myrtle Seller, Dr. and Mrs. F. Lamb and son, Mr. P. B. Bisbing, Miss Genevieve Bisbing, Miss Meta Monsees, Miss Hattie Englert, Miss Celia Stavely, Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Rasmussen, all of Fort Myers; George R. Hilty .and Ernest F. Coe, of Miami; Henry and Floyd Moreland, of Alva; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Peace, of Buckingham; Mrs. James Newcomb and daughters, Olive and Margaret, and Miss Inez Magill, of LaBelle, and Ward Stockham, of Palmdale, Florida. Brother Alien Andrews motored to Sarasota in the interest of The Better Government League, of which he is an active member. Brother Laurence Bubbett returned after an ab• sence of two months in Tampa, where he visited with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rahn. Mrs. Rahn, his sister, has been ill and has gone to Muscatine, Iowa, for her: health. A record crop of mangoes has afforded a generous supply of this delicious fruit to our members. Avocados and

guavas are ripening on the trees and will be a welcome addition to our diet. It is with sorrow that we report the passing of Sister Esther Stotler early Sunday morning, August 7. Sister Esther became .a member of the Unity in Chicago in 1893. The following year she came to Estero with the first large party to settle here, remaining here at the Unity up to the time of her death. As the result of a fall, Sister Esther had her hip broken some four and a half years ago and was an invalid since that accident, being confined to her room a greater part of the time. A few days before her passing, she took suddenly ill and grew steadily worse. Sister Esther is survived by her sister, Mrs. Henry Preston, of Los Angeles, California. She was a cousin of Andrew D; Mellon, late secretary of the United States Treasury. She was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in October, 1852. She married Emanuel Stotler, going to Kansas City, where she lived until Mr. Stotler's death about eight years later. She returned to Pittsburg and subsequently became interested in the teachings of KORESH. Sister Esther's services to the cause were invaluable and will be long remembered. Sister Tacey Weaver, Misses Genevieve Bisbing and Meta Monsees, and Brother Conrad Schlender and the writer enjoyed a beach party at Naples, on the Gulf. Wade Stephens, who went to Tampa for a visit of two weeks with relatives, has returned. The oven in the Unity bakery is undergoing repairs. Brother Stephen Chislett is doing the work in quick order. Brothers Alien Andrews, Alfred Christensen and John Watson drove to Tampa and returned the same day. The trip was made to obtain some electrical equipment for the light plant. Brother Jesse Putnam, accompanied by Sisters Barbara Ehrisman, Ella Graham and Miss Tina Boutware, drove to Miami, Sunday, August 6. Sister Rose Gilbert went with them to Everglades to visit her sister. The party returned from Miami on Monday, bringing Sister Florence Graham, who had been visiting relatives in Miami for several weeks. Dr. and Sister Ada Price received a visit of several days from Mrs. Earl Daniels and daughter, Josephine, of Stuart, Florida, her nieces, Dorothy and Katherine Moeller, and nephew, Max Moeller, of Miami. The party seemed to enjoy the visit here; they also visited the beach at Estero Island for a day. Later the party enjoyed a boat trip across Estero Bay to Sanibel Island and return. Brother John Sargent, who is still indisposed and unable to be about, is holding his own and we expect to see him up and around in a short time. In spite of his illness, Brother John has been able to contribute an article to his regular department in THE SWORD. His article in the current issue strikes us as exceptionally good, and most timely. More power to him. An unusual number of tourists lately passed through here on the way to Miami. On inquiry we learned they were bound for Cuba. Because of the attractive fares, travel to Cuba is quite popular. The Tamiami Trail is the direct West Coast route to Cuba for those driving their own cars. Mr. Ward Stockham of Palmdale, Florida, who visited the Unity on several occasions, has decided to cast his lot with us. He became deeply interested in the scientific phase of Koreshan Universology and is eager to learn all he can about it.

Community Current Events - December 1932

by Max E. Arendt

THE ELECTION in Florida was rather unexciting", the pressing issues having been decided in the June primaries. Principal interest centered around the national contest. General satisfaction is felt with the result in this section. However, because of the dry sentiment in Florida, the democratic victory in the state was not so great proportionately as it was in non-democratic states. The voting in Lee County and Estero was light, due, no doubt, to the certainty of democratic success, also the poll tax which kept many from voting. The newly elected Governor of Florida, David Sholtz, promised to abolish the poll tax. After a visit of several

weeks with friends in Fort Myers and at the Unity, Mrs. Alex McKay returned to her home at Lakeland. Brother Alien Andrews, accompanied by Brother Theodore Naes'elius, drove to Lakeland to take Mrs. McKay to her home. We were pleased, to have her with us for the celebration of the Solar Festival. Brother Charles Hunt continues to improve in health and we expect him to be up and around soon to enjoy the out-of-doors. A number of us attended a talk by Opie Read, famous author and lecturer of Chicago and Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida. While his talk was in favor of the candidacy of W. J. Howey for Governor, it was more a series of droll, highly amusing stories than a political plea. A feature of his talk was the fine personal tribute which he paid to the unparalleled tropical beauty of this section of Florida,—in all his travels he had never seen anything to equal it. Naturally, we agree with him. It is not often that we, are bothered by thieves, but recently several of them broke one of the plate glass windows of the store building and stole a small quantity of goods and cash. Brother David Richards, whose quarters are above the store, was awakened by the prowlers and by means of a ruse scared the burglars away; they escaped in a truck and because of the lateness of the hour, pursuit by the authorities was not possible. Brother Alien Andrews, accompanied by Sister Florence Graham and Lynn Russell, drove to Miami and Hollywood to attend the Florida State Press Association convention at Hollywood, Florida. The party returned by way of West Palm Beach and Clewiston. Friends who recently visited us here were: Miss Lydia Pierce, Mrs. Jeannie Miller, Miss Clara Angell, the Bisbing family, all of Fort Myers; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis of Everglades; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kay of Tampa; Mr. Harold Thomas of Sussex, England; Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Rasmussen and Miss Martha Sikes of Coral Gables; Henry and Floyd Moreland of Alva, and Harold Moreland of Fort Myers.

The light plant has been out of commission for several weeks pending the arrival of parts to replace those that were broken. The plant is in operation again. Mrs. A. L. Camphausen and Miss Elin Lindbergh have returned from a trip of several months in the North. Mrs. Edith M. Johnston of Minneapolis, Minnesota, returned with the Tea Garden ladies and will remain in Estero for an indefinite stay. Mrs. B. S. Boomer (Sister Berthaldine) celebrated her eighty-second birthday on November 12, the good wishes of her fellowmembers and many friends being abundant and assured. Sister Berthaldine is one of the pioneers in the Koreshan Cause, and its followers can only feel greatly indebted to her for her service to the movement and wish her well. The Sunday evening services which were resumed with the celebration of the Solar Festival were suspended during the period that the light plant was being overhauled. They will be resumed again now that the plant is in operation. Our readers will be interested to learn that the Rosicrucian Brotherhood (Amorc) at San Jose, California, is extensively advertising a course of lessons in "Arcane Cosmology" which treat on the inside theory of the universe. Some months ago, in answer to a request, permission was granted this organization to promulgate the cellular theory on condition that proper credit be given to KORESH for all Koreshan ideas and material used. In its statements and advertising matter the Rosicrucian Brotherhood mentions that its findings are based on the research work of KORESPI and others. We are informed that the course contains much material developed independently of Koreshan sources, for which we cannot vouch. We feel, however, that any effort along the lines of challenging the Copernican system of astronomy is a step in the right direction and can do no harm. Koreshan Universology, in which is embraced the Cellular Cosmogony, is a complete whole. Reasoning from the fixed point of the earth's concavity every truth of universal being can be deduced, as KORESH has demonstrated in his writings. The Cellular Cosmogony leads to definite conclusions about all departments of life; these definite truths are part of the whole and must

be considered as seriously as the contour of the earth's surface. Concavity is a universal fact and is destined soon to be universally accepted. "Koreshanity is the truth of all things involved in one great system of scientific conception and application to all the affairs of the human • race," stated KORESH. The Unity nursery recently sold three fine crotons to Mrs. A. W. Iglehardt of Fort Myers. The Unity display of crotons is one of the largest and best on the West Coast.

Community Current Events - February 1933

by Max E. Arendt

MRS. PEARL COX, daughter of our Brother John S. Sargent, returned to her home in Charleston, Illinois, after a residence at the Unity of almost two years. Needless to say, her many friends here regretted to see her go, for she had endeared herself to all of them. She returned North with her son, Mr. Palmer Cox and his wife, who drove here from Charleston, Illinois, to spend a short vacation with us. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goff of Charleston, Illinois (friends of Mrs. Pearl Cox), who are spending the winter at Leesburg, Florida, were here for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Cox. While here the party enjoyed a fishing trip to the bay and Gulf. Mrs. A. Camphausen, Mrs. Edith Johnson, and the Misses Elin and Inez Lindberg drove to Tarpon Springs recently for a visit with friends. Lynn Russell spent several days in Miami where he visited with his brother, Paul Russell. Brother Jesse Putnam, accompanied by Sisters Barbara Ehrisman and Florence Graham, drove to Miami for a visit of several days with Robert and Lloyd Graham. Sister Ella Graham, who had been visiting there, returned with them to Estero. Sister Ida Fischer was the guest for several days of Miss Lydia Pierce at Fort Myers. Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Boomer and children, .and Mr. Ole Slatode returned to New York City after a brief sojourn at their River Bend estate, Sister Adah Price spent the New Year's holidays with Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Pulcifer at Estero Island beach. Mr. and Mrs. Victor Phillips and daughters Eleanor and Florence Marie, and Mr. Lloyd Williams, drove from Miami for a brief visit with relatives and friends here. Sisters Ella and Florence Graham entertained the party .and several of the Unity members. Mr. George M. Bassett of Montclair, New Jersey, arrived to spend the winter here. Mr. Bassett has been a winter visitor at the Unity for a number of seasons and we are always glad to welcome him back. Mrs. Lovelle Ahrano was here on a visit with relatives and friends. She returned by bus to Tampa. Word reached us that Mr. O. W. Bowlus of Blackie, Alberta, Canada, succumbed to an attack of pneumonia January 3, after an illness of a few days. Mr. Bowlus was well known both here and in Canada. The tourist season is in full swing at present and a large number of tourists are finding the Unity a point of real interest and a stopover more than worthwhile. Quite a few of our visitors find Koreshan Universology of more than passing interest .as thenpurchases of literature show. Miss Alwina Lorbeer of San Fernando, California, has purchased the home of Dr. E. L. Rasmussen in Fort Myers. Miss Lorbeer has been an interested reader of THE SWORD for a number of years and intends to remain in Florida. At present she -is staying at the Unity. Interesting visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Witt Bowden of Washington, D. C. Mr. Bowden is a member of the Technocracy personnel and was in Lee County on official business gathering statistics on unemployment and economic conditions for the Technocracy survey being conducted under the supervision of Howard Scott. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hoffman of Kirksville, Missouri, stopped for a brief visit en route to Miami. Mrs. Hoffman is a sister of U. G. Morrow who formerly resided at the Unity. Mrs. Edith S. Lenders of Sauk City, Wisconsin, arrived for a visit with her Sister Etta and Brother Henry Silverfriend. Mrs. Leuders was for many years an instructor in elocution in Chicago. She had the misfortune of breaking her arm in an accident while en route to Florida.

Friends who visited us recently were: Russell Kay of Tampa and Julian Langner of Orlando; Mr. and Mrs. James Newcomb and daughters Olive .and Margaret; Miss Lydia Pierce and friend, Mrs. Barton, of Fort Myers; Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Lewis of Everglades; and Miss Meta Monsees and Miss Genevieve Bisbing of Fort Myers. Beds of gladiolas, Transvaal daises, and azelias have been planted along the main walk in the Unity park; they will add much to the color and attractiveness of the grounds. A number of the members have had slight .attacks of influenza, but the epidemic reported in other parts of the country is not in evidence here. A party .commemorating the birthdays of Mrs. Cora Newcomb and. Brother Franklin Jacke w&s held at the Lewis cottage, and a pleasant time was enjoyed by those present. Brother Charles Hunt is still confined to his room but is steadily improving. Dr. J. L. Seebold of LaBelle treated a, number of the Unity to a movie in Fort Myers. Through the persistent efforts of Brothers Daniel McNamara, Albert Jacobs, and George Bielor we are enjoying fresh vegetables from the Unity gardens. Robert Graham drove from Miami for a visit of several days with friends and relatives. He returned to Miami by way of Clewiston and West Palm Beach. Brother Will Fischer accompanied him as far as West Palm Beach to visit there with his sister, Marie Fischer, whom he had not seen for several years. Mrs. Ruth Boomer Thomas was hostess to a fishing party consisting of Unity members and friends. She is visiting with her mother and sister at Mirasol Grove.

Community Current Events -- April 1933

By Max E. Arendt

BECAUSE OF ITS remoteness from any large financial center, this community felt the effects of the recent banking crisis only slightly. Much about the banking-situation would lead one to seriously consider whether we would not be better off without the banks than with them. Mrs. Thomas A. Edison and her sister, Mrs. F. A. Potter of Fort Myers and East Orange, N. J., Mrs. Anna Osterhout of Cambridge, Mass., and Mrs. Ned Connelly of Fort Myers, visited the Unity grounds and stopped for lunch at the Rustic Tea Garden. Our readers will learn with sincere regret of the passing of Mrs. Alice M. Fox Miller on March 12 at her home in St. Petersburg after a protracted illness. Mrs. Miller w.as one of the early converts to the cause of Koreshanity and had been associated with the move- ment for about forty-five years. She was secretary of the Society Arch-Triumphant after it. was organized in Chicago, and later was a contributor to THE FLAMING SWORD before the Northern division came to Estero. She resumed contributing to TliE SWORD over a year ago, despite her impaired health. The excellence of her contributions was attested to by written and spoken expressions of our readers. Mrs. Miller is survived by two sons and their families, and also a sister, Mrs. Jeannie Miller, a resident of the Unity. Sister Tacey Weaver visited with Miss Genevieve Bisbing for a week at her home in Fort Myers, follow- ing the death of Mr. Percy B. Bisbing, a frequent visitor at the Unity. Miss Bisbing paid Sister Tacey a return visit of a week. Miss Virginia Rugg, an early resident at the Unity, arrived from New York to spend a few weeks with her mother, Mrs. Lillian Rugg. Mrs. F. S. Lewis of Everglades, and Miss Maud McFaden of Syracuse, N. Y., spent a week-end at the Lewis cottag'e. An interested visitor was Alfred Jackson Hanna, professor :of history at Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida. Professor Jackson is at work collect- ing Flor- ida facts to be embodied in a Floridiana to be available at Rollins College. He found the Unity and the Koreshan movement of unusual interest to him and considered the facts relating to the Koreshan move- ment a valuable addition to his collection. Rollins College is one of the progressive and outstanding educational institutions in the United States. Mrs. Jennie Campbell and Edith Trebell were pleasantly surprised by a. party in their

honor given by Miss Bertha Boomer and Mrs. Walter Thomas. A number of Unity members participated and reported a very enjoyable evening. Sister Rose Gilbert accompanied her sister, Mrs. F. S. Lewis, and Miss Maud McFaden on a visit to the Bok Tower at Lake Wales, Fla. Brother Alien Andrews was the guest for several days of Dr. Charles F. Burgess of Burgess Island, near Bokeelia. Dr. Burgess is a widely known chemical engineer and makes his home at Madison, Wisconsin, in the summer. Alafae Stephens entertained at a bridge party for Miss Genevieve Bisbing at the Lewis cottage. A group of members enjoyed a beach party at Bonita Beach given in honor of Miss Bisbing. Sisters Adah. Price and Vesta Newcomb, Brother George Hunt and Mr. G. M. Ba&sett accompanied Mrs. I. Boulware on a trip to Alva where they visited with Henry and Floyd Moreland. Brothers Alien Andrews and David J. Richards, Dr. and Mrs. Edward R. von Malt.zahn and Mr. L. A. Whitney drove to Sebring to witness a dedicatory ceremony at Highland Park Hammock. An unusually large number of winter tourists have visited the Unity grounds during the past month. Friends who visited us were: Miss Lydia Pierce, Miss Cecil Hamilton, M.iss Meta Monsees, Miss Clara Angell, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Whitney, Mr. Bert Smedley, all of Fort Myers; Dr. E. L. Rasmussen and Miss Martha Sykes, of Miami; Mrs. James Newcomb of LaBelle, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Pulcifer of Fort Myers Beach, and Dr. Charles F. Burgess of Burgess Island. We are pleased to announce the return of Brother Laurence Bubbett from Baltimore, Md., after an absence of three months, with his brother-in-law, Claude Rahn. Mr. Rahn will make his home with the Unity for the present and is a most welcome addition to our community. Brother David Richards and a party motored to Fort Myers Beach for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Pulcifer. The Unity has taken the contract for the printing of The Southwest Floridan, a weekly newspaper, of which Mr. George Hosmer of Fort Myers is editor and publisher. The Unity has purchased a new Chevrolet sedan to replace the Buick car driven by Brother Alien Andrews, which had been destroyed by fire as the result of an accident on the Tamiami Trail. Sister Florence Graham, Miss Bertha Boomer, Mrs. Walter Thomas and Brothers Jesse Putnam and Franklin Jacke drove to Everglades where they enjoyed a boat trip with Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Lewis. On the 27th a pleasant evening was spent at cards by a group of the Unity members with Mrs. Walter Thomas as guest of honor and Cora Stephens hostess at her cottage. The tally cards, made by Alafae Stephens, were very attractive and showed evidence of much artistic ability. Needless to say the refreshments were delicious, and the occasion was most enjoyable.

Community Current Events -- May 1933

By Alafae Stephens

ON TUESDAY EVENING, April fourth, the Tamiami Trail Blazers held their annual meeting at Estero. As guests of the Unity, they were served a delicious dinner at the Tea Garden, after which they called on Brother Charles Hunt, the president of their organization, who is confined to his room.' Later they gathered in the Art Hall for an informal program, consisting of speeches by the Trail Blazers and music by the Unity orchestra. Brothel Alfred Christensen was elected second vice-president for the coming year. This meeting marked the tenth anniversary. Mrs. Walter Thomas with her small son, Brooks, has returned to her home in Philadelphia, after spending several months with her mother and sister, Sisters Berthaldine and Bertie Boomer, at Mirasol Grove. A musical program was given at the Art Hall on Saturday evening, April eighth, which was attended by Unity members and a few neighbors and friends from Fort Myers. The program was as follows:

SELECTIONS by Orchestra READINGS, "Down in the Grand Canyon"; "The House That Nobody Lives In"; "Tit For Tat," Mrs. Edith Lueders CLARINET SOLO, "Spring Song,"

presented with many attractive gifts. A very charming letter was read aloud to the company which Sister Bertie had that day received from Sister Ida Fischer's daughter, Mildred, now Mrs. Miles E. Barager, of Seattle, Washington. Mildred expressed deep appreciation for the kindness shown her by Sister Berthaldine, when she was a girl at the Unity. Sister Emily Bessemer had made a delicious birthday cake which was served the guests together with fruit punch. Sisters Evelyn Bubbett and Cora Stephens, Brothers Laurence Bubbett and Claude Rahn, and the writer visited Mr. and Mrs. Louis B. Pulcifer at Crescent Beach, calling also on the Lerches, who have been staying for some time at the beach. Sister Rose Gilbert's sister, Mrs. Frank S. Lewis, of Everglades, made a pleasant visit here recently. Sister Rose returned with her to Everglades to remain several days. Among visitors at the Unity were: Mr. and Mrs. Gage of Vineland, New Jersey; Dr. and Mrs. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. George Hosmer, Miss Barton, and Miss Meta Monsees of Fort Myers. Mr. and Mrs. Louis B. Pulcifer, after spending several months at Crescent Beach, have left for their home in Warwick, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Jean Ahrano and Mrs. Fred McConnell of Tampa visited with relatives and friends at the Unity. Brothers David Richards and Claude Rahn motored to Miami, where they remained for several days, visiting friends. They were accompanied on the trip by Mr. Harold Thomas, who went on to New York and from there sailed for his home in England. Miss Claire Lerch and her brother, Mr. Paul Lerch, motored from Crescent Beach to call on friends here. Mrs. Edith Lueders, Sister Emily Bessemer, and Brothers Henry Silverfriend and Alfred Christensen visited Mrs. Thomas A. Edison in Fort Myers. Dr. and Mrs. Petersen of Miami, on their way to Fort Myers, stopped in Estero to call on friends at the Unity. Mrs. Edith Johnson has returned to her home in Minneapolis, Minnesota, after spending the past six months with Mrs. A. L. Camphausen, Miss Elin and Miss Inez Lindbergh. Brother Alien Andrews motored to Ochoppee, accompanied by Mr. W. Stanley Hanson of Fort Myers. Brother Henry Silverfriend made a trip to Rattlesnake Hammock in Collier County with Mr. R. Fletcher of Fort Myers. Visitors at the Unity Gardens on Sunday, May seventh, were: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Boesch of Medina, Ohio; Miss Marian Smith of Rocky Point, Ohio; Mrs. Irene Hess, Miss Kate Jeffcott, and Mr. Carpenter of Fort Myers. Brother Alien Andrews, with Mr. L. A. Whitney of Fort Myers, attended the semi-annual beautification conference held in Sarasota May ninth. Mrs. Thomas A. Edison and her sister, Mrs. Hitchcock, and Mrs. Potter visited friends at the Unity before returning to their Northern homes. Miss Genevieve Bisbing spent a few days with friends here. Brother Alien Andrews made a week-end trip to Miami. Mr. and Mrs. Victor Phillips, their daughter, Miss Florence Marie, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Baldwin of Miami visited relatives and friends here on Mothers' Day. Sister Ida Fischer spent Mothers' Day at Coconut with her son, Erwin, and his family. She was surprised to learn that she had a little three-day-old grandson, who has been named Erwin, Junior. Mr. and Mrs. Raiford of Fort Myers were recent visitors here. Dr. Siebold visited for a few days at the Unity before motoring to Miami. Miss Lydia Pierce has been a regular attendant at the Sunday evening services held in the Art Hall. Mrs. Edith Lueders, Sister Etta Silverfriend, and Brothers Henry Silverfriend and David Richards were guests of the Messrs. Stern and their sisters, the Misses Stern, in Fort Myers. Miss Lydia Pierce gave a delightful dinner party at her home in Fort Myers in honor of Mrs. Edith Lueders. The company included friends from Fort Myers and Alva. Guests from the Unity were: Mrs. Edith Lueders, Sister Etta Silverfriend, Brothers Lou Staton, Henry Silverfriend, and David Richards. Brother Lou's niece, Miss Cecil Hamilton, of Fort Myers, was present. The mango season has begun, and the kitchen department is canning quantities of the green fruit. Brother Thomas Armstrong was slightly ill for a few days; we are glad to report that he has recovered. Brother Daniel McNamara has left for a vacation of about two weeks. Sister Orline Thacher spent the week-end

with Mrs, Lillian Rugg. Sister Emily Bessemer was the over-night guest of Miss Lydia Pierce in Fort Myers. Brother George Bielor has produced some fine ears of corn on the farm. The corn is delicious served on the cob or prepared in some other way by our very capable cooks.

Community Current Events -- July 1933

By Alafae Stephens

LAST MONTH we failed to report a trip made, to Clearwater by Brothers John Watson, William Fischer, and Alfred Christensen. Brother Daniel McNamara accompanied them as far as Tampa, where he remained for the little vacation mentioned in last month's issue. The others returned the same night. Sister Tacy Weaver spent a week with Mrs. John C. Home of Estero. Mrs. Murray Mason, Sisters Barbara Ehrisman and Florence Graham and Brother Jesse Putnam motored to Naples May twenty-third. A surprise party was held in the Art Hall on the evening' of May twenty-third, in honor of Brother Frank Rahn's birthday. An impromptu program and refreshments were enjoyed by the company. The program consisted of music by the orchestra, readings by Mrs. Edith Lueders, and a group of amusing songs by Brother Jesse Putnam, who accompanied himself on the guitar. Mr. and Mrs. Murray Mason have gone in thenpower boat to Sea Level, North Carolina. We have been advised of their safe arrival at their destination. During the past season they occupied one of the Unity cottages on the north side of the river. Mr. Robert Graham and Mr. Lloyd Graham cf Miami were week-end visitors recently. Mr. Henry Moreland and son, Mr. Floyd Moreland, were here at the same time, and all joined a number from the Unity in a picnic at Bonita Beach. The picnickers enjoyed an early morning swim and an appetizing breakfast cooked over a. campfire on the beach. Robert is nov/ attending the Century of Progress Exposition at Chicago. Lloyd plans to attend the Fair at a later date. Sister Etta Silverfriend and Brothers Alien Andrews, David Richards, and Claude Rahn made a business trip to Miami. On Saturday evening, May twenty-seventh, a program was given in the Art Hall. The orchestra played several selections and Mrs. Lueders favored us with some readings. Lloyd Graham was here at the time and added much to the orchestra with his flute. Mrs. Jeannie Miller left May 31 for Chicago, where she will visit friends and attend the exposition. Brother Alien Andrews, with Dr. F. K. Armstrong of Fort Myers, left for Chicago June first to attend the Fair as Dr. Armstrong's guest. He has written very interesting accounts for The Eagle of the trip and of the extraordinary things seen at the Fair. He gave a vivid description of the Florida exhibit, which many say is the best state exhibit there. In Brother Alien's absence, Brother Claude Rahn is acting as editor of The Eagle. Brother Alien will visit in Philadelphia and in Washington, D. C., before his return home, which will probably be some time in July.

Mr. Paul Lerch, his sister, Miss Claire Lerch, and their mother, who have been spending the past few months at Crescent Beach, made a call on friends at the Unity. They were returning to their home in Cleveland, Ohio, by way of Miami. Sisters Vesta Newcomb and Cora Stephens, Brothers Claude Rahn and Laurie Bubbett, and the writer motored to LaBelle on June first to attend the high school graduation exercises. Miss Olive Newcomb, niece of Sister Vesta, was one of the charming graduates. Olive was the president of her class. Mrs. Edith Lueders, Sister Etta Silverfriend, and Brothers Henry Silverfriend and Laurence Bubbett motored to Miami on business, returning the following day. They were accompanied on the trip there by Mrs. E. L. Rasmussen, who remained at her home in Coral Gables. The party returned by way of West Palm Beach, where they visited with Miss Marie Fischer, who formerly made her home at the Unity. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Raymond and Miss Cecil Hamilton of Fort Myers

were dinner guests at the Unity on Sunday, June fourth. Other visitors that day were: Miss Lydia Pierce, Miss Celia Stavely, and Mr. Sam Bruton of Fort Myers; Mrs. Knight and son of Punta Gorda, and Mrs. E. L. Rasmussen of Coral Gables. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Moehrl of Norfolk, Virginia, and Fort Myers, visited the Unity gardens on June seventh. Mr. Henry Moreland and Floyd have gone to Colorado in their car, expecting to be away about two months. They intend to visit in Walsenburg, where they lived before coming to Florida, also in Denver and other points in Colorado. Mrs. Edith Lueders, Sister Etta Silverfriend, and Brothers Henry Silverfriend and David Richards were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Raymond and Miss Cecil Hamilton at their home in Fort Myers on the evening of June ninth. Miss Cecil Hamilton has left for her home in Duquoin, Illinois, where she will spend the summer. She will attend the Fair in Chicago before returning to Fort Myers in September. Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. Herman McGee of Everglades were visitors here June eleventh. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis again visited us on the eighteenth. Brothers Frank Wilson and Peter Blem have extracted some very fine honey in the Unity apiary. The family was treated to a serving of honey in the comb and found it most pleasing to the taste. On Sunday afternoon, the eighteenth, Mrs. Isadora Boulware, Sisters Emily Bessemer, Vesta Newcomb and Florence Graham and Brother Jesse Putnam enjoyed a motor trip to Crescent Beach.

Community Current Events -August 1933
By Alafae Stephens

ON SUNDAY, June 25, Mr. Steven Gotch of Osprey was a visitor here. He attended the Sunday evening services in the Art Hall and on Monday returned to Osprey. Sister Etta Silverfriend, Mrs. Edith Lueders, and Brothers Henry Silverfriend, Frank Wilson and David Richards motored to Tampa and St. Petersburg, June 27, returning the following evening. Miss Meta Monsees spent a week-end at the Unity, returning to Fort Myers Sunday night after religious services. Mr. W. Paul Phillips, a nurseryman of Oriando, was here collecting rare plants. He was greatly pleased with the many rare and beautiful specimens in the Unity gardens. Mrs. Fred McConnell and son Duane of Tampa arrived here on Saturday, July 1, remaining until the 4th. They were entertained with a beach party held at Bonita Beach. On the 4th, Mrs. Edith Lueders and Brother Henry Silverfriend accompanied Mr. and Mrs. George Hosmer to Fort Myers to the picnic on Sanibel Island. It was a large affair and was very much enjoyed by the many guests. Sister Adah Price and Miss Bertie Boomer left by bus for Chicago on the 5th to attend the World's Fair. Sister Adah is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. M. White, who lives in Chicago. Brother George Hunt is assisting in the post office in Sister Adah's absence. Brother John Grier is staying in Fort Myers at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Carlton Case, while she, Mr. Case, and the children are in Chicago attending the fair. Mr. Elmer Hough of Fort Myers was a dinner guest at the Unity on the 12th. Mrs. Edith Trebell, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wetland, and Brother Claude Rahn motored to Oneco on the 12th. They obtained from Reasoner Brothers' Nursery some rare fruit and nut plants and ornamental shrubs. Mr. John H. Davis, instructor of botany at Presbyterian College, Clinton, South Carolina, visited here on the 13th and inspected the Unity gardens. The sad news has been received from Baltimore of the death, after a long illness, of Mr. Henry N, Rahn. father of Brothers Claude and Frank Rahn, in his seventy-fifth year. Mr. Rahn was a staunch Koreshan and earnestly endeavored to further the Cause in his native city of Baltimore since accepting Koreshanty in 1895. Meetings were frequently held at his house to discuss the doctrine; and whenever KORESH visited Baltimore he was a welcome guest at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Rahn. Mr. Rahn is survived by his wife, five sons and a daughter. Brother Alien Andrews returned home on the 9th

from the North, after attending the exposition in Chicago and visiting with relatives in Philadelphia and Washington, D. C. He also visited Niagara Falls, crossing to the Canadian side and viewing them from there. Brother Alien was very enthusiastic about his trip, having found it thoroughly enjoyable. Mrs. James Newcomb and daughter, Margaret, of LaBelle were visitors here on the 8th. Mrs. Newcomb was here again on the 14th. She has since left for Jacksonville for a short visit with her son, Edward Koester. From there she will go by steamer to New Jersey to spend the rest of the summer with another son, Julius Koester. Sisters Rose Gilbert and Vesta Newcomb and Brothers Alien Andrews and David Richards motored to LaBelle on the 16th to visit friends. Miss Genevieve Bisbing of Fort Myers spent several days here, arriving on Tuesday the 18th and returning on Sunday. Brother William McCready is not very well at this writing and is confined to his room. We hope that he will soon recover and be up and about again. Wade Stephens, son of Sister Cora Stephens, is in Tampa at present writing, visiting with relatives for two weeks. He expects to see his brother Mace, who lives in Ocala, before his return. The Unity gardens are now bright with their summer beauty, after the refreshing rains.. Flowers are in bloom all over the place, presenting a gorgeous spectacle. The brilliantly colored hibiscus blossoms are particularly attractive. Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Lewis of Everglades have visited us several times during the past month. Mrs. Ed,ith Lueders spent the week-end with Miss Lydia Pierce in Fort Myers. Mrs. John C. Home spent two days at the Unity after visiting for two weeks in Tampa. 'Sister Emily Bessemer was the over-night guest of Miss Lydia Pierce. Brothers Theodore Naeselius and Claude Rahn made a trip to Everglades with the truck on the 26th, taking with them some Cajeput trees and beautiful crotons which will be used for town beautification purposes. The Unity nurseries are becoming well known for their splendid collection of exotic and native plants. We were pleased to have visit us Mrs. Lovelle Ahrano and son Mark, who motored here from Tampa on the 26th. They returned the following day. Thenvisit was much too brief, but we hope to see them again soon. Brother Daniel McNamara has been busily engaged in doing some extensive gardening, preparing ground for fall planting. With Brother Mac on the job, we have good reason to expect an abundance of fresh garden vegetables this winter.

Community Current Events - September 1933
By Alafae Stepes

WITH THE ADVENT of September we are reminded that in a few short weeks cooler weather can be expected. Though there have been several very warm days, the summer has been made pleasant by refreshing breezes from over the Gulf. Because of these Gulf winds, Estero is a cooler place to spend the summer than some of the beach resorts in states farther north. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Kader and children of Fort Myers visited here recently, looking over the Unity grounds. They were delighted with the beauty and well-kept appearance of the gardens. Miss. Meta Monsees motored here from Fort Myers on Sunday, July twenty-third, to visit with friends. Miss Genevieve Bisbing, who had been spending the week here, returned with her in the evening. Brother Max Arendt accompanied them to Fort Myers, where he remained for the week-end. Sister Etta Silverfriend, Mrs. Edith Lueders, and Brothers Henry Silverfriend, Frank Wilson, and David Richards spent an afternoon at Bonita Beach. Sister Orlene Thacher visited for two days v^ith Mrs. Lillian Rugg. Sisters Barbara Ehrisman, Bella Armour, Emily Bessemer and Vesta Newcomb, Mrs. Katherine Church and Brother Alfred Christensen motored to Naples, July twenty-seventh. Sister Emma Norton and Miss Alwina Lorbeer spent a pleasant day at Bonita Beach on the twentyeighth. Brothers Alien Andrews and Lou Staton motored to Alva on the thirtieth

to visit with Mr. Charles Seagraves and family. Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Lewis of Everglades spent a week here at their home on the Tamiami Trail. They brightened the community life during their visit, entertaining in their home and with a picnic at Bonita Beach. The latter affair was a wiener-roast, in which a large number from the Unity joined. Mr. Klahr and Mr. Stephen Gotch of Osprey were visitors, here Thursday, August third. They remained over-night and returned to Osprey on Friday. Mr. Gotch has visited here a number of times and seems quite interested in the Koreshan Cosmogony and religion. Mr. LeRoy L'Amoreaux of Estero Island was here for dinner on the eighth. He has a farm on the Island, where he is raising a large crop of papayas. Dr. and Mrs. Edward von Maltzahn, residents at the Boomer place on River Bend, left on the sixteenth for Miami and Key West, expecting to go on to the West Indies for a month's cruise. Sisters Ella Graham, Barbara. Ehrisman and Florence Graham, and Brothers Jesse Putnam and Frank Wilson motored on Friday the eleventh to Miami where they had an enjoyable time visiting relatives and friends. They returned home Tuesday night. Operations are under way to install an electric refrigerating unit in the Unity store. This is an economy measure as power will be furnished by the Unity plant and the buying of ice is obviated. Miss Bertie Boomer returned on the twelfth from her visit to the Chicago Exposition. She took dinner at the Unity on the twentieth and described to many friends some of the wonderful things seen at the fair. Robert and Lloyd Graham of Miami were there at the same time and they took in some of the sights together. While in Chicago, Sister Bertie stayed with Eleanore Castle. Brother Charles Faulkner celebrated his birthday anniversary on the fifteenth. Sister Ida Fischer baked a beautiful white cake as a surprise for him in honor of the occasion. Mrs. Arthur C. Kimball, Miss Frederica Martin and Mr. Solomon C. Martin of St. Louis, Missouri, stopped here for a tour of the Unity grounds on the sixteenth, while en route to Tampa. They expressed great pleasure in seeing such a varied collection of beautiful tropical plants. Mr. Martin spoke very highly of the Tea Garden and described the Unity gardens as being "one of the show places of Florida." Brother John Grier is at home again after spending the past six weeks in Fort Myers at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Carlton Case, while she and her family attended the fair in Chicago and visited other northern points. Before returning here Brother John spent a week at Mrs. Lillian Rugg's, where he had the misfortune to fall, bruising his left eye. It is now much improved, we are glad to say. Brothers George Hunt, Theodore Naeselius, Peter Blem, Will Fischer and Claude Rahn have put a new roof of galvanized iron on the sawmill. Because of an impaired rheostat there was no electricity on Monday the twenty-first. Brothers Alien Andrews and Alfred Christensen took the rheostat to Tampa for repairs Monday morning and returned with it that night. On the way there Mr. Mesnikoff accompanied them as far as Osprey. Brother Lou Staton is preparing to double the number of papaya trees in the plot of ground he has devoted to the raising of fruits. He has enlarged the tract to accommodate more than two hundred trees. He plans to intersperse some mango, avocado, litchi, and Governor's plum trees among the papayas. By the number of blue eagle emblems displayed nearly everywhere, it would seem that a great many American citizens are at last "doing their part." The Koreshans have been doing their part right along— theirs being very different from the part played by those who live by the profiteering system.

Community Current Events - October 1933

By Alafae Stephens

IN PREPARATION for the many visitors expected here October eighteenth, the anniversary of the birth of KORESH, several of the brothers have been engaged in making the grounds even more attractive than usual. Brother George Hunt has been

very industrious, cutting grass and smoothing the walks. Sister Ida Fischer's little five-year-old granddaughter, Emily Fischer, of Coconut, visited her here for three and a half weeks. Little Emily was a delightful visitor and won many friends with her merry disposition. Mrs. A. L. Camphausen, Miss Elin Lindbergh and Miss Inez Lindbergh motored to Miami and Miami Beach August twenty-fifth, where they remained for a few days. They made a roundabout return trip on the twenty-ninth, going up the East Coast to Fort Pierce. Mr. Oliver Grose of Portland, Oregon, arrived here from Miami on the twenty-sixth for a three-weeks' visit. Because of the tax that has been placed on cotton-containing merchandise, all cotton goods in the Unity store have been weighed and a report made to the federal Government. Mrs. Frank S. Lewis of Everglades arrived on Wednesday the thirtieth to visit for a few days with Sister Rose Gilbert and friends at the Unity. She returned to Everglades the following Saturday. Mrs. Marie McConnell of Tampa came Saturday, September second, to spend two days here, being joined on Sunday by Mrs. Lovelle Ahrano. They returned to Tampa on Monday. Mrs. Jennie Campbell and Mrs. Edith Trebell were hostesses to Koreshan friends at a supper party given in the Art Hall on the evening of the second. Turkey sandwiches, pickles, jelly rolls, fruit cake, punch and coffee constituted a delicious and bountiful repast. Sister Florence Graham spent Saturday night the second with Miss Lydia Pierce in Fort Myers, returning Sunday. On the third, Brothers Alien Andrews and David Richards, with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Whitney and Dr. Smedley of Fort Myers, motored to the turkey farm of Mr. Carson in Hendry County. Brother Alfred Christensen was ill for a week, being confined to his room for that length of time. We are glad to have him out and circulating among us again. Estero escaped any ill effects of the recent hurricane, the storm center passing up the East Coast and working havoc in the more northern part of the state. Mr. Henry Moreland and Floyd returned to Fort Denaud from their trip to Colorado, September fourth. Mr. Moreland called here for a short while the day after their arrival. He again visited us on the seventeenth, accompanied by Floyd. They reported a delightful time in the West, having visited the Petrified Forest, the Garden of the Gods, Pike's Peak, the Grand Canyon, and other noted spots. Brother Alien Andrews and Messrs. L. A. Whitney, W. Stanley Hanson and Fred Fischer, of Fort Myers, attended the reorganization meeting of the Seminole Indian Association held in Tampa on the eighth. It is the purpose of the Association, a nonprofit organization, to promote the welfare of the Florida Seminoles. Brother Henry Silverfriend made a business trip to Tampa on Friday the eighth, returning Sunday. Brother Max Arendt and Miss Genevieve Biabing motored to Miami on the ninth. They returned the next day, bringing with them Miss Meta Monsees, who had spent a week with her brother, Mr. William Monsees, in Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. and Mrs. Victor Phillips and daughter, Miss Florence Marie, of Miami, were visitors here Sunday the tenth. Sister Ella Graham, who had been visiting for four weeks in Miami, returned with them. Sister Florence Graham went back with them to remain a few weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Lewis were here from Everglades, on the tenth, taking dinner at the Unity. Mr. E. D. Mervin of Tampa was here on the twentieth and obtained some plants from the Unity nursery. Rev. Hubert Dodd of Fort Myers and Rev. Powell of Naples called at the printing office, Thursday the twenty-first, for the purpose of obtaining information concerning the Koreshan doctrine. We have temporarily lost three of the brothers, who have gone to take in the sights of the Chicago Exposition. Brother Max Arendt left for Chicago on the twenty-first, expecting to be away four to six weeks. Brother Ward Stockham also left on the twenty-first to take in the fair and attend the American Legion convention in Chicago. He said he would be back within two or three weeks—in time to avoid the cold of the northern winter. Brother Lou Sfaton made his departure on the twenty-third for Jacksonville, where he will visit for a short time with Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Huston before going on to Chicago. He expects to

be back before October eighteenth. Brother Conrad Schlender is getting the breakfasts in Brother Lou's absence and Brother Claude Rahn is taking his place on The Eagle staff. Brothers Alien Andrews and David Richards motored to Miami on business, Saturday the twenty-third. They returned the following Monday, bringing Sister Florence home. Mr. Thomas Robertson of New York City is with us at present and may remain as a member.

Community Current Events - November 1933

By Alafae Stephens

FESTIVITIES, although carried on quietly, were held with great success on the eighteenth of October, which marked the ninety-fourth anniversary of the birth of KORESH. Many friends came on that day to visit us and to join in the celebration. The dining room was beautifully decorated with potted crotons, feathery bamboo branches, and bouquets of cut flowers. The meals were very festive, there being an abundance of all kinds of goodies. At the dinner hour Brother David Richards read aloud messages from absent friends, which were appreciatively received. In the evening religious services appropriate to the occasion were held in the Art Hall, which also was decorated most attractively. On the floor in front of the platform was arranged a bank of crotons and other plants, forming a colorful mass of foliage. As is customary on these occasions, a large picture of the Master, with the Koreshan flag above it, was mounted on an easel in the center of the stage. Credit for the tasteful decorations is due Brothers Theodore Naeselius, Peter Blem, Will Fischer, and David Richards. Those who have never witnessed a Solar Festival celebration have missed a ceremony of great impressiveness and rare beauty. The program, arranged by Brother Laurence Bubbett, was as follows: 1 OVERTURE, "The Bridal Rose" LaveUee Orchestra 2 SONG, "The Resurrection" Congregation 3 INVOCATION Koresh Read by Brother Henry Silverfriend 4 Kamennoi-Ostrow Rubinstein Orchestra. 5 ORATION Koresh Read by Sister Etta Silverfriend 6 VOCAL SOLO, "Fear Not Ye, O Israel" Dudley Buck Brother David Richards Accompanied by Mrs. Edith Trebell 7 ORATION Koresh Read by Brother Henry Silverfriend 8 "The Perfect Melody" O'Hara Orchestra 9 ORATION ' Koresh Read by Brother David Richards 10 SONG, "The Messenger" Congregation 11 PRAYER Koresh Read by Sister Etta Silverfriend Response by the Congregation 12 "Meditation" Morrlson Orchestra 13 SONG, "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates" Congregation. 14 RECESSIONAL, by the Orchestra Guests during the dav included: Mr. and Mrs. William Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Jett, and Mrs. Alex McKay, of Lakeland; Dr. John L. Seebold, of LaBelle; Mr. Burt Bowen, of East Aurora, New York; Misses Lydia Pierce, Meta Monsees, and Genevieve Bisbing, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Moreland and sons, Harold Junior, Pat, and Ted, of Fort Myers; Messrs. Henry and Floyd Moreland, of Fort Denaud; Mrs. Anna Camphausen, Misses Elin and Inez Lindbergh, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Campbell, Mrs. Edith Trebell, Miss Bertha Boomer, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Home, Miss Melba and Bobby Home, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hendry, Mrs. Lillian Rugg, and Messrs. Gus Faber and Richard Dumbleton, of Estero. Brother Henry Silverfriend made a business trip to Tampa recently, remaining for four days. Brothers Franklin Jacke and John Watson were guests at a dinner party given by Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Benson of Bonita Beach on the third. Mrs. Edith Lueders left on the third for Chicago, after spending the past several months at the Unity. Mrs. Lueders, a finished elocutionist, may return later to Fort Myers to conduct, dramatic classes. Mrs. Frank S. Lewis visited here on the third, returning to Everglades the following day. She made another short call on the tenth. Brother Alien Andrews motored to Tampa on the seventh and returned that night. Miss Genevieve Bisbing of Fort Myers was a visitor here for three days. Dr. Myrtle Seller and Miss Lydia Pierce called on friends here on Sunday the eighth. Mrs. Isadora Boulware, Sisters Emma Norton, Emily

Bessemer, Bella Armour, Vesta Newcomb, Rose Gilbert, Ella Graham, Barbara Ehrisman, Florence Graham, and Brother Jesse Putnam made a trip to Crescent Beach on the eighth. Mr. and Mrs. Victor Phillips, Miss Florence Marie Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Williams, and Messrs. Robert and Lloyd Graham of Miami were visitors here on Sunday the fifteenth. Sister Ida Fischer spent the fifteenth with her son, Erwin, and his family at Coconut. Dr. John L. Seebold was an overnight guest at the Unity on the fifteenth. Mr. Ernest -F. Coe, chairman of the executive council of The Everglades National Park Association, came over from Miami on the fifteenth to spend the day with friends here. M;r. Coe is very active in his efforts to put through the Everglades Park project and we hope for his success in this great undertaking. Brother Lou Staton returned home from his trip to the World's Fair in Chicago on the seventeenth, in time to take part in the Birthday celebration. Brother Lou visited with his mother in St. Louis, Missouri, while away.

Community Current Events - December 1933

By Alafae Stephens

DECEMBER has arrived, bringing us near the close of another year. Millions will make merry this month with the customary celebration of the old Christmas. What with flattened pocketbooks and fattened tax assessments, a great number have come to rely more on the "true Christmas spirit" for their enjoyment of the occasion. In many instances it has done us good to oe reduced to basic principles. Cooler weather is here now and feels very bracing' after the enervating heat of the long summer. Brother Albert Jacobs has returned to the Unity after spending the summer in Montana, and is working with Brother Theodore Naeselius in the nursery department. He reported having seen snow in August; that was while we were seeing all those heat waves. Brother Albert described the economic situation and living conditions in the large northern cities as very bad indeed. Brothers Alien Andrews and David Richards motored to LaBelle on Sunday, October twenty-ninth, where they were dinner guests of Mr. James Newcomb and daughter, Miss Olive Newcomb. Messages have been received concerning the deaths of three friends of the Unity. Mrs. Catherine Logan Newcomb, a sister of Mrs. Jennie Campbell, died in Denver, Colorado, after an operation. Years ago Mrs. Newcomb was a resident of Estero, and had many friends here. From Llano Colony in Louisiana comes word of the passing of Mr. Charles Walter Spooner, due to heart trouble. Mr. Spooner was a member here for a few years recently, being in charge of the culinary department. Brother Will Fischer has been advised of the death of his father in Monongahela, Pennsylvania. "Dad" Fischer, as he was affectionately called, held a high place in the esteem of the Unity members. Several members enjoyed a delightful card party held at El Retiro, the Lewis cottage, on the evening of November fourth. Delicious refreshments consisting of pumpkin pie, coffee, and candies were served. Sister Adah Price returned on the ninth from Chicago, after seeing the Century of Progress Exposition and spending the summer with relatives. The Municipal Airport she found very interesting, seeing planes arrive from all parts of the United States. She had an enjoyable visit with Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Bubbett and family in Winnetka, Illinois. In Dekalb she attended a family reunion held by Doctor Price's relatives. She returned home by way of the Ozark Mountains, which, resplendent with the bright colors of autumn, she described as entrancingiy beautiful. Mrs. Cora Newcomb of LaBelle spent two days visiting with friends at the Unity. Mrs. Newcomb recently returned from a two months' visit with her son, Mr. Julius Koester, in New Jersey.

Sister Berthaldine Boomer celebrated her birthday anniversary on the eleventh and was the recipient of many congratulatory letters and telegrams, also personal calls from friends who extended hearty felicitations. Miss. Lydia Pierce of Fort

Myers visited friends here on the twelfth. Doctor John Seebold of LaBelle made a visit the same day. Our friends the Pulcifers have arrived from Warwick, Massachusetts, to spend the season at Crescent Beach. We are hoping to see much of them this winter. Sister Rose Gilbert spent two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Lewis in Everglades. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Raymond and Miss Cecil Hamilton of Fort Myers called here on Sunday the twelfth to see friends and look over the Unity Gardens. Miss Meta Monsees and Miss Genevieve Bisbing were visitors on the twelfth and attended the Sunday evening services in the Art Hall. Brother Alien Andrews left on the seventeenth for Miami, where he joined a party of fifteen on a houseboat trip sponsored by Ernest F. Coe. The party cruised for a week among the Florida Keys, the Ten Thousand Islands, and visited points in the 'proposed Everglades National Park area. Brother Alien collected material which made interesting reading for the Eagle's editorial page. During the week of his absence Brother Claude Rahn edited the Eagle. Mrs. Jennie Campbell entertained a number of guests from the Unity, on the evening of the twentysecond, with a surprise party for 'her daughter, Mrs. Edith Trebell. As a surprise it was successfully maneuvered. Three tables of contract bridge were in play, after which dainty refreshments were served. Mrs. Flora Ackers and daughter, Mrs. O. W. Iden, of Maysville, Missouri, are visiting with Mrs. Lillian Rugg. Mrs. Ackers is well known here, having been a member of the Unity about twenty-five years ago. We have had to scratch for news this month, and went to the farms, to do it. Brother Theodore's sorrel is now yielding plentifully; we have all we want tollable use and the surplus is being canned in the kitchen and put away for future reference. Brother Theodore has a seed-bed of Italian broccoli from w'iich he expects to set out several thousand plants. Brother Weller Shearer has promised us, some African peas soon. He is also raising some Little Wonder beans, which have just popped out of the ground. Brother Lou's papayas are nourishing and are delicious served fresh or made up into palatable pies. Some okra is still coming in from Brother George Bielor's farm, and with Brother Mac's garden looking promisingly green, we can very well afford to sing, "Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?"

Community Current Events - January 1934

By Alafae Stephens

GREETINGS and salutations! Here comes 1934, which, all of us are hoping" will bring" the return of that almost-forgotten man, Prosperity. Pessimists tell us "He's finished; he can't come back," but we don't care much-just so Santa Claus isn't dead. And if Santa moves his headquarters from the North Pole down to Florida, as has been rumored, we should have a jolly time the year around. Our Christmas doings must be reported the first thing, as they constituted the big occasion of the month, Sister Rose Gilbert, assisted by Sister Florence Graham, entertained the ladies of the Unity at "El Retire" on Saturday night, the twenty-third. A pleasant social evening was passed in listening to the radio, nibbling raisins, nuts, cookies, apples and candy, and drinking coffee. We had quite a big time of it on Christmas, with pumpkin pie and everything. Mrs. Marie McConnell of Tampa sent a box of large, luscious apples, and Mrs. Lovelle Ahrano, also of Tampa, made us a present of some paper-shell pecans, which were immensely enjoyed. Mrs. L. C. Dillard of Washington, D. C., sent individual cards to the members, as she does every year, and many other friends tendered greetings, adding to the enjoyment of the day. Oranges from Brother Peter Blem's young trees were a welcome item. Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Berry, both practicing physicians, of Tampa, and Misses Lydia and Marian Pierce took Christmas dinner with us. Dr. and Mrs. Berry's son, Richard S. Berry, was here for a short while about five years ago, at which time he wrote a thesis on Koreshanity as part

of his work at Gainesville University. Sisters Berthaldine and Bertie Boomer entertained with a party on Christmas night at their home in Mirasol Grove. The place was appropriately and attractively decorated; under a small Christmas tree were grouped favors for the guests, consisting of packages of candy, nuts, and fruit-cake. Sandwiches, coffee, and fruit punch were served, after which the assembly sang Christmas carols and other old favorite songs. The close of the party marked "the end of a perfect day." Mr. Henry Moreland and Floyd visited here on Sunday, November twenty-fifth. At the evening services, Floyd favored us with a flute solo, accompanied on the piano by Sister Edith Trebell. This was in addition to a violin solo played by Brother Laurence Bubbett; these violin solos we have come to count upon as a regular feature of the meetings. On Thanksgiving Day, Sister Bertie Boomer gave a house-warming at "The Hermitage," the new cottage she has had constructed on the road to the Seaboard station. More than fifty guests were in attendance, many of whom brought presents for the house. Sandwiches, doughnuts, apples, and coffee were served to the company. Mrs. Mary Iden, Sister Florence Graham, and Brother Alien Andrews motored to Miami on Friday, December first, where they visited relatives and friends until Monday. Brother Max Arendt returned on the tenth from his sojourn in the North. After seeing the Chicago Exposition, he visited relatives in Milwaukee, then made a trip to southern California for a short visit with friends there. He was glad to get back to Florida, finding its mild temperatures a welcome change from the severe northern blizzards. ' Harry DuBois has recovered almost fully from his attack of pleurisy, which, laid him up about a week. That was as long as. Doctor Frank Wilson would allow him. Brother Claude Rahn ran the filling station while Harry was indisposed. Brother John Watson was the guest of honor at a surprise party held in the bakery on the evening of the eleventh, the occasion being his, birthday anniversary. A chicken dinner with all the trimmings was enjoyed by the guests. Brothers Alien Andrews and Laurie Bubbett went to Miami on Friday the fifteenth, returning on the eighteenth. Brother Laurie's absence left us without a violin solo for the Sunday services, but we, had an excellent vocal solo by Brother David Richards. Misses Meta Monsees, Lydia and Marian Pirce, and Genevieve Bisbing v/ere visitors here on Sunday the seventeenth. Mr. and Mrs, R. B. Stevens and son David, Miss Hilda Cunniff, Mr. Edw-ard Theegarten, and Brother Henry Silverfriend went on a boat party to Hickory Island, where they had a picnic lunch on the beach. They were lucky fishermen, making a good catch by trolling. Sisters Evelyn Bubbett, Ida Fischer, and Cora Stephens and Brothers Henry Silverfriend and Claude Rahn motored to Coconut on the eighteenth where they visited Mrs. Mary Johnson, Mrs. A. L. Smith, and Erwin Fischer and family. Mrs. Edith Johnson of Minneapolis has arrived to spend the winter season with the tea-garden ladies, Mrs. Camphausen and the Misses Lindberg. Dr. John Seebold comes from LaBelle nearly every Sunday and attends the religious services. Brother John Grier has been uncovering a lot of territory in the vicinity of the laundry, making an improvement in the looks of the place. He finds that bad weeds, grow rapidly even in dry weather. Brother Laurie has been taking his "daily dozens" in clearing the grounds about the Art Hall, and Brother George Hunt's good work of the same kind continues.

Community Current Events - February 1934

By Alafae Stephens

STATION CCE broadcasting; everybody please stand by while we give the news of the month. So many persons have been doingso many things of late, we have a great deal about which to write. As one of our holiday visitors remarked, we "have quite a social whirl here." Without some kind of whirl, we might all settle to the bottom, and then where would we be? Sister Adah Price recently visited over the weekend with

Mr. and Mrs. Louis B. Pulcifer at Crescent Beach, where they have taken a cottage for the season. Sisters Emma, Norton, Etta Silverfriend and Ida Fischer and Brother Claude Rahn spent an enjoyable evening as the guests of Miss Meta Monsees and Miss Genevieve Bisbing in Fort Myers. All this happened last year, but people will do things just after we have gone to press. Mrs. Marie McConnell of Tampa was a week-end -also year-end-visitor here, leaving for home on New Year's Day. On New Year's Eve, a number of friends from the Unity gathered at the Boomer home to act as a welcoming committee for 1934. Refreshments were served and many nuts were cracked. The party returned home under a brilliant moon, which was also full. Mrs. Flora Akers, Mrs. Lillian Rugg, Miss Meta Monsees, and Miss Genevieve Bisbing took dinner at the Unity on New Year's Day. Misses Lydia and Anna Pierce and Miss Hattie Englert were here in the evening, bringing individual favors of home-made candy for the members and some of the neighbors. Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Carnpbell and Mrs. Edith Trebell entertained with a big party at their home on Tuesday night, January second. The party indulged in singing and made merry in a large way which included the consumption of delectable refreshments. Dr. George M. Bassett arrived on Tuesday the second from Montclair, New Jersey, to spend the winter months at the Unity, as he usually does each year. Mr. and Mrs. Louis B. Pulcifer were here on the third, visiting with friends. Mr. Henry Moreland of Fort Denaud spent the afternoon and evening here on Sunday the seventh. Mr. Robert Graham came over from Miami on the eighth, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Graham of Michigan, who are distant relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Graham have been touring Florida, and continued on to St. Petersburg after a short stop here. Robert remained overnight and returned to Miami on the bus the following morning. A party was given on the evening of the ninth by Miss Genevieve Bisbing, assisted by Miss Meta Monsees, at their home in Fort Myers, in honor of Brother Max Arendt, whose birthday anniversary it was. Contract bridge was played and prizes were awarded. The keen rivalry whetted the players' appetites so that full justice was done to the late supper served after the game. When such enjoyment, is occasioned, one might be willing to have the anniversaries, roll around more frequently--so long as they are Max's. We had the pleasure of having with us for a few days Mrs. Lovelle Ahrano, who came from Tampa on Thursday the eleventh and remained until Sunday. Brother Alien Andrews went to Miami on the twelfth, where he spent ten days, taking treatments for ear trouble. Because of the very cold weather on Sunday the fourteenth, the evening services were held in the dining room, where it was snuggy and warm around the big wood stove. We were favored with a musical selection by Brother Claude Rahn, which he played on the phonograph. Dr. Lucian C. Holtzendorff of Valdosta, Georgia, was a visitor here on the sixteenth. Dr. Holtzendorff made a visit here forty years ago, shortly after the establishment of the Unity, and when only a few buildings had been erected. He was much interested in observing what great changes and development had taken place, and was eager to renew acquaintance with the early settlers whom he knew forty years ago. Mrs. James Newcomb and daughters, Olive and Margaret, called here on the sixteenth, bringing' four fine muscovy ducks for the Unity's fowl yard. A meeting was -held at the Campbell home on the evening of the seventeenth to discuss the advisability of holding regular singings. After trying a few selections, which stood the test well enough, it was decided to have a song festival every two weeks. Brother Claude Rahn was guest of honor at a birthday party given at Sister Cora's house the evening of the eighteenth. After a game of contract bridge, a birthday cake and other dainties were served to the guests. Mr. Harry El-win has come from New Llano, Louisiana, for a tentative stay at the Unity, and may join in membership. Mrs. Carrie Peterson and son Dale arrived on the nineteenth from Magna, Utah, to make their home at the Unity. Dale, who is fourteen years old, is a promising violinist. Mr. Peterson is at present employed as a gardener by a copper mining comp.any in Magna, but is expected

to be here within the next six or eight weeks. Brother Albert Jacobs has built a new bridge near the laundry to replace the old, shaky one—probably with an eye to the coming of warm weather, when the washings will be much heavier.

Community Current Events - March 1934

by Alafae Stephens

AZALEAS white and orchid-pink, whose delicate beauty enchants the eye, are blooming along by the river's brink, delighting the view of the passers-by. It's said that they never have been known to flourish so far in the South before, but that in this climate they can be grown is proved by Brother Theodore. We were just trying to tell you about Brother Theodore Naeselius' azalea garden. It has turned out to be a most successful experiment, and the flowers are lovely beyond description—a veritable feast for the eyes. Dr. John L. Seebold of LaBelle and sister, Mrs. George Reynolds of St. Louis, Missouri, came on Saturday, January twentieth, for an overnight visit. Mrs. Reynolds was here ten years ago with her two daughters, Grace and Joyce, at which time they attended the Unity's fair, held where the Tea Garden now is located. Mr. Frank Sanford of Lakeland, post office inspector, was here on the twenty-seventh, checking up on the Estero post office department. Visitors to the Unity gardens on the twentyeighth were: Dr. and Mrs. N. P. Knight of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Reese, also Mr. and Mrs. Frank Delmont, of Wooster, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Pfahl of East Norwalk, Connecticut.; Mr. Edward Stulpner and Mr. F. W. Hunt of Fort Myers. The bi-monthly song festival was held at the Campbell home on the evening of the thirty first. It was a jolly get-together, with humorous stories and recitations by some of our gifted ones interspersing the songs. About twenty-four guests were present and were served dainty little eatables after the evening's entertainment. Miss Kay Phillips and little nephew, Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Phillips and daughter, Florence Marie, Mr. Phillips' mother and Mr. Robert Graham came over from Miami on Sunday, February fourth. Sister Florence Graham went back with them for a week's visit. Brother Alien Andrews motored to Miami on Friday the ninth, accompanied by Mrs. A. H. Bishop and Mr. W. M. Buswell of Fort Myers. Brother Alien and Mr. Buswell returned Monday night, Sister Florence coming with them. Sister Viola Place passed away on the afternoon of the tenth, after a lingering illness of several months' duration. For the past nineteen years she had been a member of the Unity at Estero, coming here in 1915 from California where in 1890 she had joined a branch of the system. She was a cousin of Bill Nye, the humorist. Sister Viola was eighty-six years of age and for some time past had been in feeble health. Her passing marked the end of a long and useful life. Miss Bertie Boomer and Mrs. Ruth Thomas were hostesses to the singing society on the evening of the thirteenth. This time there were about thirty voices, harmoniously blended in singing old favorite tunes. Refreshments consisted of fruit punch, apples, doughnuts and coffee. Sister Edith Trebell is the pianist on these occasions and Brother Laurie Bubbett carries the air on his violin—which is of great assistance when attempting songs with which we are unfamiliar. On February fifteenth Brother Franklin Jacke was visited by his sister, Mrs. Anna Eaton of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, whom he had not seen for over thirty years. With Mrs. Eaton were her daughter, Miss Naomi, a nephew, Wayne, and Mr. Eaton. They remained here overnight, then went on their way to California. We have been visited by some very eminent personages recently, and are feeling quite important about it. Arthur Brisbane, well-known writer of the "Today" column appearing in newspapers all over the country, and the highest-salaried newspaper writer in the world, was here for a short while on the nineteenth. He was on his way from Fort Myers, where he spent several hours visiting with Henry Ford, afterward returning to his winter home in

Miami. In Mr. Brisbane's column the following day appeared a little notice about the Unity which is herewith quoted: "Eighteen miles south of this point, you pass a small community called Koreshan Unity, with wellkept groves and gardens, and a population that lives much pleased with. itself and its theory that we are all living on the inside of the earth, instead of the outside as you probably suppose. "Our earth, they say, is 'concave' and we are living inside the earth's outer crust, as though on an inside lining of an enormous croquet ball. You may buy 'The Cellular Cosmogony,' 225 pages, \$1, and have it proved to you, and if you will stop over half an hour, Koreshans will prove to you that your science, religion and government 'are built on quicksands'." Fannie Hurst, the famous novelist, and Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, noted authoress and newspaper correspondent, stopped here on their way from Miami on the twenty-first. Both ladies evinced much interest, in he Unity and Mrs.. Rawlings took several notes, saying she intended making a write-up of it. Miss Hurst asked many questions and indicated the same intention. Henry Ford, accompanied by his secretary, Frank Campsall, was here on the twenty-third, visiting with Brother Alien Andrews and other Koreshan acquaintances. Mr. Ford is spending the winter at his home in Fort Myers. Brother Charles Peterson, whom in last month's issue we mentioned we were expecting, has been welcomed in our midst, having arrived from Magna, Utah, on the twenty-second.

Community Current Events - April 1934
by Alafae Stephens

NOW IS THE TIME to take your pen and write an ode to spring, about the birds, the flowers, the trees, and every livingthing. Poets have written them every year since spring first had its birth, babbling about the beauties of Dame Nature and Mother Earth. . . . After lurking in corners and by-ways of the highways for several weeks, spring has made its official appearance. Although we have signal evidence of spring's handiwork the year round, its seasonal advent puts a new feel into the air. Sisters Ella Graham, Adah Price and Barbara Ehrisman, Dr. George M. Bassett and Brother Jesse Putnam motored to Crescent Beach on Sunday, February twenty-fifth, where they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Louis B. Pulcifer. Dr. Myrtle Seller of Fort Myers was here on the twenty-seventh accompanied by relatives from Philadelphia: Mrs. Bertha Seller, Miss Myrtle Seller, Mr. Ralph W. Seller and Mr. James J. Seller. Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, who is spending the winter on the Edison estate in Fort Myers, and a party of friends took luncheon at the Rustic Tea Garden on Saturday, March third. Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Challiss of Santa Barbara, California, arrived here on the third in their house car, and camped on the Unity grounds near the Art Hall for a few days. Dr. Challis& is said to be the best ban joist in the country, and in the evening gave a delightful program of music in the Art Hall, which was a revelation to most of those present concerning the possibilities of the banjo. Mrs. Challis's gave a travelogue, recounting several interesting experiences of their journeyings, and described the Winchester Mystery House near San Jose, California. The entertainment was of vast enjoyment to the audience. At the services on Sunday evening, Dr. Challiss played a pleasing arrangement of "Silent Night." Brother David Richards was in good voice and sang a solo. Mr. O&born H. Ward of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, a winter resident in St. Petersburg, Florida, visited Brother Max Arendt here on the fourth, remaining overnight. They found opportunity to renew their friendship of some years' standing. Miss Genevieve Bisbing of Fort Myers was an overnight guest at the Unity on the fourth. Dr. and Mrs. George Tyrrell of Perth Amboy, New Jersey, and LaBelle, Florida, visited the Unity nursery and selected some rare plants for the beautiful Tyrrell gardens on the Caloosahatchee River. Brother Alien Andrews motored to Miami on the seventh where he remained for ten days. The

community sing was held at the Art Hall on the evening of the seventh, with twenty-three present. A few humorous songs were tried, forming an amusing experiment as they were new to most of the singers. A heavy rain on Saturday the tenth caused a sudden change in the weather, the thermometer sharply dropping several degrees. Sunday was so cold that the evening services were held in the dining hall. Misses Lydia. and Anna Pierce, and Mr. Charles Blackburn of Cincinnati, Ohio, motored out from Fort Myers to attend the services. Mr. Blackburn had heard of the Koreshan Universology and was eager to learn as much as possible about it. Mrs. Mary Leitner Alvrus and Miss Doris Leitner of Bonita Springs and Miss Elizabeth Parsons of Coxsackie, New York, a cousin of Mrs. Leitner, visited here on the eleventh, making a tour of the Unity gardens. Miss. Parsons, was delighted with the many beautiful and unusual plant specimens on the place, finding them much different from those of the North. Mrs. Ruth Boomer Thomas, and little son, Brooks, left for their home in Philadelphia on the fifteenth, after visiting for six weeks with. Mrs. Thomas' mother and sister at Mirasol Grove. Mrs. Thomas enlivened activities here during her stay, and her many friends are looking forward to her return next winter. Mr. Robert Graham came over from Miami on Saturday afternoon, the 'seventeenth, and spent a pleasant week-end visiting with relatives and friends. He returned to Miami on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Lewis of Everglades were dinner guests at the Unity on the eighteenth. Sister Rose Gilbert returned with them from Everglades, having visited with them there for a few days. Other guests at dinner the same day were: Mr. and Mrs. Louis B. Pulcifer and little granddaughter, Winifred Andrews, Mrs. Inez Goldsbury and little daughter, Lots Ann, from Crescent Beach, and Mr. Howard Buchanan of Venice, Florida. Misses Lydia and Anna Pierce, Mrs. Mary Iden, and Miss Meta Monsees of Fort Myers visited here later in the day. Miss Alwina Lorweer has done much toward the beautification of the place with her flowers. She has nasturtiums, gladioli, pinks, and other varieties in bloom. Brother John Grier has been doing his "spring house-cleaning" out-of-doors, removing the dead shoots from the clumps of bamboo. Holes have been blasted and fifty young avocado trees set out in a lot to the northwest of the log house. The trees look sturdy and promising and are expected to bear fruit in about three years. Twenty-two pigs have arrived to make their home at the Unity farm. The family consists of sixteen little ones and six large ones. Under Brother Thomas Robertson's excellent care they all soon will be fullsized hogs-unless the butcher sees them first.

Community Current Events - May 1934

by Alafae Stephens

FLORIDA LEADS all other states in pushing to prosperity, with fewer transients in her camps and fewer calls for charity. The nation's people look ahead, expecting soon a brighter day with work enough for everyone and better, different rates of pay. Her men prepare for labor's joy, instead of for the battle's, sting; though Dr. Wirt cried "War is planned!"-it seems it wasn't "wirt" a thing. Brothers Alien Andrews and Alfred Christensen went to Miami, March twenty-third, and remained for the week-end. Brother Alfred visited his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Einar Christensen, who were here for a short time a few years ago. Dr. George M. Bassett left on the twenty-sixth for his home in Montclair, New Jersey, after spending six weeks at the Unity. Dr. Bassett's annual visits are anticipated with pleasure by his Koreshan friends. Laurence Bubbett motored to Miami on the twenty-sixth where he spent two weeks with Robert and Lloyd Graham. Brothers George Hunt, Frank Wilson, and Claude Rahn were surveying property at Rattlesnake Hammock in Collier County on the twenty-sixth, also on April thirteenth, the latter time assisted by Brother Albert Jacobs. They located the hammock but reported no

rattlesnakes. In connection with the Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce expansion program, a mass meeting was held in the Art Hall on the evening of the twentysixth to consider the program drawn up and to elect a representative and an alternate from this district. Brother Alien Andrews, who was nominated first, declined the office, and Mr. Charles Weiland was elected. Brother Claude Rahn was chosen as alternate. The purpose of the expansion program is to further the interests of the county as a whole through what heretofore has been solely the Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce. We always have thought that the little spot-on the map for Estero should be bigger; perhaps all this expansion will bring it about. Brother Harry DuBois was taken to Miami by Brother Alien on Friday the thirtieth, for medical attention. Brother Alien returned Monday evening. Mrs. L. B. Miltmore of St. Petersburg, Florida, and her daughter, Mrs. J. F. O'Connell, and Mrs. F. E. Spencer of Wilmington, Delaware, friends of Brother Max Arendt, came on the thirtieth to spend the weekend. We enjoyed having them here and they were extended a cordial invitation to visit us again. Dale Peterson, the young member from Utah, made a hero of himself by rescuing little two-year-old Freddie Douglas from drowning. The incident occurred on the afternoon of the thirtieth when Freddie was playing with some older children on the bridge spanning the Estero River. The child lost his balance and fell through the railing of the bridge into the deepest part of the channel. Attracted by the cries of the other children, Dale dove into the river, fully clad, and brought the gasping Freddie safely ashore. He then removed the water from the child's lungs by a method learned as a Boy Scout. Freddie was very wet and thoroughly frightened, but otherwise unharmed. He is a child of Mr. Harvey Douglas, a grove foreman in Estero. The little fellow was not meant to quit this life just yet, and Dale's prompt action saved the day and the small boy. Sister Bella Armour left on the sixth of April for a visit of ten days in Palatka with the family of her brother George, who died just before New Year's. The community sing held at the Campbell residence on the evening of the sixth was attended by about thirty members. Humorous stories told by some of the guests helped to enliven the occasion, which is always a great deal of fun in any case. Toward the end of the evening the singers were refreshed with cake and hot coffee. Sister Bertie Boomer was hostess to the singing society on the twentieth. They enjoyed an evening of lusty warbling, after which refreshments were served. Mr. Lucius M. Boomer came over from Miami on Sunday the eighth for a few days' visit with his mother and sister, Sisters Berthaldine and Bertie Boomer, at Mirasol Grove. He returned to Miami on Thursday, boarding the train there for New York. Mr. Boomer is the president of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel Company of New York. Miss, Anna Pierce of Fort Myers arrived on the thirteenth and was a week-end guest at the Unity. Brother Thomas Robertson left on the eighteenth for Moab, Utah, to spend some time with relatives. His young charges, the little hoglets, were desolated, but Brother Linnius Charles Peterson came to their rescue. Brother Thomas was a very valuable farmer, having a particular way with the summer squash, string' beans, and other vegetables. He said that he might return next fall, which is good news for all of us. Little Emily Fischer, Sister Ida's granddaughter who spent nearly a month with us last summer, came from Coconut on the fifteenth for a week's visit. Emily, who soon will be six years old, seems to have such a jolly time she almost makes the rest of us wish we were little people with plenty of time for play. Mrs. Marie McConnell and Mrs. Lovelle Ahrano came to see us on the fourteenth and remained overnight, returning to Tampa on the bus the following morning.

Community Current Events -- June 1935

By Claude J. Rahn

AFTER NEW SPROUTS appeared on all the trees and plants throughout our park and

gardens, not destroyed by the cold of last winter, considerable pruning became necessary, so that now our surroundings have taken on a more healthy and attractive appearance, especially since the occasional rains have come to stimulate growth. It's beginning to get a little warm, too, during the day, but the nights are pleasant, although occasional mosquitoes are in evidence, but in this land one becomes accustomed to these conditions and is not much bothered about them. Several of the brothers made an inspection trip to Big Hickory Island on the Gulf on the second, and found that the ceaseless pounding of the waters of the Gulf were, as always, tearing away parts of the island, and in other places building up or rather adding too. At present the island is about three miles in length and an average of between 250 and 350 feet in width, with a smooth sandy beach on the side of the Gulf. It is one of the very few islands in this county, fronting the Gulf, that possesses complete isolation, the only means of getting there being by boat. It has been in the possession of the Unity for many years, . Brother David J. Richards accompanied his friend, Mr. Harold Thomas to Miami on the third, and while there took treatments for a very obstinate attack of neuritis. Mr. Thomas proceeded to New York City from where he sailed for his home in England. He is a regular visitor to Estero during the winter months and we are glad to have him with us. Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Lewis of Everglades, Florida, were guests of the Unity on Sunday, the fifth. Brothers Alien H. Andrews and Henry D. Silverfriend accompanied Mr. Joe Carter, one of our county commissioners, to Everglades, Florida, the county seat of Collier County, on the sixth, and obtained from the commissioners of the latter county their support for the building of a graded road from Estero eastward to Immokalee. The existing trail or road through the woods is not passable during the rainy season and an improved highway would open up for development and settlement a very desirable section. John Grier left Estero on Monday, the sixth, for a visit to relatives in Iowa. Mr. Frank E. Banner of Lima, Ohio, a young man who came to us several months ago to investigate our way of life and ideas left on the seventh for Miami and northern points. He was very useful while here assisting in the operation of our gasoline filling station, and doctoring cranky radios of the neighborhood. We regret his departure. Robert and Lloyd Graham of Miami visited us on Saturday the eleventh and returned the following day. The occasion of their visit was to honor their mother, Sister Ella, on Mother's day, but the rest of us all enjoyed their visit, too, and wish they could come more often. Sister Cora Stephens visited her sister who is seriously ill in Tampa and while there her son, Wade, and two sisters arrived, Mrs. J. A. Mills of Tabor City, N. C., and Mrs. J. A. Bryant of Loris, S. C. These latter two sisters and Wade returned with her to Estero, remaining for several days, during which a beach party was arranged in their honor at Bonita Beach on the twenty-first. Mr. Marion W. Strickland of Fort Myers is at present operating our Standard gasoline filling station. He is experienced along this line and is proving to be very satisfactory. The formal results of the recent census shows Estero with a population of 369, somewhat less than originally estimated. Brother Thomas Armstrong who has been for so long helpful with the work in the kitchen has been obliged to keep to his room with an infected foot that is not responding very well to treatment. The rustic construction of pine logs that provided such an artistic entrance to the local Tea Garden began to give way and collapse under its own weight due to the insidious penetration of dry rot. They are being replaced throughout with newly cut logs of similar character. Other of our pleasant visitors during the past month were: Miss Lydia Pierce and her sister, Marian of Fort Myers, Mrs. Cora Newcomb and daughter, Olive, of LaBelle, Florida, Miss Meta Monsees and Miss Genevieve Bisbing of Fort Myers. Brother Frank Wilson our efficient apiculturist reports that our numerous colonies of bees are holding their own and are in a healthy condition after passing through a severe period during the past

winter when a dozen or more hives were lost for various reasons. The present production of honey by our bees is adequate only for their own needs, and unless there is an unusual bloom during the next few months we will experience a shortage for our own requirements. Honey serves as one of the most important elements of our daily food and under normal conditions we obtain all that we need. Brother Frank says that it takes twenty bees, each working forty-two days, their individual period of life, to produce one teaspoonful of honey which we gobble in a second or two, and he doesn't think it's right as he's very partial to his active little workers. KORESH says, "A spirit from heaven flows directly into the bee and governs it, unlike any other insect."

Community Current Events - August 1934
by "A. Substitute"

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The first thing of importance, to us, this month is the fact that our regular contributor of community events, Alafae Stephens, who so ably has conducted this department in the past, has gone and taken herself to cooler climes on a vacation. While we regret Alafae's departure for one reason in particular among others, namely, because the task of supplying items for this department has devolved upon us, which necessitates the use of more "gray matter" than we are ordinarily accustomed to employ, we are glad that she had the opportunity of taking this vacation, and we hope she will enjoy to the fullest all the pleasant experiences in store for her. We take this occasion to thank her for the fine work she has done for The Sword in this department. Friday evening, June 29, a farewell party was held at the home of Miss Meta Monsees and Genevieve Bisbing in Fort Myers in honor of Alafae Stephens and Frank Rahn. Those attending were: Sister Cora Stephens, Alafae Stephens, Brothers Lou Staton, Claude Rahn, Max A'rendt, Frank Rahn and Laurence Bubbett. A pleasant evening was passed, thanks to the genial hospitality of the two hostesses. Saturday, June 30, Sister Emily Bessemer and Brother Frank Rahn left for the East, Sister Emily to visit her children in Washington, D. C., while Brother Frank continued to Baltimore to visit his mother, Mrs. Henry N. Rahn, who, by the way, has hospitably entertained many Koreshans who at various times have happened to be in the city by the Chesapeake. Sister Emily is one of our trio of cooks, and we hope she will get some good recipes while away. Brother Frank was a mighty handy man in a number of departments, performing his duties always with a willing spirit. He has been in poor health for some time, and we hope the trip and change will benefit him greatly. On the thirtieth Mr. and Mrs. Fred McConnell and son Duane of Tampa motored to Estero to visit relatives and friends at the Unity over the week-end. Sunday, July 1, Sister Tacey Weaver and Carrie Peterson and Brothers Linnus Peterson, Harry Irwin, and Dale Peterson spent a pleasant day as guests of Miss Meta Monsees in Fort Myers. July 4, Independence Day-but little celebration. In the South it is not the custom to indulge in much of a display of fireworks on this day. Instead, the natives "shoot the works" on Christmas, the reason for which we have never heard explained. Alafae Stephens departed on the fourth for a visit of several months to relatives in Detroit. Upon arrival at her destination she reported having had a fine trip, and that she is enjoying herself in the big city. Sister Cora Stephens, who accompanied her daughter to Fort Myers, remained there a few days as a guest of Miss Pierce. She returned the following Sunday, and all were glad to have her resume her duties in the kitchen for she is one of our popular cooks, due mainly to her constant willingness to do the utmost in preparing the food in a palatable manner. Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Jones, Miss Edith Jones and Mr. Lamar Graham of Bradenton, Fla., and Miss Evelyn Dueguid of Lynchburg, Va., were recent callers. Mr. Jones is secretary of the Bradenton Chamber of Commerce. Rahnold and Norman Bond of

Philadelphia arrived in Estero July 6 for a stay of several weeks. They are nephews of Brother Claude Rahn and are two very likeable chaps. We hope they will have the time of their lives—if the "mollgharkies" don't get it! But they appear to be able to give a good account of themselves in any encounter. Miss Genevieve Bisbing spent a few days at the Unity during the past month. Sunday the eighth a party went down the Estero River in the rejuvenated motor boat "Cracker Boy," in which in its younger days many enjoyable outings have been had. The aforesaid rejuvenation was effected by Brother Harry Irwin who, when it comes to tinkering with engines, acknowledges no difficulties, and Brother George Dore, a recent arrival in our midst and a fine carpenter. So, due to the effort of these two, the flagship of our fleet has been floated again, powered by a five-horsepower Campbell engine. The party consisted of Brothers Lou Stato'n, Claude Rahn, Harry Irwin, George Dore, Rahnold and Norman Bond and Dale Peterson. During the trip all points of interest between Estero and Estero Island were touched, including some that weren't of interest, namely, various sandbars the pilot overlooked. When those were "touched," the old pastime of getting overboard and "pushing'er off" was indulged in; which recalls one of Mark Twain's stories about a famous Mississippi River pilot who was boasting on a trip up river that he knew "every snag and sandbar in the Ole Mississippi—." At that instant his boat came to an abrupt stop as it piled up on an unseen sandbar. "And there's one of 'em now," he hastily added. Nevertheless, an enjoyable time was reported. As customary, owing to the warm and rainy weather, the Sunday night meetings at the Art Hall have been discontinued until fall. Brother Henry Silverfriend left on the ninth for Chicago to attend the Century of Progress Exposition]. He expects to be gone for several weeks. On the ninth a woods fire to the southwest of the Unity property got out of control, so various brothers were rushed to the scene and after several hours of vigorous effort the fire was extinguished with little or no damage. Our young guests from Philadelphia, Rahnold and Norman Bond, engaged in the fray, their first experience in fighting forest fire, which is an old story to most of us; we've had to fight "blue blazes" ever since we settled in Estero some forty years ago. But "de ol' debbil" fire hasn't got us yet! On the ninth Henry Moreland motored from Fort Myers with his daughter-in-law Thelma and her three children. He remained for several days at the Unity. Sister Adah Price, the assistant postmistress, departed on the noon bus, the eleventh, for Chicago, where she will stay with her sister for a few months. We hope she will have a pleasant time in the Windy City this summer. July 14 Brothers Alien Andrews and Peter Blem motored to Miami. Brother Alien returned Monday, while Brother Peter remained with Dr. E. L. Rasmussen at Coral Gables. On the fifteenth another Sunday party was held at the home of Miss Meta Monsees and Genevieve Bisbing in Fort Myers. The guests were Sisters Emma Norton, Etta Silverfriend, Ida Fischer, Barbara Ehrisman and Brother David Richards. The dinner was so good it influenced the party to stay to supper! Our good friends Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Lewis of Everglades called on us the twentieth and stayed several days. They had recently been on vacation and reported having had a fine time in both New Orleans and Miami Beach, Fla. Visitors to the Unity the past month not previously mentioned were: Dr. F. K. Armstrong, Miss Lydia Pierce, Leroy Lamoreaux, Joseph Meyer, Harry Walton.. Father Jerome, Charles D. Allen, Rube Allyn and Dr. Myrtle Seller and party of friends. —A. Substitute.

Community Current Events - October 1934 by
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AS THIS issue of The Flaming Sword goes to press we are upon the eve of another Koreshan New Year. On the 18th of this month the Solar Festival, the anniversary of the birth of Koresh, the Master Mind and Illuminated One of the present age, will be

observed here at Estero, while all Koreshans the world over will pay silent homage to his sacred memory. The year ahead is fraught with possibilities for greatest good or greatest evil; the dark and lowering storm clouds of disintegration seem about to loose their destructive forces in annihilation of the old systems. But this is as it should be; the new cannot be built until way has been cleared for it by destruction of the old. And what of the good? As yet obscure to searching eyes. But all Koreshans should solace themselves with the knowledge that the truth of Koreshanity will ultimately triumph over all evil, and that the prayer, "Thy kingdom come," will be fulfilled in proper time. All homage to Koresh, the hope of the world! Sunday, August 26, Brothers Theodore Naeselius, Claude Rahn and A. H. Andrews motored to "The Garden of Eden," so styled by its owner, a Mr. Harris, who is growing many varieties of tropical nut and fruit trees near Sparkman, Florida. The purpose was to obtain cuttings of rare trees for the Unity grounds so that we too may have a "Garden of Eden" right here at home! The fruit of the Tree of Life would be most acceptable. Genevieve Bisbing of Fort Myers came on Monday the 27th to spend a few days visiting friends at the Unity. Father Jerome of St. Leo's College, near Tampa, was a dinner guest at the Unity on Monday the 27th. In the afternoon he was shown about the grounds, as he is an ardent plant lover; and due to the untiring efforts of Brother Theodore Naeselius, the Unity grounds possess many fine plants. Brothers William Fischer and John Watson hied themselves to a cabin on the seashore for a much-needed vacation on Tuesday the 28th. They went to Bonita Beach on the beautiful Gulf of Mexico, some twelve miles south of Estero, as the road goes, where they put in a week's hard work at resting! Brother John has performed the duties of baker for the Unity for many years, and he is certainly deserving of rest and recreation. Brother William has charge of the wood department; but he also doubles as handy man in almost every activity, from plumbing to tending the electric light plant--In fact, he's a mighty handy man, and he too well deserved a week of relaxation. Dr. B. G. Arnold and Mr. C. A. Morrow of Bradenton took dinner at the Unity September 2. Dr. Arnold possesses one of the oldest bearing White Sapofca. tre'es in Florida. Several years ago the writer visited his place and procured some fruit from this tree, the saeds of which he planted. They are nov/ thrifty youngtrees. The White Saipota is a delicious fruit, and we hope it won't be long before these trees are in bearing. Monday the 3rd; Labor Day. We are rather at a loss to understand--just why it is called Labor Day, for most people knock off from work and take a holiday! Wade Stephens and Raymond Trebell returned from a three weeks' trip to the West. They went to the Chicago Century of Progress Exposition, the Yellowstone National Park and other points of interest and altogether had a moat enjoyable time. The past month the avocado season was at its height and we have been indulging in them to our hearts' content, or, rather, the content of the stomach! More trees have come into fruit this year than ever before, and with the older trees bearing a heavier crop than usual, at times we have been almost swamped by Mother Nature's bounteous providence. But we're not complaining, for the avocado is our most valuable fruit, the protein and oil content being very high. During the past year a large number of new trees of the choicest budded variety have been set out, so the future holds in store a constantly increasing food supply from this source. Miss Lydia Pierce of Fort Myers paid us a visit Friday the 7th. She had but lately returned from a several weeks' trip to northern points, including the Century of Progress Exposition in ChicagoBrother John Watson has been relieved from his duties in the bakery after a long period of faithful service. However, he continues to help Brother Franklin Jacke in the store. Sister Carrie Peterson now has charge of the bakery, and she's giving us some excellent whole wheat, bread made from grain which is ground in our own small grist mill. Sister Carrie is proving to be a most useful and likeable addition to our community life. Henry Moreland and son Floyd were visitors on Sunday

the 9th. In recognition of Floyd's musical talent, Mrs. Thomas Edison, who has a winter home in Fort Myers, provided a summer course of study for him at the Chautauqua. Institute at Lake Chautauqua, New York, under one of the most noted flutists of the country. On the 10th Mrs. Marie McConnell of Tampa came to spend a few days with her parents and friends at the Unity. Her father, Brother William McCready, has been confined to his bed for many months, so quite frequently his daughters Marie and Lovelle, both living in Tampa, come to cheer him up. During her stay a beach supiper was given for Marie at Bonita Beach by Sister Cora Stephens, which, "needless to say, was enjoyed by all"—and not the least by Sister Evelyn Bubbett, who was a member of the party. Sister Evelyn is still in circulation, to a limited extent, as occasionally she goes for motor rides, which she enjoys with all the zest of some eighty years! On the 14th Brothers Peter Blem and A. H. Andrews motored to Miami, where they visited Robert and Lloyd Graham. They returned the following Monday. Miss Meta Menaces of Fort Myers was a dinner guest on Sunday the 16th. Other visitors to the Unity were Mrs. Cora Newcomb and daughters, Olive and Margaret, of LaBelle. On the 19th Sister Emily Bessemer returned after a ten weeks' visit with her children in New York and Washington, which must have been a pleasant one, for she looks well indeed. Sister Emily is one of our trio of dinner cooks, and no doubt the others particularly are glad that she is back again! May the menus be par excellent'. Brother Henry Silverfriend left on the bus the 24th for Tampa where he expects to spend a week with his friend Ezra Stewart. The electric light plant has been placed on. the retired list for the present—a powerless power plant, as I.t were, for the lack of "sufficiency" t.o run it. Naturally, we're in the dark as to when it will resume operations. Of iate years Old Mother Nature has frequently wound up the "rainy season" with a blustery gesture that is far from our liking, visiting upon us the wrath of an unleashed fury in .the form: of a hurricane. So far firs season, however, she has been unusually docile, for we are in the very middle of the storm season and there hasn't been enough of a blow to cause an old salt to cock a weather eye. Here's hoping she continues her calm demeanor for the next thirty days! A. Substitute

Community Current Events - November 1934

by L.W. Bubbett

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AS THE main event of the month—of the year, in fact—was the celebration of the Solar Festival on the eighteenth, we shall bagin our monthly notes w.th its description, though it be not in chronological order. This was the ninetyfifth anniversary of the birth of our beloved Master, Konesh, Founder of the system of Koreshan Universology which, gradually spreading throughout the world, will revolutionize in due time the old order and bring to birth the new. On this day, the eighteenth of October, Koreshans everywhere center their thoughts on him who was divinely chosen to reveal the truth to this age of the world, and who, as the Messenger of the Cover-ant, came to prepare his people for the kingdom of righteousness soon to be inaugurated. All honor to Koresh! May the consummation of his prophecies come speedily to pass. Some days prior to the eighteenth intensive work was begun in beautifying the ipark and grounds. During the "rainy season"—between May and September— the grass and weeds grow rampant, taking almost undisputed possession of the field. It would require the constant efforts of a large working force to keep the place properly trimmed during this period of the year, so the tares have their "innings" then; but when the intensive rains are over, just before the Birthday, a thorough cleanup suffices for quite some time. Thanks to the good work of a number of the brothers, the grounds appeared more attractive than ever. The dining room, as usual, was tastefully decorated, mainly with the dainty

Japanese dwarf bamboo, which lends itself well for such purposes—also crotons and other colorful plants. Each table was beautified by a gorgeous bouquet, which pleased the eye to fulfilment. But when it came to "fulfilling" the inner man, th'e cooks did themselves proud in preparing the necessary substance to keep the outer man in a state of prop.er activity. In short, an excellent chicken dinner was enjoyed to the fullest! During the dinner hour Brother David Richards read a number of letters of greeting expressing felicitations and loyalty to the cause of Koreshanity from former members and both old and new friends. It is gratifying and sustaining to know that we have so many staunch frier.'ds throughout the world. "They serve who also stand and wait." In the operation of the law of center and circumference, the functi.on of the one is as important as that of the other; so our friends on the outside are of vital necessity to the very .existence of the central body here at Estero, for without them as a circumference from which flow in the forces of both mental and physical support, in return for the very light of truth and life radiated through the dissemination of the teachings of Koresh from the center, the center could not be maintained. Dinner guests for the day were: Mrs. John Duss of New Smyrna, Florida, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Houston of Jacksonville, Florida, Miss Bertha M. Boomer, Edith Trebell, Genevieve Bisbing, M'eta Monsees and Mrs. Lillian Rugg. We were especially delighted to have with us, if only for a day, our old friends Mrs. Duss and her daughter, Mrs. Samuel Houston (nee Vera Duss) and her husband, Mr. Houston. The day was all that could be desired— a truly royal one, in perfect harmony v/ith the occasion, for Dame Nature was in her most beneficent mood. In fact, its mildness made more enjoyable the eveningrepast of ice cream and cake—a treat and delight to all. In the evening the usual commemoration services were held in the Art Hall, which was, it seemed, more beautifully decorated than 'ever. A solid bank of gorgeously colored foliage, mainly of crotons, was artistically arranged directly in front of the stage, while on the stage itself were displayed the choicest of plants, in the center of the stage, on an easel, was a large portrait of the Master, draped with the Koreshan flag. It is to be hoped that his spirit, was with us—as well as the portrait! Following is the order of service: Song, "Lift Up the Standard" -Congregation nvocation by Koresh -Read by Brother Henry Silverfriend Soprano' sole, "Hear Ye, Israel" Mendelssohn Mrs. S. S. Houston Oratiicn Koresh Read by Brother David Richards Flute and Violin duet Selected Floyd Moreland and L. W. Bubbett Vocal duet, "I Waited for the Lord" Mendelssohn-Bartholdy Mrs. S. S. Houston and Brother David Richards Oration Koresh Read by Sister Etta Silverfriend Temor solo', "Open the Gates of the Temple" Mrs. Knapp Brother David Richards Oration Koresh Read by Brother Henry Silverfriend Flute srolo Selected Floyd Moreland Sang-, "The Messenger" Congregation Prayer Koresh Read by Sister Etta Silverfriend Response by the Congregation Song, "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates" Congregation (Mrs. Edith Trebell, Accompanist) We extend our thanks to the visiting' artists who assisted with the program. Mrs. Houston's singing gave evidence of good training arid inherent artistry, while Floyd Moreland's performance on ths flute was excellent. Brother David Richards was in good voice, as usual. So ended the Solar Festival celebration for A. K. 95. We all look with keen anticipation to events of the coming year. May they be propitious! Now to a note of other events. H. D. Silverfriend left for Tampa on the bus Monday the twenty-fourth. He returned October 2. Linnaeus Peterson spent several days in Tampa recently. David Richards left on a motor trip Sunday the thirtieth. He returned on the ninth, after a visit with friends in Jacksonville, New Smyrna and Lakeland. On October 5 A. H. Andrews motored to Miami, returning the following Monday. On the nineteenth Claude Rahn, Franklin Jacke and A. H. Andrews motored to the Lake Okeechobee region, returning the same day. Monday the twenty-second Mr. Wilmot M. Cleaves of Brockton, Massachusetts, arrived with the

intention of making his future home with the Unity. A party consisting of Cora Stephens, Genevieve Bisbing, Max Arendt and L. W. Bubbett made the round trip to Miami on the twenty-third. The American Legion convention was in session and Miami was the scene of one of the most hectic times in its history. The frame through E'stero, over the Tamiami Trail, was the heaviest ever—a continual stream of motor vehicles of every description. A solid group of eighty-five Chevrolets, only a part of the Illinois delegation, came through at one time. It seemed like a revival of the boom period. Friday the twenty-sixth A. H. Andrews motored to Miami to visit friends. Well, we've successfully pulled through this year's storm period without a blowup, thanks to the weather man, or whoever's responsible. We hope we are not previous in heaving a sigh of relief!

Community Current Events - December 1934

by L.W. Bubbett

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IT LOOKS as though we have been left high and dry by old Mother Nature. During the "hurricane period" of September and October this year no rainstorms occurred at all. It was one of the mildest seasons we've had in many years. All vegetation is sadly in need of water to restore it to its green freshness. We are getting our share of the drought that desolated some parts of the country last summer. On November the sixth the people of the nation exercised their right of expression and voted the country "wet"; but it really doesn't seem to have benefited us at all, for we are as dry as ever. In the recent election, however, Estero went "dry"; one of the few voting precincts that did, 'owing to the Koreshan vote. Somehow the return of "prosperity" seems to be^linked up with the idea of the necessity of freedom to consume all the liquor people want! But common sense would dictate that the automobile age and liquor simply won't mix. On the sixth Sister Adah Price, the assistant postmistress, returned from a four months' visit to Chicago and other points. She reports having had a fine time. We are glad to see her back looking so well. Immediately following the Birthday festival, the Sunday evening services were resumed at the Koreshan Unity Art Hall. Mrs. F. S. Lewis of Everglades vis'ited the Unity on the eighth. Sister Rose Gilbert returned with her to Everglades on the ninth for a short visit. George Dore and A. H. Andrews drove to Buckingham on the eleventh, where they called on Mr. Edwi.n Peace. We have lost another good baker in the person of Sister Carrie Peterson—as well as a likeable personality. But she did bake good bread! The Peterson family, Mr. and Mrs. Peterson and son Dale, have moved to Fort Myer,s. We regret that circumstances necessitated the move, for the Institution sadly needs able workers. Claude Rahn and Peter Blem are officiating in the bakery now, and we wish 'em the best of luck. Brother Peter has been on the semi-invalid list for quite some time, but he seems to be gradually getting back to a normal condition. On Sunday the tenth we had visitors from Miami in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Phillips and daughter, Florence Ma,rie, and Robert and Lloyd Graham. Lloyd has acquired a fine new car, a Pontiac, in which they rolled over the hundred and thirty-five miles from Miami in short time. We are always glad to see such good old friends, and we wish they'd make their visits more frequent. Monday night, the eleventh, a celebration was held in honor of the eightyfourth birthday anniversary of Mrs. B. S. Boomer at her home, Mirasol Grove, just across the river from the Unity. Sister Berthaldine, as we know her, has done a great deal to further the Koreshan Cause and has been most loyal in its support. We take this occasion to offer our hearty, if belated, congratulations. Among those present were: Sisters Ella Graham, Barbara Ehrisman, Florence Graham, Vesta. Newcomb and Brother Jesse Putnam. Brothers David Richards and Alfred Christensen motored to Arcadia on business the thirteenth. Miss Genevieve Bisbing and a party of friends were Estero

visitors on the thirteenth. They went down. to the bay on a fishing trip, along with Harry Irwin, George Dore and Max Arendt. While the fish weren't very good biters that day, we understand the "poling" was excellent, for the tide was low and the sandbar's were plentiful. Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Lewis of Everglades were welcome dinner guests of the Unity on Sunday the eighteenth. On Monday the nineteenth A. H. Andrews made a trip of inspection to the Lake Okeechobea .section whare a, great deal of reclamation work is in progress. This region bids fair to become one of the largest winter trucking areas "of this country. The winter hunting season opened on the twentieth and a continuous stream of Nimrods ha,s been rushing into the woods "back of beyond" in search of the game of the region—turkey and deer mainly. There was a time when such game was plentiful within a half mile of the Unity grounds. But each season has brought increasing swarms of hunters and a decreasing amount of game. The Everglades National Park project, which has been. endorsed by Congress, will offer sanctuary to the wild life of the region; and who knows but that we may see even the beautiful flamingo breeding again as •of yore in some sections of the lower West Coast. On Wednesday the twenty-first we were pleased to have Mrs. Edith M. Johnson of Minneapolis in our midst again. She has .returned to visit Mrs. Camphausen and Miss Lindberg, the "Tea Garden. ladies", for the winter. Having spent two winters here, Mrs. Johnson is a most welcome visitor to the Estero community. We don't care if she never goes back! Wade Stephens proved a successful hunter, for he returned from the woods after several days' camping with a fine turkey which his mother, Sister Cora, transformed into a delicious dish for the whole family. And later Brother Franklin Jacke, our storekeeper, was presented with a quarter of venison which served the family another fine treat. Mr. and Mrs. Pulcifer of Massachusetts have returned to spend the winter in sunny Florida. They are staying at Fort Myers Beach—which is simply Estero Island to oldtimers. A party from the Unity composed of Sisters Adah Price, Florence Graham and Barbara Ehrisman, and Brother Jesse Putnam and Wilmot Cleaves motored to the island to pay them a visit recently. Mr. L. M. Boomer, president of the Waldorf-Astoria Company, arrived in Estero on the twenty-third for a visit with his mother and sister at Mirasol Grove. Mr. Boomer came from New York to Miami by airplane and then drove to Estero over the Tamiami Trail. The flight from New York to Miami was made in eight hours—a mere commonplace nowadays, with air travel a well established condition of modern life. But what a breath-taking contemplation such a trip would have occasioned, say thirty years ago, when it sometimes required eight hours to make the trip between Estero and Fort Myers—a distance of some sixteen miles—over the heavy sand roads via mule team! Times have changed! Mr.Boomer left the following Monday. On Sunday the twenty-fifth Brothers David Richards and A. H. Andrews motored to Treasure Island, near Sarasota. Brother Franklin Jacke took time off from his confining duties in the store to make a trip to Tampa with Leroy Lamoreaux of Estero Island. They left Monday the twenty-sixth and returned the following day. Leroy Lamoreaux raises papayas on Estero Island which he disposes of in the Tampa market. This "tree melon" seems to be growing in popularity, and deservedly so, for it is really a delicious fruit. Sister Cora Stephens left Tuesday the twenty-seventh to visit relatives in Tampa. She expects to be away for a couple of weeks.

Community Current Events January 1935
by L.W. Bubbett

Happy New Year, everybody! May the right hopes of all be fulfilled duringthe ensuing twelve months. With this issue The Flaming Swiord enters upon its forty-ninth year, no small achievement for a magazine devoted to the discussion of religious and economic subjects. But then The Sword stands alone in its field, its

mission the heralding to the world the divine truths of Koreshan Universology, the system founded by Koresh sixty-five years ago and which eventually will bring to pass the new order, the Kingdom of Righteousness in earth. Though the immediate future looks dark, for the whole world seems quivering upon the verge of some stupendous change, the very darkness presages the dawn of a new day, and in that day mankind will attain its highest destiny and enjoy the peace and righteousness of, the Golden Age. May The Sword never cease voicing its message until its mission is fulfilled! No lights from the power plant, so services have been held in the diningroom Sunday evenings; music by the Victrola. Frank Danner of Lima, Ohio, arrived on the first of December for an indefinite stay at the Unity. A pleasant young man of 28 years, he has made himself useful wherever needed. We hope he finds the life here to his liking and can adapt himself to it. If it is perfection in human relations for which he is searching, however, unfortunately he will not find, it, for such a condition can only obtain in a state of perfected humanity, a state yet to be attained, but which is the Koreshan goal. On the seventh Dr. Frank Wilson left for Savannah, Mo., for treatment at the Dr. Nichols Sanatorium for cancer of the ear. At this writing reports are favorable and Brother Frank expects to be home shortly. Good news, for Brother Frank is almost indispensable to the community—in his optical and dental work, doctoring and nursing of the sick and the efficient and successful operation of the bee yard, which has resulted in an abundance of honey for the Unity year after year. -Previously we mentioned the vanishing of wild life from our immediate vicinity. But there seems to be some still remaining, for recently a neighbor, Charles Wetland, terminated the marauding career of a, large wildcat which was trying to relieve him of the further care of his chickens. While these varmints may be chicken-minded, they certainly are not chicken-hearted, for they fight like all fury to the last breath. On Saturday the eighth a cold wave began to make itself felt throughout the South. By Monday night the cold was intense, and on the following Wednesday and Thursday mornings the thermometer went "hay-wire." The most disastrous freezing weather in many years occurred. Ice covered water standing over night in vessels, and icicles (a word which we faintly recall hearing of years ago) an inch or more in thickness were found. In chilling blasts the icy winds from the north wrecked the work of man and Nature for the past seventeen years. The Unity grounds that once were so beautiful are now seared and brown. We had congratulated ourselves in getting through the last hurricane season without a serious storm; but alas, this freeze has proved far worse than a hurricane, for after the debris of a storm is cleared away the landscape is again fair to look upon. But the freezing cold nips everything and with one fell stroke wipes out the labor of years. Once only does the writer recall a colder time in Florida.; that was in the late '90s when one night the thermometer reached what we believe to be an all-time low of 14 degrees. With others, we sat about a huge bonfire the night through, roasting on the fire side and freezing on t'other. Sister Cora Stephens returned on the fifteenth after a visit of three weeks with relatives in Tampa and elsewhere. She called on our good friends Mr. and Mrs. Lamb and Mrs. McKay of Lakeland, who sent their best wishes to all. Sunday the sixteenth Miss May Phillips, with her small nephew Jack Bosworth and Robert Graham, motored from Miami for a short day's visit. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis of Everglades were visitors for the day and dinner guests on Sunday the sixteenth; also Miss Monsees of Fort Myers. On Friday the twenty-first A. H. Andrews motored to Miami, returning the following Monday. On Saturday the twenty-second Sister Rose Gilbert entertained most of the sisters of the Unity at the Lewis cottage; tea in the afternoon for some and cards later in the evening for others. An enjoyable time was reported. Mr. and Mrs. Pulcifer, who are wintering at Estero Island, were dinner guests Sunday the twenty-third. Sister Ada Price returned with them for a visit over Christmas. As the

saying goes, it's an ill wind that blows no good. While the recent freeze was most disastrous to fruit growers and truck farmers, we benefited to the extent of getting all the tomatoes we could use and put up from the neighboring farms; they could not be shipped. Mr. Henry Moreland and son Floyd, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Moreland and children, Charles Bradshaw and Mrs. Bradshaw and son of Peyton, Colo., were visitors Sunday the twenty-third. Genevieve Bisbing of Fort Myers came the twenty-fourth and remained until the following Saturday evening. On the twenty-seventh a party was given for her at the Lewis, cottage, arranged by Sisters Rose Gilbert and Cora Stephens, which was enjoyed by about a dozen guests. As a rule Christmas is not made much of at the Unity, for on the eighteenth of October, the Master's birthday, is held our main celebration of the year. Yet it is hard to entirely break away from old customs, so the twenty-fifth was observed to the extent of indulging in a delicious roast duck dinner with all the "trimmin's", thanks to Brother Milton Porter, our poultry-man, and the cooks, who did themselves proud in preparing the feast. And thanks also to the generosity of our kind friends Mrs. Edith Johnson, who is visiting Mrs. Camphausen and Miss Lindberg for the winter, and Mrs. Fred McConnell of Tampa, we enjoyed some very fine apples. At dinner, numerous cards from friends the country over were read expressing best wishes for the occasion and the coming New Year. We wish the twenty-fifth of December could be sandwiched in the calendar more frequently! On the twenty-sixth Mrs. Lovelle Ahrano and her three sons, Jean, Fritz and Mark, and Miss Elizabeth Cermak of Tampa visited us for the day. As a material token of good will, Mrs. Ahrano left three fine hams, for which we are greatly appreciative. We have "hambitious" expectations that the culinary department will maintain its high standard in preparing them for table. Thank you, Mrs. Ahrano; we're sorry, though, you couldn't make your visit much longer. A. H. Andrews, accompanied by Sister Florence Graham, motored to Miami on the twenty-eighth to visit friends over the week-end. It is said that more eclipses are to occur during 1935 than have occurred in any year for 500 or 600 years, which must portend great irripending events. Let's hope they will be propitious!

Community Current Events -- February 1935
by L.W. Bubbett

SINCE the freeze of last month, Nature seems to have striven to make amends. The weather has been wonderful--warm skies and balmy breezes, such as Florida alone of the forty-eight states can boast of in the height of winter. Some plant life that seemed to have been irreparably damaged surprised us by putting forth signs of revivification--a sprig of green here and there, new buds breaking forth on many of the citrus trees, and broad, green leaves shooting up from the hearts of dead-looking banana plants; indications that things were not so badly hurt as at first appeared. But two kinds of our mosit prized fruit trees, mangoes and avocados, so far have given no indications of returning life. Mrs. Marie McConnell of Tampa was a welcome arrival on Sunday, December 30, for a few days' visit with friends and relatives at the Unity. She remained until the second of January. On Monday evening a party was given for her at tho Lewis cottage by Sister Emily Bessemer. On New Year's Eve Brother Frank Wilson returned from the Dr. Nichols Sanatorium at Savannah, Missouri, where he underwent successful treatment for a cancer of the ear. Brother Frank took the occasion to visit old friends in Denver and Boulder, Colorado, while so near them. They made the extension of his trip possible by furnishing the maans therefor. We are glad to welcome Brother Frank home relieved of his affliction; and we take this opportunity to heartily thank each and every one who contributed to -make his trip and cure possible. In addition we wish to state that undoubtedly the Dr. Nichols Sanatorium at Savannah, Missouri, is the best of

its kind in the country; and we feel impelled to spread the good word that, if taken in time, the majority of cases of external cancer can be cured at this institution. On New Year's Day Mrs. A. L. Camphausen and Miss Elin Lindberg, with their guest, Mrs. Edith Johnson, drove to Miami for a day's outing. They returned late the same night. On Friday the fourth Mr. George M. Bassett arrived from Chicago to spend the remainder of the winter at the Unity. Brother Franklin Jacke took time out from storekeeping to make a trip to Tampa with L'eroy Lamoreaux of Estero Island. They left on Tuesday the eighth and returned the following day. A. H. Andrews left on a motor trip to Miami and other points Friday the eleventh. He returned the following 'Monday. On Friday the eleventh our kitchen gardener, Daniel McNamara, returned from his annual few days' visit to St. Petersburg. He well deserves the outing. Another old institution has passed. The Koreshan Unity sawmill has be'en disposed of. Idle many years, it was sold because of lack of man-power to procure timber and operate it. On Saturday the twelfth we had as visitors our old friends from LaBelle, Mrs. Cora Newcomb and daughters, Olive and Margaret. Mrs. Ruth Thomas, with her young son Brooks, arrived on the thirteenth from her home in Philadelphia for a visit with her mother and sister, Mrs. Berthaldine Boomer and Miss Bertha Boomer, at Mirasol Grove. Mrs. Thomas has a host of friends here who are always glad to welcome her on her occasional returns to Estero. Fortunately our kitchen garden suffered comparatively small damage by the recent freeze, and owing to the untiring efforts of Daniel McNamara, who presides over much of that domain, we enjoy winter vegetables frequently. "Mac's" garden consists of lettuce, carrots, beets and "greens," such as chard, collards, turnip and beet tops, all of which do well here throughout the winter months. Also green onions have been supplied recently from Albert Jacobs' garden. Later he expects to have plenty of cabbage. We hope there will be sufficient so that our kraut maker, Brother William Fischer, can put down a barrel or so of that fine sauerkraut he knows so well how to make! Mrs. Camphausen and Miss Lindberg had a banner day at the Rustic Tea Garden Monday the fourteenth. One party alone consisted of some 20 persons, guests of Mrs. Nelson R. Perry, who spends the winter on Sanibel Island. On the fifteenth a party consisting of Sisters Etta Silverfriend and Emily Bessemer and Brothers Frank Wilson, Henry Silverfriend and Claude Rahn enjoyed a picnic dinner at Bonita Beach. Wednesday the sixteenth Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rahn of Winnetka, Illinois, arrived for a short visit with Mr. Rahn's brother, Brother Claude Rahn. Mr. Walter Rahn is connected with the Chicago office of the Commercial Credit Company of Baltimore. This year he took his vacation in Florida, and while motoring from Miami to St. Petersburg he stopped at Estero to visit his brother at the Unity. Brother Claude laments the fact that after extolling for years the beauties of the Koreshan Unity grounds, with the colorful crotons, artistic bamboo clumps, and other attractive plant life, his folks would come right after the disastrous freeze of last month had almost entirely wiped out the work and growth of some seventeen years—since the last devastating freeze! However, the visitors were well entertained, and they seemed to greatly enjoy their visit. They continued their journey north on the eighteenth. Brother Theodore Nasaelius has built a greenhouse in back of the old "log house" to accommodate some of his choicest plants, where he can keep them under lock and key. Unfortunately, however, the latter devices are powerless to prevent that old depredator Cold from entering and destroying what it wills! Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Woods of Sidney, Illinois, were guests of the Unity the seventeenth and eighteenth; but they seemed to do the entertaining! They are spending the winter in St. Petersburg. On the evening of the seventeenth a large party was held at Bonita Beach to entertain Brother Claude Rahn's guests, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rahn. The moon was full (as also were the picnickers after a wiener roast about a huge fire on the beach!), the old Gulf was calm and the night was gorgeous, so the following participants enjoyed the

affair immensely: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rahn, Mrs. Ruth Thomas, Mrs. Edith Johnson, Sisters Cora Stephens, Florence Graham, Vesta Newcomb, Bella Armour, and Brothers Claude Rahn, David Richards, Lou Staton, Alfred Chrisitensen, Jesse Putnam, Max Arendt and Laurence Bubbett. Miss M'eta Monsees of Fort Myers spent Sunday the twentieth at the Unity. Miss Monsees recently purchased a fine looking Chevrolet coupe, so we presume her visits will be more frequent in the future. It is with deep regret we learn of the death of Miss Eleanore Banks in Denver, Colorado, on January 1. Miss Banks was a devoted friend of the Master's and a loyal supporter of the Unity. It may have rained some time in the dim, distant past, but so long ago we've forgotten about it. It's really a marvel that anything at all grows, for we haven't had a good robust rainfall since Hector was a pup! Along with the lack of rain, the freeze killed the grass in the woods, and so with everything as dry as tinder, our fire hazards are quite serious. And speaking of fires, "the woods are full of them!"

Community Current Events

March 1935

by L.W. Bubbett

ON Tuesday, January 22, Mrs. Lovelle Ahrano of Tampa arrived on the bus for several days' visit at the Unity. Dr. Frank Wilson and L. W. Bubbett motored to the East Coast January 25, where Dr. Wilson underwent a successful two-weeks treatment at the clinic of Dr. E. L. Rasmussen of Coral Gables. A pleasant visit was also had with Robert and Lloyd Graham at Miami. On the return journey, February 11, a stop wa@ made at Everglades, where a most enjoyable evening was passed with our good friends Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis. Mr. Harold Thomas, our English friend . who is staying with Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Campbell for the winter, and Dr. D. J. Richards motored to Tampa and other points Thursday, January 31. They visited the South Florida Fair in Tampa and returned to Estero the following Monday. The South Florida Fair, held annually in Tampa, is the biggest event of its kind in the state. The exhibits include almost everything that can be found or raised in Florida. Held during the winter, the Tampa Fair attracts people from almost every state in the Union. A birthday party in honor of their guest, Mrs. Edith Johnson, wa,s given by Mrs. A. L. Camphausen and Miss Elin Lindberg Saturday night, February 2. Miss Meta Monsees and Mr. H'enry Moreland of Fort Myers were Sunday visitors at the Unity on February 3. Monday morning, February 4, Mrs. Orline Thacher, who for the past two years had been living with Mr;s. Lillian Rugg, two miles north of Estero on the Tamiami Trail, passed to the Great Beyond at the ripe old age of 84. Mrs. Thacher was a "Southerner," from Eutaw, Alabama. She had long been a member of the Koreshan Unity, both in Chicago and Estero. During the past several years she had been in failing health, and Mr;s. Rugg generously took her into her home and personally cared for her. On the 'evening of Tuesday the 5th a birthday party was given for Brother. Jesse Putnam at the Lewis cottage. The following enjoyed an evening of "contract" and refreshments: Mrs. Edith Johnson, Sisters Ros'e Gilbert, Cora Stephens, Florence Graham, Vesta Newcomb and Bella Armour and Brothers Claude Rahn and Jesse Putnam and Mr. Wilmot Cleeves. Brother Franklin Jacke accompanied Leroy Lamoreaux of Estero Island on one of his regular trips to Tampa Wednesday the 6th.

Mrs. C. Cooper, a niece of the late Brother James Price, Mr. Cooper and Mrs. Bella Dabler of Dekalb, Illinois, arrived at the Unity Saturday the 9th to visit Sister Adah Price. They remained until the 12th. On Sunday the 10th Mrs. Ruth Thomas of Philadelphia, who with her son Brooks is visiting her mother and sister at Mirasol Grove, was hostess at a picnic given at Bonita Beach for a number of old friends at the Unity. Broiled chicken, cooked over a beach fire, was the piece de resistance;

but from all accounts, it didn't resist very much! There's nothing like the salty breezes at the beach to whet the appetite! The party included Mrs. Ruth Thomas and son Brooks, Bertha M. Boomer, Mrs. Edith Johnson, Sisters Cora Stephens, Florence Graham, Vesta Newcomb and B'ella Armour and Brothers Claude Rahn, Alfred Christensen, Lou Staton and Jesse Putnam. Wednesday the 13th a nephew of Brother Alfred Christensen, from Ashtabula, Ohio, stopped in to visit him on the way home from Miami. He was accompanied by three companions. Brother Alfred showed the boys such a good time, fishing and boating, they stayed until the following Saturday. On the evening of the 13th the Tea Garden ladies had as guests at the Rustic Tea Garden Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, and a number of friends. On Saturday the 16th Mrs. I. Boulware and Sister Florence Graham motored to Miami, Mrs. Boulware to visit her daughter, who is a resident of that city. They returned late Sunday night. At last the heavens opened and gave plentifully of refreshing waters! On the 17th occurred the first heavy rain in many months, and how badly Old Mother Earth needed a drink! The writer does not recall such a protracted "dry spell" in many years. Miss Meta Monsees of Fort Myers was a visitor for the day Sunday the 17th. A. H. Andrews motored to Sebring with Stanley Hanson of Fort Myers on Monday the 18th to attend a meeting of the Highlands Hammock Association, to which A. H. Andrews was elected. He returned Monday night. On Monday the 18th Mr. Wilmot Cleeves left for his home in Brockton, Massachusetts. Mr. Cle'eves, a long-time reader of The Sw'or'd, has been a visitor at the Unity for the past .several months; we hope he enjoyed his stay with us as one among friends. Mr. Ernest F. Coe of Miami was an early morning caller at the Unity Tuesday the 19th. Mr. Coe is Executive Chairman of the Everglades National Park Association. He says the proposed park, which will include the greater part of the Everglades region and the very tip-'end of Florida, is taking shape, proceedings to clear titles are under way, and within the not far distant future South Florida will have a National Park to attract real Nature lovers. On the 19th Genevieve Bisbing of Fort Myers spent the day at the Unity. Friday the 22nd A. H. Andrews motored to Miami. He returned the 25th. On Saturday the 23rd our good friend A. L. McDonald of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, arrived for a visit at the Unity. "Mac" has visited us numerous times in the past, though it has been several years since he last .spent a winter here. Needless to say, we were glad to greet him. He is only 82 years young and seems to be going stronger with time's passing. An old friend of the Master's, he has staunchly upheld Koreshanity through the years. Sunday the 24th Dr. E. L. Rasmussen, Mrs. Rasmussen and their four children and Miss Martha Sykes stopped in to see us on their way from Coral Gables to Fort Myers. Dr. Rasmuss'en recently acquired a well-furnished house-car trailer, which enables him to travel comfortably about with hi.s entire family. These ingenious affairs have almost all the comforts of home, affording kitchen, dining room, sitting room and bed room facilities in turn, and also the pleasure of radio entertainment. So nowadays one may be at home traveling! Mrs. Ruth Thomas, with her young son Brooks, left Estero Monday the 25th for Miami, where she will visit a few days with friends before leaving for her home in the suburbs of Philadelphia. Mrs. Thomas spent a pleasant six weeks with her mother and sister, Mrs. B. S. Boomer and Miss Bertie Boomer, at Mirasol Grove. A number of delightful social affairs were enjoyed by many during her stay. To a certain extent Estero has become "air conscious." On the roof of the Koreshan Unity store building the Airport Marking Division of the State Road Department recently painted informing signs and directions in large gold letters on a black background so "he who flies may read." There has been some talk of the Government making an emergency landing field at Estero, but so far it hasn't developed.

April 1935
by C.J. Rahn

IN SPITE of the continued absence of rain Nature responded to the urge of springlike weather and forced diffident trees, shrubbery and some flowers, to put forth their leaves and bloom. In fact, our many mulberry trees, richly refoliated after their winter's rest, are thickly hung with ripe and ripening fruit, attracting not only humans but many varieties of birds whose songs of praise are ever heard. Some of our badly frozen mango, avocado, and other fruitbearing trees are beginning to reveal that some life is still there, struggling for expression, but there are others that appear beyond recovery and our fruit supply, upon which we so much depended, will be sadly lacking for some time to come. Brother Daniel MacNamara's vegetable garden is producing unusually well at present, due to Mac's efficient watering system. The absence of rain doesn't bother him, and every small cloud that peeps above the horizon merely stimulates Mac to renewed effort. He is a pessimist respecting the intentions of clouds. Mrs. Edith Johnson, one of our good Koreshan friends from Minneapolis who visits us during the winter months, was hostess to a party on a motor and ferry trip to Sanibel Island in Lee County off the coast of the Gulf of Mexico on March the second. The beach of this island is noted far and wide for the beautiful and varied shells to be found there and the party were well rewarded in their search. In the party were Sister Emily Bessemer, and Brothers H. D. Silverfriend and David J. Richards. Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, widow of the famous inventor, entertained a party of friends at the Tea Garden, Sunday evening, the third. Dr. Charles F. Burgess and Mr. W. J. Gilchrist visited us on the eighth, coming to see Brother Alien Andrews and to learn of the condition of the Cajeput tree planting hereabout in which they are much interested. It was noted that many small seedling trees that had been killed to the ground by fire and the freeze were beginning to sprout again from the root. Trees, six feet or over in height suffered little or no damage from the freeze in December. Dr. Burgess is manufacturer of the batteries that bear his name. The Taft Memorial Highway Association held its annual convention at Fort Myers on the eighth and was attended by Brothers Alien Andrews, H. D. Silverfriend and C. J. Rahn. This highway, extending from Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to Fort Myers, is 1,710 miles in length, and is said to be the most direct road spanning the United States from north to south. Brother Alien wrote such an excellent description of the convention's proceedings for The American Eagle, issue of March fourteenth, that we were authorized to print the bulletin of the Association which has been distributed throughout the country and contains advertisements of both THE FLAMING SWORD and The American Eagle, which we hope will be productive of good results. Mr. Albert L. McDonald, who visited us for several weeks, returned to his home in Aliquippa, Pa., on the eighth. We enjoyed having him with us and regretted he had to leave after so short a visit. Mr. Ernest F. Coe, Secretary of the Everglades National Park Association, visited us on Saturday, the ninth. To his untiring efforts may, be attributed the creation of the great national park that includes the entire southern tip of the peninsula of Florida and in size is second to that of the Yellowstone. In this region will be preserved for posterity rare and varied animal and botanical life. Mr. Frank Holder of Cincinnati, Ohio, Executive VicePresident of the Taft Highway Association, and his secretary, Miss Helen Ott, her mother, Mrs. John Ott, also Miss Helen Banse and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Robinson were among our visitors on the fourteenth. Brothers Alien Andrews and Will Fischer motored to West Palm Beach on the fifteenth, the latter remaining over for several weeks to visit with his sister. Mr. Harold Thomas of Sussex, England, one of our annual winter residents, Miss Meta Monsees and Mr. Henry Moreland were dinner guests on Sunday, the seventeenth. Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Pulcifer entertained at their

cottage on Estero Island on Sunday the seventeenth the following folks from the Unity: Sisters Ella. Graham, Adah Price, Rose Gilbert, Florence Graham, Vesta Newcomb and Bella Armour, and Brothers J. E. Putnam and C. J. Rahn, also Mr. Henry Moreland from. Fort Myers. Brother Wilhelm Apple is recovering from an illness that has him puzzled. He figured he was headed for the "other side" and informed us he had about three hours to settle matters here, but our efficient Brother Frank Wilson, accustomed to prescribing pills for the ailing, soon changed his mind, and we are glad to say he is mending rapidly. The dairy in charge of Brother Albert Jacobs is turning into the dining room a good supply of excellent milk in spite of the shortage of pasturage due to the dry weather. This job of hunting up gossip for this column isn't what it's "cracked up to be." Believe I'd rather bake buns with Brother Peter Blem in the bakery any day_ or is, it the night?—and besides how I hate to get up in the middle of the night! There's no sadder occasion.

Community Current Events - May 1935
by Claude J. Rahn

ON THE SEVENTH before daybreak a storm accompanied by brilliant electrical display and strong winds swept in from the southwest and deluged the parched earth, thus terminating the most protracted drought recorded in this area. We have acquired more than forty young budded mango trees to replace those frozen during the cold weather of last December. They are of superior varieties and when they begin to bear will supply us with one of the most delicious of tropical fruits. Mr. and Mrs. Warren H. Wilkinson and child were dinner guests on the seventh. Mr. Wilkinson; now living in Fort Myers, is the leading advocate of the theory that Hernando De Soto made his landing in this country along the shores of the Caloosahatchee River, near Fort Myers, Lee County, Florida, in May, 1539, rather than in Tampa Bay as has been supposed. He has devoted years in extensive research on the subject, and has assembled what appears to be very conclusive evidence to support his theory. Mr. George Bassett who has been with us for several months returned to his home in Montclair, N. J. Brother Alien H. Andrews attended the annual meeting of the Tamiami Trail Blazers in Fort Myers on the fourth. He was one of that small body of men who some years ago were the first to cross the lower Everglades in automobiles, through unknown forests and trackless swamps, to reach Miami and thus crystallize sentiment leading to the eventual construction of the splendid highway spanning the lower peninsula. Word has been received that Peter Hanson, former resident here, died at the Veteran's Hospital in St. Petersburg, Florida, and was buried there on the -fifth. Brother Franklin F. Jacke's sister, Mrs. Anna Eaton and her daughter, Naomi, of Fond Du Lac, Wis., visited us for several days. On the tenth Wade Stephens, son of Sister Cora Stephens, left to visit relatives in North Carolina. Mrs. Thomas A. Edison of Fort Myers was hostess to a large party of friends on the thirteenth to a boat ride on our beautiful Estero River and later to dinner at the local Tea Garden. Sisters Emily Bessemer, Vesta Newcomb and Brother Jesse Putnam were guests of Mrs. Isadora Boulware on a motor trip to Miami on the fourteenth where they visited the latter's daughter. Sister Vesta is still talking of the thrill of her first trolley car ride while there. Quite a number enjoyed a picnic to Bonita Beach on the seventeenth in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Leonard and son, John Paul, of Duluth, Minn., and Mrs. Leonard's mother, Mrs. Edith. Johnson, who has been visiting in Estero for several months. On the following evening the Tea Garden honored them with a reception to which the Unity folks were invited. Mrs. Lovelle Ahrano and her sister, Mrs. Marie McConnell of Tampa, Florida, came on the twentieth to visit their parents, Brother William and Sister Abbie McCready. Mrs. McConnell returned the -following day, but Mrs. Ahrano remained for a longer stay. A census of the State of

Florida is being taken at present, and it is estimated that there are 425 inhabitants in the Estero district, an increase of approximately one hundred in five years. Automobile traffic along our highway has gradually lessened during the past few weeks until now the sight of a tourist has again become a novelty. Where once the interested and wide-eyed visitors from the north wandered and enjoyed the beauties of our semi-tropical scenery and sunny climate all is now quite deserted, leaving with us and taking with them many pleasant experiences and memories. Many of these visitors stopping at Estero on their tour of the state become acquainted, for the first time, with our institutions and beliefs, and in this way many spread the story in their northern communities of the people they encountered in Florida who believe they live on the inner surface of a cellular universe. At Estero there is a quaint structure of wood, proudly eloquent of past and present glory, now stained and weathered with the passage of years. It stands at the far extremity of our lovely park, surrounded by flowering trees, and ornamental plants. Through large windows and opened doors light streams, revealing a high ceiling and walls hung with paintings in oil. A raised platform crosses the western end, before which are rows of seats. Always peaceful, and cool during the heat of day, it is balm to the weary and those perplexed with doubt amid the stress of portentous times. Here, alone, communing with the delicate fragrance of a thousand hallowed memories one is stirred with deep emotion as many delightful occasions are recalled, and vivid, throbbing events of yesteryear kindle the heart. Here the Lord enthralled with words of promise. Here music has diffused its softening influence, quieting restless souls, and spreading peace; and the memory of stern events crowd to the fore, but today all is tranquil, only the low rhythmic hum of insects and the mellow song of cardinal and mocking bird is heard. No cathedral hoary with the ravages of time could awaken more inspiring thought, none could be more peaceful, none more potent with events impending, none more fraught with the forces of destiny—our beloved Art Hall.

Community Current Events -- July 1935

By Claude J. Rahn

WE WERE PLEASED to learn from our apiary department, under the management of Brother Frank Wilson with Brothers Peter Blem and George W. Hunt as able assistants, that they have just completed an extraction of honey, which amounted to more than was at first expected. There was a good bloom this year on the mangroves that grow so luxuriantly along the saltwater marshes, about the mouth of the river, and along the shores of the bay and the many islands. Other than this bloom there has been little for bees to work on. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Raymond and Miss Cecil Hamilton of Fort Myers. visited the Unity on Sunday afternoon the second. Miss, Hamilton, niece of Brother Lou H. Staton, is principal of Gwynne Institute of Fort Myers. Brothers Henry D. Silverfriend, Will Fischer and George Dore made a motor boat trip to the bay on the ninth, visiting various points of interest. Brother Daniel McNamara left on the tenth for a short visit to friends in St. Petersburg, Florida. This is Mac's dull season, a time when there is little that can be grown in the garden because of the frequent rains and the nearly vertical rays of the sun. Dr. and Mrs. David Fairchild of Coconut Grove, Florida, visited here on the ninth. He was for many years chief of the Bureau of Plant Introduction at Washington, D. C., and has traveled to all parts of the world searching and exploring for plants that might prove of value for introduction and development in this country. Mrs. Fairchild is, a daughter of Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone. Brother Franklin F. Jacke, manager of our local store, is arranging for the installation of a small electric generating plant which is to furnish light and refrigeration for the store

independently of our general lighting plant which is not continuously in operation. Mrs. A. L. Camphausen and Miss Elin Lindberg who have operated the Rustic Tea Garden here for several years, and where many prominent people from all parts of the world have enjoyed their very superior service, have discontinued their operations, and removed to Fort Myers, Florida. Brother Alien H. Andrews and the writer visited Boca Grande on Gasparilla Island in our county of Lee on the tenth. This town is one of the best known sport fishing centers in the country. Here come fishermen to capture that great game fish, the tarpon, weighing up to 175 pounds. The town itself is somewhat difficult to reach, made so by wealthy winter residents who desire exclusiveness, and who have not encouraged its development as a point of attraction for winter tourists. Residents in these parts were treated to an unusual sight on the morning of the twelfth when at Naples beach on the Gulf of Mexico, a short distance south from here, there were stranded on an ebb tide nearly sixty great blackfish frequently termed whales (genus Globicephala). They measured from ten to twenty feet in length and some must have weighed up to four tons. They had small teeth and eyes and very smooth, black skins. Many were cut up and used for fertilizer and the rest were towed out to sea for the sharks to feast on. It is said they follow, sheep-like, a leader who if not alert to his surroundings is sometimes caught in the shallow flats as the tide goes out as in this instance, and it is "just too bad" for those that stupidly follow. Beneath the brilliant light of a moon nearly full we marveled at the beauty of the night-blooming cereus; large, white, wax-like blossoms that thrust themselves forward timidly on slender arms from interlaced, serpentine masses of cactus that grow here and there in our park. To the passersby this variety of cactus (C. grandiflorus) excites little interest, few knowing that from these seemingly inert and lifeless plants, clinging tenaciously to a palm tree or sprawled heavily and thickly over a low pine stump there lies concealed a spirit that arouses itself periodically to display only at night fragrant flowers that are lovely to behold, flowers that glorify their nocturnal surroundings for a few hours only then fade, ere the night is gone, never to open again, but which in withering give place to others that bloom on successive nights. In many ways Florida's attractions during the summer months are superior to those of the winter, when tourists flock by the thousands to our state to enjoy the warm sunny days. At present most of our flowering trees and shrubs are at their best. There is a great variety, many of course being unknown to those living in northern latitudes, unless they are to be found growing under cover, protected from the cold of winter. The crape myrtle, oleander, hibiscus and ixora, sometimes called "Flame of the Woods," are especially attractive just now. We have three colors of the crape myrtle, pink, red and white, while the oleanders are of the pink and white varieties. There are many kinds of hibiscus both with single and double flowers, but perhaps most beautiful of all is the ixora with its clear red flowers in clusters which appear to lay close against the dark shiny green leaves. There are numerous other flowers native to this semi-tropical climate that are at their best now, besides the crape jasmine and the night-blooming jasmine fill the air with their penetrating fragrance.

Community Current Events -- August 1935

By Claude J. Rahn

WE REGRET to record the passing of Mrs. Bertha S. Boomer (Berthaldine, Matrona), at her residence here in Estero on Thursday, July 11th, 1935, in the eighty-fifth year of her age. Her health had been failing for some time and her death was not unexpected. She was one of the early and most loyal followers of KOESH in his great work, contributing in many ways to further his cause. A brilliant and able writer

and speaker on the subject of Koreshan Universology over a period of many years she will be very much missed by all those who knew her. Mrs. Eleanore Castle of Chicago conducted a brief funeral service, paying a touching tribute to the memory of her generous, nature and unusually fine and superior character. She was interred in our local cemetery. Surviving her are two daughters and one son, Miss Bertha M. Boomer of Estero, Mrs. Ruth Boomer Thomas of Philadelphia, Pa., and Mr. Lucius M. Boomer of New York City. Mr. Boomer arrived the following day from New York, coming via plane to Miami. We were pleased to have visit us on Saturday, June 29th, Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Harte and the latter's, sister, Miss. Lucy Lester, from Muscatine, Iowa, and their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Greene and small son, Jackie, from Tampa, Florida. In their honor a large party of Unity folks enjoyed a beach party and swim in the gulf. The following day they proceeded to Tampa with the exception of Mr. Harte who remained with us until Wednesday, the third. Everyone enjoyed their stay and we hope they will come again. Mrs. Eleanore Castle and her granddaughter, Miss Dawn Castle, of Chicago, Ill., arrived on the eighth for a visit with their many friends in Estero. They are the guests of Miss Bertha, M. Boomer. Sister Cora Stephens who has been visiting relatives in Tampa for several weeks has returned home. During her stay there her sister, Mrs. Viola Harrelson Elkes, who had been critically ill for some time, died. Miss Genevieve Bisbing of Fort Myers visited us on the seventh and remained until the twelfth. Her willing and excellent assistance in various capacities is always greatly appreciated by everyone. Mrs. Marie McConnell of Tampa arrived on the twelfth for a short visit with relatives and friends. Her father, Brother William McCreedy, while confined to his room, is very active mentally and enjoys occasional visits from his daughters living in Tampa. Sister Ella Graham left for Miami on the thirteenth for a visit with her sons, Robert and Lloyd Graham. Their sister, Florence also visited them for a few days the week following. Mr. Cyrus F. Wickers of Coconut Grove, Florida, and Washington, D. C., a prominent international law expert was our guest on the fourteenth and fifteenth. Brother Peter Blem has been ill recently and a rigid diet and occasional fast has been prescribed for him, which will undoubtedly correct his trouble. The multi-cylinder gasoline engine and generator has been installed in our store to furnish light and refrigeration when required. It is difficult sometimes to see Brother George W. Hunt among the weeds, and tall grass trying to keep the walks and paths hoed clean, but he does a neat job of this sort of work. This is our period of rains. Nearly every day there develops in the eastern sky great masses, of dark blue and greenish-gray clouds, heavy and threatening with rain. While we are getting our share of the rains, yet contrary winds will frequently dissipate the onrush of these cloud banks and they vanish to the north or to the south. With the coming of the rains there also appeared among us enormous swarms of mosquitoes, vicious and bloodthirsty, both during the day and the night, but they will disappear probably when the rains become more frequent. It is believed that they are so plentiful because of the unusually long dry spell preceding the present rainy season which killed the minnows that feed on the larva of the mosquito. Thus for the moment is, the balance of Nature disturbed. There is a familiar object here that has been with us for many years. From its wide flaring mouth with a tongue, hard and round, there issues, in calm or storm, a resonant voice expressive of varying moods. Essentially it serves as the timic marker of our daily lives. At dawn it pours forth a clear ringing emphasis through the forest and over the mist-shrouded fields, and again when the sun mounts to the zenith it may be seen anxiously scrutinizing hurrying figures, searching here and there for those tardy or missing, and later when the sun nearing the horizon gazes into its toothless mouth its final call is softly tuneful. Conscious then of its duty well performed in its quaint and lofty position it gathers serenely about it the mystery of the night and slumbers, though in years

past when still possessed of youth and the spirit of romance its flowing cadence filtering through the moonbeams pealed the hour of curfew. Occasionally it warns of imminent danger, and you will recall the evenings when it trembled in eager anticipation as it gathered those who listened to the golden voice of the Master Mind. Its song is melodious always when heard from a distance, through the pines and the cypress, and over the lush fields at sunset when the meadowlark vies with it in sweetest consonance its singing reverberations. And often through the day the question is heard, "Has the bell rung?"

Community Current Events -- September 1935

By Claude J. Rahn

A DELIGHTFUL reception was tendered to Mrs. Eleanore M. Castle and her granddaughter, Miss Dawn Castle, both of Chicago, Ill., by Mrs. P. W. Campbell, and her daughter, Mrs. Edith Trebell, in the Art Hall, Sunday evening, the fourth. A tasty buffet supper was served to which all the members of the Unity were invited. There were also present, Mrs. A. L. Camphausen, Miss Elin Lindberg and Mr. Henry Moreland from Fort Myers, Florida, and Mrs. Lillian Rugg, Miss Bertha M. Boomer and Mrs. Isadora Boulware of Estero. Afterward Mrs. Castle entertained us with the telling of some amusing anecdotes and incidents of her very active and interesting life in Chicago, Illinois. Brother Thomas Armstrong, aged 79 years, died Monday, July 29th, and was buried in our local cemetery. He was a native of Ireland and came to us about fifteen years ago from California where he had been employed in the quicksilver mines. He was a loyal and faithful member of the Unity, and a gentlemanly character with a keen appreciation of music and good literature. His passing leaves a noticeable void. Dr. Maxwell, the well known writer and lecturer on dietetics and a leading advocate of vegetarianism, was an interested visitor to the Unity on the sixth, He is the owner of several vegetarian restaurants in Chicago, Illinois, and has quite a following in the Middle West. Sister Cora Stephens left on the seventh for Detroit, Michigan, to visit with her daughter, Alafae, and also her brother living there. On her way she stopped at Tampa and Ocala, Florida, and Valdosta, Georgia, to visit relatives, and expects to be gone several months provided of course she can adjust herself to the cold of a northern climate, and the noisy life of the city, as she has lived all her life in the southern states. Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Lewis of Everglades, Florida, and Mrs. Eleanore Castle and granddaughter, Dawn, were guests of the Unity on Sunday, the eleventh. Sister Ida Fischer sustained painful injuries recently as the result of a fall on the stairway leading to her room. She is rapidly recovering, however, to the gratification of all, for as one of our efficient cooks her enforced absence from her regular duties for several weeks caused some apprehension among those with healthy appetites. Brother George Dore went to Miami on the thirteenth and returned on the twenty-first. He greatly enjoyed this his first visit there, but was glad to get home to rest from his strenuous sight-seeing afoot. During the afternoon of Sunday the eighteenth a heavy rain storm and wind whipped in from the southeast and for a few minutes blew with hurricane intensity. Chairs, tables and all movable objects on the verandas and elsewhere throughout the neighborhood were scattered pellmell before the rush of the wind, and the rain falling in sheets made it impossible to see any distance. Some damage was done to the trees and shrubbery, but shortly after the storm had passed the sun shown in a sky that was sparkling blue and so innocent in appearance that you would never have suspected it possible for such violence and destruction to have originated therein. Brother Peter Blem who was taken to Fort Myers for a thorough medical examination is now on a rigid diet in order that his trouble can be corrected. He is showing improvement and we hope to report his

complete recovery at an early date. The bridge spanning the river here at Estero is a "one-way" affair, dangerous to pedestrians and automobile traffic alike. Every time a fast moving car crosses it rattles and shakes in a most distressful manner. However, the state road department has made some repairs in the road bed, and laid sheet iron runways so that now the residents of the neighborhood find it is easier to get to sleep at night and stay asleep than it has been for months past. Mrs. Eleanore M. Castle of Chicago, Illinois, who with her granddaughter, Dawn, have been the guests of Miss Bertha M. Boomer, is negotiating for the purchase of the land and house of Mrs. Katherine Youngling on the Estero River, a short distance east of the county road. She contemplates establishing a winter home here at an early date although she probably will not occupy the same this coming winter. We look forward with much pleasure to having her in our vicinity as she was one of the early members of the Unity and closely associated with KORESH in his propoganda in Chicago and elsewhere. Having a wide understanding of Koreshan fundamentals and a keen grasp of the economic and political situation as it exists throughout the world she is well equipped to interpret from a Koreshan viewpoint current events as they occur from day to day in the great drama now unfolding in this critical period of the world's history. We do not have dogs on our premises, just a number of scrub, forlorn looking cats, cats that doze all day and vanish when a rat appears. Probably for this reason we have observed lately the presence during the night of raccoons, opossums and skunks on our grounds and recently a wild cat was seen during the day sulking about our chicken yard. These creatures together with many varieties of birds add much to the interest of our community.

Community Current Events - October 1935

By Claude J. Rahn

A BEACH PARTY in honor of Mrs. Eleanore M. Castle and Miss Dawn Castle was held at Bonita Beach on Little Hickory Island, Sunday afternoon, September 1st, but summer showers finally forced them to abandon this delightful place, although not until all had enjoyed bathing in the waters of the gulf. They then adjourned to the home of Miss Bertha M. Boomer where they partook of their picnic refreshments before the great open fire place. Mrs. Castle and Dawn left the following day by motor for their home in Chicago, 111. Mr. Peter W. Campbell passed away on Monday, September 23rd, after a lingering illness, in the 80th year of his age, at his residence here in Estero, Florida. Brother Peter as he was familiarly known was a long and faithful friend of the Koreshan Cause since 1889, and from 1893 to 1900 was with his family members of the Koreshan home. He enjoyed the friendship and confidence of KORESI-I for many years, having frequently entertained him while a resident of New York City. He will be very much missed by all his many friends and admirers. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jennie Campbell, and daughter, Mrs. Edith Trebell, both living in Estero, and a son, Mr. Layard Campbell of New York. A tropical storm made an unpleasant visit to Estero and all of South Florida on Tuesday, September 3rd. While it did considerable damage on the lower East Coast and was responsible for the loss of numerous lives on the islands skirting the mainland in that vicinity, its principle damage in this section was confined to up-rooted trees and badly torn and twisted shrubbery. The wind reached the velocity of a gale and roared and howled with terrifying intensity among the trees and about our buildings, but the most noticeable feature of this unwelcome visitor was the vast quantity of water that fell in a torrential deluge all during the day and most of the night. The river rose rapidly and reached to within 18 inches of the under portion of the bridge on the Tamiami Trail. Long stretches of the road between Estero and Fort Myers were under 12 to 18 inches of water, and for one or two nights it was impossible to travel as

all signs of the road were obliterated in the wide lake of water that spread out on both sides of the road. Numerous automobiles, were stalled as a result of water interfering with their engine's ignition. Apparently the center of the storm passed us some fifty miles to the southwest over the gulf, and we merely felt its, edge which of course was sufficiently disquieting to cause anxious moments among the nervous and apprehensive. Brother Daniel McNamara is convalescing from the painful effects of a dislocated shoulder and the attendant shock resulting from a fall off the porch of his dwelling. It occurred on the night of the fourth, the day following the storm, and it seems that Mac was unable to find a dry match in his room with which to light his lamp, so boldly he sallied forth into the wet gloom and inky darkness of the night equipped only with an unlighted lamp and unbounded confidence in himself and things generally. How he ever hoped to find a dry match or an honest man with an unlighted lamp is, unknown to us, but stepping highly and with reckless abandon he pursued his dubious course until suddenly a crash and hoarse cries for help disturbed the composure of his neighbors. They found him very much "up-sot" but the unlighted lamp including its fragile chimney were wholly intact. Now while Mac is experiencing "all the tortures of hell" we are going to miss for awhile those fine vegetables he knows so well how to produce. Mrs. Fred McConnell and her son, Duane, of Tampa, Florida, arrived on the fifth for a visit of a few days with relatives and friends. Brother Peter Blem is slowly improving in health by adhering to the diet prescribed by his doctor, and we hope soon to report his complete recovery. Brothers Alien H. Andrews and David J. Richards accompanied a delegation from this general vicinity to Lakeland, Florida, on the sixteenth to attend a meeting of the State Road Department, in the interest of rebuilding the Tamiami Trail from Fort Myers to Collier County line which would take in Estero and Bonita Springs. This section of the Trail, a distance of 23 miles, is very much in need of attention and is the worst stretch of road between Tampa and Miami.. Little hope was held out for the immediate reconstruction of same because of the shortage of funds. Sister Florence Graham visited her brothers living in Miami for a few days early in September. Mrs. James Newcomb and her daughter, Olive, of LaBelle, Florida, were visitors to the Unity on Wednesday the eighteenth. During this the rainy season our river assumes added loveliness. It has its source some miles southeast in the cypress strands and winds its tortuous way seven or eight miles to the gulf, in the upper reaches, swiftly and noisily, but more slowly and observingly, as it were, when it dreamily flows in its placid manner along the northern edge of our park with its numerous bends and sweeping curves. Here the bamboo and the palm and many other forms of wild growth amid vines creep down thick and lush to the river's edge and there lapping their eager" thirst grow luxuriantly in variegated tints of tropic verdure. It is pleasing and friendly to those living here, and calls forth delighted comment from visitors.

Community Current Events -- November 1935

By Claude J. Rahn

OUR ANNUAL observance of the Solar Festival marking the 96th birthday anniversary of our supremely distinguished leader, KORESH, was held on October 18th and was greatly enjoyed by all the home folks and our guests. The day was brilliant with sunshine, cool and invigorating. The park was unusually attractive with many varieties of flowering plants in full bloom. The grass had been cut, paths weeded and sharply denned and all litter scattered by recent storms removed. As usual our dining hall occupying the entire lower floor of the great building erected in 1895 was artistically decorated with slender bamboo and ornamental plants and flowers, and with us at dinner we had as guests the following: Mrs. Jennie Campbell, Mrs.

Edith Trebell, Mrs. Julia Home, Mrs. Anna Lewis, Mrs. A. L. Camphausen, Miss Elin Lindberg, Miss Meta Monsees, Mrs. Cora Newcomb, Mrs. Lillian Rugg, Miss Genevieve Bisbing, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Fischer and four children, Richard Dumbleton and Jacob Bjorkman. The principal event of the day was the evening program in the Art Hall which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. Excellent and appropriate readings from the writings of KORESH were given, interspersed with congregational singing, violin and vocal solos, and the rendition of several selections by the orchestra of seven members that had been practicing for some weeks for the event. Following is the program of the evening.

1 OVERTURE, "Bridal Rose" Lavallee Orchestra 2 SONG, "The Resurrection" Koresh Congregation 3 INVOCATION Koresh Read by Brother Henry Silverfriend 4 "Spring Dreams" King Orchestra 5 ORATION Koresh Read by Sister Etta Silverfriend 6 VOCAL SOLO, "Jerusalem" Parker Brother David J. Richards 7 ORATION Koresh Read by Brother Henry Silverfriend 8 VIOLIN SOLO, "Adoration" Borowski L. W. Bubbett 9 ORATION Koresh Read by Brother David J. Richards 10 "A Summer Dream" Fla.th Orchestra 11 SONG, "The Messenger" E. M. Castle Congregation 12 PRAYER Koresh Read by Sister Etta Silverfriend Response by the Congregation 13 SONG, "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates" Congregation 14 RECESSIONAL, MARCH, "Connecticut" Nassann Orchestra (Mrs. Edith Trebell, Piano Accompanist)

Sister Evelyn Bubbett passed away October 10, 1935, aged 81 years and 4 days, having been an invalid for more than two years. She first met and accepted KORESH as the Messianic personality of our era in the fall of 1886 when the latter arrived in Chicago, Ill., and began the enunciation of his great universal truths. In April, 1887, she joined the Society Arch Triumphant, then recently formed, and when the first Koreshan communistic home was established in the fall of 1888 at 2 and 4 College Place, Chicago, she entered with her husband and children to remain ever afterward a faithful and devout member. For many years she was the treasurer of the Koreshan Unity, and manager of The Guiding Star Publishing House, in which capacity she was intrusted by KORESH with the editing of his writings for publication in THE FLAMING SWORD. She is survived by two sons, LeRoy H. Bubbett of Winnetka, Illinois, and Laurence W. Bubbett of Estero, Florida. Sister Emily Bessemer is visiting relatives, in Washington, D. C., and New York City, having accompanied Miss Bertha M. Boomer and Mrs. Isadora Boulware on their motor trip north. They expect to return about the middle of November. Mr. Hans von Briesen of New York City visited us on October 8th and was much interested in Koreshan beliefs. Sister Elzina Woodbury celebrated her 86th birthday on October 10th by vigorously hoeing some obstinate weeds that persist in growing about her house. She is very active and her alert appearance belies her age. Mrs. Naomi Wallace a former member of the Koreshan Unity died in Fort Myers, Florida, on October 9, 1935. She is survived by her husband, Mr. W. Ross, Wallace, and daughter, Mrs. Ruth Frierson of Moore Haven, Fla. Miss Genevieve Bisbing of Fort Myers visited us several days round the Solar Festival and rendered much assistance in the preparations for that event. Mrs. Cora Newcomb of LaBelle, Florida, arrived on the seventeenth for a visit of several days. Sisters Adah Price and Florence Graham went to Miami, Florida, on the twenty-fifth for a week-end visit with friends.

Community Current Events -- December 1935
By Claude J. Rahn

THE TAMIAMI TRAIL which is the only through route from Tampa to Miami along the southwestern coast section of Florida seems to be the object of subtle and organized

discrimination on the part of the more populous and wealthier east coast sections of the state, apparently abetted by state highway authorities. While new roads, are being promoted and built and large sums. of money expended for maintenance of highways elsewhere that contribute directly to the particular advantage of east coast areas, the Tamiami Trail is rapidly deteriorating because of neglect and indifference of those having jurisdiction thereof. Here and there along the route niggardly sums have been expended for repairing only the worst places, and as the result of local agitation a, few miles of the road between Fort Myers and the Collier County line passing through Estero are being thinly resurfaced with a cheap and shortlived material. The neglect, of this important highway has had its immediate effect in lessening automobile tourist traffic which naturally seeks the smooth roads now being built and maintained through the middle and east coast sections of the state. Mr. E. O. Burns and brother, nurserymen of Sarasota, Florida, visited us on the tenth and purchased a truck load of crotons and other ornamental plants. In spite of the severe damage from the cold of last winter many of o'ur rare and tender plants revived with renewed vigor during the past spring and summer months helped greatly by a good rainfall for the season. Sisters Emily Bessemer and Bertha M. Boomer returned on the eleventh from a six weeks' trip in the north, visiting relatives and friends in Washington, Philadelphia and New York City. They reported an enjoyable time and were much benefited by the vacation. Mrs. Marie McConnell of Tampa came for a short visit on. the tenth, also Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Raymond and Miss Cecil Hamilton of Fort Myers. Brother David J. Richards was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Lamb in Lakeland, Florida, for more than a week during November. Mr. and Mrs. Lamb are old and loyal friends of the members of the Unity and David returned very much refreshed by the change and diversion the visit afforded. Mr. Henry S. Huntington of Massachusetts was our guest on the eighth and ninth. He is interested in the promotion of colonization schemes and came to look over this section of Florida. Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Rasmus'sen and their children, Dudley, Bryden, Geraldine and Edwin, Jr., from Coral Gables, Florida, visited us on Sunday the seventeenth; coming in their finely appointed house car. The children ranging in age from nine to fourteen years brought their mandolins, banjo and guitar and delighted us with an impromptu concert. They played for nearly an hour and displayed talent and aptitude considering their ages and the short time they have been playing together. They have played over the radio in Miami several times and we hope they will be with us again soon. Mr. Jay Smith of Vincennes, Indiana, a noted scientific breeder of queen honey bees, visited us on Saturday, the twenty-third, and was. much interested in our apiary which has been in continuous existence for many years. He contemplates the establishment of a breeding apiary in Florida and is impressed with the possibilities of this vicinity for the purpose. Mr. Irving Rosenzweig of Brooklyn, N. Y., arrived on Sunday, the twenty-fourth for a few days' visit. He is interested in horticultural subjects, particularly the raising of tropical fruits and certain nuts as he has restricted his diet exclusively to vegetables, fruits and nuts, and looks upon the drinking of water 'with aversion. On Tuesday, the twenty-sixth, we had the pleasure of a visit from Brother Franklin F. Jacke's folks from Wisconsin; his mother, Mrs. Theresa Wendt, his sisters, Mrs. Annie Eaton and Mrs. Alice Vollstedt, and his niece, Miss Naomi Eaton, all from Fond du Lac except Mrs. Vollstedt who lives in New Holstein, Wisconsin. Brother Franklin had not seen his mother for more than thirty years and the meeting was naturally an enjoyable affair. They arrived by automobile and left on the thirtieth. Brothers Peter Blem and Daniel McNamara are both very much improved in health and have resumed their normal daily activities. Mr. John Greer who spent the summer visiting with relatives in Iowa is at present stopping with Mrs. Lillian E. Rugg in Estero. The onward rush of King Boreas from his icy throne in the Arctic has reached us way

down south, but so far only to stimulate our jaded selves after the long months of warmth and moisture. Now begins the most delightful period of the year and until next. spring perhaps no place in earth is so enjoyable as Florida. And all the world seems' to know it, too, in the effort made by countless thousands trekking southward. Man has selected Florida as a desirable place to dwell during the winter months through the exercise of his rational faculties, while the world of bird life has arrived through their instinctive faculty. They are now with us in great variety.

Community Current Events -- January 1936

By Claude J. Rahn

ENGINEERS of the State Highway Department have recently been making surveys in the vicinity of the one-way bridge over the Estero River, and we understand that definite plans are being made for the installation of a wider twoway bridge in the near future. The present structure has been entirely inadequate to care for the increasing frame, and there have been many narrow escapes from collisions of fast moving cars of late months. In fact, several serious and even fatal accidents have occurred, and we hope there will be no long delay in building this much needed improvement. Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Lewis of Everglades, Florida, were visitors on Sunday the first. Having an attractive home here they come as often as they conveniently can, visiting sister Rose Gilbert, Mrs. Lewis's sister and their many friends here in the Unity. Brother Laurence W. Bubbett with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Campbell visited Miami on the ninth and tenth. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are recently from Jersey City, N. J., the former being a nephew of Mrs. P. W. Campbell of Estero. On the tenth we were visited by Col. and Mrs. A. E. Powell with their son and daughter from Vancouver, B. C. They are touring the Southern states in a house car and he is gathering data for a book of his travels. Brother Wilhelm Appel passed away on Saturday, the fourteenth, following a long illness and was interred in our local cemetery. Brother Wilhelm was born in Prussia, Germany, March 21, 1852, and came to this country as a young man and located in eastern Pennsylvania. About forty years ago he joined the Koresh-an Unity in Chicago, Ill., and came to Estero in 1903 when the Chicago branch was consolidated with the Estero division.. For many years he was in charge of our farm and especially of the horses. He was an earnest and faithful follower of Koresh and for years had never been off the premises. Brothers Henry D. Silverfriend and David J. Richards were the guests of Mr. D. R. Dora of Coop" erstown, N. Y., on an auto trip to Collier City and Caxambas, Florida, on the fifteenth. Mr. Dorn is an enthusiastic archeologist and was especially interested in gathering relics of the aboriginal inhabitants of Florida, many of which have been found at the two places visited. Brothers Alien Andrews and David J. Richards were among the delegation from this county that went to Tampa, Florida, on the eighteenth to attend an indignation meeting over the dilatory tactics now being pursued by the State Highway Department in maintaining in repair and improvement our principal local highway, the Tamiami Trail, and they reported an organization was effected and promises obtained from representatives of the State Highway Department that immediate consideration will be given for the improvement of this important highway. Sister Florence Graham our efficient machine typesetting operator spent the Christmas holidays visiting her brothers in Miami, and left with the writer the arduous duty of substituting for her while she was away. Really that typesetting machine is the dumbest speller I ever encountered. Hardly a word came out of it correctly spelled. It was a mess, and I was glad that Florence's visit was not prolonged. Mr. Marion W. Strickland who is operating our gasoline filling station

spent a delightful Christmas day visiting with his daughters in. Wauchula, Florida. The weather is still making strenuous efforts to establish new records for this section of Florida. During the whole month of December it has been cool and on many days uncomfortably cold, the thermometer registering as low as 30 degrees above zero in Estero. As yet no serious damage has occurred to our tender vegetation, but our several gardeners are spending sleepless nights apprehensive of what may happen at any time to their garden plots should this sort of unfriendly and unusual weather continue. 30 degrees here is equivalent to about 15 degrees in the north so far as its damp penetration and effect on humans is concerned. Among us here in the Unity Christmas day passes without special observance, not that we are lacking in reverence toward the God of the universe that the nations of Christendom on this day pay homage to, but rather to the fact that the Christian dispensation has passed and we are now on the threshold of the most important of all eras, the Koreshan dispensation which was inaugurated at the birth of KORESH. He it is that we honor in this new age as the supreme Lord of Creation in whom are gathered all the wisdom and attributes of Deity. Since the death of Mrs. Bertha S. Boomer her daughter. Bertha M. Boomer has arranged to make her home in the Unity. Their home at Mirasol Grove will be closed except for occasional visits of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Boomer and children of New York City, who with several guests spent the Christmas holidays there this season. We have some very promising vegetable gardens under way nurtured by several intrepid knights of the hoe who if they manage to live through or weather the frequent and dreaded alarms of threatened freezes will undoubtedly serve us in the near future with much needed green vegetables.

Community Current Events -- February 1936

By Claude J. Rahn

WE HAVE BEEN receiving of late an abundance of tomatoes that are now ripening in the numerous truck gardens in the vicinity and they are being greatly relished by all. For a time there was profitable and ready market in the north for Florida grown tomatoes, but since the shipments from Cuba began to arrive in northern ports the Florida truckers have been unable to market their crop of really superior tomatoes. This is an example of the many difficulties that our farmers have to contend with, and perhaps can be remedied only by the adoption of an intelligent marketing and distributing system. But it seems, our governmental economic advisors prefer to experiment with strange artificial devices rather than undertake the direct distribution of our agricultural and industrial products. A number of the folks from the Unity were guests at a New Year's party given by Misses Meta Monsees and Genevieve Bisbing at their home in Fort Myers. Mr. Joe Mitchell Chappie of Boston, Mass., a well known editor and publicist was a recent over-night guest of the Unity, renewing old friendships and enjoying the warm, sunny days. after his trip from the north. Mr. Chappie has traveled extensively and being an interesting talker his visits are always enjoyed. Mrs. A. L. Camphausen and Miss Elin Lindberg of Fort Myers were visitors on Sunday the fifth. Miss Genevieve Bisbing was also a visitor for several days during the fore part of January. A wildcat was killed recently near Estero after it had been found killing some chickens belonging to one of our neighbors. It is not unusual for those animals to enter our premises looking for chickens of which they are very fond. At this time of the year 'possums are frequently seen on our roads after nightfall, the headlights of approaching cars seeming to confuse them, and being rather slow in their movements they are frequently killed unavoidably. On Friday, January 10th, Leroy H. Bubbett, Richard Bubbett and Frank Barton from Winnetka, Illinois, arrived for a visit with relatives and friends in the Unity. Mr. Leroy Bubbett was a former member of the Unity and

came south to obtain the benefit of the warm sunshine and recuperate after a long illness. Mr. Barton and Dick Bubbett left for Miami after a few days stay on their way back home. Brother David J. Richards motored to Miami on the tenth to meet Mr. Harold Thomas who arrived via boat from New York City following his voyage from England. They returned the following day to Bonita Springs, Florida, where Mr. Thomas has extensive property holdings and will be a guest this winter at the Bonita Springs Hotel. Mr. Thomas is an old friend of the members of the Unity and returns each winter to enjoy our warm and agreeable climate. Sister Bertha M. Boomer visited for several days with Mrs. A. L. Camphausen and Miss Elin Lindberg in Fort Myers. Mr. and Mrs. John M. Dean of Providence, R. I., and Fort Myers, were visitors on the fourteenth. Brother Henry D. Silverfriend who has been active in the Lee County circle of the Townsend plan advocates was elected one of the two delegates to attend a district convention of Townsend representatives that met at Avon Park, Florida, on January 16th. He reported an enthusiastic meeting was held and that membership to the various Townsend clubs is rapidly increasing. They have the support of the congressman from this district and of other influential men throughout the state, although there is also strong opposition to the plan from many in high places. Brother George W. Hunt was called for jury duty for several days during the January session of the County Court at Fort Myers. Brother Alien H. Andrews motored to Miami on the seventeenth for a stay of several days accompanied by Dr. Charles F. Burgess of Burgess Island, Lee County, Florida. Dr. Burgess is a chemist and interested in the development of the Cajeput tree and horticultural subjects in general. He is also the head of the company manufacturing the well known Burgess dry battery. While in Miami they had an interesting visit with Dr. L. H. Baekeland the inventor of Bakelite which is widely used for many commercial purposes. The flow of tourist traffic has noticeably increased during the past few weeks, probably influenced to some extent by the bitter cold throughout the northern states. Thus the sales at our gasoline filling station have shown some improvement, thereby benefiting our institution which has but comparatively few sources of income to meet our necessary expenses. Our horticultural nursery under the able management of Brother W. Theodore Naeselius is also a department that receives more attention from northern visitors at this season of the year. Many are eager to see the common and rare horticultural varieties of tropical growth that our park and nursery contain, although they are usually at their best during the spring and summer months, being affected by the cold that occasionally rushes in on us from the north. We have had so many cold spells and threatened freezes that our vegetable gardeners are all bordering on nervous prostration; so far no damage has occurred, but growth has lagged. Brother Albert Jacobs has brought in to the kitchen several lots of fine Bermuda onions that he is raising and has a good stand of cabbage growing which we are planning to make into sourkrout when matured.

Community Current Events -- March 1936

By Claude J. Rahn

THE ANNUAL fair of southwest Florida was held at Fort Myers, February 18 to 22, incl., and upon invitation the Unity exhibited under the direction of Brother W. Theo. Naeselius some of its rare and ornamental horticultural plants making a specialty of the Cajeput tree. This tree was introduced into southwest Florida from Australia by Brother Alien Andrews in 1912, and has proven to be well suited for growing in this area. The bees make a fine quality of honey from its bloom and its hard wood and bark are adaptable for many uses. Our display elicited much favorable comment and was the center of considerable interest. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Chaliss of

Santa Barbara, California, were camped in their house car for two weeks on our grounds. They were here two years ago and returned for another visit. Mr. Chaliss is an expert banjo player of many years' experience in vaudeville, and gave two performances for our members, in one of which he told the story of the banjo which he claims is the only truly American musical instrument, having been designed by Joseph Sweeny who lived near Richmond, Va., about 100 years ago. His associates called him "Band Joe" which name in contracted form eventually was applied to the instrument as banjo. It is said that Gen. J. E. B. Stuart of the Confederate army had Sweeny among his followers to provide entertainment on his newly designed instrument which Mr. Chaliss states is more rhythmic than melodious. Brothers Alien Andrews, David J. Richards, L. W. Bubbett and the writer visited the state fair at Tampa on the tenth and eleventh. Brother Henry D. Silverfriend was also a visitor for several days. An excellent showing of fruits and vegetables was seen together with some fine breeds of cattle, but the disturbed economic conditions in most counties of the state prevented a more representative showing. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wiandt and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Greer of Detroit, Mich., visited us on the seventeenth. They are active in the promotion of the Direct Credit Society and in the Art Hall that evening gave a talk explaining its objects. They purpose through political agitation to eliminate gold for use as money, substituting paper currency as the only medium of exchange, doing away with interest and private banking, and have the government extend financial credit for any and all needs without interest. They wish to retain the capitalistic and competitive systems but reform its abuses. They claim a large membership, and are one of the many current reform movements clutching at straws. Mr. W. Stanley Hanson, a friend for many years of the Koreshan Unity, possesses the confidence of the Seminole Indians more than any other contemporary white man, and he is known throughout Florida as the "white medicine man" of the Seminoles, a once powerful tribe of Indians whom in years past our government had difficulty in trying to subdue. It never wholly succeeded since a remnant of this freedom loving people consisting of approximately 500 persons are still living in the fastnesses of the Everglades subsisting as best they can on a diminishing supply of wild game and such vegetables as they are able to raise. In an effort to alleviate their distress Mr. Hanson arranged with Governor Dave Sholtz of our state for a powwow with their medicine men at a rendezvous in the Everglades on the twenty-second, the first time on record that a governor of the state has met the Indians in their native surroundings for a powwow. Brother Alien Andrews and the writer were honored with an invitation by Mr. Hanson to be present, and we were greatly interested in the ceremonies attending the occasion, outstanding of which was a tribal dance participated in by both sexes, the smoke signaling that notified other Indians throughout the length and breadth of the Everglades that the powwow was under way, and also the excellent manner in which Mr. Hanson interpreted the native speeches of poetic character for the benefit of the governor and his party. Mr. Hanson was master of ceremonies and in him the Seminoles have a true and helpful counselor. Immediately after breakfast certain sisters volunteer to assist the cook in preparing vegetables for the meal at noon. They are known collectively as the "Bee" and practice has made them proficient not only at the work in hand, but also in the ancient art of conversation. To give full reign to the latter delight Sister Ida Fischer gave a party for the "Bee" on the nineteenth, among the skilletts and stewpans in the kitchen, in the surroundings conducive to their vocal propensities. Several brothers who "crashed" that sacred domain reported getting some refreshments, but were unable to "crash" the conversation. Brothers Will Fischer, Alfred Christensen and John Watson visited the winter quarters of the Ringling Brothers' circus at Sarasota, Florida, on the thirteenth. The severe winter weather prevailing in the north has been reflected in Florida by heavy rains, and it is

claimed more water has fallen during February according to records that have been kept than during any previous February. The excessive water and frequent cold spells have retarded the growth of our winter vegetables, but several of the more hardy kinds are now being brought into the kitchen.

Community Current Events - April 1936

By Claude J. Rahn

A LARGE DELEGATION of Baptist Sunday School students from Arcadia, Wauchula and Fort Myers, visited the Unity on Sunday afternoon, the twenty-second. There were 62 persons in the party, and they seemed to enjoy their walk about the gardens and the talks on Koreshan Universology given at the Art Hall. Many had only vague ideas concerning our beliefs, and expressed themselves as pleased to obtain first-hand information on the subject. We were glad to have this opportunity to impart our vital truths to so many impressionable minds, which as they go forth touch here and there receptive mentalities that may eventually lead to closer relationships. Mr. Henry Moreland of Fort Myers was a guest of the Unity on the first. Mr. M. W. Strickland in charge of our filling station visited his daughters living in Wauchula on the second. Dr. Charles F. Burgess ordered 1000 young Cajeput trees from our nursery during the month for planting on his Pine Island property. Several of our brothers assisted in the planting of same, which is the largest planting of these trees so far undertaken in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Miller and the former's sister Miss Maud Miller of Baltimore, Md., were visitors to the Unity on the second. Mr. E. E. Whitney representing Washington interests was in Estero on the second trying to locate a suitable tract of land of several thousand acres for a proposed colonization scheme. Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Pulcifer winter residents of Fort Myers Beach and old friends of the Unity visited us on the fourth, accompanied by Miss Claire Lerch and her brother Mr. Paul Lerch, Dr. and Mrs. Leavenworth and Mrs. Shuttleford all from Cleveland, Ohio. On the sixth Brothers Alien H. Andrews and David J. Richards, also Mr. Harold Thomas of Bonita Springs, motored to Lakeland as part of a motorcade from this section to attend the Taft Highway meeting held in that city. A public hearing was held in the Art Hall on the tenth in connection with the proposed new bridge to be built in Estero to replace the present antiquated oneway structure. Lieut. Col. Earl North, U. S. Army engineer, and Mr. J. E. Edwards, engineer of the State Highway Department were present. There being no objections nor changes suggested to the plans and specifications it is probable that work will be started in the near future on this much needed improvement. Dr. and Mrs. Henry S. Huntington of Osprey, Florida, prominent advocates of the nudist cult were visitors to the Unity on the twelfth. Brother Henry D. Silverfriend accompanied them on their return to their colony at Osprey for a visit, and returned on the sixteenth. Mrs. A. L. Camphausen of Fort Myers and Mrs. Ethel Kingsbury of Philadelphia were guests of the Unity on Sunday the fifteenth. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Chapin May of New York City were visiting Sister Bertha M. Boomer on the thirteenth. We had to dispose of our four-year-old bull to the butchers. It was a fine animal, half Durham and Jersey and had been raised by our dairy department, but it became so cantankerous that no one wanted to go near it and it was necessary to keep it penned most of the time. Brother Will Fischer decided that St. Patrick's day would be appropriate for the making of sourkrout, so with several assistants they put up a full barrel of krout which we hope will turn out all right. After several weeks of curing it will be processed in half gallon jars for table use during the summer months when it is too warm for growing vegetables. Mrs. Katherine G. Gilmer of Baltimore, Mrs. Julia Home and her daughter Melba of Estero were guests of the Unity

on the twenty-second. Brothers Will Fischer and Theodore Naeselius have been cutting down pine trees and hauling in the logs to our mill for sawing into stove wood to meet our requirements for the next six months. We use considerable pine wood in the course of a year for cooking, baking and general heating purposes, and it keeps someone busy week after week to provide this necessary fuel. The mulberry trees are heavily laden with berries this year, and for several weeks we have been enjoying this delicious fruit served in various ways. The many birds of numerous variety that live among us also seem to be fond of these berries, and this being their nesting season the days and even the nights are filled with their song and chatter. We have a fair crop of oranges and grapefruit but never enough for our needs. It is possible we may have a few avocados and mangoes this season though our trees have not fully recovered from the effects of the freeze that occurred more than a year ago. Mrs. Marie McConnell, Mrs. Lovelle Ahrano and her son Mark. were visiting relatives and friends in the Unity on the twenty-eighth. Several of our folks have been bothered with colds and influenza during the past few weeks, but all are now much better.

Community Current Events - May 1936

By Claude J. Rahn

THE SUDDEN and unexpected death of Brother Franklin F. Jacke which occurred on Tuesday, March 31st, cast a pall of sorrow over our community and among his many friends in the county. Failing eyesight which presaged the possibility of total blindness, and the mounting cares of the Unity store of which he had been the active manager for many years were doubtless the immediate factors responsible for his passing. Brother Franklin who was of a kindly and friendly disposition was born in Woodland, Wisconsin, sixty one years ago, and joined the Unity in 1903, at which time he came to Estero. Except for a short absence while employed, in the activities of the Koreshan Unity Co-operative in Bristol, Tenn., he had been in continuous management of our local store, and had developed it into being one of the best arranged and stocked rural general stores in southwest Florida. He was buried in our local cemetery, and the management of the store placed in the care of Mr. Marion F. Strickland who for some time had been managing our gasoline filling station, and who has had considerable experience in a similar business in this state. Mr. Will McCready of Tampa, Florida, son of Sister Abbie and Brother William McCready, was a recent visitor to the Unity accompanied by his sisters Mrs. Lovelle Ahrano and Mrs. Marie McConnell, both of Tampa. Will's visits are rare and we were all pleased to see him. Brothers George W. Hunt, Laurence W. Bubbett and Leroy H. Bubbett went to Naples on the fourteenth, and from there by power boat to Marco Bay, in an effort to locate an island the property of the Unity among the many in that vicinity. But as some years, had passed since Brother George last saw it they were unable to find it, so for the present it is debatable whether to class it lost, strayed or stolen. Brother Peter Blem is quite ill with a digestive complaint. He has suffered for a long time but we hope the remedies that have been adopted for his relief will effect his, early recovery and that he will soon be on his feet again. Sister Adah Price visited with Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Pulcifer at Estero Island for several days. The approaching Democratic primary to be held in June in this state is arousing the usual activity among the swarm of political aspirants for the public plums, to be dispensed at the final election in October. It is a motley crew that presents itself for favorable consideration of the electorate, and as always we will get that quality of government that the electorate decides it wants and deserves. Senator W. C. Hodges one of the ten or more candidates for the office of governor of the state stopped to see us recently. He is one of the few aspirants qualified by experience

and ability for the position. The present State Treasurer, Mr. W. V. Knott has also been to see us in the interest of his re-election, and there are others who come with flattery and cajolement. Mr. R. Kirk Gunby of DeLand, Florida, the very pleasing representative of the Florida Securities Commission visited us on the fourth. He came to investigate spurious and vindictive accusations made against the Unity by some of our rattlebrained enemies, but all our records being open for his, inspection discovered nothing to justify the least suspicion of wrongdoing. Less than a year ago the Fort Myers Concert Orchestra was organized at our county seat, and several musically inclined members of the Unity accepted the invitation to play with this organization. Seven concerts free to the public and another at which a small fee was charged to help defray the cost of a musical library have since been given. This musical group is composed of approximately twenty performers and it has attained considerable proficiency, due to several of its key members possessing unusual ability. It has greatly stimulated the cultural development of musical appreciation in this out-of-the-way section of our state and we hope as an organization it will continue to grow in excellence and power for good. Mr. Edward Koester, Jr., of Jacksonville, Florida, visited us on the fourteenth. Edward is one of the boys reared in the Unity and comes ever and anon to quench his thirst for a sight of home places and folks. Mrs. Cora Newcomb of LaBelle, Florida, spent a few days with us. Our mulberry trees continue to bear an abundance of their delicious fruit, much of which is wasting because of our inability to preserve that portion over and above that picked for daily consumption. Our Surinam cherries, a very pretty tropical fruit, are also about us in great abundance. Wish some of you readers were here to enjoy them with us. Dr. Alexander Karr of Chicago, Illinois, was our dinner guest on the twenty-second and gave a short talk. He is a widely known lecturer on the development of the community spirit of mutual help and cooperation without which no real progress in our civic and economic life may be effected. His inspiring talks on the power of personalty in business, and social life have been delivered in hundreds of communities. Mr. L. A. Whitney of Fort Myers was also our guest for the day. Brothers Laurence W. Bubbett and Leroy H. Bubbett motored to Miami, Florida, on the twenty-second for a visit of some days with Robert and Lloyd Graham.

Community Current Events -- June 1936
By Max E. Arendt

AFTER a visit of several months at the Unity, Leroy H. Bubbett left by train for his home in Chicago, much improved in health. A dry spell lasting several months left the surrounding woods in a condition to be easily devastated by fire. For weeks now the night sky has been illuminated by these woods fires. Sister Emily Bessemer, whom we all admired for the excellent work she did as one of our two cooks, left on May 8, to visit with relatives in Washington, D. C., for the summer. Sister Ida Fischer remains as our stand-by as chief cook. Political activity is the order of the day, the primary election for candidates to office in the state and counties being held on June 2. There are fourteen candidates in the race for governor of the state of Florida, which is a record and makes for a pretty hot contest. Mrs. Eleanore Castle, and granddaughter, Dawn, arrived from Chicago, Illinois, May 8, to make their home in Estero, where Mrs. Castle has purchased a home. She and Dawn are welcome additions to the community, and she should find many friends of former years to make her residence here a pleasant one. Brother David Richards left on May 12, for a visit of several weeks with friends in Miami. He was accompanied by Harold Thomas, of Sussex, England, who has been spending the winter at Bonita Springs and

is returning to England. It is, with a real sense of loss that we record the passing of Brother Peter Blem, aged 56, on May 12. He had been suffering for some time with a chronic disorder of the digestive tract and put up a brave fight to correct it. It proved to be a losing fight, however. Brother Peter had been a member of the Unity since May, 1913, coming here from California. He was well liked by all who knew him and was unsparing in his work for the community. Brother Peter is survived by a sister in Denmark. He did some creditable work as an artist, as his pictures testify. He joins the host, of those good and faithful followers of KORESH whose names will not be forgotten so soon. Recent visitors were Mrs. A. L. Camphausen and Miss Elin Lindberg, of Fort Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Phillips and daughter, Marie, of Miami; Mrs. James Newcomb and daughter, Olive, of LaBelle; Robert and Lloyd Graham and Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Graham, of Miami; Mrs. Jean Ahrano, of Tampa, and Mrs. and Mrs. Fritz Ahrano and daughter, of Pensacola. Brother Claude Rahn, accompanied by Brother Laurence Bubbett, left for Miami on May 15, where he was to board the train for Baltimore to visit with his mother and relatives for the summer. Brother Laurence Bubbett will remain in Miami for several months to visit with friends there.

Community Current Events -- July 1936

By D.J. Richards

FOR SOME TIME to come, many of us in the Unity will be inclined to date future events from the time of the flood, which we had in reality in Estero, beginning Sunday evening June 14, when the Estero river overflowed its banks and doing considerable damage. A tropical storm was reported by press and radio with wind velocity about thirty-five miles an hour. This we considered mild, comparing it with previous storms. But hereafter we shall take cognizance of the heavy rains as well, for the word "wet" will have a real meaning to us. For instance: Our old store building, now used as a postoffice, barbershop and warehouse, had in it about six feet of water; needless to speak here of the damage done to stock of goods, office and other equipment. The general store, being on higher ground, fared a little better as to depth, but it had more water in it than we ever hope to see again, for it rose to a height of 34 3/4 inches. This building is about sixty-five feet long by fifty feet wide, and without circumlocution, will leave it to the readers imagination to visualize the damage done to goods, showcases, counters neatly arranged with drawers. A Russman refrigerating counter, eighteen feet long, with a new engine and electrical equipment which had been in use less than one year. When we arrived on the scene the concrete floor in the store was covered with three inches of water. Mr. Strickland, our store manager, with his visiting grandson, Edgar Strickland of Lakeland; Brother George W. Hunt, Mr. F. P. Boland of the Hudson County Court House, Jersey City, N. J., Mr. Al Rasmussen, Chicago, and Dr. Harry Newton Carr, Miami, Fla., one and all were doing yeoman service, elevating what goods they could from floor and lower shelves to higher levels; thereby saving much to the Unity. But the water kept rising and before morning had risen to its maximum height, and our usually attractive store was a sight to behold. Dr. Carr was marooned in Estero for several days, but we managed the following day to get Messers Boland and Rasmussen away by motor boat up the county road a ways, for they had scheduled engagements in many states, traveling in the interest of the forthcoming Elks convention to be held in Los Angeles, Calif., in July, and it was most imperative that they move on. The Tamiami Trail to Fort Myers, a distance of sixteen miles, was completely submerged, but our marooned friends made it safely by car, leaving their own Chevrolet's, behind here in Estero. They are entertainers par excellent, and Mr. Rasmussen plays beautifully on the guitar, besides possessing an

excellent tenor voice. Despite the bleak surroundings, conditions were quite serene above the store and our guests made things merry with song and good fellowship. Dr. Carr's, friend and traveling companion, Mr. J. Muller of Miami was marooned four miles to the south of us, but spent Tuesday night at the Unity. This is the first time our beautiful stream has overflowed its banks in the twenty-five years we have lived in Estero, and the second time in the history of the colony's existence of forty-two years. Many of our cottages had three feet and more of water in them. This caused much suffering and inconvenience to aged occupants, who had to be moved to drier quarters. Machinery and motors in different departments were submerged, except those at the publishing house. The one item of greatest loss to us, however, was the sweeping away of some eighty colonies of bees. It is difficult to estimate this loss, for honey is a very important item of diet with members of the Colony, and of which we have had an abundance. The suddenness with which this flood materialized, there was no way of saving the bees, and all our apiarist, Brother Frank Wilson could do, was think about his pets, as he calls them, for he, too, was marooned for the better part of two days in his own domicile. There are many swarms left around what was once an apiary; Brother Frank may yet salvage a few colonies. A few Sundays ago an item appeared in The Fort Myers Press that Max E. Arendt and Miss Genevieve Bisbing of Fort Myers were married. The reader friends of Max will greatly miss, his name in this issue of THE SWORD; we appreciate very much his many years of service and valued contributions to this publication. Much interest was taken in the 2nd primary election, June 23, and so close was the race for commissioner in the Estero-Bomta district, that the Unity vote decided it either way. J. W. Carter won the election. The Unity nursery recently received a nice order for plants from the estate of Chas. Baker of Coconut Grove, Miami, Fla. For the past few weeks our horticulturist, Brother Theodore Naeselius has been very busy preparing to fill same and has been given valuable assistance by Brother William Fischer. Trees of fair dimension have to be balled with earth and burlaped and there was a large truck load of the cajeput, eucalyptus and cocos plumosa; also a varied collection of tropical fruit plants and ornamentals. It speaks volumes for Brother Theodore's devotion, for the excellent collection of rare tropical fruit and ornamental plants that has been added to our nursery in the last few years. Brother Alien Andrews deserves much credit, too, for he is at all times on the lookout for rare specimens of plants.

Community Current Events - August 1936

By D.J. Richards

MR M. W. STRICKLAND, the Unity store manager, left Sunday, July 19, on a two weeks vacation. Going through the flood with its many attendant cares afterward has kept Mr. Strickland pretty close to the store and we sincerely hope he will be much benefitted by the rest. During his absence, Joseph Haverfield will be in charge of the store, and Richard Dumbleton will substitute for the latter at the filling station. Our local store, with its bargain offerings of goods that went through the flood, has attracted many customers from Fort Myers and neighboring towns. Henry Moreland of Fort Myers gave us much valuable assistance in the arrangement of these goods and his services was much appreciated. Misses, Lillian Weimar, Elsie Sutton, Gunhild and Ingrid Jenassen of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, visited at the Unity while en route from Miami. Miss Weimar is a niece of the late Dr. Weimar; she had heard so much about Estero through her uncle and his daughter Mamie, to have a genuine desire to see the place; needless to say she and her friends were much pleased with their visit here. Mrs. Alex. McKay of Lakeland, Florida, was a guest of the Unity for several days. Her coming is always a pleasure to the folks here, for she is much devoted to the Master and his Cause. Dr. John Gifford, with Mrs. Gifford

of Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida, were interested callers in Estero during the month. Dr. Gifford is one of the foremost authorities on plant life in the state of Florida, and for many years was connected with Gifford Pinchot in the Forestry Dept, at Washington. Dr. Gifford's outstanding articles appearing in The American Eagle from time to time, are a source of much pleasure and profit to Eagle readers. Sister Ella Graham, at the present writing, is visiting with her two sons, Robert and Lloyd Graham at Miami. She expects to spend the better part of the summer with them and her daughter, Mrs. Victor Phillips and family. Brother Lou Staton, spent the better part of two weeks in Fort Myers, while recuperating from a slight illness. His niece, Miss Cecil Hamilton, who is principal of the Gwynne School of Fort Myers, and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Raymond, with whom Lou stayed, gave him the kindest attention with the result that he was soon nursed back to health. Mr. Frank Sterling and Mr. James of Davie, Florida, were recent overnight guests of the Unity. Mr. Sterling is very enthusiastic about the cajeput tree and brought over with him a small truck load of cajeput bark and leaves for Mr. Burgess, whose chemist is making extensive experiments with the cajeput tree at the laboratory on Burgess Island. Mr. Sterling says it is the best honey producing plant in Florida.

Community Current Events - September 1936

By D.J. Richards

IN ANOTHER department of this issue we are using a letter received from Mr. Al Rasmussen of Chicago who was marooned in Estero during the flood in June. We appreciate very much the excellent photographs taken of this unusual event by Mr. Rasmussen and thank him heartily for the six prints sent us. The pictures tell the real story and far more eloquent than could be done in writing. They are highly prized by the folks here for their historical value. It will be recalled in our "Events" for July that Messers Rasmussen, and Boland were travelling companions, touring the South in the interest of the Elks organization. Another marooned friend who found refuge among us with the above gentleman was Dr. Carr of Miami, whose friendly letter we are also using in this issue. We received word from the authorities of the Florida State Hospital at Chattahoochee, that Brother Stephen Chislett had passed on. Brother Steve, as he was familiarly known to us, was a most valued member of the Unity for many years. He was a most versatile mechanic, but excelled in wood work and the ornate staircase at the Planetary Court now looms in perspective of his extraordinary skill in that line. Received a card from Brother Henry Silverfriend from Chicago, where he is visiting relatives. He said he had been to Sauk City, where a sister resides, and that he would soon leave for Ahmeek, Mich., where another sister lives with her family and where he expected to stay about a month. Sister Florence Graham, Miss Dawn Castle and Bertha M. Boomer, motored to Miami on the 13th in Miss Boomer's car, and spent several pleasant days with the Graham family in Miami. Brothers Alien Andrews and William' Fischer motored to West Palm Beach on the 13th, the latter remaining for several days with his sister Marie who has resided there for some time. In a period of forty-two years, an institution like the Koreshan Unity will accumulate considerable scrap iron, and this has been in much demand of late by nations who think in terms of war. We recently disposed of what we had on hand to a Mr. Johnson of Tampa, and he is now busy hauling it to the above city. Mr. and Mrs. George Hosmer of Fort Myers, and their daughter, Miss Catherine, of Summit, N. J., were guests, of the Unity on Tuesday, August 25. Miss Hosmer is a teacher of Latin and French at the high school in the above city. Brothers Theodore Naeselius and Alien Andrews journeyed to De Soto City, in the beautiful ridge section of this state, to investigate the Perrine lemon, grown and developed by Mr. David C. Barrow, a pioneer in the citrus industry

of Florida. This lemon, will prove a boon to citrus growers in this state, because Florida imports annually a large quantity of lemons, from California and foreign countries. The brothers brought back with them a number of trees for planting in the Unity, also some Persian limes. The cajeput trees in and around Estero are covered with white bloom at this time of the year and they present a beautiful picture. The atmosphere rings, too, with the hum of bees. Someone has dubbed the cajeput, the asbestos tree, on account of its, fire resisting characteristics, and those planted along the Tamiami Trail, to the north and south of the Unity amply prove this, for they have been burned many many times, but keep on growing. Their bloom immediately catches the eye as one drives along the trail, in striking contrast to an otherwise dull landscape. While on the subject of trees, we quote the following from The American Eagle of August 20: "Theodore Naeselius and George Dore have been busy the past few days on a big job of tree surgery. Several years ago a big limb broke on" the old Royal Poineiana tree just back of the store, leaving a large hole in the base of the tree which, through decay, was gradually weakening and sapping the life of the tree. In addition, termites and large beetles were boring into the sapwood. A chain was strung around the main limbs to strengthen the top; the hollow trunk was thoroughly cleaned of decayed wood, creosoted and filled with concrete in such a manner as to turn the water outwardly. It is hoped that this will result in saving the tree, which is one of the largest in this section of South Florida." Mrs. J. H. Ahrano and her son Jean of Tampa, visited the Unity during the month; and later Mr;:. Fred McConnell, Their father. Brother William F. McCready has been confined to his bed for a number of years, and they have been exceedingly kind and attentive to him during these trying' years and to their mother, Sister Abbie McCready. We take this, opportunity of thanking them for the delicious peaches they gave the Unity upon their last visit. Sister Rose Gilbert, our postmistress, has, been visiting with her sister Anna and Frank Lewis at Everglades, Fla., the past three weeks. We take it for granted that she is greatly benefitted by the change, for the Lewis, too, are kindness itself and are very helpful to the Cause here in Estero. The electrical equipment that was in the Unity store has been transferred and installed by Brother Alfred Christensen in the shop near the power plant. This unit will be used to furnish light to the dininghall and store, as well as furnishing heat for ironing purposes in our laundry dept.

Community Current Events - October 1936

By D.J. Richards

ON THE EIGHTEENTH of October we shall celebrate the 97th Anniversary of KORESH. It is is the event of the year with us here in the Unity and one which we anticipate greatly. While the ceremonies these later years are not as elaborate as those when the Master was here in person, for in those days the Unity had more members, besides an excellent brass band and orchestra, nevertheless the little group left here make most of the occasion with the means at hand, and the Master, though unseen, is surely sustaining his "little flock" and bestowing his blessing. There are many things to do by way of preparation for the Birthday, but the one biggest item is the cleaning up of the park. This would not be so much of a task had we a, tractor mower to cut the grass and weeds, for the vegetation grows tremendously during the summer months (our rainy season), and it is quite a chore when it all has to be cut by hand. However, we know that those who attend to this work will do their best to have things looking right between now and the 18th. Brother Henry Silverfriend returned to Estero, Sunday, September 20, and reports having had the time of his life. He was gone about six weeks and spent most of his time with his sister at Ahmeek, Michigan. He also visited friends and relatives in Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana. Meeting

Dr. Alexander Carr in Chicago brought him in touch with some of the leading business people of the city. He was invited to speak before three different civic bodies in the section of Chicago known as Woodlawn. Henry says wherever he went people were very kind to him. He naturally feels, very grateful to his own kin folks for making this trip possible, and as to his health, he surely returned much benefitted. Mr. and Mrs. William Wallace of Pittsburg, Kansas, were overnight guests of the Unity on August 29. Mr. Wallace is a brother of Sister Abbie McCready, whom he hadn't seen for thirty-four years; needless to say theirs was a happy reunion. Mrs. Marie McConnell, and Mrs. Lovelle Ahrano, both of Tampa, paid their monthly visit to the Unity with their parents, William and Abbie McCready, as well as their hosts of friends here. Bertha M. Boomer, having qualified as school teacher in this county of Lee, has accepted a position to teach the school at Punta Blanca, an island at the northern end of the county owned by Barron G. Collier. Sister Bertie, as she is more familiarly known to the folks here, is, not a stranger to the teaching business, for she taught the youngsters of the Unity in the early days in Estero and we all naturally wish her every success in her new field of endeavor. For the past year, Bertha M. has made her home here in the Unity. On September 10, Sister Florence Graham, with Brothers Alien Andrews and Jesse Putnam, journeyed to Miami for several days visit with the Graham family there. A visit to the Grahams is synonymous with "good time." Brother Alien always returns with a good story for The American Eagle about people or places whenever he goes to Miami. The last story was about Dr. Rasmussen of Coral Gables, an esteemed friend of the Unity, who had just returned from Europe, where he visited in Sweden, Norway, Germany and Russia. The Doctor sensed conditions in Europe as being on the verge of war and was glad to get back to this'country: "Knowing full well (he said) that with any outbreak of hostilities he might be indefinitely marooned there." Trucking time in Florida follows close on the "heel" of the rainy season. This year Brother Daniel McNamara has a nice tract laid out which he has planted to leading garden staples. We hope to harvest a nice crop of pecans this year for our trees have the best yield we have ever seen, the result, no doubt, of the high water last June. The Unity nursery has an excellent collection of cashew nut plants, as well as the bread-nut, coming on. The cashew nut is favorably known for its fine edible quality, but the tree can only be grown in warm climate. The bread fruit is not so well known, a native of Jamaica and Mexico, and according to Webster the nut "is roasted and ground into flour from which bread is made." Anyone inclined horticulturally can acquire a liberal education in the Unity nursery, for Brother Theodore Naeselius surely has a most interesting collection of rare tropical plants under his'care, a work which he loves and is eminently fitted for. Our late departed Brother^ Peter Blem had loved ones in Denmark, who, since his passing, wish to commemorate his memory by placing a marker on his grave, and which his sister, Miss Ellen, made possible by furnishing the wherewithal. Miss Blem had promised to visit her brother here, and now she writes of the strong attachment between them. To know Brother Peter was to love him, for he was unquestionably one of the finest characters we have ever known and was universally liked by all who came to know him. To say that he is greatly missed, and particularly at this time, does but half express it, for he eagerly looked forward to the Master's Birthday and took the lead in decorating the Art and Dining Halls for the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis of Everglades were dinner guests at the Unity on Sunday September 20.

Community Current Events - November 1936

By D.J. Richards

THE ANNUAL SOLAR Festivities are now in the past, but the pleasant memory of the day will always remain. To begin with, the weather was as ideal as one could

wish and the Unity members met as usual for the morning repast at the dining hall, each dressed in their best and displaying the Koreshan colors of red, green and gold. The hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion. An impressive prayer, from the writings of KORESH was read by Brother George W. Hunt, and after a hearty breakfast, a most beautiful tribute to the memory of our Illustrious Leader, written by N. C. Critcher, was read by Brother Henry D. Silverfriend, the first paragraph of which reads as follows: "October, sacred month which saw the advent of the world's new hope; month associated with all that is holiest and dearest to the hearts of Koreshans! The name brings sweet memories of all the years that we were privileged to walk with KORESH, and listen to his words of love and wisdom; to feel his tender care and toleration of our many follies and shortcomings,-- never irritated by them, never bruising the broken reed, nor quenching the smoking flax/ but ever giving the encouraging word and ready smile, till at last, having endured unto the end, through endless hours of agonizing suffering, he laid himself upon the altar, the sacrifice for a world which rejected and maligned him." (F. S., Oct. 1911.) At the noon hour we again gathered at the dining hall, where a sumptuous dinner of roast duck with all the trimmings, had been prepared by our most efficient cook, Sister Ida M. Fischer. Too much, by way of praise, can not be said of Sister Ida, for she has been the mainstay of the Unity's culinary department for some years and performs this arduous service with love and "untiring devotion." The ducks, of which there were twenty-one, was the gift of Sister Lillian Rugg, who has, resided in Estero for many years and whose devotion to the Master is simply unquestionable. Sister Lillian has. the Unity's most sincere gratitude for her contribution. We had as guests for the Festival, Mrs. Lovelle Ahrano and Mrs. Marie McConnell of Tampa; Miss Bertha M. Boomer of Punta Blanca; Messers Robert Graham and Lawrence Bubbett of Miami; Mr. R. Percy Jones of Fort Myers, and from Estero: Mrs. P. W. Campbell, Edith Trebell, Mrs. Eleanor Castle and her granddaughter, Dawn Castle, Mrs. Lillian Rugg, and Messers Gustave Faber, Richard Dumbleton and Jacob Bjorkman. In the afternoon, Miss Lydia Pierce of Fort Myers made a friendly call, and regretting her inability to be with us at the evening Service. Ice cream and cake was served for the evening repast and after that the Commemorative Service, at the Art Hall, the program of which follows: 1 PIANO DUET, "Andantino" Hummel Edith Trebell and Raymond Pilgrim 2 SONG, "The Resurrection" Koresh Congregation 3 INVOCATION, Koresh Read by Brother Henry Silverfriend 4 VOCAL SOLO, "Out of the Depths" Wooler Raymond Pilgrim 5 ORATION, Koresh Read by Brother David J. Richards 6 PIANO DUET, "The Glow Worm" Lincke Edith Trebell and Raymond Pilgrim 7 ORATION, Koresh Read by Sister Etta Silverfriend 8 VOCAL SOLO, "The Holy City" Adams Brother David J. Richards 9 ORATION, Koresh Read by Brother Henry Silverfriend 10 VOCAL DUET, "The Lord Is My Shepherd" Smart D. J. Richards and R. Pilgrim 11 SONG, "The Messenger" E. M. Castle Congregation 12 PRAYER, Koresh Read by Sister Etta Silverfriend Response by the Congregation 13 SONG, "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates" Congregation 14 RECEPTIONAL, "Qui Vive" Ganz Edith Trebell and Raymond Pilgrim Mrs. Edith Trebell, Piano Accompanist Raymond Pilgrim, a new name to our readers, and prominently featured in the above program, has a very pleasing baritone voice and his rendering of "Out of the Depths" was very well done. The duet with the writer, in addition to those on the piano with Edith Trebell, surely .added greatly to our Service. Raymond arrived in Estero on Monday, October 1, from Muscatone, Iowa, and his coming was just like an answer to prayer, for he came prepared to perform uses to the neighbor and he has done this with a devotion that is truly sublime. He expects to be with us a little over a month, and says he wishes he could remain longer, but obligations compel him to return north. However, we hope he has sufficient "sand in his shoes" to want to return, and we can assure him that no one will be more welcome, for he is exceedingly well liked by all. We were delighted that Sister Ella Graham, returned

home on Saturday the 17th, having spent the summer in the Magic City of Miami. Mr. Roger Perry of White House, Florida, arrived in Estero, on October 15th and hopes to make his home with us in the Unity. He is much pleased with Estero and we hope sufficient to want to stay.

Community Current Events - December 1936
By D.J. Richards

WE ARE PLEASED to record in this issue the return of Sister Cora Stephens to Estero, accompanied by her niece, Marjorie Mills of Tabor, N. C. Sister Cora was gone fifteen months and visited most of the time with her daughter Alafae in Detroit, Mich., and her own folks at Tabor. En route south she stopped off for a few days' visit with friends in Youngstown, Ohio, and Koreshan friends (the MacDonalds) at Aliquippa, Pa., and was heartily received by all. She reports having had a wonderful vacation and a most enjoyable time. On Saturday morning, October 31, the Unity received a telegram from Mr. Leroy H. Bubbett, our representative at Winnetka, Ill., to the effect that he would arrive in Fort Myers. that morning and for someone to meet him. We did, but it was most evident that Leroy was not long for this world, for he arrived completely exhausted and a very sick man indeed. The end came the following Tuesday, Nov. 3, at 3:30 p. m. Brother Roy, as he was familiarly known to us, was one of the early pioneers of the Koreshan movement in Chicago, coming into the home when a lad with his parents, Brother James and Sister Evelyn Bubbett. He performed much valuable service in those early days and since, and was ready at all times to champion the Cause of Koreshanity. He is survived by his wife and daughter, who reside at Winnetka; a son at Birmingham, Ala., and his brother, Laurence Bubbett, of Estero. His son, Victor Bubbett, arrived in Estero Thursday morning following his father's demise, and left the next day for Winnetka. Miss Margaret Penn and her sister, Mrs. Baker of Zanesville, Ohio, with Mr. and Mrs. Peyton Montgomery of Lakeland, accompanied by Miss Lydia Pierce of Fort Myers, paid the Unity a visit on Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 17. An open reception was held at the Planetary Court, so as to give our people an opportunity to meet them. Miss Penn has been a reader of THE FLAMING SWORD for many years and has visited the Unity on several former occasions; needless to say she was gratified to meet the folks once again. Time being limited, our guests made a hurried visit over the park grounds and were delighted with what they saw of it. The following day en route to Miami, they stopped again for a short visit to the Unity Art Hall, which pleased them greatly. We had the pleasure of accompanying Raymond Pilgrim on a visit to Royal Palm Park, Fla., now in the area of the Everglades National Park, also Miami, while he was here as our guest. We stopped overnight at Miami Beach, returning the next day via West Palm Beach and Clewiston, through the heart of the Everglades region. An unforgettable experience to Raymond was the sight of the thousands of birds feeding in the early hours en route along the Tamiami Trail, and of which he took many pictures. It was a most enjoyable outing with a very delightful companion. A chief attraction to most visitors to Florida, especially those coming to the west coast, is the gathering of beach shells, and Raymond was no exception, for he picked a choice collection to take back with him to Muscatine, Iowa, from the beaches of Bonita, Sanibel and Captiva Islands. To reach the two latter islands, one has to ferry across three miles of water from Punta Rassa. Accompanying Raymond on this delightful journey were: Sisters Etta Silverfriend, Barbara Ehrisman and the writer. It was Sister Etta's first visit to the islands in her thirty-three years of residence in Estero; needless to say the outing proved a most delightful one to all concerned. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis of Everglades, Fla., and their guest, Mrs. Enell of Los Angeles, Calif., were dinner guests of the Unity on Sunday, Nov.

15. The following Sunday, Sister Rose Gilbert accompanied the above party to Sarasota, Fla., where they visited the Ringing Art Museum, one of the outstanding attractions of the entire South. On the eve of Raymond Munson Pilgrim's departure for his home in Muscatine, Iowa, he gave us a very delightful vocal recital on Monday evening, Nov. 2, accompanied on the piano by Mrs, Edith Trebell. The program was an exceptionally well balanced one with selections to satisfy the most exacting. Particularly pleasing was "I Love Life," by Mana-Zucca. Space forbids a lengthy account, but we are surely indebted to Raymond and Edith for this entertainment, the program of which was as follows: Two Grenadiers -- Schumann Old Fashioned Town -- Squire The Sunshine of Your Smile -- Ray The Mighty Deep -- Jude Coming Home -- Willeby I Love Life -- Mana-Zucca The Great Awakening -- Kramer The Lord Is My Shepherd -- Liddle There Is No Death -- O'Hara Tempest King -- Verne Because -- Guy d'Hardelot Homing -- Del Riego An invitation was extended the Unity by The American Type Founders to visit their Printers Progress Special at Miami, Fla., on Friday, Nov. 27. Brother Jesse Putnam, our faithful pressman, left here Thursday night to attend same and reports the exhibit was very interesting and instructive.

Community Current Events - January 1937

By D.J. Richards

MRS. MARIAN WATKINS of Des Moines, Iowa, arrived in Estero on Friday, December 11, and expects to spend the winter with us here at the Unity. Mrs. Watkins is a sister of Sister Adah Price, and she is much pleased with Estero and Lee County. Bertha M. Boomer, having two weeks off during the holiday season from teaching school at Punta Blanca, in this county, returned home to the Unity on December 22 and will spend her vacation here. Our valued Brother Theodore Naeselius had the misfortune recently of falling on the roof of the newly erected nursery building and fracturing several ribs. Most of this roof is covered with glass, and Brother Theodore soliloquized, before the accident, on his success in placing all this glass without breaking any, when at the last minute he met with his mishap. There is so much work to do, and so few to do it, that it is difficult to estimate whether Brother Theodore suffers more from inactivity than from pain, though the latter has given him plenty to think about. However, he is on the mend and hopes to be soon back on the job. The Unity's fame is well established within the confines, of Lee County, as well as beyond, for its good bread, but now it has extended to Muscatine, Iowa. We were naturally pleased to get the following order from Brother Raymond Pilgrim: "Will you please send me a couple of loaves of that good bread for Christmas." He also stated: "There isn't a day passes but what I think of my brothers and sisters in my beloved Estero." Brother William Fischer is our baker, and he is ably assisted by Brothers Alfred Christensen and Laurence Bubbett. The Unity grinds its own wheat, and while there is much to be desired by way of oven improvement, our baker manages to turn out excellent bread. Mr. F. D. Mendenhall and Mr. Warriner, government engineers from Tampa, Florida, were in Estero on Wednesday, December 16, gathering what data they could pertaining to flood relief for this district. What they desired mostly was to consult an aerial map showing the topography of the surrounding terrain as well as the streams in Estero, Bonita Springs, Mulock and Horse Creeks, which are all within a radius of sixteen miles. Uncle Sam's chief interest in our problem, if he takes any at all, will be in dredging the above streams, and this no doubt will help greatly in getting rid of surplus waters in time of stress. It has been pointed out, however, that our main difficulty is not so much due to our natural outlets, but to faulty engineering in the construction of the Tamiami Trail and the two railroads, the Seaboard and the Atlantic Coast Line. These were built without proper thought given to drainage, with

the result that each project acts as a dam to hold back the waters during our heavy 'rainfalls. It is encouraging, however, to feel that some thought is being given the matter, for the high waters of the past have done much damage to grove property here in Estero and Bonita Springs. One of the most thrifty avocado groves in Lee County was that of our Koreshan friends, the Campbells, here in Estero, which is now practically a total loss. Citrus trees can withstand more water than the avocado; the latter succumb if the roots are soaked for more than thirty-six hours. Florida is experiencing .an early tourist influx; already a steady stream of cars passes through Estero, to and from Miami. Our local gas filling station attracts a fair average of the cars that pass through these small towns along the Trail. It is surprising how many people there are who have never heard of the Cellular Cosmogony, and the station is an excellent medium to acquaint the traveling public with the science of Koreshan Universology. The Trail passing through Estero is pretty well lined with cabbage palms. The Psalmist likens the righteous to the palm tree, for the reason that the life is in the head. The Master valued them highly, and one such tree stands in front of our local store. Brother John Watson, who for many years was the Unity's chief horticulturist, thought this tree would look better (and the large sign back of it could be read easier) if the leaves were trimmed. This he started doing recently with a saw, but it was slow work, so Mr. Strickland, our store manager, produced a steel clipper, and presto! the leaves dropped off in quick order. With this added impulse all the palm trees to and past ihe Art Hall, on both sides of the street, were.given similar treatment, the result adding much to visibility, besides improving greatly the general landscape. The Unity recently received a shipment of fifty azaleas from the Everglades Nursery in Fort Myers. These should add wonderfully to the nice collection already established in our park. Azaleas are exceedingly hardy and can withstand a lot of cold. They also have the charm of blooming in the winter season when so many people visit our gardens. Another beautiful shrub in our park and in full bloom at the present writing is the Dombeya. This plant has large green leaves and grows thriftily, and a number dot the landscape with their large pink blossoms. One sad drawback to the Dombeya, however, is its sensitiveness to cold, and like so many other beautiful tropical things, the first severe freeze and that's the end of them. We sincerely, hope they'll be spared such treatment this: winter, for they must be seen to be fully appreciated.

Community Current Events - February 1937

By D.J. Richards

MR AND MRS. PAUL C. WARREN of Lakeside, Michigan, were supper guests of the Unity on Friday, January 22. That same evening, at the Unity Art Hall, Mr. Warren gave an Estero audience an intellectual feast with his talk on Labrador and Greenland. The speaker was one of the party on the Donald MicMillan expedition to Greenland and Labrador a few years ago. His address was illustrated with motion pictures of his own taking. Preliminary to the pictures the speaker gave a graphic description of the expedition and its object; the life and habits of the people of the countries traversed; those who constituted its personnel, etc. Space allotted to this department, however, will permit of but a limited account and we shall have to content ourself with simply a few of the high spots. Of great interest to us were the pictures of the Eskimos flashed on the screen and the account of thenlife and habits. Mr. Warren said the Eskimos bear every mark of being of Mongolian origin; that they are a very highly intelligent and resourceful people, and necessarily so, for life at best in this wild country is an arduous one in order to exist at all. Fishing is the Eskimo's principal source of livelihood, with some trapping. The many glacial icebergs portrayed were truly awe inspiring, some extending upright into the

air about 275 feet, while the submerged parts, Mr. Warren said, were eight times and more that much in size. Navigating in these waters is naturally a precarious business. The speaker said he had never seen richer shades of green and blue than those to be seen about the icebergs. Of all things to survive in this cold north country, one would think mosquitoes, would be the last, but Mr. Warren informed his audience that in the summer time they were worse here than any place he had ever seen. The speaker paid Donald McMillan a wonderful tribute as a man and navigator. He said that Mr. McMillan was with the Peary expedition when Commodore Peary made his last and successful dash to the North Pole in the year 1907. The McMillan expedition was financed by the Field Museum of Chicago. One may see at the above museum a wonderful collection of marine as well as bird life of Greenland and Labrador brought back by the McMillan expedition. The evening's entertainment was brought to a close with the exhibit of a. film of Mr. and Mrs. Warren's home place in Lakeside. We have seldom seen more beautiful shrubbery than that shown in the above picture; Nature was most lavish with her colors on the Warren estate, not to mention the wealth of flowers of every hue and description. Here the work of Mrs. Warren was much in evidence. She is a cultured lady, Louisianian by birth, and naturally takes great pride in the esthetic things on the Warren estate. At the close of the entertainment, a rising vote of thanks was extended our guests by a most appreciative audience. The Fort Myers Garden Club, consisting of upward of eighty members and headed by Col. Gilmore, president of the organization, visited the Unity gardens on Friday, January 8. They were personally conducted through the grounds by Brother Alien I-I. Andrews, and much interest was evinced by all in the wealth of tropical plants to be seen at the Unity. There were some twenty-odd cars in the motorcade. On their way to Estero, the party stopped at Mulock Creek to visit the cajeput grove. The cajeput tree was introduced into Lee County from Australia by Alien Andrews, who later gave a talk on this interesting tree to the above group at the Unity Art Hall. We had the pleasure of motoring to Miami on Monday, January 11, to meet our friend Harold M. Thomas of London, England. As soon. as we reached Miami, we phoned Mr. Robert Graham the object of our visit, and Robert very cordially said: "I shall be at the dock also to greet Mr. Thomas," a most mutual and agreeable arrangement all round. Mr. Thomas has valuable citrus and avocado grove properties at Bonita Springs, the adjoining village eight miles south of Estero. The Unity regards Mr. Thomas as a true and valued friend and it is a pleasure to have him back in Florida once more. Mr. John Miller of Miami arrived in Estero on January 12 with Brother Alien Andrews. John was in the Unity about eleven years ago and at that. time assisted on the linotype machine in our publishinghouse. At. present he is engaged at our gasoline station, a position he is filling in a most satisfactory manner and we are much pleased to have John with us again. Other dear friends of the Unity who have visited us during the month are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis of Everglades; Mrs. James Newcomb of LaBelle, Fla., and Miss Meta Mionsees of Fort Myers. Brother Lou Staton visited Sarasota during the holidays. He had not seen the Ringling Museum, prior to this visit; needless to say he enjoyed greatly the pictures of this, the South's, most famous art gallery. Mrs. Marie McConnell of Tampa, Fla., with her son Duane, visited the Unity about the first of the year. We take this opportunity to thank Mrs. McConnell for the delicious box of apples she sent the Unity during the holidays. Both Mrs. McConnell and Mrs. Ahrano, also of Tampa, are very devoted to their parents here in the Unity, and their visits are always welcome.

Community Current Events - March 1937

By D.J. Richards

MR AND MRS. THOMAS W. DOUGLAS of Spokane, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Adair of Detroit, Mich., arrived in Estero, Friday, Feb. 27, remaining' over night at the Unity, while enroute from Miami to Ocala, Fla., where the Adairs have their winter home. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas are Koreshans, and both were in the Home in Chicago, in the early nineties. Mrs. Douglas (better known as Sister Hester to our people) pioneered among the early ones to Florida and was matron at the St. James Hotel on Pine Island, owned by the Koreshan Unity, and later was assistant to Sister Emma Norton at the Home here in Estero. This was Mr. Douglas' first visit to Estero, and he was simply charmed with the place. It was a delightful reunion when Mr. and Mrs. Douglas saw so many of their old friends and co-workers and all were very happy reminiscing about the days when the Master was here directing things. There were many regrets upon their leaving that they could not have tarried here a little longer for Auld Lang Syne. Brother Alfred Christensen had a delightful visit from his brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. William Christensen of Ashtabula, Ohio. The Christensens arrived at the Unity by bus. from Miami, February 18, but urgent business compelled them to leave on the 20th. Brother Alfred arranged for a boat ride for them down the river and around Mound Key, and this to them was an unexpected treat and added much to their pleasure the short time they were here. Brother Alfred had long wished for a visit from his brother and 'sister, for, as he put it: "Bill and Myra were surely good to me when I visited them in Ashtabula in 1921." It was a pleasure to have as our guests on Sunday, Feb. 7, Mr. Harold M. Thomas of London, England, and Mr. and Mrs. George Simpson of Flint Mich. Mr. Thomas spends his summers in England and France, but his winters in Florida, for he says "our climate is unexcelled," and has been coming here annually since 1918. The Simpsons, too, are in Florida for its wonderful sunshine and for the past, month have camped in their trailer car on the highway on the north side of Estero River. They have a canoe and "kicker" motor, and are completely sold on our beautiful stream and its tropical features. We shall have reason to remember Mr. Simpson, artist extraordinary that he is with brush and paint, for he painted a beautiful sign that stands between the printing office gate and the filling station, with the inscription: "Guiding Star Publishing House," in black and green letters on a white background, and in red ink, "The American Eagle, Estero, Fla.," with a picture of an eagle painted on the left and lower end. In addition to that, Mr. Simpson also painted the large sign in front of the Unity store, and the one entering our park, all done for the sheer love of doing them. The Simp sons say, if all goes well, they are surely coming back to Estero next winter, and we can assure them they'll be made most welcome. We are truly grateful to them for the nice things they have done and their co-operation in enhancing our Cause. The following friends have visited the Unity during the month: Mrs. Frantz of Fort Myers and her brother, Mr. Fred Home of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis, Everglades; Mrs. Cora Newcomb of LaBelle; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Raymond and Miss Cecil Hamilton of Fort Myers, and Mrs. Leona Howell of DuQuoin, Ill. (The latter two are nieces of Brother Lou Staton) ; Mr. and Mrs. R. Percy Jones of Fort Myers, and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Pulcifer of Fort Myers Beach, and their granddaughter, Miss Winifred Andrews, of Gloucester, Mass. Sisters Florence Graham, Adah Price and our guest, Mrs. Watkins, and Brother Jesse Putnam motored to Miami on Saturday, Feb. 20, returning ihe following Tuesday, all reporting a delightful time. Brothers Alien H. Andrews and H. D. Silverfriend attended the South Florida Fair in Tampa the early part of February. The writer had the pleasure of visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Duss and family at New Smyrna, Fla., during the month. They are all readers of THE FLAMING SWORD and have been acquainted with the Koreshan Movement for a long time. Mr. and Mrs. Duss were the active heads of the Harmonite Society at Economy, Pa., for many years. The Master, with Dr. Andrews, visited the above society in the 70's and much has been written in the early issues of THE

FLAMING SWORD pertaining to them. But the story of the Harmonite Society, however, has now been told in detail by Mr. Duss in his Memoirs, and it was our pleasure to read several chapters of his remarkable work on this visit. It is a most excellent piece of writing, which will make several volumes; the pity of it is that this wonderful work is not already out in book form, for this knowledge is sorely needed in these days of doubt and skepticism pertaining to practical Christian communism. While on this visit to New Smyrna, we had the pleasure of accompanying Mr. and Mrs. Duss and daughter, Mrs. S. S. Houston, to Juniper Springs, at the Ocala National Park, in Lake County. Space, however, will not permit a detailed account of this marvelous spot, only that Nature has been most lavish with her colors here and the entire setting is one of indescribable beauty, and our friends have our everlasting gratitude for taking us there.

Community Current Events - April 1937
By D.J. Richards

IN THE March issue we sang the praises of Mr. George Simpson of Flint, Mich., for his good deeds for the Unity; but our story would be incomplete indeed should we omit recording in this issue his latest creation, for it truly stamps him as a man of exceptional ability in his line of work. On the east side of the Tamiami Trail, opposite the main entrance to the Unity grounds, there now stands a beautiful sign 4x7 feet, facing north and south and painted on both sides in ornate colors, advertising the Koreshan Unity nursery with its rare tropical trees. In the center part is portrayed a stately avenue of palms, and the color schemes blend so harmoniously that the sign is a thing of joy to gaze upon. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson left Estero on Monday, March 15, for their home in Michigan, after camping here about two months in their trailer car. They hope to return to Estero next winter and we fully share this hope with them, for they are universally liked and are just the kind of folks we like to see locate in Estero. The Unity gardens are attracting much attention these days from o'ur tourist visitors,. A long list of those visiting the grounds during the week of March 18 is published in The American Eagle of that week and they represent a good cross section of our country, with many from Canada. We note among the names that of Dr. H. S. Wolfe of the Sub-Tropical Experiment Station of Homestead, Fla. Dr. Wolfe is one of the leading horticultural authorities in the state. In the years gone by he has contributed many valuable plants to our nursery and in exchange has received many from our horticulturist, Brother Theodore Naeselius. These exchanges enable us to keep ahead of the procession, as it were, and the Unity nursery has quite a standing among horticulturists for its rare tropical collection. Sister Cora Stephens was agreeably surprised when old friends from Tabor, N. C., dropped in on her unexpectedly and surprised her with a short but very delightful visit. These were: Mrs. S. D. Fair, now of Kissimmee, Fla., and Mrs. C. D. Harrelson and two daughters of Tabor. They were charmed with Estero and upon leaving said they would look back upon this visit with a great deal of pleasure. On March 11 we had the pleasure, in company with Sisters Etta Silverfriend, Adah Price and her sister, Mrs. Marion Watkins, of visiting the Continental Sugar Mills at Clewiston, Fla. To describe this mill one would have to write in superlatives, for it is the largest of its kind in America and as yet they only manufacture raw sugar here, which is then shipped to their refineries at Savannah, Ga., and from there sold under the label of Dixie Crystals. Space, however, forbids much description, besides the guide informed us the company would soon have this marvelous story in printed form and anyone interested can write to the above address and a copy will be sent to any inquirer. There are seventeen thousand acres planted to sugar cane in the rich Everglades muck land alone, wherein 3,000 negroes are employed in the field

and 300, mostly white people, at the mill. At that the production is much restricted owing to the reciprocal tariff the government has with Cuba, which by all means sho'uld be removed, for Florida farmers and truck grower's are much penalized by this iniquitous arrangement. We had hoped to see the manufacture of celotex or wall board from the bagasse or waste material of the sugar cane, but were informed that as yet they were not making this product. Our party spent the night at Okeelanta with Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, old friends and former neighbors of Sister Adah Price, and these good people did everything possible to make our visit a pleasant one. Okeelanta is in the heart of the Everglades and a new road through there is now under construction from South Bay to Fort Lauderdale. This will cut the distance exactly in half, saving some forty-five miles. On our return home we stopped at Ortona to visit the new locks of the cross state canal and here we saw a remarkable piece of engineering. The canal will be opened for traffic before this item is in print, for ihe event is to take place on March 22, from Stuart on the East Coast to Fort Myers on the west, and great preparations are being made to make it a memorable one, for many boats' from the East Coast are expected to make the journey on the above date. Mrs. Marion Watkins of Des Moines, Iowa, who has been o'ur guest since December '11, left for her home on Monday, March 15. She is a most estimable lady and well liked by all our folks. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ahrano of Tampa, Fla., paid the Unity a delightful visit on. Sunday, March 14. We take this opportunity to thank them for the delicious box of apples they brought with them. Mr. Lee Caldwell of Montgomery, Ala., arrived at the Unity on Thursday, March 4, and expressed the wish to tarry a month with us. We appreciate his valuable assistance in the nursery department. Miss Bertha M. Boomer has returned to the Unity from her sojourn in Punta Blanca, where she has resided the past six months. Miss Boomer paints beautifully and she brought home with her three delightful views of Punta Blanca. Mrs. Leona Howell, of DuQuoin, 111., a niece of Brother Lou Staton, was a dinner guest of the Unity on Monday, March 1,

Community Current Events - May 1937

By Bertha M. Boomer

THIS YEAR those of Florida's winter visitors who have become sojourners through to the month of April have been greeted along the state's highways, with original and beautiful bill-board invitations to "Stay Through May." The spring has been pleasantly cool, with a composite of floral fragrances of which the orange blossom is the most dominant. The vegetable gardens are still yielding their produce, while fishing, swimming and touring under bright skies will continue fine for folks who "'Stay Through May." The correspondent for this department, Dr. D. J. Richards, was called North for some special service. Pie has been enjoying, incidentally, visits to New York and some of the other large eastern cities. Judging from cards received, he is experiencing a thrilling time and is profiting by every moment there in sight-seeing and meeting friends. On April 13 our greatly beloved brother Dr. Frank D. Wilson died suddenly from a heart attack while ascending the stairs to his dental office, having suffered for many months past from a heart ailment. He had been a valued member of the Koreshan Unity for the past twenty-two years, coming to Estero from Hood River, Oregon, in 1915. For many years he practised here, and also operated the large apiary of the Unity, which, was practically wiped out by the flood of last June. Dr. Wilson was born in Illinois, March 18, 1875. He attended the University of Illinois at Champaign, Illinois, and later graduated at Ann Arbor University, Michigan. His twenty-two years of humane services were so joyfully and unselfishly given to the membership of the Community that he lives most lovingly in the memories of all who knew him. A gathering was held in his honor soon after his

passing; at the home of Sister Jennie Campbell and her daughter, Edith Trebell, and words of eulogy and of recognition of Brother Frank Wilson's wonderful and endearing qualities were rendered by Eleanore Castle. There has been some moving and upbuilding going on this month. Brother Lou H. Staton, who was living in a cottage which he considered too distant from the family, water supply and electric lights, decided he would move the cottage, which was on the Immokalee road just beyond the Art Hall, nearer to the Tea Garden on the Trail. A good tractor and windlass did the work, although at times it appeared a bit uncertain just how the job would end, as the cottage was sometimes left standing for a few days facing this way and that, and once it straddled a ditch before coming to rest on blocks facing the Trail. Another flower shed is being built for Brother Theodore's fine foliage plants. Also" a telephone booth attractively constructed by George Dore has been installed at the general store. A glass, roofed structure has been added to the Unity nursery, which will house some of our very choicest young fruit trees and shrubbery. We hope to be spared a freeze this winter, for our trees have just about recovered from the destruction of the winter of 34, in which we lost the largest collection of papaya trees, loaded with fruit, that we have had at the Unity, not to .speak of the damage done to the avocado and mango trees. Among visitors to the tropical grounds of the Unity was Mrs. Edwin Hughes, former wife of the famous inventor, Thomas, Edison. With her were Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Edison and Mrs. Whitney Landon of West, Orange, New Jersey. Mrs. Edison Hughes has many times brought parties to Estero as, she is an admirer of the natural way the trees and plants grow here. The party would have taken a ride up the pretty Estero river had weather and circumstances permitted. In fact, the weather was so erratic and uncertain that particular day, April 6, that a teasing flash of lighting blew fuses and injured radio sets. As a final stroke, it upset Brother John Irving's vanity and pride by shattering his mirror .to bits. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis, of Washington, D. C., leaders in the Order of Christian Mystics, were visitors showing considerable interest in the Koreshan Movement. They obtained literature for further investigation. They also left pamphlets explaining their remarkable beliefs, and Order. One of those delightful Bonita Beach picnic suppers was enjoyed by a large party during the recent visit of Mr. and Mrs. Layard Campbell to their mother. Sister Jennie Campbell, and sister, Mrs. Edith Trebell, at their nearby home on the Estero river. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell motored down from Bronxville, New York, with their three children, Layard, Raymond and Ruth, who are a lively trio indeed. The Progressive System is used at the Bronxville school which the young Campbells attend, and if all Progressive students are as well informed and become a.s able debaters, the 'system of individual progress should be promoted everywhere. Mr. and Mrs. Victor Phillips, Robert and Lloyd Graham, all of Miami, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis of Everglades spent a Sunday with their Unity friends, who always enjoy the cheerful presence of these particular visitors. Choice plants and fruit trees from the Unity gardens were recently set out in the Englehardt grounds in Fort Myers, the work being in charge of Brother Theodore Naeselius, who was assisted by Brother William Fischer and Roger Perry.

Community Current Events - June 1937

By D.J. Richards

LAWRENCE W. BUBBETT left Estero on April 27th for Baltimore, Md., in C. J. Rahn's car "Willys, Knight." He expects to be away for the summer. His editing THE FLAMING SWORD for years has been greatly appreciated and we sincerely hope his, sojourn north will prove most beneficial in every way. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moore of Canterbury, England, arrived in Estero on Friday evening May 7th. We had long anticipated their coming and all were delighted upon their arrival and they were

given a hearty reception. The Moore's first saw reference to Estero and THE FLAMING SWORD in an ad we carry in the magazine "How To Live," in the year 1933. Soon thereafter Arthur was in communication with The Guiding Star Publishing House, and it didn't take him long to decide that Koreshan Universology was the complete answer to his years of searching after truth. Since then he has carried on a voluminous correspondence with various ones in the Unity as well as SWORD readers on the outside. Both Mr. and Mrs. Moore are delighted with what they have seen of America, but Mrs. Moore is'a little undecided whether she is going to like the United States as well as the mother country. However "all's well that ends well." We were pleased to have Samuel Armour drop in on us on Wednesday, May 12th. Sam first came into the Home in Chicago and was there three and a half months prior to coming to Estero in 1895, where he remained many years. He has been in and out many times since his first contact with the movement but coming back is always like coming home to Sam. At present he has charge of the Unity's gasoline Filling Station. Daniel McNamara left on Monday, May 24th for a brief sojourn with friends at St. Petersburg, Fla. Brother Mac (as he is familiarly known to us) has been most faithful in keeping the Unity kitchen supplied with vegetables for the past seven or eight months and his willing services is much appreciated. The rainy season in Florida is during the summer months and most trucking is done between October and May. But there is something constantly growing to feed the inner man in this land of perpetual sunshine and following the garden truck and citrus crop, other edible things come on. Mulberries were most plentiful this spring and following them were the Surinam, or Japanese cherries. We have never seen a better crop of cherries than we had this year. At present Brother Jesse Putnam is keeping the Unity well supplied with mangoes grown on the "Publishing grounds," and from all appearances we are going to have an excellent crop of avocado pears; these are rich in protein and are about the best substitute for meat. Our bee industry, which has been at a standstill since last June, when about eighty colonies of bees were swept away by a disastrous flood, is again to be revived and will be in charge of Brother Arthur Moore. Two colonies were salvaged from the wreck by Brother Frank Wilson and these will form a nucleus for a new 'start. Richard Dumbleton, who has had experience handling bees, is coaching Arthur in the rudiments of bee culture, and it is to be hoped that our apiary will once again flourish and be brought back to its former state of efficiency, for honey is an exceedingly important item to the Koreshan Unity. Mrs. Lovell Ahrano and Mrs. Marie McConnell of Tampa, Fla., arrived in Estero on Saturday, May 8th, remaining overnight for a visit with their parents, Brother William and Sister Abbie McCreedy, to whom they are devotion itself. They also have a host of friends in the Unity. Mrs. Einar Christensen and her son Fred. of Miami, Florida, were guests of the Unity from Friday, May 7th, to the following Monday. They are relatives of Brother Alfred Christensen. On Sunday, May 9th, Messrs Robert and Lloyd Graham, with their sister, Mrs. Victor Phillips and her daughter, Miss Florence Marie, came over to Estero to celebrate Mother's Day, with their mother, Sister Ella Graham and their sister Florence, and were guests of the Unity for dinner. Sister Cora Stephens and her niece, Marjorie Mills, have been guests, of Miss Lydia Pierce of Fort Myers during the month. Sister Rose Gilbert visited with her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis, of Everglades. Brothers Theodore Naeselius and Alien Andrews visited Miami, Friday, May 14th, staying at Robert Graham's. They returned Monday with a car load of rare tropical plants. Brother Lou H. Staton's domicile has been moved from the Immokalee road to a lot east of the Art Hall and south of the Tea Garden. The work was done by a Fort Myers contractor. In the interim Lou has occupied a room over the Unity store, but on Saturday, May 29th, moved back into his old home which is to be wired for lights and connected up to running water. Needless to say that Brother Lou is exceedingly pleased with his new

location. Brother Jesse Putnam, with the assistance of an outside man, is doing a real job of replacing some of the old pillar supports and adding new ones on cement base under the Guiding Star Publishing House.

Community Current Events - July 1937

By D.J. Richards

DURING THE MONTH of June the Koreshan Unity has been able this year to institute much needed improvement, such as the reroofing of The Publishing: House with galvanized sheet metal; the dicing of a well for the nursery department the clearing of a strip of land south of the Planetary Court, as a guard for fire protection and the repairing of the roof over our general store. The Publishing House was built in 1904 and it speaks volumes for cypress shingles, for the building has only had one covering, but with much patching, has lasted until now. The Florida rainy season, however is, now on and it is a great relief to be secured from the heavy rains, for much valuable stock and machinery must be protected, not to mention the comfort of those engaged in the printing business. The new metal roofing was put on by W. W. Faulkner and co-workers of Fort Myers, and the gutters by O. D. Garner, tin smith, also of Fort Myers. . The new well for the nursery department is 277 feet deep; it has a four inch flow, which is ample for present needs and a godsend to those engaged in this department. The drilling was done by Mr. W. O. Nelson of Fort Myers, an expert in this, work. Things didn't go so well with Mr. Nelson, however, when it came to extricating the drill, for it wouldn't extricate and after many days efforts had to be abandoned. Mr. Nelson said the drill in the well will not interfere with the flow it being below the strata where he struck water, but such things are costly experiments (and unavoidable, for it happens to all drillers). The drill Mr Nelson was using cost two hundred dollars. In our last notes we stated that Brother Arthur Moore would carry on with the Unity's Apiary department unforeseen circumstances, however, prevents this arrangement for the time being, due to a vacancy in our general store, and, like a good soldier, Arthur has been pressed in as, store manager. From the way things are shaping themselves in the store, we are all satisfied that the business is in excellent hands and Arthur's friendliness will find much favor with the general public. , Mr R. L. McCoy, an expert bee man, is at present in charge to build up the Unity's apiary. He is an old hand at the bee business, having conducted yards, of his own of a thousand colonies. If all goes well, Mr. McCoy hopes by fall, by purchasing a few additional colonies, to have our apiary back to its formal standing, before it was swept away by the disastrous, flood of a year ago. One of the grand sights in Estero at the present writing, and which is attracting much attention from the motoring public, is the mass of bloom on the Royal Poinciana tree at the entrance to our park. We have never seen it to better advantage, and the tree is rightly named, for a more glorious sight can hardly be conceived. A shipment of fifty azalea plants was received at the Unity on Saturday, June 5, from the Everglades Nursery of Fort Myers. A visit to Koreshan friends in Lakeland is always an outstanding pleasure; besides it gives us the opportunity on these occasions to visit Dr. E. L. Kinsinger, Naturopath and Chiropractor, whose valuable service we appreciate beyond words. Miss Bertha M. Boomer left Estero on Friday, June 11, for Tallahassee, Florida, where, for two months, she will take a teachers, course at the State College. Sister Cora Stephens left Tuesday, June 15, for a vacation with relatives to her former home at Tabor, N. C. She was accompanied by her niece, Marjorie Mills, who for the past six months, has resided with her aunt here at the Unity. We were delighted to have Dr. Harry Newton Carr of Miami, with Mrs. Carr and baby, stop off in Estero, while en route from Tampa on June 28. A little over a year ago the Doctor was marooned in Estero

for several days during that memorable flood and worked like a, beaver to help us salvage what merchandise we could in our general store. He had never seen pictures of the flood, in some of which he appears conspicuously and naturally was much pleased to be presented with a set. The Doctor is a graduate of the leading college of surgery in Vienna and has taught in many colleges in this country. He keeps abreast of the times in his profession and was, returning from a months visit to Detroit, where he had been getting the latest developments in surgery. He is, in short, a live wire in every sense of the word. We received word from Mrs. Neva Sinclair of Hood River, Oregon, that her mother, Jeannie F. Miller, died at her home and was buried on the 24th of May. Mrs. Miller, or Sister Jeannie, as she was familiarly known to, us was a much revered and respected member of the Unity for many years, and her faith in the Master and the ultimate triumph of Koreshanity remained evergreen with her up to the very last. Another good friend of the Cause recently passed on in the person of Stephen A. Bartlett, of Rock Island, Ill. It was Steve, as he was familiarly known to all his friends, that brought the Light of Truth to our worthy contributor, Garnet E. Butler, and Koreshanity is extensively known in Rock Island and vicinity, where we have many SWORD readers.

COMMUNITY CURRENT EVENTS - August 1937

BY D. J. RICHARDS

MR. AND MRS. Frank Daschek of Los Angeles, Calif., were dinner guests of the Unity on Thursday, July 22nd. Mrs. Daschek is: a sister of Brother Conrad Schlender and neither had seen each other for over thirty years; needless to say that the reunion was, a joyous one. Both Mr. and Mrs. Daschek were charmed and delighted with Estero with its beautiful stream and wealth, of tropical verdure. Mrs. Daschek is an accomplished piano player and was perfectly at home with our Steinway grand at theUnity Art Hall. For Auld Lang Syne, she got her brother Conrad to get out his violin, for as youngsters at home they played much together, and a delightful half hour was spent in the Art Hall. Mr. Daschek is a manufacturer of jewellery and has been in. business in Los Angeles for almost forty years, coming there from his native Bohemia, We wish the Dascheks could have remained longer with us, for they are "real folks," but their time was limited. Brother Conrad was their guest at the Franklin Arms in Fort Myers for two days, and Brother Alien Andrews did the honors, in driving them around the City of Palms and Estero Island. Mr. Robert Graham, with his sister, Mrs. Victor Phillips and her daughter, Florence Marie, spent the third and fourth of July in Estero; visiting their mother and sister, Sisters Ella and Florence Graham, and their numerous friends here in the Unity. Since their visit, Sister Florence Graham, our efficient linotype operator, has been on a two weeks vacation with her kin folks in Miami, returning on Monday July 26, with Brother Alien Andrews, and feels much rejuvenated from the outing. The Knights Templars held their fortieth Triennial Conclave in the Magic City, the third week in July and Miami' was lavishly decorated for the occasion and naturally the visiting Sir Knights from all over the United States and Canada made things merry. The grand parade along Biscayne Bay and up Flagler Street, Sister Florence says, was an ever memorable spectacle and one of the grandest things ever pulled off in Miami. Her two brothers, Lloyd and Robert, are both members of the Knights Templars in Miami.

Community Current Events - September 1937

By D.J. Richards

IN THE PAST five months, the writer has had the pleasure of making two visits to New York City. The object of our visit both times was Mr. Hubert Spence Thomas of

London, England. It was our good fortune to meet this prince among men when on a visit to Florida last April and to be instrumental in giving him considerable relief (chiropractically speaking) from a spinal ailment that had given him considerable trouble. On Sunday, July 24, we received a cablegram from; Mr. Thomas, 'requesting us to come again to New York; that he would be in the city for six days, so we met the Normandie upon which he arrived on August 2, and spent another very delightful week at the nation's metropolis. For many year's Mr. Thomas has been the active head of the Richard Thomas Company Ltd. (named after his. father), but resigned from active service and the presidency some four years ago in favor of his sons and younger men, after devoting a life time to the manufacturing business. Mr. Richard Thomas was one of the outstanding men of Wales in his, day and a pioneer in the tin plate industry in Great Britain, and the great company now bearing his name employs upwards of 40,000 men. They produce the greater part of the sheet and tin plate made in that country, not to mention the many other steel products manufactured by them. The writer, as a lad, worked in some of the mills in Wales, now merged into the above company. We hadn't been to New York for twenty-six years and the marvelous developments taken place since then are simply amazing. One of the most outstanding we found is Radio City. It is said that an average of 120,000 people visit this mart of trade daily for business and pleasure. The place is so vast, yet so compact, that one gets a better idea of what it's all about by taking the conducted tours. These tours enables, one to get behind the scenes, as it were, and learn at first hand how broadcasting is carried on, etc., etc. In writing about Radio City one must use superlatives for everything is done on such an elaborate scale. Radio City Music Hall is outstanding in this respect, with its marvelous organ, stage and lighting effects; and orchestra, seemingly second to none, with singing and ballet dancing and the first class motion picture shown daily are all extraordinary, but a visit to the lounging room, with its subdued light and exquisite furnishings and appointments are beyond our ability to describe. Mr. Thomas, the world traveler that he is, assured us as we visited this place together, that in all his travels, there was, nothing in the world comparable to this room. It was our pleasure to meet Brother Claude Rahn, the last day we were in the city, Saturday, August 7. Claude, of course, needs no introduction to our readers, for up until May a year ago, he had been conducting, for some time, this department of Current Events. While he is a busy man, he said that not a day passed but what he thought of the folks here in Estero, and that the fulfilment of the prophecies of KORESH were so pronounced as to leave no doubt as. to the ultimate outcome of Koreshanity. We spent the afternoon and evening together, three hours of which, by the way, were again put in at Radio City Music Hall. On our way home to Estero, we stopped at Washington, D. C., and again it was our good fortune to have Sister Emily Bessemer and her son Alton meet us at the station, and in the latter's car we were soon seeing the wonders of our nation's capital. Space forbids, however, any descriptio'n of the place. But it was a great pleasure to meet Sister Emily and her three boys, Lewis, Alton and Auriel and their families. These boys were practically brought up in the Unity, for they spent twelve years here, and we might say in passing that Auriel, the youngest son has; developed into one of the outstanding artists in the nation's capital. Robert Graham of Miami visited the Unity on Sunday, August 8, returning the same day accompanied by his: mother, Sister Ella Graham, who is vacationing with her own kin folks in Miami. Mrs. J. M. Ahrano of Tampa and her son Jean of Gainesville, and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Fritz Ahrano and daughter of Pensacola, Fla., were in Estero for several hours on Friday, August 23, visiting friends and relatives; in the Unity. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis of Everglades, Fla., were dinner guests of the Unity on Sunday, August 22nd. Brother Alien Andrews motored to Miami on Friday, August 13, and was accompanied by George Dore as far as Pahokee, and Brother William Fischer as

far as West Palm Beach, where the latter visited his Sister Marie for several days in said city. Brothers George Hunt and Arthur Moore, motored to Lakeland, Fla., Saturday, August 7, and were guests of Mrs. W. W. Lamb, and where Mrs. Moore has been staying for several months. They returned the following Monday by way of Lake Placid, where they visited Dr. Clemens. Mr. and Mrs. George Hosmer, of Fort Myers, and their daughter Catherine, of Summit, N. J., and Mrs. Ada Magruder and her son Charles of Tampa, were luncheon guests of the Unity on Sunday, August 29. Later Brother Henry Silverfriend gave them a nice talk on the Cellular Cosmogony, which they appreciated very much.

Community Current Events - October 1937

By D.J. Richards

THE SOLAR ANNIVERSARY on Monday, October 18, will soon be with us and it is the one event of the year eagerly anticipated by all in the Home here. Many of our friends on the outside have also assured us by their encouraging letters in the past what the day has meant to them and regretting their inability to be with us in person but would be with us here "in spirit." The breaking up of the old order of things would indicate a more intense yearning for the Master and we sincerely hope that our friends will be with us this. year more than ever for your sustaining influence means more to the movement than we can express in mere words. As in the past, the principal exercise of the day will be the Anniversary Service at the Art Hall in the evening. Much is to be done by way of preparation, but our greatest task in that of cleaning up the park, and a number are already at work doing what they can in this respect. We are in receipt of the new Lee County booklet issued by the Chamber of Commerce of Fort Myers, . Florida is considered the playground of the nation and a glance through this booklet will prove that this county does all possible to uphold this tradition. It is most attractively gotten up with a wealth of pictures portraying the beauties of this section and the many advantages found here with its marvelous beaches and surf bathing second to none; its wealth of sea shells, fishing, golf course, attractive homes, hotels and business houses' and the many inducements to those contemplating coming here as winter visitors or those seeking to make Lee County their permanent home. The cover page has an attractive picture of Royal Palms on First Street, Fort Myers, which must be seen to be appreciated, and underneath is the wording: "Gate City to the Tropical Everglades National Park"; inside is an excellent picture of the late Thomas A Edison and Mr. Harvey Firestone, taken on the Edison estate, and on the back cover is the picture of the Fort Myers New Yacht Basin, now in course of construction. A postal card to the Lee County Chamber of Commerce, Fort Myers, Florida, will no doubt bring a copy of this attractive booklet to anyone desiring it. With reference to Estero we find the following: "Located sixteen miles south of Fort Myers. on the Tamiami Trail. Estero is the home of The Koreshan Unity, a religious community. They have extensive grounds beautifully landscaped with many tropical trees, fruits and shrubs. An attractive nursery, general store and other business enterprises lend color to this busy settlement." Our readers who have been to Estero will appreciate the following bit of news, for the old adage of "All things come round to him [those] who wait/' is literally being fulfilled at last. The M. S. Ryan, Construction Company of Tampa, Fla., appeared on the scene on Thursday, September 23, to begin operations on the new bridge across Estero river. This bridge will be of standard construction, 100 feet long by 30 feet wide with a 25 foot roadway and sidewalk. We had hoped for a concrete construction, but the abutments only will be built of concrete with creosoted piling. Traffic will be detoured for the next two or three months along the Immokalee road and across the upper bridge over the Estero river and out to the

Floweree road. This piece of road is now being graded and hardsurfaced with oyster shell and when completed will give us a looped highway around Estero; a very much needed improvement. Local agitation has been loud and long for this new bridge and while it will retard business to our local store and gasoline station, the thought of having a new bridge will more than make up for the loss, and motoring through Estero hereafter will be a pleasure instead of an hazardous venture over the one way structure we have had these many years. After completing this. bridge, the above company will move their equipment to Bonita Springs, the village seven miles to the south of us. and put in a new bridge there, and the cost of both will be less than \$20,000. Mr. Fred McConnell and son Duane of Tampa, Fla., stopped off at the Unity on Friday, September 6, en route for Miami. They were accompanied from here by Mrs. McConnell, who had preceded them a few days; also by Brother Jesse Putnam. Miss Bertha M. Boomer returned to Estero on Thursday, September 7, after sojourning the summer in Tallahassee, Fla., where she took a teacher's course at the state college, and afterwards at Philadelphia, where she was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Walter Thomas and Mr. Thomas. Brother Alien H. Andrews and Sister Florence Graham motored to Miami on Friday, September 17, returning the following Monday, accompanied by Sister Ella Graham, who, for the past six weeks had been staying with her sons Robert and Lloyd Graham in the magic city. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis of Everglades, Florida, were dinner guests of the Unity on Sunday, September 26. During the month, Sister Rose Gilbert spent several days with her sister, Mrs. Lewis and Mr. Lewis. in the above city. Sister Ida Fischer, our most efficient cook, spent a pleasant day with her son Irwin and family at Coconut on Sunday, September 12.

Community Current Events - November 1937

By Lou H. Staton

THE SOLAR FESTIVAL, of October 18th, in honor of KORESH, formulator of the system of Koreshan "Universology" and Founder of the Koreshan Unity, was the occasion of the celebration of the 98th anniversary of his birth; beginning with the family prayer and grace at the morning breakfast, and the announcement of the program for the day. The noon feast was roast duck with all the trim- ming's, preceded of course by a, fitting grace and thanks to the provider of all good things. This grace was written some years ago by KORESH for just such an occasion; then the reading of telegrams and greetings from friends. Such festival days make some added burdens and duties for many of our older members, so we did not have as many g-uests present as. we very . much would like to have had on this day which with us marks another mile stone. Ice-cream and cake, hot and cold drinks were served in the evening from 5:30 to 6:30; then when the lights came on it began to be apparent how beau- tifully the Dining Hall and the Art Hall had been deco- rated. This decoration should be seen to be appreci- ated. The bamboo, palms, ferns and variegated potted plants with cuttings and flowers, of this semi-tropic land, offers great latitude for the decorators' fancy and whims, which make a gorgeous setting. All members and guests repaired to the Art Hall at 7:30 p. m. to commemorate the occasion by music, song-s, invocation, prayer and readings. The orations, in part herewith, are from the pen of KORESH. "Koreshans, in you resides, the hope of the world; in you the Temple of God, from the debris of many generations, puts forth its reconstructing energy; in you shall be laid again the foundations of the Temple, and in you shall the rising Sun of Righteousness ex- tend his beams. In you will a benighted world find a renewal of its light, its immortality, its throne, its kingdom, its everlasting dominion. "Let thy faithfulness restore humanity to its lost inheritance! Let thy fidelity presage and inaugurate the Kingdom of Righteousness! I have no disappointed hopes to bury in the grave of your infidelity,

because in you are the precious Stones of the twelve Founda- tions- in you are the Gates of entrance into the City of your God, he whom you crown King of kings and Lord of lords. Enter thou through the g-ates into the Eternal City of our God." "We will pray for God to safely guide us, that all our steps may be in the pathway of his illumination; that another Festival will mark a brighter record and surer indication of the divine approval. "Pray earnestly that success shall attend all our efforts, and that we arise from glory to glory, until the perfect light which we now behold shall enable us to live approved of our God, adorned with that rig-hteous skill which will bring us into unity with that supreme order of which the Son of God was forever the High Priest." Guests for the day were: Mrs. Peyton Montgom- ery, Mrs. Hilda Lamb, Mrs. Alex. McKay and Mrs. Arthur Moore of Lakeland; Mrs. Jennie Campbell and daughter, Mrs. Edith Trebell, Mrs. Julia Home, Melba and Bobbie Home and Lillian Rugg- of E'stero; Mr. Marion W. Strickland of Fort Myers; Robert L. Graham, Lloyd T. Graham and L. W. Bubbett of Miami. Guests, for the evening- service were: Miss Cecil Hamilton, Miss Lydia Pierce, Mr. and Mrs, Harold Moreland and three sons, Floyd Moreland, W. Ross Wallace, Harry Manley and his mother, all of Fort Myers. Following is the program: 1 INSTRUMENTAL TRIO, Selected 2 SONG, "The Resurrection" Koresh Congregation 3 INVOCATION, Koresh Read by Brother Henry Silverfriend 4 VOCAL SOLO, "The Builder" Cadmen Raymond Pilgrim 5 ORATION, Koresh Read by Brother David J. Richards, 6 INSTRUMENTAL TRIO, Selected 7 ORATION, Koresh Read by Sister Etta Silverfriend 8 INSTRUMENTAL TRIO, Selected 9 ORATION, Koresh Read by Brother Henry Silverfriend 10 INSTRUMENTAL TRIO, Selected 11 SONG, "The Messeng-er" E. M. Castle Congregation 12 PRAYER, Koresh Read by Sister Etta Silverfriend Response by the Co,ng-reg-ation 13 SONG, "Lift Up Your Heads, 0 Ye Gates" Congregation 14 RECESSIONAL, Selected By Instrumental Trio Piano Accompanist for all local numbers Mrs. Edith Trebell, Estero, Instrumental Trio, Violin, Flute and Piano Mrs. Scott of Arcadia, Harold & Floyd Moreland of Ft. Myers. The weather was pleasant, the day being interspersed with a few light showers which were refreshing ; then the sun would shine again and all nature was cheerful as though smiling through her tears.

Community Current Events - December 1937

By Adah J. Price

ON OCTOBER 31, at 9:30 p. m., our whole community was shocked and grieved when learning of the death of Brother David J. Richards, following some two weeks illness, his passing caused by a complication of uremic poisoning and an abscess in the throat which later brought on pneumonia. Brother David was born in Wales April 21, 1879. He came to this country many years ago, working for a time in the steel mills in Ohio. He later studied chiropractic, graduating from the Palmer School, and practiced for a time in Flint, Michigan. From there he came to Estero September 27, 1911, becoming a naturalized citizen in 1914. Dr. Richards was a person of genial and pleasing personality, whom to know was to admire, and was a loyal, untiring worker in our Koreshan Cause. He will be deeply missed by a host of friends. Mrs. Florence Moore of Lakeland, making a two weeks' visit to the Unity, did 'excellent service in helping with the care of Brother David during his illness. Mr. Raymond Pilgrim, our guest from Muscatine, Iowa, also did valuable service in several departments during this time. Brother Raymond left for his home November 2. Brother Allen Andrews attended in Atlanta the clinic of Dr. Curtis Muncie, New York City ear specialist. He was operated upon and reports his hearing much improved. Brothers Theodore Naeselius and William Fischer motored to Olga, where they delivered a load of plants from the Unity Nurseries. A load of Cajeput trees was delivered in Miami Beach by Brothers Alien Andrews and Theodore, who returned later that night. On

October 14 we were glad to welcome Sister Emily Bessemer back home for an extended visit. Miss Elvira Chandler, of Stamford, New York, is with us for an extended visit. November 14 at our regular Sunday evening services, the following in part from the writings of KORESH was read: "The principle of song is the first principle of unity and power; and sacred song—the lifting of the soul toward God—is that which brings God and humanity into conjunction. When God comes down to man—through the elevation of the soul of the human race by the instrumentality of sacred song and music —peace, prosperity and joy are insured to the world, because where God is, universally, there is universal liberty." "A nation may be made to drift into war by the influence of martial music. The spirit of peace may be generated and infused by the influence of sacred music and song." Brother Daniel MacNamara is busily engaged in getting his garden started for our winter supply of fresh vegetables, which are always greatly appreciated by our personnel. Brother Arthur Moore made a business trip to Tampa regarding his naturalization papers, visiting en route in Lakeland with Mrs. Hilda Lamb and Mrs. Florence Moore. Leroy Lamoreaux of Estero Island is erecting a building near north end of town on the Tamiami Trail to be used as a canning and preserving factory. Mrs. Edith Trebell, an expert in canning and preserving, will conduct the processing of the fruit. Brothers Theodore Naeselius and A. H. Andrews motored to Arcadia, where Brother Alien was guest speaker before the Kiwanis Club. His talk was upon the Cajeput tree, and showed that, unlike any other tree, all parts of the Cajeput—wood, bark, bloom and foliage—are commercially valuable, and some day this tree will form the basis of a great industry in South Florida. We had some very chilly days in November, but no harm was done to tender vegetation. Brothers George Hunt and Arthur Moore brought a load of wood for heating our large dining-room. Brother William Fischer, who usually looks after the heating problems, has been ill. However, we are glad to report he is improving. Work on the new Tamiami Trail bridge across the Estero River is resumed after a week's delay waiting for the creosoted cap timbers. The work of mounting them is nearly completed and the bridge flooring will soon be in place. Thanksgiving was a quiet day with us. We all enjoyed the chicken dinner so deliciously prepared by our kitchen helpers. Brother Milton Porter does excellent service caring for our poultry yards, besides driving the truck to Fort Myers every Saturday for our general store and home supplies. Brother Laurence Bubbett, who spent the summer in New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore with friends, has returned in much better health. Mrs. Anna Lewis, our genial friend and postmistress in the town of Everglades, visited with friends in the Unity Thursday, November 25, returning home early Friday morning. Miss Cecil Hamilton, Principal of the Gwynn Institute of Fort Myers, visited in Estero November 26 with her uncle, Brother Lou Staton. On Sunday, November 28, Mrs. Jennie Campbell and Mrs. Edith Trebell had as guests Mr. Harold Thomas, of England, and Brother Arthur Moore. Mr. Thomas attended our Sunday evening services.

Community Current Events - January 1938

By Adah J. Price

SISTER Emma Norton has passed the four-score mark, but is still doing varied uses for our people—caring for the sick and lending a hand wherever she is able to serve. She has been a follower of KORESH for many years, ever since the first early gatherings in Moravia, New York. On Monday, Nov. 29, Sisters Ella Graham, Rose Gilbert and Adah Price were supper guests of Mrs. Jennie Campbell and Mrs. Edith Trebell. How that deliciously prepared turkey did disappear! Following the reading of the Master's writings by Sister Etta Silverfriend at our Sunday evening service, Dec. 5, Brother Laurie Bubbett rendered the violin solo "Meditation," by Fauconier, which was most appreciatively received. Sister Florence Graham, our efficient

linotypist, spent a two weeks' vacation in Miami with her brothers, Robert and Lloyd Graham, returning Dec. 6. Work of pouring concrete on the new bridge across the Estero River is now completed and it may be opened to traffic earlier than at first anticipated. The cold weather on the nights of Dec. 11 and 12 was quite severe, with frost in low sections. Mr. Edward Koester of Jacksonville, Fla., and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Koester and daughter, Mrs. Virginia James, of Festus, Mo., were our guests Friday and Saturday, Dec. 17 and 18. Edward Koester came into the Unity when a very small boy, living here many years. He was greatly pleased to be with us again. Dec. 19, at our regular Sunday evening services, the following from the writings of KORESH was read: "The hope of the world, and its only hope, is in the fulfilment of God's purpose as indicated by the Lord's prayer: Thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven." The source of the coming kingdom of Christ is in the covenant made with Abraham, the inner spirit of the kingdom being the quickening spirit, manifest as the second Adam, who baptized the age nearly two thousand years ago; a baptism which, as the divine seed sowing, will culminate as the harvest at this the end of the dispensation. The body of that spirit descended through another line, namely, • through the posterity of Joseph; his, younger son, Ephraim, being the channel of descent denoted by prophecy. Nationalism and every other ism which may attempt to survive through the expugnation of the personality of God, denying the incarnation of Deity in the manifest and human Sonship, must and will 'go under.'" "The Son of God, the Son of man, was biune, bride and bridegroom, and being bride and bridegroom, two-in-one, was the fulness of the Godhead bodily. Out of him, through his planting by the operation of the Holy Spirit, the substance of his dematerialized body, must come the kingdom. This planting, having been specifically made in the posterity of Joseph, will bring forth the body of the resurrection through the recovery of the lost ten tribes, the potency of Joseph being the controlling element of ethnic, (racial) admixture." "The kingdom is about come to the birth. The world is now in the pangs of its deliverance, through which the kingdom will be brought forth, and from which a nation will be born in a day. It will come by evolution, but that evolution will be the unfolding of that which has been previously involved (infolded). The Lord Christ was the involved product of the past ages, and as such he was the germinal beginning of the kingdom to be evolved from him, and now about to be manifest. The new nation will be a nation with the Christ of God in it, and that nationalism, holding the palm of victory, will embody the confession of the humanity of God and the Godhood of humanity, when humanity, through regeneration, shall be perfected in its Sonship." "Godless nationalism, socialism, spiritualism and agnosticism, with their hydra-head of denial of the divine human, can never establish a brotherhood, no matter what their hopes may be. There is but one bond of unity and obligation possessing cohesive energy. That bond is the religious union which, rebinding God and man, shall cement in brotherhood all such as shall possess, through the rebinding, the inherent Deity as the controlling power of moral fellowship. God in man is the only conjunctive and uniting power." Miss Bertie Boomer, who has been assisting in the establishment of the new museum in Fort Myers, and Miss Meta Monsees of Fort Myers, spent Sunday, Dec. 19, with friends in the Unity. Sister Ida Fischer, who fell and injured her foot, is again able to take her accustomed place in the culinary department. Sister Emily Bessemer did excellent service during her absence. Mr. Henry C. Moreland of Fort Myers, after spending about eighteen months with relatives in Colorado, has returned to Florida. He was a welcome guest in Estero on Thursday, Dec. 23. On Sunday, Dec. 26, Mr. Jim Linton of Tampa and Seffner, Fla., and his brother-in-law, Mr. Robinson of Fort Myers, were pleasant callers at the Unity for a few hours. Jim, it will be remembered, was here with his, parents, Mr. Will and Mrs. Mabel Linton, who were members of the Unity some years ago. Jim has recently renewed his interest in

Koreshanity.

Community Current Events - February 1938

By Adah J. Price

NEW YEAR'S DAY brought Mr. and Mrs. George Simpson of Detroit, Michigan, to Estero for the second season. They are again camping in their trailer near the banks of the Estero River. Mrs. Maud Brown of Davenport, New York, arrived January 2. She is doing good service in our bakery together with Brothers Alfred Christensen and Conrad Schenley. Wallace Mende, a New York City artist, was our dinner guest on January 6. Sister Rose Gilbert visited her sister, Mrs. Frank Lewis, in Everglades January 7-8. She reports having had a delightful and interesting ride out in the bay, the boat threading its way among the small and numerous mangrove keys, while many wild ducks peacefully rode the quiet, waters,. Their party called at the home of some pioneer settlers who never leave unless driven by high water to seek shelter in small rivers. An electrical storm furnished variety and sent the party down in. the cabin for a brief time; then again on deck to admire and enjoy the surrounding beauty. Mrs. Bertha Phillips and daughter FlorenceMarie and Robert and Lloyd Graham of Miami were visiting relatives and friends in the Unity Sunday, January 9. With some Michigan friends Brother Alien Andrews made a trip to Sanibel and Gaptiva Islands January 10. Sanibel beach is especially alluring to tourists owing to the variety and beauty of its sea shells. Early history tells us it is the only beach in South Florida lying east and west. On Captiva Island are located a large number of attractive winter homes, many of which are the homes of writers and artists. Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Lewis of Everglades were our welcome dinner guests January 16. We are glad to report that the new concrete bridge across the Estero River is completed and opened to traffic. It has, been closed since October 4. On January 19 Brother Alien Andrews gave a talk on the Koreshan conception of cosmogony as, a guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. His talk was well received and created no little interest. The very fact that Brother Alien was invited to discuss the Koreshan System of Cosmogony indicates, that people are becoming more and more interested in the world in which we live! Sister Emily Bessemer reports that her son Louis, who lived in the Unity a number of years ago, has been appointed mayor of Greenbelt, Maryland, where one of the government's housing projects is located. Brother Daniel MacNamara is now supplying the kitchen with nice fresh vegetables from the gardens he has tended so faithfully. They are greatly appreciated. At our Sunday evening service of January 23 we were favored by a violin solo, "Salute d'Amour," by Elgar, by Brother Laurie Bubbett. Under the efficient and energetic management of our new member, Brother Arthur Moore, our general store has taken on a new lease of life. Many of the old customers have returned to trade here and the store enjoys, a thriving business,. Brother Arthur is a very accommodating and genial host to his many customers. Brother Jesse keeps busy with the home and outside printing work. At the Sunday evening services of January 23 we listened to the reading of the following article written by KORESH: "The higher aim of the Koreshan Unity is the attainment of immortal life. By immortal life is meant the condition to be reached in the body, in which the corruptible is transformed to incorruptibility, and the mortal to immortality. This is to be accomplished in this world, not in some other. Immortality is an attainment as the fruit of the dispensation, not fruit already ripe. This, fruition is the manifestation of the Sons of God. "The world is now consummating the time of the end, and is to be astonished with the greatest wonder of all ages—namely, the unfoldment of the new and higher genus of beings to inhabit the earth. They are to be the biune product of the Father—Mother God; and their right to their inheritance is in the fulfilment of

law wrought in them, by which the laws of life are understood and applied in contradistinction with the uses of life as conducted in the world at large and regarded as the application of the principles of life, but which are but the application of the principles of death. In the line of the application of the law's, of immortality the Koreshan Unity is established, that in its separation from the institutions of the world the new life may be functioned according to the laws of order and the attainment of immortality accomplished. "Immortality is not a permanent condition of natural life. It is the arch-natural state, in which the material Sons of God are manifest; a condition in which there is the possibility of living both in the natural and the spiritual, at the will of the one in whom the condition obtains. The condition will obtain during the Golden Age, which we are now entering with the passage of the sign Aries into the constellation Aquarius. The Sons of God will be biune, neuter beings."

Community Current Events - March 1938

By Adah J. Price

WITH SISTERS Etta Silverfriend and Emily Bessemer, Sister Elzina Woodbury, who is nearing her ninetieth year, made the trip to Fort Myers to visit the dentist. She also called upon the barber, returning with her hair shingled. Mrs. Maud Brown, our guest from, Davenport, New York, is assisting in the work in our general store during its busiest hours. February 6 Brother Henry Silverfriend returned home fully restored, after an absence of some weeks in an Orlando, Florida, hospital. Brother Henry has been in the work for some fifty years and now feels he has at least ten more to devote to service for our Cause. 'Several of our people attended the Southwest Florida Fair in Fort Myers. All were impressed with the beauty of the display of thirty-five varieties of blooming bougainvillea and declared it to be the most colorful spot on the grounds. Brother Alien Andrews was especially interested in some wonderful specimens of wood carving, about thirty in number. We quote from The American Eagle as follows: "Outstanding of them all was a six-yoke ox team, log-cart and driver with whip in hand, all carved from one 14-inch block. "Another piece portrayed the figure of an oldtime country doctor, with glasses on nose, astride his steed, on a professional call. With upraised hat in right hand, he ,salutes, while in left is carried his riding-whip. The piece is complete in detail, even to wrinkles on his forehead and the little rowels in his spurs which turn freely in their socket. "The main tool used in the carving was the ordinary pocket knife." On February 10 our hearts were cheered, and our dinner the more enjoyed, owing to a bouquet of different shades of beautiful yellow nasturtiums from the flower gardens of Sisters Florence Graham and Alwina Lorweer being placed in the center of each table. Brother Geo. Hunt and Arthur Moore on February 13 motored to Bonita Springs Beach in quest of fish and oysters. The result: fish for dinner Monday and oysters for supper, which were immensely enjoyed. Through the kindness of Brother Conrad Schenley's sister, Mrs. Frank Dashek of California, he is now happily wearing a new hearing device. Brother Conrad had not heard the rustle of the leaves nor a bird's song for thirty years and is now learning anew human voices and various other sounds. Owing to the kind thoughtfulness of Mrs. Lillian Rugg, we enjoyed in the dining-room a huge bouquet of several beautiful varieties of gladiolus. Sister Lillian, who lived in the Unity for a number of years, is always interested in the work here. On February 15 Mrs. Jennie Campbell and daughter, Mrs. Edith Trebell, had several of our sisters as dinner guests and to spend a pleasant evening. Sister Ida Fischer was invited to remain a few days, and she reports a most pleasant visit. Mr. and Mrs. George Simpson of Detroit and Estero were our dinner guests on February 20. They rescued a young eagle from its nest in a fallen pine tree, which Mrs. Simpson

is now rearing to maturity. On February 20 Mr. Albert Maine of Gloversville, N. Y., arrived on the noon bus. He visited for a few days old friends in the Unity. He is the son of the late Brother George Maine, who, for a number of years, kept our grounds so neatly trimmed. We have greatly appreciated the entertaining violin solos rendered during the month by Brother Laurence Bubbett at our Sunday evening services. The one of February 20, "Angel's Serenade," by Braga, was especially appealing. The violin accompaniments are ably rendered by Mrs. Edith Trebell, who so long and faithfully has accompanied the Sunday evening singing. The readings by Sister Etta Silverfriend of KORESH'S writings have also been enjoyed, and the floral decorations by Brother Theodore Naeselius are always a feast for the eyes and soul. The following was read from the writings of KORESH at the Sunday evening services of February 20: "The laws of stratification are as unmistakably and inevitably operative in anthropo-structural arrangement as in geologic lamination; and no possible attempt to hypothetize the human race into a homogeneous stratum or plane of equality can effect an incongruous moral and social equality. "A genuine national economy will classify the skill and ability of all mankind, and adapt these to industrial uses and their products, and distribute not according to equality, but according to equity. God will be the Father of the regenerated from the, Son of God, who was planted in the race that he might be resurrected in all regenerated men. God will become the Father of such as will become the Sons of God in future generations, as he will now become the Father of his offspring ripening for the present harvest. No nationalism can mature until the outpouring of the baptism, upon which must depend the fulness of fruition." On Monday, February 21, Brothers A. H. Andrews, Laurence Bubbett and Lou H. Staton, and Sisters Barbara Ehrisman and Florence Graham motored to Winter Haven, visiting the Cypress Gardens. They returned by way of Sebring, where Brother Alien attended the annual business meeting of the Highlands Hammock State Park Association.

Community Current Events - April 1938

By Adah J. Price

ONE BY ONE the dear ones are taken from, us and pass to their reward in the spiritual world. Sister Elzina Woodbury died suddenly February 21, in her 89th year. She was born in Morgan, Vermont, and had been a Koreshan for many years. On the evening of February 21 a motion picture was shown and a lecture given in the Estero schoolhouse by Mrs. C. E. Briggs, superintendent of the Fort Myers Museum. The entertainment was in the nature of a Washington Birthday program. On February 26 Mrs. Marie McConnell of Tampa came to visit her parents, Sister Abbie and Brother William McCready. Brother William, has been confined to his room for a long time. Sunday, February 27, Mrs. Jennie Campbell and daughter, Mrs. Edith Trebell, entertained a large party of our people at a luncheon. One of their big flock of turkeys was prepared for the occasion by the cordial hostesses, who left nothing to be desired by their appreciative guests. Mr. George Simpson of Detroit, who has been camping for the second winter with Mrs. Simpson in their trailer home in Estero, constructed a model of the British liner "Queen Mary." It was built in the Unity shops and is now on exhibition in the Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce. We had the pleasure of viewing the model in the dining room before it was taken to Fort Myers. Brothers Alien Andrews and Lou H. Staton were invited to speak on the Koreshan System of Science before the Fort Myers Ministerial Association at the Methodist church, March 7. Sisters Barbara Ehrisman and Ella Graham were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Simpson on a motor trip to Naples Beach. March 8 Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Pulcifer of Fort Myers Beach and Warwick, Mass., their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Andrews, their two grandchildren, Winifred and Sarah Ann Andrews, with

three gentlemen friends, all of Boston, called on friends in the Unity. They were delighted with our interesting grounds. On March 8 Sister Emily Bessemer, Mrs. Maude Brown, Miss Alwina Lorwee, ^ Conrad Schemey and George Dore made a boat trip to Estero Island, where they enjoyed a picnic lunch. Mrs. Brown was highly pleased with her first trip on the Estero River and bay. March 9 Mr. Harold Thomas of Bonita Springs, with his brother, Mr. Spence Thomas of London, called on friends in Estero. Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Boomer and daughter of New York City arrived in Estero March 9 to spend a short time at their Mirasol Grove home. Welcome dinner guests Sunday, March 13, were Robert and Lloyd Graham and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Phillips of Miami, Mrs. Edith Johnson of Minneapolis, Minn., and Miss Bertie Boomer of Fort Myers. March is blossoming time for the amaryllis, as was evidenced by many beautiful bouquets, arranged by the skillful hands of Sister Vesta Newcomb, decorating the tables with their pleasing brightness. Some of our guests admired our recent dining room acquisition—a large oil painting, half-circular in form, by Bertie Boomer. It depicts a scene on the Estero River: a row boat in the foreground and the banks of the river fringed with graceful pine and palm trees. Brother Laurence Bubbett's violin solo on Sunday evening, March 13—"Adoration," by Felix Borowski— was especially pleasing. On March 19 Sisters Barbara Ehrisman and Florence Graham visited Mr. and Mrs. Ellsw^orth Heusted, just a short distance north of the Estero River on the Tamiami Trail, where they have started a new industry. They are making decorative panels with intricate floral designs formed of miniature sea shells with black background. These shells are so small they must be scooped up from the beach with a shovel and sorted later. On Tuesday, March 22, Sisters Emma Norton and Etta Silverfriend and Brothers George Hunt, Theodore Naeselius, William Fischer, Lou H. Staton, H. D. Silverfriend and A. H. Andrews visited Bonita Beach. On March 23 Brother Alien Andrews motored to Miami with Dr. Paul Standley. They attended the dedication of the new Fairchild Arboretum south of Coconut Grove. Dr. Standley is .curator of the botanical division of the Field Museum of Chicago. Brothers Geo. Hunt and Arthur Moore hied to the woods March 24 to gather wood to keep the culinary department in operation. The summer supply must be gathered before the rainy season arrives. News comes to us of progress in the art world of Mr. Paul T. Sargent of Charleston, Illinois, son of our late beloved Brother John S. Sargent. Mr. Sargent had on exhibit in the Lieber Gallery of Indianapolis, Indiana, nineteen canvases. Several of Mr. Sargent's paintings are now on display in our Art Hall, which he painted in Estero several years ago when here visiting his father. On March 25 Sister Rose Gilbert entertained several sisters at a five o'clock tea. Place-cards, with floral decorations, were painted by the genial hostess and a most pleasant social time was enjoyed by the participants.

Community Current Events - May 1938

By Adah J. Price

IN APRIL the redbirds fill the air with their songs of good cheer/' as they flit amidst the green between their feasts of luscious ripe mulberries. And through the night we hear the plaintive song of the whippoorwills. Mr. and Mrs. George Hosmer of Fort Myers, with their cousin Miss Tipton of New York City, were our recent supper guests. Mr. Hosmer is owner and editor of The Southwest Floridian, a weekly paper published in Fort Myers. Mr. Hans Knopf, of the Pix Publishing Co. of New York City, arrived April 2 and remained with us two days, taking numerous photographs. Mr. Knopf's pictures often appear in the leading pictorial magazines, so we may expect to find Koreshan community life depicted shortly in one of these popular periodicals favorably or otherwise. Mr. Roger Perry, who has been in Fort Meade Florida, for some months, returned April 2. He. will assist Brother Theodore

Naeselius in our ornamental nursery. Commodore A. H. Brook and his nephew, of Dania, Florida, who owns a show place on the Dixie Highway, visited the Unity grounds April 3. They seemed surprised and pleased to find so much of interest in the way of tropical plants. Dr. and Mrs. Watson Walden of Fort Myers were in Estero Sunday, April 3, enjoying our grounds and visiting friends in the Unity. They were accompanied by Mrs. Walden's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Albert E. Haley, from South Africa. April 5 Mr. and Mrs. James Newcomb of LaBelle called on their sister, Vesta Newcomb, and friends in the Unity. Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Southworth of Oneonta, New York, dined with us on April 5. Miss Elvira Chandler, sister of Mrs. Southworth, who had been with us for several months, returned with them to St. Petersburg, Florida, where they will remain a few weeks before going to their home in New York. Mr. Edward Koester of Jacksonville, Florida, who formerly lived in the Unity, called on friends April 5. He spent some time looking over the grounds and was pleased to be here again. Mrs. Maude Brown reports a pleasant week-end spent in Clearwater with relatives and friends. April 8 Brother Theodore Naeselius and Mr. R. L. McCoy delivered a truck load of plants to a party near Englewood, Florida. Sister Bella Armour spent a week-end recently in Orlando, Florida, with her niece, Mrs. Alma Jones, and other relatives. On the evening of April 14 Brothers Henry Silverfriend and Alien Andrews were supper guests of Major Harrison Smith, retired army officer, and Commander J. H. Smith, retired naval officer, at the Wayside Inn, at Bonita Springs. Our dinner guests on Easter Sunday were Mrs. Jennie Campbell and Mrs. Edith Trebell of Estero, Mrs. C. E. Briggs, Miss Meta Monsees and Miss Bertie Boomer of Fort Myers. The dining room was made attractive by many pretty bouquets. The Easter lilies were furnished by Mrs. Lillian Rugg and Sister Florence Graham, and Mrs. Briggs brought a large bouquet of beautiful gladioli and other flowers. Mrs. Edith Johnson of Minneapolis, Miss Elin Lindberg and Mrs. Anna Camphausen of Fort Myers were our supper guests. Through the kindness of Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Camphausen we all enjoyed delicious cake and ice cream for our evening repast. Mrs. E. W. Henderson, Miss Paula Manley and Harry Manley, Mrs. Briggs and Miss Monsees attended the evening services in the Art Hall, which was decorated with Easter lilies, ornamental plants and other flowers. By request, Mrs. Henderson favored us with a vocal solo, which was much appreciated. April 18 Mrs. Jennie Campbell, Mrs. Edith Trebell and Mrs. Raymond Trebell entertained at a five o'clock tea Mrs. Edith Johnson, Mrs. Anna Camphausen, Miss Elin Lindberg and Sisters Ella Graham, Rose Gilbert and Adah Price. Among the viands so carefully prepared by our gracious hostesses, was a new product--canned papaya--pronounced by the guests to be perfect in beauty and deliciousness. We are having delicious fresh vegetables late this season. It has been very dry, but our hard-working gardener, Brother Daniel MacNamara, sees to it that the plants get the water they require--at the price of no little labor. Brothers George Hunt, Charles Hunt and Arthur Moore motored to Naples and Bonita Beaches Sunday, April 24. It was the first time in several years Brother Charles had been able to take a ride. Sunday, April 24, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Graham, Mr. Robert Graham, Mrs. Victor Phillips and Florence Marie Phillips, all of Miami, visited relatives and friends in the Unity. Sunday, April 24, Brothers Alien Andrews, Lou Staton and Roger Perry motored to Marco Island to attend the dedication services of the fine new bridge connecting the island and the mainland. Later in the day a party consisting of Miss Bertie Boomer, Sisters Florence Graham, Vesta Newcomb, and Bella Armour and L. W. Bubbett made the trip to Marco Island. Sister Ida Fischer spent Sunday afternoon, April 24, with her son Irwin and family at Spring Creek.

Community Current Events - June 1938

By Adah J. Price

ON SUNDAY, May 1, Mr. Henry Moreland of Fort Myers visited friends in the Unity. He is raising canteloupes for the market, on his place up the Caloosahatchee River. Mr. John Grier, who spent the past winter with Mrs. Lillian Rugg, recently left for Deep River, Iowa, where he will visit friends and relatives during the summer. Mrs. Edith Johnson of Minneapolis, Minnesota, who spent the winter in Fort Myers as the guest of Mrs. Camphausen and Miss Lindberg, paid her Unity friends a good-bye visit May 2. She left for the North shortly thereafter, going by boat from Tampa to New Orleans. On the evening of May 2, the day previous to the primary election, a caucus was held in the diningroom to determine the persons best qualified for whom to vote. The Unity has voted collectively in the local primaries for the candidates of their choice ever since the location of the Colony here in 1894. , On May 6 Sisters Etta Silverfriend, Bella Armour, Vesta Newcomb and Florence Graham and Brothers Theodore Naeselius and Uurence Bubbett attended the carnival in Edison Park in Fort Myers, held in behalf of the Fort Myers Museum. Brother Theodore furnished some bamboo furniture and novelties and a truck load of nursery plants for the occasion. Sister Rose Gilbert reports a pleasant week-end spent in Everglades with her sister, Mrs. Anna Lewis. She returned Monday, May 9. One of the interesting sights on our grounds just now is the tropical gooseberry tree, its fruit bursting forth like bunches of grapes from its main trunk and branches. It is said the natives in tropical countries use the berries to make a delicious drink. On May 13 Mrs. Alex McKay and Mrs. Hilda Lamb of Lakeland, Florida, were our dinner and overnight guests. We were glad to see them again, and were sorry they could not remain longer . On May .13 Brothers Allen Andrews and Lou H. Staton, with friends from Fort Myers, motored to Key West, returning Sunday evening. They reported an interesting trip all the way, and brought home a sample from the breadfruit tree, said to be the only bearing specimen in the United States. This beautiful tree was brought from the Bahama Islands some eighteen years ago and is now about thirty feet high and laden with green fruit which, when ripe, weighs from eight to ten pounds. At the southeasterly end of one of Key West's streets is located the southernmost house in the United States. On May 13 Brother Arthur Moore made a trip to Bonita Springs to spend the evening with Mr. Harold Thomas, who left the following day for his home in England. Brother Daniel McNamara left on May 17 for St. Petersburg, where he visited Mr. Moses Weaver and other friends. Sunday, May 15, Brothers George Hunt, Charles Hunt and Arthur Moore motored to Fort Myers Beach. They enjoyed a picnic lunch, the Gulf breezes, a refreshing swim and a pleasant call on Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Pulcifer, who were leaving the next day for their home in Massachusetts. Brother Laurence Bubbett rendered an exquisite violin solo, , "The Palms," by Faure, at our Sunday evening services on May 15. With a visiting delegation of Miami ;Masons on May 18, Mr. Robert Graham of Miami passed through Estero on the way to Fort Myers to attend the Masonic convention. Robert stopped to make a short visit with his mother and sister, Mrs. Ella and Florence Graham. A number of sisters met on the evening of May 21 at the home of Sister Rose Gilbert in honor of Mrs. Maude Brown, who left May 23 for her daughter's home in New York. Mrs. Brown expects to be with us again in a few months. The weather during the month has been exceedingly dry, and many fires in the woods had so laden the atmosphere with smoke that the sun resembled a fiery ball for two hours before it reached the horizon. Miss Bertie Boomer of Fort Myers spent the week-end with friends at the Unity. On May 25 Mrs. Cora Newcomb and Miss Margaret Newcomb of LaBelle visited with friends and relatives. Mrs. Cora Newcomb lived in the Unity for a number of years and always enjoys a return visit. The refreshing showers during this last week in May have been most welcome by both animals and humans. This has been one of the longest droughts we ever have experienced, which has done untold damage to the citrus groves throughout the state. At our Sunday services the selected readings from the writings

of KORESH have been ably rendered by .Sister Etta and Brother Henry Silverfriend. The floral decorations arranged by Brother Theodore Naeselius have been very attractive and greatly enjoyed by those present. .Mr. Wm. Lowman of Meadville, Pennsylvania, visited the Unity May 29 and remained for the Sunday evening services. Mr. Lowman has long been a reader of THE SWORD. We hope he enjoyed his visit. This is watermelon season, and needless to say, we have very much enjoyed this luscious treat.

Community Current Events - July 1938

By Adah J. Price

JUNE is the time for the redbirds to burst forth into song. In the coolness of the early mornings, just before the sun appears upon the horizon, delicately tinting the eastern sky, they seem to vie with one another until one feels they may rend their little throats. We are enjoying in our dining room menus fresh cabbage and tomatoes, a load of these vegetables being brought for the kitchen department by R. L. McCoy and Brother Albert Jacobs. Sisters Ida Fischer and Emily Bessemer are adepts in their preparation in different ways, making those vegetables exceedingly palatable. On June 3 Brothers Allen Andrews and Laurence Bubbett and Sister Florence Graham motored to Miami. Sister Florence remained for a vacation with relatives and friends. Brother Laurence will fill the place at the linotype in her absence. Mrs. Jerinie Campbell, Mrs. Eleanore Castle, Miss Dawn Castle, and Miss Bertie Boomer and H. D. Silverfriend attended the graduating exercises at the Edison Park High School in Fort Myers. Miss Dawn Castle, one of the graduates, is the granddaughter of Mrs. Eleanore Castle, a former Koreshan lecturer and writer. Brothers George Hunt, Charles Hunt, Samuel Armour and Arthur Moore motored to Estero Island on June 5. They visited the point where the Unity in the early days had a sawmill and several houses, all of which is now a part of the Gulf of Mexico, the land having been washed away. Mr. Irwin Fischer of Spring Creek came to Estero June 5. His mother, Sister Ida Fischer, returned with him for a week's visit. She reports a pleasant time spent with her children and grandchildren. Miss Cecil Hamilton, Brother Lou Staton's niece, who has been principal of the Gwynn Institute in Fort Myers for fifteen years, visited him and Estero friends on June 7. The mango season is here and Brother Jesse Putnam keeps the dining room supplied with the luscious fruit. There are a number of the better variety of mango trees about the printing office, and Brother Jesse sees to it that the fruit is properly distributed, which is greatly appreciated. On June 8 Dr. Charles F. Burgess of Bokeelia, Florida, and Elmer Wenthrick of Coral Gables, Florida, visited the Unity nursery, purchasing some rare plants. Mr. Henry Moreland of Fort Myers visited friends in the Unity on June 12. He brought some delicious sample canteloupes that he raised on his farm up the Caloosahatchee River. Mr. Jim Linton of Tampa arrived on June 14 for a visit with friends at the Unity. With his parents he lived for a time in Estero, when a small lad. Sister Rose Gilbert spent a week-end in Everglades with her sister, Mrs. Frank Lewis, recently. Mrs. Lewis had just returned home from a three-weeks' stay at the Miami Kellogg Sanitarium. She is much improved in health. Brother Milton Porter made a trip to Fort Myers June 18, returning with a truckload of supplies for the various departments. Brother Arthur Moore motored to Bonita Beach June 19 and brought home a load of shell for use on the road in front of our general store, of which Brother Arthur is the efficient manager. Mrs. Cora Newcomb and friend Inez Magill of LaBelle, Florida, were our dinner guests on June 19. Brother George Hunt was called to Fort Myers to serve as jurymen for the week beginning June 20. Our large thirty-year-old Royal Poinciana tree, with a spread of about seventy-five feet, more than covering the distance between the store and the post office, is

filled with beautiful red blossoms. As one uses the petal-strewn paths underneath its branches, it is as though one were treading a luxurious scarlet carpet. On June 22 Mr. and Mrs. Fred McConnell and son Duane, Mrs. Lovelle Ahrano and Mr. Will McCready, all of Tampa, dined with us. It was a happy time for Brother William and Sister Abbie McCready to have their three children visit them. They returned home in the afternoon. Our friends Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Rasmussen of Miami, with two of their children, were callers in Estero June 22. They were en route to Fort Myers and Punta Gorda. We were pleasantly surprised when Sister Emily Bessemer's sons, Milton of New York City, Alton of Washington, D. C., and Louis of Greenbelt, Maryland, arrived June 22 to spend part of their vacations with friends at the Unity. Louis Bessemer is now mayor of Greenbelt, Maryland, one of the Government's housing projects. Brother Lou Staton was agreeably surprised when his niece, Mrs. Raymon Coleman, of Carbondale, Illinois, called to see him en route to her home, after a two weeks' visit with relatives at Miami Beach. " . June is a month to be remembered in Florida because of the blossoming of the night blooming cereus. What could be a more interesting and pleasing sight than to see dozens of white, waxy, many-petaled, wonderfully beautiful blossoms on the climbing cactus-like plants, for just one night ?

COMMUNITY CURRENT EVENTS - August 1938

By Adah J. Price

JULY BRINGS us needed, refreshing showers. On the warm, dark nights we observe the vivid luminosity of the fireflies, causing them to appear as flitting stars among the shrubbery and trees. The Unity entertained the following friends at Sunday dinner recently: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Moreland and their three sons, Harold, Jr., Patrick and Ted Morris; Mr. Henry Moreland and son Floyd, of Fort Myers ; Mrs. Jennie Campbell and daughter, Mrs. Edith Trebell, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Trebell, of Estero. Owing to the kindness of our northern guests, the Bessemer brothers, we enjoyed delicious ice cream and cake for our evening meal, which was heartily enjoyed and greatly appreciated. The special floral decorations arranged by Sister Vesta Newcomb for the occasion brought forth favorable comments. On July 1 Sister Emily Bessemer's sons, Louis, Alton and Milton, left via Miami for their northern homes. We were sorry to have them leave, as their presence radiated good-will and cheer. Mrs. Jennie Campbell and Mrs. Edith Trebell entertained the Bessemer brothers and a small party of friends at an evening tea the night before the Bessemers left.. As usual, the refreshments were enjoyed and the evening pleasantly spent with these genial hostesses. Brother Allen Andrews returned July 4 after an absence of ten days in Miami at the sanitarium of Dr. E. L. Rasmussen, where he underwent treatment for a combination of sinus and ear trouble. Sister Florence Graham returned on the Fourth from her vacation, and reports the time enjoyably spent with her relatives in Miami. On July 8 our Fort Myers friends, Mrs. Anna Camphausen and Miss Elin Lindberg, accompanied by Miss Lindberg's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Farmer, of Miami Springs, visited friends in the Unity, and also the nursery. Mr. Farmer chose some of Brother Theodore Naeselius's plants for his home grounds. Sister Tracy Weaver made a trip July 8 to spend the week-end with her Fort Myers friends, Miss Meta Monsees and Mr. and Mrs. Max Arendt. On July 9 Brother Samuel Armour, our efficient filling station manager, made a business trip to Fort Myers.. On July 10 Brother John Watson, who faithfully performs his part of the work in our general store, accompanied Brothers Charles Hunt, George Hunt and Arthur Moore on a trip to Naples and Gordon's Pass. Gordon's Pass is the southernmost point to which the line of the Koreshan Geodetic Survey was run in the years 1896-97. Miss Lydia Pierce and Mrs. W. R. Wade of Fort Myers were callers on Unity friends" July 10. Mr.

W. Paul Phillips, nurseryman from 'Orlando, Florida, and collector of rare plants, remained overnight at the Unity on July 11. He was much interested in our nursery and made several exchanges in different plants. We are glad to report that Brother Weller Shearer , after some months of indisposition, is, again able to do uses, mowing weeds, waiting upon the sick and so willingly lending a hand wherever he may be needed. Miss Bertie Boomer spent the week-end of July 16 with Unity friends. On Sunday we were fortunate to be one of a party of Koreshan sisters to accompany her to Fort Myers Beach on Estero Island. One member of our party remarked that the first time she set foot on Estero Island there were only three houses. Now there are about 200 buildings. The work being done by Brother Lou Staton and George Dore on the wharf below the post office and barber shop is a great improvement. Brother William Fischer, aged 56, passed away on July 19. He had been in poor health for over a year) and for some months he had been under a doctor's care. Brother William has always been appreciated for his, honesty and sincerity of purpose. He is survived by two sisters, one in Monongahela, Pa., and another, Miss Marie -Fischer, in West Palm Beach, Florida. On July 20 Sister Ella Graham, left for Miami. She will visit her sons, Robert and Lloyd, and her daughter, Mrs. Victor Phillips. We are pleased to have with us Mr. Moses Weaver of St. Petersburg, Florida, one of the early followers of KORESH. He arrived on July 21 to visit old friends in the Unity. Brother Arthur Moore, on J\}ly 24, made several trips to Bonita Beach for shell with which to improve the road leading into the Unity grounds from the Tamimami Trail. July 25 Sister Rose Gilbert, our postmistress, returned from a vacation of two wee'ks at Miami Beach. Her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis of Ever.glades, had secured an apartment at the Beach so that they might spend .their vacation together. Sister Rose reports the time pleasantly spent. Our guest, Brother Moses Weaver , is doing some needed repair work on the demonstration globe in the Art Hall. This mechanical globe represents a cell, showing the world on the inner surface. Brother Moses was one of its original designers, and the globe was placed on exhibition at the Buffalo, N ew York, Exposition in 1901.

COMMUNITY CURRENT EVENTS - September 1938

By Adah J. Price

ON AUGUST 1, Colonel West D. Archer and wife of Coconut Grove were visitors at the American Eagle office. Col. Archer is employed in the City Engineering Department of Miami. Moses Weaver left August 3 for his St. Petersburg home. He hopes to return in the near future. A large mulberry tree in the chicken yard was struck by lightning recently; but no other damage. Sunday, August 7, Sister Vesta Newcomb and Brothers Charles and George Hunt and Arthur Moore motored to La Belle to visit our friends Mr. and Mrs. J ames N ewcomb. Mr. N ewcomb had recently returned from a four months' visit to Houma, near N ew Orleans. He reported the visit with his, daughter Olive as greatly benefiting him, and thoroughly enjoyed. Our mail service is much more satisfactory since coming by truck from Fort Myers. Formerly it came by train. On August 8, Brothers Theodore N aeselius, Lou H. Staton and "Alien H. Andrews motored to Fort Myers Beach with a truck load of plants, to set out on a beach lot. They will make a demonstration of trees and shrubs adapted to seashore planting, Cajeput trees, beings one of the leading features, as they are immune to salt water. Regarding the disastrous fire occurring on Au, . gust 8 which destroyed the Estero post office and warehouse, we quote from the American Eagle as follows ; " About 2 ;30 o'clock Monday morning Estero residents were awakened by the cry of 'fire.' The blaze was first seen by Mr. Samuel Armour, filling station operator, who gave the alarm. He stated that the flames, at that time were issuing from the corner of the building on the river front occupied by the E&tero post office. "By the time others

arrived on the scene the entire front of the building was ablaze. Being an old structure of pitch pine construction, and with no water pressure available, it was realized from the first that it was doomed and attention was turned to protecting the big store building which was about 50 feet to the south of it. With stuccoed walls, and sheet iron roof, the store building withstood the terrific heat well, but finally the roof cornice and some of the window frames began to smoulder. In several places the woodwork ignited and was extinguished with difficulty. "A phone call had been sent in to the Fort Myers Fire Department and the fire truck at length arrived with four firemen who pumped water from the nearby river and soon had a big stream playing alternately on the blazing warehouse and the nearby store building. Had they not arrived in the nick of time, it is believed that the big store would have burned also. After a half hour's work the flames were reduced to a smouldering mass of wreckage and the firemen left. ... "The burned building, which served as the original Koreshan Unity store, was built in 1903 of pitch pine lumber sawed in the community sawmill. With the erection of the new store some years ago, the lower floor of the old building was largely devoted to warehouse purposes, with post office and barber shop in front. There were several guest rooms and a well-equipped dental office upstairs, with living quarters of several community members in the rear. Two of the three occupants were absent at the time, and the third was aroused and rushed to safety. "In addition to the post office and its contents, the loss consisted of barber shop and dental equipment, household furnishings, personal effects, and some hardware, tools and miscellaneous merchandise on hand in the storeroom, total loss to the Unity being roughly estimated at several thousand dollars. The building was uninsured. Origin of the fire is a mystery "The burned structure was somewhat outmoded and unsightly, and no new building will probably be erected on the site." The post office is now being installed in the southeast part of the Koreshan Unity store building. Considerable inconvenience resulted from the fire, but the office will soon be running as smoothly as formerly. Mrs. A. L. Camphausen and Miss Elin Lindberg of Fort Myers were calling on friends at the Unity on August 10. On Sunday, August 14, the Unity entertained as dinner guests: Dr. John J. Heitz and son and Dr. Lorien Menzel of Orlando, 1\tr. and Mrs. E. O. Heitz and three daughters, 1\tlisses Mary Elizabeth, Audrey and Dorothy, of Pittsburg, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis of Everglades, Mrs. Lillian Rugg, Richard Dumbleton and Mr. Bjorkman of Estero, and Miss B. M. Boomer, Mr. R. Percy Jones, M. W. Strickland and Henry Moreland of J;. 'ort Myers. In the evening, through the kindness of our friend Mrs. Hilda Lamb of Lakeland, Fla., we enjoyed a delicious ice cream and cake supper. This treat had been unavoidably delayed for some time. However, it was thankfully relished that day, as the temperature had risen to 94 degrees. The evening meal was made more enjoyable by the presence of Mrs. Jennie Campbell, Mrs. Edith Trebell, Mrs. Julia Home, her daughter, Miss Melba, and son Robert. Sister Ida Fischer reports spending a pleasant day recently when accompanying her son Irwin and 1 family to Fort Myers.

Community Current Events - October 1938

By Adah J. Price

THE MORNING stillness is again broken by the rich song of the mocking-birds. We have missed them since June. Spring and fall are their special singing seasons in South Florida. Brothers Jesse Putnam, Arthur Moore and Lou Staton have been clearing away the debris left from the burning of the post office, warehouse, dental office and barber shop on August 8. Much-needed tree trimming and other improvements are being made. Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Walden of Fort Myers were recent visitors in Estero. They hold a warm place in the hearts of our brothers and sisters for the close attention they paid our late brother, Dr. David Richards, .in his last illness. Mr.

Ernest F. Coe, founder of the Everglades National Park and an official of the Florida Everglades National Park Association, visited friends at the Unity September 2, en route to St. Petersburg where he was scheduled to deliver a radio address about the Park project. On September 4, Sisters Etta Silverfriend, Barbara Ehrisman, Bella Armour and Brothers Allen Andrews and Henry Silverfriend motored to the beach at Estero Island in the interests of some property located there. On, Labor Day Brothers Allen Andrews, Samuel Armour and Roger Perry took a trip through the northern Everglades region to the east shore of Lake Okeechobee. When returning, they stopped at LaBelle, visiting our friends there, Mr. and Mrs. James Newcomb. Miss Bertie Boomer left on September 6 for Philadelphia to visit her sister, Mrs. Walter H. Thomas. Tuesday, September 6, marked the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Koreshan Home in Chicago, in 1888. Several members of the Colony arrived in Estero in December, 1893, the first large party arriving on February 6, 1894. On September 9, Sisters Barbara Ehrisman, Florence Graham and Adah Price, and Brother Allen Andrews motored to Miami, Sister Adah stopping off in Southwest Miami to visit her friends, Mrs. Katharine and Miss Josephine Daniels; the rest of the party went on to their relatives and friends, the Graham brothers, in North Miami. On our return trip we stopped at the "Rutherford Croton Gardens, where we observed hundreds of crotons, in hundreds of varieties in a riot of color -a wonderfully beautiful sight, this being the time of year for their highest colorings. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis were our dinner guests on Sunday, September 11. We are always glad to have with us these Everglades friends. Sisters Emily Bessemer, Etta Silverfriend and Bella Armour, L. W. Bubbett and H. D. Silverfriend motored to the beach on Estero Island Sunday September 11, taking the new road from the Tamiami Trail to McGregor Boulevard, which shortens the distance by ten miles from the old route. Mrs. Eleanore Castle and granddaughter, Miss ~ Dawn Castle, returned from their Chicago trip September 13. They report a most enjoyable visit among their friends. Mrs. A. I.J. Camphausen and Miss Elin Lindbergof Fort Myers were visiting friends in the Unity September 14. Mrs. Marie McConnell of Tampa arrived by bus to visit her parents, Sister Abbie and Brother Wm. McCready, and friends, over the week-end. On September 17, Mr. Robert Graham of Miami arrived, bringing home his mother and sister, Sisters Ella and Florence Graham. Sister Ella had been visiting Robert for several months. Sister Florence returned after a week's stay. Robert returned the following day. We were sorry he could not stay longer. Sisters Ella and Florence Graham and Barbara Ehrisman are busy getting established in their new quarters over the bakery. No one feels more keenly than they the loss of the building recently destroyed by fire. Their living rooms had been there so many years. Sister Emma Norton is as busy as a bee, making sheets, pillow slips, bakery and kitchen aprons, towels, holders, and mending bed-linen, etc., besides making gresses for herself. She is a master hand at making cordials and various mixtures which greatly alleviate suffering brothers and sisters. She often visits the bedside of a shut-in, and gives counsel to those who seek it. She also is very successful in growing ornamental plants. Quite a record for one who has passed the four-score mark. Brother Arthur Moore, in addition to his store duties, is, doing excellent service in clearing up the grounds. Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Pierson and Miss Betty Berry of East Orange, N. J., recently stopped at Estero to see L. W. Bubbett. They are friends of Claude J. Rahn, now living in East Orange, but who formerly resided in Estero. With thankful hearts we report that the tropical storm which was due to strike Estero September 20, veered to the east. Our sympathies are with the stricken people of the upper Atlantic coast, where the storm finally struck with tremendous fury. Brother Alfred Christensen is doing greatly appreciated work in the bakery department, as one of his many duties. Bella Armour, L. W. Bubbett and H. D. Silverfriend motored to the beach on Estero ;Island Sunday, September 11, taking the new road from tl\ 'e

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Community Current Events - November 1938

By Adah J. Price

A CARLOAD of large bamboo canes were cut from the Unity Park grounds to be shipped to California the first of October. October 2, Mrs. Julia Horne and daughter, Miss Melba Horne, were dinner guests of the Unity. October 4, Brother Lawrence Bubbett, editor of THE FLAMING SWORD, motored to Miami to remain with friends for several weeks. Sister Florence Graham will take his place at the linotype in setting up THE SWORD, and Sister Bella Armour will assist Brother Samuel with the proof reading. Miss Bertha Boomer, who recently returned from a visit in Philadelphia with her sister, Mrs. Walter H. Thomas spent several days with Unity friends. W. Stanley Hanson and Robert Dupress, of Fort Myers, and Abe Lincoln, a Seminole Indian from the reservation, were visiting old friends at the Unity October 9. Abe was one of the two Indian guides that led the Trail Blazers in 1923 across the lower Everglades, which route is practically now the Tamiami Trail which passes between the Unity general store and the Guiding Star Publishing House. Brothers Charlie Hunt, Allen Andrews and Alfred Christensen were three of the original Trail Blazers. October 11, Calvin D. Kinsman and son, from Miami, with several negroes and a derrick truck, secured from, the Unity nursery a load of cajeput trees and other plants, carrying them to Miami. On the same day S. W. Merritt and Lee Opp of Tampa were demonstrating on the Unity grounds a power tractor with mower attachment. Keeping down the grass and weeds in the Unity Park grounds entailed much hand labor and we are indeed grateful to our friend Mrs. Hilda Lamb, of Lakeland, Florida, who substantially aided in the purchase of the new tractor . Brother George Hunt is now

operating the machine with satisfactory results. On the eleventh and twelfth of October negroes from Fort Myers, with acetylene torch, were engaged in taking apart the old printing office steam boiler to be carried away as junk. Electric power has, been used for many years. On the fourteenth, Ernest F. Coe, en route to his home in Miami from Fort Myers, where he had given an address on the Everglades National Park project, stopped off at Estero to call upon Unity friends. October 15, Moses, G. Weaver of St. Petersburg, Florida, arrived for a short visit. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis, of Everglades, were Unity guests October 16. We were especially glad to welcome these friends as they could not be present at the Solar Anniversary on the 18th. October 18, the Birthday of KORESH, so dear to all Koreshans, was an enjoyable occasion. The diningroom was beautifully decorated with bamboo fronds, crotons and bouquets. Much credit's due Sister Vesta Newcomb and Bertie Boomer and Brothers Theodore Naeselius, Moses Weaver and Roger Perry for these beautiful decorations. Our dinner guests were: Mrs. Hilda Lamb, Mrs. Alexander McKay and Mrs. Daisy Montgomery, of Lakeland ; Mrs. Lillian Rugg, Mrs. Jennie Campbell, Mrs. Edith Trebell, of Estero, ; Law; ; yer Percy Jones, Henry Moreland, Mrs. Julia Home, Miss Melba Home, Miss. Meta Monsees and Mrs. Max Arendt of Fort Myers. Glad to report that two of our shut-ins, Brothers Charles Hunt and John Irving, were able to be present to enjoy the deliciously prepared dinner, by Sisters, Ida Fischer and Emily Bessemer of the culinary department. We are indebted to our friend, Mrs. Lillian Rugg for the greatly appreciated turkey-treat. Many interesting and helpful letters from our friends from afar were read during the dinner-hour, they were all with us in spirit, if not in person. At the 99th Anniversary services held in the Art Hall at 7 :30 P. M., Brother Henry and Sister Etta Silverfriend read, amidst the many pleasingly arranged plants and flowers on the stage, appropriate selections, from the writings of KORESH. The special violin and flute music furnished by Harold and Floyd Moreland, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Harold Moreland, was thoroughly enjoyed by all those present. A large painting of KORESH draped with the Koreshan flag, occupied a prominent place on the platform, with the Stars and Stripes just to the right. Those arriving from Fort Myers to attend the evening services were Mrs., Carrie Briggs and niece Miss Virginia Aldenhoff, Miss Cecil Hamilton, Miss Lydia Pierce, Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Walden and his father from Fort Mead, Harry Manley, Harold Moreland, Jr., Pat and Ted Morris Moreland. In the afternoon Mrs. Daisy Montgomery, with Sisters Emily Bessemer and Barbara Ehrisman and Brothers George Hunt and Arthur Moore, motored to Bonita Beach. The green cucumbers, raised on Brother Henry Moreland's farm adjacent to Fort Myers, which he brought with him, were enjoyed for several days.. On Friday, October 21, Brothers Allen Andrews and Henry Silverfriend made a trip to Orlando, Brother Henry remaining for several weeks. George Dore, the carpenter, is now engaged in getting in order the lobby for the Post Office. In October the Unity Park becomes beautiful with the artistically drooping yellow blossoms of the Flowering Elder bushes.

Community Current Events - December 1938

By Adah J. Price

MR. JULIAN NALLY of Gotha, Florida, recently called at The American Eagle office when en route to Naples to visit the one-time tropical garden of the late Dr. Henry Nehrling, a great plant breeder and botanist. Mr. Nally, who now owns the old Nehrling homestead at Gotha, returned from Naples the following day and took home with him a number of plants from the Unity Nurseries. Brother Allen Andrews) editor of The American Eagle, is receiving requests to republish a series of Dr. Nehrling's articles, formerly published in The Eagle from 1922-29. Brother Moses Weaver, after several days visit with old friends in the Unity, left for his home in

St. Petersburg, Florida: We were glad he could be with us during the Solar Festival. Charles Mealy, of Pineville, Kentucky, Son of Mrs. Alice Mealy Bubbett, and Dick Bubbett called on Unity friends, en route to Miami. 'Mr. Mealy spent some of his boyhood days in the Unity. Sister Emma Norton enjoyed a trip to Fort Myers with Mrs. L. E. Rugg, dining with Sister Lillian on the return trip. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis, of Everglades, spent Sunday, October 30 in Estero with friends and their sister, Mrs. Rose Gilbert. Early Monday morning their car refused to function, and Brother Allen Andrews motored Mr. Lewis home, arriving there shortly before 8 a. m., the time for commencing work. Mr. Lewis holds the responsible position of cashier and telegraph operator in the thriving, modern little city of Everglades. Brother Lou Staton has made several trips to Fort Myers Beach to look after the recently acquired Unity property there—a house and lot on Estero Island which was secured through a trade for the Big Hickory Island property. Mrs. Carrie Briggs of the Fort Myers museum and Miss Meta Monsees, of Fort Myers, were calling on Estero friends on Annicotice Day. Miss Monsees interviewed Brother Jess Putnam, Manager of the Printing Department, regarding some desired printing. Mrs. Eleanor Castle and granddaughter Miss Dawn Castle recently motored to Miami to visit friends. November 5th. Brothers George Hunt, Charles Hunt and Arthur Moore took a trip to Fort Myers Beach. Brother Charles enjoys these trips, as he is so closely confined to his room. Monday evening, November 7, a caucus of the Unity members was held in the dining-room to consider the various nominees for election. Our friends Mrs. Julia Horne and daughter, Miss Melba, and Mrs. Edward Hendry were in Estero November 8, Mrs. Horne serving on the local Election Board. Miss Bertha Boomer came from Fort Myers November 8th to vote, remaining over night with Unity friends. At the Sunday evening services of November 13th, Sister Etta Silverfriend read, among other articles written by KORESH, a very interesting one entitled "The Great Martian Canal Trust," which appears elsewhere in this issue of THE FLAMING SWORD. The Koreshan Unity Filling Station was visited by a midnight prowler on November 16th. Brother Samuel Armour, the manager who rooms in the building, was awakened by the noise and stepped out the front door to investigate in time to see a man jump the fence into the highway, dash for a car he had parked near and speed away. He had been trying to enter the building by a side window, tearing off the screening and cracking the window glass. Brother Arthur Moore and Roger Perry went to the woods November 17th, gathering and chopping wood to increase the fuel supply for the winter. The new power mowing machine, being successfully operated by Brother George Hunt, is proving to be worth its weight in gold by saving many hours of hand labor. Through Brother Daniel McNamara's diligent labor in his gardens, we are now enjoying fresh vegetables, which are highly appreciated. We have also relished the fresh tomatoes, eggplants, cucumbers and peppers brought to the Kitchen Department by Mr. R. L. McCoy and Albert Jacobs from the nearby large truck farms, these vegetables not being quite up to the shipping standard in size and shape, but delicious in flavor. We appreciated Sister Jennie Cambell's assistance in the canning of the surplus tomatoes. Sunday, November 20th, Sisters Bertie Boomer, Vesta Newcomb, Bella Armour and Florence Graham were calling upon Mrs. Julia Horne and family who recently purchased property in Tice, near Fort Myers, where they may make their future home. We were pleased to have Sister Jennie Campbell, Sister Edith Trebell and Sister Lillian Rugg enjoy their Thanksgiving dinner with us for Sister Emily Bessemer had prepared a delicious repast. Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Boughman and son of Tampa, Florida, visited friends at the Unity November 24th. On November 28th all of our sisters enjoyed the delicious cake sent by parcel post by Sister Ida Fisher's daughter, Mrs. Mildred Fisher Barager, of Seattle, Washington, to Sister Etta Silverfriend. This delectation was made by Mrs. Barager herself, who spent her younger years in the Unity.

Community Current Events - February 1939:

By Adah J. Price

MRS. ELEANOR CASTLE has now convalesced after an auto accident of several weeks ago in which she and Miss Dawn Castle were involved. A tire exploded when they were passing a truck, throwing them into the ditch. Fortunately both escaped without serious, injuries. Brother Lou. H. Staton's niece Miss Cecil Hamilton and .Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Raymond of Fort Myers were visiting at the Unity. Mr. and Mrs. James Newcomb and daughter Margaret, of LaBelle, and Mrs. Gordon Chauvan, another daughter, of Houma, Louisiana, were visiting friends at the Unity. On J anuary 8 an inventory of the Unity General Store was taken by Brother Arthur Moore and several assistants. Overnight guests of the Unity were F. A. Has,tings of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and Albert F. McDonald, son of A. L. McDonald, of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, a long-time friend of the Unity who visited here several successive winters and a subscriber of THE FLAMING SWORD. Will McDonald, another son, was a member of the Koreshan Home in Chicago in the earlier days and a valued helper in the printing department. Mrs. Maude Brown of New York returned January 8 and is now occupying her accustomed place in the General Store and in the Bakery department. Brothers Arthur Moore and Roger Perry made trips to the woods on J anuary 26 to replenish the diminishing wood supply. " J anuary 9, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Fisher and family, of Spring Creek, spent the day with his mother, Mrs. Ida Fischer . January 12, Mr. and Mrs. John Fergurwn called to see Sister Emma N orton at the request of their next door neighbor in Lincoln, Nebraska, Mrs. Hattie Robinson, who is, a niece of Sister Emma. They were pleasantly impressed with our beautiful grounds and the large number of choice plants and shrubs; also the store, filling station and printing-plant were of interest to them. Most of all was the alert, keen, " Aunt Emma" who piloted them from place to place proving herself to be a wonder at ~ighty-two years of age. Mr. and Mrs,. Ferguson are, spending two weeks at Fort Myers Beach. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Simpson of St. Clair Shores, Michigan, recently arrived to spend their third winter season in Estero. Brothers Lou H. Staton, Allen Andrews and Samuel Armour motored to Sarasota with Mr. Simpson January 13 to get his car which he had left at Treasure Island, having come to Estero by boat from there. Mrs. Simpson took admirable charge of the Filling Station in Brother Samuel's absence. We are pleased to have Brother Claude J. Rahn, of East Orange, New Jersey, with us again for a several week's sojourn. We were pleasantly surprised to have Sister Jennie Campbell with us again at the Supday evening Services; of January 15. She is greatly improved '!rom her recent illness. Sister Etta Silverfriend Claude J. Rahn and Allen Andrews made a business' trip to our neighbor town, Bonita Springs o:n January 16. Brothers Theodore Naeselius and Claude J. Rahn visited the Lee County Museum in Fort Myers, January 19. Mr. arid Mrs. Geo, Simpson, Claude J. Rahn and A. H. Andrews on January 12 motored to the Seminole Indian Reservation some seventy miles from Estero. Surrounded on three sides by Cypress, swamps the reservation headquarters occupies about an acre, well fenced, with green lawn. There are now about 86 Seminoles on the reservation and in their dealings with one another they show a high code of truthfulness and honesty, and a morality that is far above the ethical standards of the average paleface. No effort is made to induce the Seminoles to live in houses, the general plan being to leave them free to live their lives as they have been accustomed to do for past generations,. However, supervision is maintained over general sanitation and efforts made to preserve tidiness around the camps. Most of the Seminoles have come to feel the government is. trying to help them and are willing to co-operate. Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Lewis of Everglades were our dinner guests on January 22. Mr. and Mrs,. W. A. Baum of Forest Hills, Long Island, New

York, were visitors in Estero on January 24. Mrs. . Baum is a granddaughter of the late Sister Elizabeth Robinson, one of the early pioneers of the Unity. Sunday, January 29, the Unity entertained at dinner Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Simpson of Estero and Michigan, Mr. Harold Thomas of Bonita Springs and London, Mr. Stanley Hanson of Fort Myers, and an Indian, Jimmie Osceola, an expert Chinese checker player. Mr. Hanson brought with him a radio, the music being appreciated by those present. We are again enjoying the green, leafy vegetables grown in Brother Daniel McNamara's garden. ..On Wednesday evening January 25, Mrs. Jennie Campbell and Mrs. Edith Trebell entertained in their home in honor of Claude J. Rahn, a party of Brothers and Sisters from the Unity. The delicately prepared viands were highly enjoyed, and during the evening the game of Chinese Checkers being played with marbles, afforded considerable amusement for the guests.

Community Current Events - March 1939
By Adah J. Price

WE MISS the large Royal Poinciana Tree which had graced the Unity Park grounds for about thirty-five years, as it is now cut to within a few feet from the ground, with the hope it may sprout again from its root. It was severely injured by the fire of last August, which destroyed the old store building, and had to be removed as a safety measure. My mind goes back to the first time I visited the Unity and I so plainly see Sister Barbara Ehrisman" sunbonnet on head and hoe in hand, preparing to plant flower seed under its spreading branches ; and I can also hear the music of the flowing water in the distinctive fountain near by, which for a number of years has ceased to yield a flow of water. This Royal Poinciana was, no doubt, the finest specimen in Lee C.ounty. Just a few feet away the river bank, site of the burned store building, is now becoming a beauty spot, with its recently planted graceful palms, bright crotons, drooping ferns, twining vines and the colorful motor boat of Mr. and Mrs. George Simpson moored to its side. Brother Theodore Naeselius is making further improvements along the river. February 1 Brother Lawrence Bubbett arrived from Miami, where he has been visiting with friends for some months past. The next morning Brother Claude J. Rahn motored to Miami with him and from there made a business trip to Chicago before returning to East Orange, New Jersey . On February 2, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Eaton and daughter, Miss Naomi Forrest and Mrs. Anna Eaton, all of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, arrived, spending the evening with friends in the Unity. These friends, are relatives of our late beloved Franklin Jacke of the General Store Department. Miss Lydia Pierce, of Fort Myers., called at the , Graham apartment to examine the very pretty rag rugs, woven by Sr. Ella Graham on her loom, purchasing three of them for the Pierce Inn in Fort Myers, Mr. Fred Pierce, of Detroit, Michigan, owner of a chain of amusement parks in Michigan and other states, arrived February 3 to visit his old friend, Mr. George Simpson. February 5, Mr. Fred Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. George Simpson and Brother Allen Andrews motored to Tampa, remaining over night to attend the DeSoto Exposition on Monday. Of its many interesting features, of one we quote The American Eagle as follows : "Outstanding of all the dioramas exhibited is that featuring a gigantic figure of old DeSoto himself in suit of armour, gazing out over a Florida landscape of pines and palms toward the distant seashore. A ship is sighted on the horizon and the surf comes, rolling in on the beach in a most realistic manner. This diorama is really an artistic masterpiece."

The afternoon of February 9, a fire got started on the Tamiami Trail roadside just south of the Art Hall. Two attempts, were made at backfiring, but the ground and grass being so dry the strong wind s, spread the blaze rapidly toward the Unity

buildings until it entered the Park grounds. Many neighbors came to help, beat out the blaze, but the heat was so intense and the smoke so thick they were driven back, the blaze reaching the tops of the palm trees, and had it not been for the timely arrival of the fire Department from Fort Myers several of our main buildings might have been burned, but fortunately they were saved. We were pleased to have as dinner guests on Sunday, February 12, Mr. and Mrs. George Simpson and Mr. Fred Pierce of Detroit, Michigan, and Mr. Henry Moreland of Fort Myers. Mr. Pierce, who had been visiting his old friends, the Simpsons, left on Monday for Key West and Detroit. Mrs. Charlotte Montenegro of New York City, arrived February 11 to spend some months with friends in the Unity. She came here from Berkeley, California, where she had been visiting with relatives. We were pleased to receive an interesting letter recently from Mrs. Pearl Cox of Charleston, Illinois, who spent two winters here in caring for her father in his last illness, our beloved Brother John Sargent who was with us many years and greatly missed when he passed on. The Park grounds, now look very beautiful, decorated with the flowering Bauhinia trees, very much resembling large mounds of purple and lavender blossoms. February 19, Brothers Lou Staton and Arthur Moore and Sisters Emily Bessemer, Maude Brown and Charlotte Montenegro enjoyed a motor trip to Bonita Beach. Mr. and Mrs. George Simpson and A. H. Andrews on the 19th motored to the Everglades region, going as far as Canal Point and Pahokee on the northeast shore of Lake Okeechobee. On return trip they stopped at Clewiston to give the big sugar mill the once-over, bringing home samples of their granulated brown sugar. Brother Arthur Moore motored to Fort Myers February 25 in behalf of the General store. We note great improvements in the Park grounds adjacent to the Tamiami Trail, since Brother George Hunt has been trimming the trees and shrubbery, and all the debris is being carried away. Brother Lou Staton is also making pleasing improvements around the Tea Garden. Word has reached us of the recent death of Brother John Grier at Guernsey, Iowa, where he had been living with his sons for several winters.

Community Current Events - April 1939:

By Adah J. Price

MARCH 4, Mrs. A. L. Camphausen and Miss Elin Lindberg of Fort Myers and Mrs. Edith Johnson of Minneapolis, Minnesota, were calling on Unity friends. Considerable interest and excitement was manifest on March 4, when Mr. Geo. Simpson displayed a seven-foot alligator he had captured alive near Estero, which was taken to the animal zoo in our neighborhood town, Bonita Springs. Mrs. Ruth Boomer Thomas of Philadelphia, Mrs. Jennie Campbell and Mrs. Edith Trebell, of Estero, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Phillips and daughter Miss Marie, and Messrs Robert and Lloyd Graham of Miami were Unity dinner guests on March 5. The dining room was prettily decorated with lillies from the Unity Gardens. Our Miami friends were visiting their mother and sister, Sisters Ella and Florence Graham. Brother Henry Silverfriend returned Monday, the sixth from a week-end visit with Dr. John J. Heitz of Orlando, Florida. March 10, our friend Mrs. Edith Johnson, of Minneapolis, and her companion, Mrs. Elmer Scharf, were Unity dinner guests. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Simpson departed for their northern home March 10. They have spent three seasons in Estero and we shall miss their genial presence. On March 11, Mrs. Marie McConnell and Mrs. Lovelle Ahrano, of Tampa arrived to spend the weekend with Unity friends and their parents, Sister Abbie and Brother Wm. McCready. Miss Elin Lindberg died March 13 at her home in Fort Myers. Mrs. A. L. Camphausen accompanied the remains to Duluth, Minnesota, for interment. She and Mrs. Camphausen operated the Unity Rustic Tea Garden for a number of years, making it a very attractive place, both inside and the surrounding

grounds. Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Pulcifer and granddaughter, Miss Sarah Ann Andrews, of Fort Myers Beach with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Fisher, of Gloucester, Massachusetts, were calling on Unity friends Wednesday and visiting the Park grounds. They greatly enjoyed picking and eating fresh, luscious, black mulberries from the trees. March 17, Miss Cecil Hamilton, Principal of the Gwynn Institute School of Fort Myers" called on Unity friends. Miss Hamilton's uncle, Brother Lou Staton, accompanied her and her party of friends to Bonita Beach for a pleasant afternoon. The fresh mulberry shortcake and pie, made by Sisters Emily Bessemer and Ida Fischer has been highly appreciated. Many thanks to them and to Sisters Charlotte Montenegro and Maude Brown, who are the champion mulberry gatherers. Brothers Theodore Naeselius, Roger Perry and Allen Andrews motored to Avon Park and Sebring March 20, where they attended the annual meeting of the Highlands Hammock Board. They visited the CCC Camp near Sebring, being dinner guests through the courtesy of Lieutenant W. J. Bowers, Commanding Officer. An inspection tour was made of the camp, and they considered this one of the far-reaching projects Uncle Sam is doing for its future citizens. On March 22, Sister Alvera Hohanscheldt passed away being nearly 91 years of age. She was born in Rockford, Illinois, and went to San Francisco, California, where she and her husband Henry joined the California branch of the Koreshan community in 1891. In 1892 she and her husband came to the Koreshan community in Chicago and in 1894 came to Estero with a large group of Koreshans. Henry was later killed in a sawmill accident. Sister Alvera had been confined to her room here as an invalid for a number of years. She had been in charge of the poultry farm. Miss Bertie Boomer, of Fort Myers, made the Unity a visit on March 23. Owing to the unusually dry weather, on March 23 another woods fire west of Estero had to be desperately fought by all available brothers before it could be extinguished. Brothers Arthur Moore and Albert Jacobs are making great improvements in the Park grounds by clearing away, dead bamboo fronds and dry grasses. The Sunday evening services are well attended by those anxious to hear the interesting readings from the writings of KORESH. We quote the following beautiful poem published in latest issue of The American Eagle, penned by Mr. Lynn Russell, now of Tampa, Florida, who lived for a time in the Unity, assisting on the work of The Eagle in the Printing Department

FLORIDA FEBRUARY Young, glossy leaves are on the water oaks. Mulberry trees miraculously lift A canopy of green and Colored Folks Now eagerly await their fruited gift ; They walk beneath each tree and speculate How many days remain for them to wait New buds appear upon the barren limbs Of chinaberry trees. Bauhinias Burst forth in white and wrple bloom. The whims Of every plant is seen. Azaleas And marigolds lend beauty to each home, While lupines catch the blue of Heaven's dome. A February day when Nature smiles Means blithesome journys down entrancing aisles.

Community Current Events - May 1939

By Adah J. Price

BROTHER MILTON PORTER, who has been in poor health for some time past, left April 1st to visit relatives in Bartow, Florida. . April 2 Mrs. A. L. Camphausen, Miss Bertha M. Boomer, Mrs. Carrie Briggs and Miss Meta Monsees of Fort Myers, were Unity dinner guests. In the afternoon of April 2 Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Boomer and son Mr. George Boomer, of New York City, arrived in Estero to spend a few days at their Mirasol Grove home. Mrs. Lillian Rugg and daughter Celeste of New York City who is visiting her mother, and Mr. Floyd Moreland of Fort Myers were Unity guests on April 9. The following afternoon Mrs. A. L. Camphausen, Mrs. Lillian Rugg, Miss Bertha M.

Boomer, Mrs. Tacy Weaver , Mrs. Charlotte Montenegro and Brother Chas. and George Hunt and Arthur Moore enjoyed a picnic at Bonita Beach. Sister Rose Gilbert reports a pleasant week-end spent in Everglades with her relatives, ,Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Lewis. At the April Unity Board meeting Brother Theodore N aselius was placed in charge of the Labor Department. April 10th Mr. Harold Thomas of Sussex, England and Bonita Springs, Florida, called upon Estero friends. April 12th Mr. Jack DeWitt, a magazine writer, came to Estero to gather data and photographs for a special feature article on The Koreshan Unity. On Sunday the 16th Brothers George Hunt and Arthur Moore were the dinner guests of Mr. Harold Thomas at the Wayside Inn of Bonita Springs. Several forestry students, from the University of Florida at Gainesville, recently visited the Unity Nurs-eries. They were deeply interested in the Unity's wild Cajeput forest. The black surinam cherry bushes on the Unity grounds are now heavily laden with luscious fruit, which we are immensely enjoying. Just recently some forty quarts of this fruit were shipped to Dr. J. P~tersell, of Miami who has been commissioned to obtain a variety of tropical fruit products for exhibit at the New York City World's Fair. Mr. James Linton of Tampa, a former resident of the Unity, spent April 18th with friends here. Miss Meta Monsees, of Fort Myers, called on Unity friends on April 16th. We are rejqucing over the recent numerous showers, breaking the long drouth. At the Sunday Evening Services on April 16th Sister Etta Silverfriend read from THE FLAMING SWORD of July 24, 1906, from the writings of KORESH as follows : "The Bible has taught the fact that the time will come when this corruptible shall put on incorruptibility, and this mortal, immortality. Of course, 'this signifies that there will come a time where time exists, when this corruptible and mortal shall be c\anged from mortality to immortality. The (Jh~istian world'"has professed to believe this prediction, but has utterly failed to comprehend it; therefore it is a doctrine that has become obsolete with the ordinary Christian, the mere profesSor but not the doer of the Christian faith. "We are trying to impress upon the people at large, the truth that while immortality is a scientific fact and a possibility, it requires the practical application of some principles of law to enforce the proposition. There is a growing class, of people who are advocating immortal life to be attained in the body; but they have no scientific conception of the laws to be applied for the perfection of the essential conditions to bring about the immortal state. We are upon the verge of this, wonderful transformation in the condition of the human race, because the science of immortality has been discovered or revealed,-whichsoever tenn seems the more preferable. This science does not reside in a new system of natural respiration, .nor in any application of the principles of natural dietetics. The forces, powers, and substantial means for the transformation are in the very souls of those who would pass through such metamorphosis; but it is not within the power of those in whom the means reside, to bring about the desired object without the assistance of the ordained High Priest in whose mentality the secret resides, and whose province it is to disclose the science and apply its principles. "Immortality must come through the conservation -of the two sex energies (the sex potencies), as substantial essences, and their scientific union in another process than that of the function of natural propagation. Conservation, polarization, and utilization are the essential factors in the application of the science of immortal life. Immortal life is the final state of man in the natural world. This is the Arch-natural attainment, before entering the state of eternal life. This is attained not merely by the union of the sex potencies, but through the application of the sex potencies in the dissolution of the two sex forms, their resolution to the essences. or spiritual substances of transformation, and thejr rematerialization to the reunited form-that of the biunity, which means the male and female forms reunited in the form of the restoration. This is the character of the form of the man that God made in his own

image and likeness, before the woman was taken j from the man, and before the conditions were established in which it was possible for the fall to occur. "

Community Current Events - June 1939

By Adah J. Price

MAY 4th, Miss Margaret Newcomb, of LaBelle, visited friends at the Unity. Sisters, Ella and Florence Graham and Brother Allen Andrews made a trip to Miami May 5, Sister Ella remaining for a time for medical treatment with her son Robert Graham. Miss Lydia Pierce and friend of Fort Myers were calling on Unity friends May 7. May 6, Miss Bertie Boomer of Fort Myers spent the: week-end with unity friends. Her friend, Miss Rosie Marie Wainwaring of St. Petersburg, Florida, was an over-night guest of the Unity. On May 9, Miss Bertie Boomer, Mrs. Maude Brown, Miss Vesta Newcomb, Miss Marie Wainwaring and Conrad Schlender motored to Sanibel and Captiva Islands. They reported pretty shells gathered and an enjoyable day spent near the Gulf waters. Our friends, Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Rasmussen, of Miami, were supper guests of the Unity May 10. Mrs. Maude Brown left on a business, trip May 13 for New York, expecting to return in a few weeks. She will be greatly missed in the General Store and in the Bakery Department, where she has given excellent service. Sister Tacy Weaver reports her visit pleasantly spent in Fort Myers with Miss Meta Monsees. Mr. and Mrs. Fred McConnell, of Tampa, were Unity guests Sunday, May 14. Mrs. McConnell was pleased to find her mother, Sister Abbie McCready, improving in health. Mrs. A. L. Camphausen, of Fort Myers, called upon Unity friends May 16. On the 18, Mrs. Julia Horne and daughter, Miss, Melba Home, were dinner guests of the Unity. The Unity also entertained as dinner guests Miss Cecil Hamilton, one of the school principals of Fort Myers, and her sister, Mr.s. Leona Howell of DuQuoin, Illinois, both nieces of Brother Lou H. Staton. Sunday, May 21, Mrs. Lillian Rugg dined with Unity friends. Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Lewis of Everglades, were Sunday morning callers on their sister, Mrs. Rose.M. Gilbert. Brothers Arthur Moore, Roger Perry and Samuel Armour made a trip to Naples and Everglades on May 21. At the Sunday Evening Services of May 21, Brother Henry Silverfriend read in part from the writings of KORESH as follows : "The old heavens and the old earth are to pass away, and there will be new heavens and a new earth wherein dwells, righteousness. Reference is not made to the physical earth or heaven. In a special sense, the passage refers to the will (the earth) and the understanding (the intellect) .The will and the intellect will be changed, and the man becomes a new man (eternal) in Christ the Lord. In a general sense, the old heavens and the old earth apply to the old or existing order of things, especially the old church and its appurtenances, which, as it exists at present, is" a mixture of the primitive church with paganism, the adulteration of good and truth, by which truths (the old heavens) have become falses, and the goods (the old earth) have become evils. These will be done away in the new church. When the Messenger appears, then is the time to prepare the minds of the people; he comes for that purpose. The doctrine of the literal Word must be communicated to the people. Their ripeness is their preparation to receive the truth concerning what they shall do to resurrect the body, or put on the flesh of Christ. They will be ready to accept the doctrine of the resurrection of the dead when it is presented to them, because of their acceptance of the seed that was planted in them by the operation of the Holy Ghost, at the beginning of the Christian dispensation." Sister Barbara Ehrisman spent a pleasant day in the home of Sister Jennie Campbell May 25. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ahrano, of Tampa visited their parents, B~other Will. and Sister Abbie McCready, and Unity Friends May 28. Mr. Henry Moreland, of Fort Myers spent Sunday with Unity friends. He plans soon to motor to Colorado where he will remain for the summer . We were pleased to have with us at the Sunday Evening

Services of May 28 ,our friends, Mrs. Anna Lewis and Mr. Henry Moreland. During the first half of May the air was again laden with orange-blossom perfume from the second blooming of the citrus, trees. With a few of last season's fruit still hanging on the trees, the egg-sized green fruits from the first blooming and the tiny fruits from the second blooming make the citrus groves now an interesting sight. The following poem we quote from The American Eagle of May 25, 1939:

FLORIDA MAY: The Gulf is as blue as the heron's wing
The ocean as blue as my turquoise ring
And clouds are as dainty as Queen Anne's Lace
Which lends ,to my garden a touch of grace.
The sky is" the shade of plumosa bloom,
My garden is gay as a bride and groom.
The spirit of May refreshes my soul
Like showers of Spring on a grassy knoll.
Lynn Russell

Community Current Events - July 1939

By Adah J. Price

COPIOUS SHOWERS continued through June ; water in canals, ditches and lowlands contributes much to the coolness of our summer. BrotherS Roger Perry and Allen Andrews motored to Winter Haven on May 27. June 2, Sister Florence Graham and Brother Allen Andrews went to Miami to spend the week-end with Robert Graham and mother, Sister Ella Graham. On Sunday June 4, Will McCready came from Tampa to make a short visit with his parents Sister Abbie and Brother William McCready. " A crew of men are clearing our land on north side of bridge. This land served as pasture for many years but of late has become overgrown with heavy growth of young cabbage palms and Napier grass.. It is intended eventually to develop the tract into a tourist park, being a very fine location." Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Ahmis and Llewellyn George of Los Angeles, California, were visitors here recently. Mr. George is editor of the Astrological Bulletin. They intend visiting the World's Fair in New York. On June 11, Mrs.. Cora Newcomb, Miss Inez Magill, Miss Alma Sirmans from LaBelle came to spend a day with us and to feast on mangoes. We were shocked and grieved at the sudden passing of Sister Barbara Ehrisman early on Friday June 9. She was 80 years of age and had been in poor health for some time. She was a native of Illinois; had been a faithful and valued member of the Koreshan Unity for nearly fifty years. The following poem by Lynn Russell is taken from The American Eagle June 22. BEYOND Dear Little Lady, your work is done
The wind sighs low in the bamboo grass.
Will you remember each rising sun
Already you had your tasks begun?
The wind sighs low' in the bamboo grass.
Ah, it is we who are behind, you know
The mysteries of the Universe.
Somewhere you live. ..with your eyes aglow,
Seeing the things forbidden below:
The mysteries of the Universe! -Lynn Russell. (In memory of Misa Barbara Ehrisman).

O. F. McIntyre of Miami called on Brother Allen Andrews. Mr. McIntyre is an artist with the Miami, Daily News having charge of the rotogravure section of that paper. We have all enjoyed the mango season. Bushels and bushels of golden Cecils, rosy-cheeked Hadens and many other varieties have been ours in great abundance. Our thanks are due Brother Jesse Putnam for his . diligence in gathering and distributing this wonderful fruit for our daily use. Miss Lydia Pierce, Dr. Myrtle Seiler and Miss Meta Monsees were guests of the Unity June 11. Sister Adah J. Price left by bus June '14 en route to the Pacific coast and to Oregon, where she will visit for several months with her sister. A card came from her June 19, from San Antonio Texas, where she made a few hours stop-over with friends. , Mild excitement was created in Estero June 17 by a bunch of aliens captured on Estero river. They were taken to Tampa by immigration officers. Brother Lou Staton spent a few days at

the beach on Esteyero Island. Brother Daniel McNamara went on June 19 to spend a week with friends in St. Petersburg. 1 "Some two truckloads a week of young Cajeput trees, are leaving the Unity Nurseries for Moore Haven and will be planted around the big dyke bordering Lake Okeechobee. So far 14,000 of the 20,000 order have been delivered." Mr. J. M. Sheppard of New Orleans was a guest of the Unity on Friday and Saturday, June 23rd and 24th. Mr. Sheppard is head of the Pan-American Society of Tropical Research ior the disseminationyof knowledge pertaining to tropical countries and collection and distribution of natural history specimens and seeds of tropical plants. The society has a wide mem: bership, with correspondents all over the world, and publishes a quarterly magazine, together with monthly seed price list. For a number of years past Mr. Sheppard has made annual trips of exploration to Central and South America, collecting for universities, and colleges, and has much of interest to relate concerning his experiences. He was wonderfully impressed with the tropical nursery and gardens of The Koreshan Unity and sees great possibilities, in them as a point of tourist attraction. He left on the bus, Saturday evening, for his home in New Orleans.

Community Current Events -- November 1939

By Rose Gilbert

ON OCTOBER 1, from Miami came our friends, Robert and Lloyd Graham, and their sister Mrs. Bertha Phillips, bringing with them their mother, Sister Ella Graham, who has been spending a few months there. She will now remain in Estero, her home for so many eventful years. We all welcome her home most cordially. Our dining room on this same day was graced by gorgeous tithonia, or Mexican sunflower; two large bouquets presented by Katherine McCready, who is very successful with flowers. Brother Theodore Naeselius has grown some of the largest and most beautiful white water lilies we have ever seen, regal, yet so pure and charming. One measured nine inches, in, diameter. We have two trees of the Golden Rain variety; the blossoms appearing late in September in feathery clusters at the very top of the tree. They are of a lovely lemon yellow, changing later to an autumn red. In a recent contest requiring the coloring of a full page drawing in a Fort Myers newspaper Sister Bertie Boomer was the winner of the prize. Mr. Raymond Pilgrim came from Muscatine, Iowa, October 5, to spend some time with us. He is much imbued with Koreshan doctrine and enjoys a visit among us. We all regretted his departure on October 24. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Raby and children, Miss Charlotte and little son Ralph, of Fort Myers visited us on October 8. Mr. Raby was a member of Unity for several year's, doing valuable service in our machine shop. Laurence W. Bubbett has returned to Miami after spending several weeks with us, helping in the work of typesetting, proof-reading and in various ways, most efficiently. We miss him and appreciated his kindness very much. Fred A. Flanders, government engineer from Moore Haven, was here October 9 with a photographer, taking photographs of cajeput trees on our grounds. Among the pictures taken was that of a group of small trees that have lived and grown some in a jar of water for more than four years, without soil or chemicals. Our new trailer tourist camp site has been improved by a large planting of coconut trees. Two of the four streets are now nearly planted, alternating the palms with cajeput trees. Brother Charles Faulkner spent a few days at Bonita Beach in our cottage enjoying the gulf breezes. While there he met Arthur Acuff and family who were camping in their trailer. Arthur's father, William Acuff, was for several years a member of the Unity, living at Mound Key and growing vegetables for our table.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Bessemer, daughter Alice and son Raymond of Washington, D. C., and Louis Bessemer of Greenbelt, Maryland, arrived October 16 to visit the Unity.

Louis and Alton were former residents here. We recently had a delightful ride southward over the Trail; noted on each side the lush green verdure and little ponds and rivulets extending back into the woods. Beautiful white birds punctuated the meadows and called to mind Ann Batchelder's lines- "Under the mow-hung trees, The heron, stands at ease. Standing so' still, he seems The. river's heritage, Lost in the land of dreams 's Ageless, disdaining age." Celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of KORESH, founder of the Koreshan Unity, was held in Estero by Unity members and visiting friends on October 18. Many dinner guests were present. Services were held that night in the Art Hall which was beautifully decorated for the occasion with Crotons, Palms and other ornamental plants. The services, consisted of reading from the writings of KORESH. Harold Moreland, violinist, of Fort Myers furnished the music, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. J. W. Cole. Raymond Pilgrim rendered a vocal solo, accompanied by Mrs. Edith Trebell. Among those present from out of town at the anniversary services were: Mrs. Hilda Lamb, Mrs. McKay, and Mr. Peyton Montgomery of Lakeland; Mr. and Mrs. Alton Bessemer and children, of Washington, D. C.; Louis Bessemer of Greenbelt, Maryland; Raymond Pilgrim of Muscatine, Iowa; Mrs. Julia Home, Melba and Bobbie of Tice; Mr. and Mrs. Max Arendt, Miss Celia Stavely, Miss Lydia Pierce, Dr. Myrtle Seller, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cole, Harold Moreland, R. Percy Jones, M. W. Strickland, W. Ross Wallace, Miss Meta Monsees, Harry Manley and Mr. Warren, all of Fort Myers. Mrs. Lillian Rugg, Mrs. Frank Lewis of Everglades and Mrs. Cora Newcomb of LaBelle. Our dinner was excellently prepared by Sisters Ida Fischer and Emily Bessemer. We are indebted to Mrs. Lillian Rugg for the generous gift of chicken which all enjoyed. In honor of our guests Mr. and Mrs. Alton Bessemer, Miss Alice and Raymond, Louis Bessemer, Mrs. Hilda Lamb, Mrs. A. McKay and Mr. Montgomery, Sisters Jennie Campbell and Edith Trebell invited all our family to meet with them at the Art Hall on evening of October 19. Excellent and bountiful refreshments were served followed by an old-fashioned social time of games and merriment, evidently enjoyed by all.

Community Current Events - December 1939

By Rose Gilbert

BROTHERS ALLEN ANDREWS and Henry Silverfriend visited in Orlando November 3. Brother Alien called on Mr. M. B. Foster, nurseryman, plant collector and landscape artist at his plant nurseries. "Mr. and Mrs. Foster had just returned from a six months, plant collecting' trip in Brazil, bringing' with them what is said to be the largest collection of Bromeliads ever brought to this country. The couple explored thick jungles made possible only by hefty manipulation of a machete." Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Benns of Montgomery, Alabama, were callers at the Eagle office November 2. Their son has applied for a permit to operate a radio broadcasting station in Fort Myers and they plan to make their future home in that city. Mrs. Marie McConnell came from Tampa on the bus November 4 to visit her parents, Brother William McCready and Sister Abbie McCready. We always enjoy Marie's visits, brief though they are. Mr. Ross Wallace from Fort Myers attended Sunday evening service with ua at the Art Hall on November 5. Sister Adah J. Price returned from her long visit of several months and many miles on November 7. It was a wonderful trip in many ways, covering so many states and renewing associations with dear friends. She made a short visit in Los Angeles and while there called on a sister of Brother Jesse Putnam; in San Francisco she attended the fair. After some weeks in Eugene, Oregon, she wended her way home by way of Des Moines and Chicago. She was most warmly welcomed by all in Estero. Sunday November 12 was a,delightful day weatherly speaking. Our friends Bertie Boomer, Mrs. Carrie Briggs, Miss Virginia Aldenhoff, Mrs. Max .Arendt, Miss Meta Monsees came from Fort Myers to spend the day with us. Mrs. Briggs is. in

charge of the Lee County Art Museum which contains many fine paintings and a fine showing of other valued treasures. Mrs. Briggs and Miss Virginia entertained us in the afternoon with a vivid recital of their various amusing experiences, haps and mishaps when they attempted to make the trip from Fort Myers to Wisconsin in a very inadequate car. Brother Lou Staton spent the week-end November 18 at Estero Island. On Sunday, November 19, Robert Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd T. Graham, Mrs. Bertha Phillips and Miss Eleanor Phillips came from Miami to spend the day with us and to visit with their mother, Sister Ella Graham, and Sister Florence Graham. Their visit was all too short. We had a short visit from the Windish family and John Weirlo who operate a vegetarian colony at Devil's Garden about twenty miles southeast of LaBelle, Florida. They advocate and practice a diet of fresh fruit and vegetables exclusively, combined with outdoor living. On the evening of November 20, Mrs. Carrie Briggs came from Fort Myers with machine and several films to show us some motion pictures. All adjourned to the dining room for the entertainment, and we thank her for her kindness. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Acuff and children of Miami visited us over night in their trailer. Arthur was born here and greatly enjoyed following the old paths, seeking the old haunts and the old swimming hole. Brother George Hunt has covered a large area, using the power mowing machine, cutting grass and weeds, improving greatly the appearance of our grounds and reducing fire hazard. For our Thanksgiving came a box of excellent apples sent by Mr. and Mrs. Alton Bessemer of Washington, D. C., and whose visit we enjoyed in October. Some much needed repair work is being done at Amitie cottage near the river and at present the home of Sister Adah Price. A new roof over the whole house and repairing of porch floors, will make the house very comfortable. The north and south porches will be removed entirely. Brother Albert Jacobs made a visit of several days with friends at Lake Wales. D. G. Ulrey and two brothers of Lakeland were in Estero recently. Mr. Ulrey is a research chemist and is interested in ancient Florida history. Leroy L'Amoreaux and Sister Edith Trebell have opened their attractive stand on the Trail nearby with a variety of home grown fine fruits and many preserves, jellies, marmalades made in unusual and excellent flavors. Mrs. Margaret Eynon and sisters, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Davies of Ohio, were callers in Estero, while en route to Miami. Mrs. Eynon has visited us several times in the past, having become acquainted with us through Brother David Richards. Brother Lou Staton was surprised on opening his door in response to a knock one evening recently to greet our friend Lynn Russell. Lynn spent several months with us formerly, actively engaged on The American Eagle. Brothers Arthur Moore, George Hunt, Charlie Hunt, John Watson and H. D. Silverfriend attended the air meet held recently in Fort Myers with seventy -visiting planes, air stunts and social events. Mrs. Julia Home and Miss Melba Home from Tice, were dinner guests recently.

Community Current Events - January 1940

By Rose Gilbert

ON OUR GROUNDS we have a fire-resisting plant growing everywhere under the trees in the park which remains green through the dry winter season, thus protecting trees from grass fires which sweep in occasionally from the woods. Though growing almost anywhere in dry land it seems to prefer shade to bright sunlight. The name is Bryophyllum, commonly known by the non-technical name of 'Chinese Lantern Plant.' Brother Lou H. Staton spent the week-end on Estero Island December 2. He took some young trees down to plant for improvement to the home and grounds. Brother Arthur Moore went to Bonita Springs December 5 to welcome his friend and have dinner with Mr. Harold Thomas of England who has returned for his annual sojourn in Lee County. Mr. W. Stanley Hanson of Fort Myers and a young Seminole Indian boy from the

reservation visited at the Unity December 10. Leiland Lee of Charleston, Illinois and Mr. and Mrs. Hosea Hetherington of Carey, Illinois were visitors here December 11. Mr. Lee is a grandson of our deceased Brother John S. Sargent who was a pioneer member of the Unity at Estero and a valued contributor to THE FLAMING SWORD. On December 12, Mr. Harold Thomas of England and Bonita Springs was our invited guest at dinner. We were glad to welcome Mr. Thomas and enjoyed his spicy accounts of journey across the dangerous ocean, which fortunately was safely accomplished. Brother George Hunt accompanied a party on December 13, on a surveying and inspection trip of an 80-acre tract on the Tamiami Trail several miles south of here. The owner Mr. J. C. Horner of Oxford, N. C., plans foresting the tract with pine trees. George Dore left us on December 14, for an extended stay of several weeks in other parts of the state. He worked at carpenter work and in various capacities while here. And Albert Jacobs, who has been with us for several years, left also to accept a position in Babson Park. Broken ribs, bruises, sprains do not deter our Sister Etta Silverfriend from her manifold duties and constant surveillance of our wants and activities,. She seems tireless and ever lends a listening' ear to those who are needing help in the ways she can assist. Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Pulcifer from Warwick, Massachusetts, have arrived to spend several months at their comfortable home on Estero Island. On December 21 they came to call on their friends in the Unity, partaking of their lunch with Sister Adah Price at her home. Mr. W. I. Hare of Charleston, N. H., who is interested in shell collecting, was a caller here recently. On December 24, Sister Emily Bessemer cooked us an excellent turkey dinner, and on Christmas day Sister Ida Fischer gave us. an equally good meal of roast ducks, dressing, carrots and all the rest. On December 25, we were pleased to have as our dinner guests; Mrs. Lillian Rugg and Miss Meta Monsees. Brother Lou H. Staton was, a guest on Christmas day of his niece Miss Cecil Hamilton in Fort Myers. Mr. Henry Moreland has returned from an extended visit with his brother in Colorado, and spent a day with us recently. He makes his home on his farm on the Caloosahatchee above Fort Myers. Brother Arthur Moore enjoys making the windows of our general store an attraction. Those who stop to admire are lured within. In the north side window this week there were quantities of fresh growing plants, fresh and summery looking. The other window had toys, gay gifts, red and green streamers with snow flakes, lending a wintry aspect. On our last ride over the highway to Fort Myers we observed at three points on the east side of the road huge mounds of earth, marl and sand thrown up by dragline dredges creating small hills and valleys. So we conclude the work of resurfacing the Trail will commence soon. Christmas day was cool, bright and beautiful, the serenity being broken only by popping of fire-crackers which to Southerners is a fitting expression of their joy in the holiday. Traffic past our doors on the Trail was steady and rapid. Sister Adah J. Price is again established in her riverside home at Amitie, which is made comfortable now with new roof and repaired porches. Our winter has been very dry so far, but in spite of the rabbits and other vegetable-loving' prowlers Brother Daniel McNamara has given us a goodly serving' of green, things so essential to health. He has patiently and persistently carried water to give the garden the much needed drink. If you pass; through Estero in the-early evening and hear the explosions from a gasoline engine, you should know that Brother Jesse Putnam is working the presses, sometimes on job work; often on THE SWORD and Eagle printing. It is much easier traveling the road through our grounds now to the nursery headquarters near the loghouse since Brother Arthur Moore has hauled in many loads of beach shell; a bit rough on our shoes but when worn down smooth a great improvement on loose sand. Brothers Alien H. Andrews and Henry D. Silverfriend motored to St. Petersburg November 25, spending' there the week-end. Brother Henry lectured before an astrological convention while there.

BROTHER ALLEN ANDREWS made a trip to Bonita Spring's to visit Mr. and Mrs. Charles Codwise, who were friends of the late Dr. Henry Nehrling and who now possess a considerable remnant, of the once great plant collection acquired at the Doctor's Naples gardens; many rare specimens are now growing on Mr. Codwise's place. A unique Christmas card was received by Brother Alien Andrews which was typewritten on a piece of thin cajeput bark much resembling" seasoned buckskin. It bore this message "Wishingyou a satin coat as fine as mine, to make merry in at Christmas time, and lasting through the New Year too." Mr. and Mrs. Edward Koester, Jr., their son and Mr. and Mrs. James, of Jacksonville, called to see us when en route to Miami. Mr. Koester spent several early years in the Unity with his parents .and was employed in the printing office. He now has a printing plant of his own in Jacksonville. On New Years day we entertained Mr. and Mrs. George Hosmer and daughter of Fort Myers at dinner. We have a good many visitors to view the grounds and a number of customers at the nursery where they are made welcome by Brother Theodore Naeselius. The weather has been much criticized for some weeks, chilly and cloudy—a sunshiny day being greeted with applause. Robert and Lloyd Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Phillips, Miss Florence Marie Phillips; and Laurence W. Bubbett, of Miami, were most welcome guests on January 14. Resurfacing and widening of the Tamiami Trail has begun at Estero bridge, working toward Fort Myers. The work has been much delayed by heavy rains, which were not expected this time of year, making road slippery and requiring careful driving: to avoid accidents. We welcome Mrs. Maude Brown from Davenport Center, N. Y., who has returned to spend her third winter with us. We are hoping she will try a summer, also, very soon. Havinghad no advance information we were pleasantly surprised and interested a few nights ago, when the radio was turned on, to hear a ten minute talk on Lee County, Fort Myers, Thomas A. Edison, Henry Ford and Harvey Firestone; their winter homes in Fort Myers and sketches of early unlighted streets and cow paths about the town; its subsequent growth and the fine highways now leading to it. A brief notice was given to the little town of Estero, sixteen miles south of Fort Myers, as the home of the strange religious community. The Koreshan Unity. Mrs. Marie McConnell and son Duane of Tampa visited parents and friends here Sunday December 31. Brother Alfred Christensen met with an automobile accident in Fort Myers when a car crashed into him at a street intersection. He was badly bruised, but was able to return home. His companion Mr. Wm. Shaylor was in the hospital for four days. The car was a complete wreck and the driver of the other car was seriously injured, but is recovering. Mr. and Mrs. George Simpson of Detroit, Michigan, have arrived in their trailer to spend their fourth winter in Estero. They have launched their tiny and attractive cabin cruiser on the river, where it bobs gaily up and down. Brothers George and Charlie Hunt and Arthur Moore had a pleasant trip on Sunday to Collier City on Marco Island by way of Royal Palm Hammock and the new bridge to the island. Recent guests were Miss Meta Monsees, Miss Bertie Boomer, Mr. Henry Moreland, Mr. Ross Wallace from Fort Myers, and Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Lewis from Everglades. Sister Adah J. Price visited her friends Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Pulcifer at Fort Myers Beach over the week end recently. We quote the following interesting fact from The American Eagle: "George Simpson brought word last Sunday of a strange creature that had stranded several days previously on Lovers' Key, which was once the upper end of BigHickory Island. When first observed it was covered by a flock of buzzards which were rapidly tearing it to pieces, but was sufficiently intact to get a fair description of it. The creature was all of twenty feet long, about five feet across the body, with a broad, flat tail, something like

an airplane rudder. The head was fully three feet long and two feet wide, tapering into a long bill resembling' that of a seagull in shape, and somewhat curved at the end. There were no teeth and the eye-sockets were as big as saucers. There was a series of large breastplates to which the larger ribs were attached by tough gristle and the backbone was high and serrated like that of some prehistoric monster. Longbony flippers indicated that they were used to drag the creature along on the sea bottom when feeding. Unlike that of a fish, the meat was red like beefsteak, and the body was covered with a growth of coarse brown hair. Apparently the creature was a mammal and was accompanied by a young one recently born. "So far, no one has been able to identify the huge creature. The large head was obtained by Piper Brothers for exhibit at their snake farm in Bonita Spring's. Head of the small one together with breastbones and a rib of the larger creature, were obtained by Mr. Simpson, who is spending the winter in Estero."

Community Current Events - March 1940

By Rose Gilbert

SISTERS EMILY BESSEMER and Vesta Newcomb, Mrs. Maude Brown, Brother Henry Silverfriend and our guest, Leiand Lee, attended a meeting' at the Lee County Museum on February 8. There was a display of Jugtown pottery. Many interested visitors were in attendance. Brothers Lou Staton and Alien Andrews motored with Harry-Davison and two helpers to Bonita Beach February 9, where some surveying was done on Koreshan Unity property on Little Hickory Island. Mrs. Lovelle Ahrano made a flying visit on February 10, to see her parents, Sister Abbie and Brother William McCready. Drove from Tampa with a friend and returned same way next forenoon. H. W. Bennett of Gainesville, Florida, called to see Brother Alien Andrews, February 17, when passing through to Miami. He is owner of the largest individually owned Tung Oil grove in Florida. On Sunday, February 18, Sister Ida Fischer visited her son Irwin and wife and her four interesting grandchildren, at Spring Creek. Brothers Alien Andrews and Henry D. Silverfriend v4si'ted the 25th annual State Fair at Tampa. We quote some items from The American Eagle: "One booth that particularly attracted my attention was that of a firm, in Jacksonville that specializes in the perpetuation of leaves, grasses and tropical foliage by some chemical process. . . . Outstanding in the art exhibit was a, collection of 'Contemporary Art of 79 Countries', including that of every continent, Australia, Phillipines, Hawaii, South Sea Islands and West Indies, all being the work of professional artists. . . . Of exceptional merit was the photographic collection; work was very fine, subjects well chosen, high lights and shadows were sharply defined, denoting the work of the finished photographer. Our recent cold spell and freeze is aptly described in a poem printed in The American Eagle. From the land' of the Dakotas From the frigid, snow-bound region, Came the icy breath of winter, And it traveled far to southward, Came into the heurt of Florida, And the cold and piercing blizzard . . . upon each bush and flower And the fruits within the gardens (Kumquats, pineapples, bananas) Laid its cruel frosty fingers Smote them, till they drooped and perished." Many of our members attended the Southwest Florida free fair at Fort Myers. They reported a very good display of fresh vegetables and citrusi fruit despite the freezing weather early in February, Mr. and Mrs. Bond and Mr. and Mrs. Welsch of Philadelphia, stopped off for a brief call in Estero, February 20, when en route from Miami. Mrs. Bond is a sister of Claude J. Rahn who resided here several years. Leiand Lee who has been visiting the Unity for some weeks past left February 21 for Sarasota to join relatives who are motoring back to Charleston, Illinois. We found him a pleasing guest and hope he will visit us again next winter. Brother Alien Andrews recently had the pleasure of meeting his old friend Joe Mitchell Chappie, of Boston, at the bus station in Fort

Myers. Mr. Chappie is an author, lecturer, magazine and newspaper correspondent, radio broadcaster and globe trotter; has a wide acquaintance with celebrities of this country and Europe. Mace and Wade Stephens of Gainesville, Florida, made us a short call some time ago. They formerly resided here with their mother, Mrs. Cora Stephens who is now living in Loris, South Carolina. Brothers Theodore Naeselius and Roger Perry are very busy repotting plants and caring generally for those that escaped the freeze—due to their faithful and constant tending of bonfires along the walks and in the gardens for five nights. Before the cold spell they potted and sold a large number of sago palms. Miss Bertie Boomer took as her guests to Naples recently, Mrs. Maude Brown, Sisters Florence Graham, Bella Armour and Vesta Newcomb to attend an art exhibit. The Unity has purchased a car to replace the old model A Ford which was wrecked recently. On Sunday February 25th Mr. Wm. T. Staton and his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Coleman of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, were dinner guests at the Unity, in Estero, Ray and Eva returned to their home at Fort Lauderdale, the same evening, and Wm. T. remained with his brother Lou H. Staton, during the last week of February, returning to the East Coast on March the 3rd. Work on the Tamiami Trail progresses slowly. We might almost say it retrogresses. For five weeks between three and four miles of road north from Estero has been torn up by contractors and smeared with a greasy combination of sand and asphalt, which renders, traffic most unpleasant and at times dangerous. Heavy rains at intervals increase the hazards and retard the completion of any part of the surface. One of our winter visitors reported a large flock of robins which took complete possession of a Brazilian pepper tree near the river, entirely denuding it of the shiny red berries, with evident protest from jays, mockers and flickers.

Community Current Events - April 1940

By Rose Gilbert

SISTER FLORENCE GRAHAM spent a long and interesting day March 2, going to Homestead and Miami with Brother Alien Andrews and Mr. and Mrs. Simpson. They visited the fair at Homestead which made a most creditable display considering the wide spread damage caused by cold weather. She visited the Parrot Jungle on Red Road, which contains about twenty acres in wild hammock jungle, and has many macaws and other birds of gorgeous coloring. On March 8 Mr. and Mrs. James Newcomb of La Belle visited us for a few hours. They are making plans to spend the summer with their daughter Mrs. Olive Chauvin, and Mr. Chauvin in Houma, Louisiana. Robert and Lloyd Graham, Mr. and Mrs., Victor Phillips and L. W. Bubbett made us a visit on March 10. March 11 Sisters Adah Price, Florence Graham, Bella Armour and Brother Jesse Putnam motored to Fort Myers Beach on Estero Island to visit Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Pulcifer. Mr. and Mrs., F. S. Lewis of Everglades visited friends in the Unity on March 17. -They reported in interesting sponge-fishing boats to the number of fifty that have been tied up in the river there. Four hundred or more Greeks made considerable chattering and noticeable increase of pedestrians on the streets. On March 17 was given the formal opening program of the newly established radio station WFTM at Fort Myers. Brother Alien Andrews gave an address, Pioneer Days, in Fort Myers, and Brother Lou H. Staton also contributed a short address. Again on March 24 Brother Lou gave an interesting talk; he spoke briefly on the Resurrection and Ascension of the Lord Jesus. "It is written: The wicked are clouds without water; it is in reason then, that the righteous are clouds with water. In these Clouds of Heaven the Lord returns with power and great glory." Continuing he gave an account of his personal interview a few years ago with the late Thomas A. Edison, Brother Jesse Putnam went to Miami for a few days relaxation from printing office duties. We called on Sister Ella Graham a while ago and were much pleased to see her getting the loom ready to

make more of her excellent rugs. Tying warp, threading loom, sorting good clean rags is not a small job for this ambitious sister. Springtime, Easter, azaleas, orange blossoms, blue jays, mocking-birds, thrushes, redbirds and a few belated robins; quail moving and feeding so silently in the weeds and grass. It all seems so welcome to us especially since our colder than usual winter. Sister Maude Brown delights in walks along the highway and byways. She spies all the varieties of birds, even to a pair of beautiful painted buntings which she describes in charming detail. Also the dainty wild flowers along the path she brings to rest in our dining room for all to enjoy. Our welcome guests on Easter day were Miss Meta Monsees, and Mrs. Lillian Rugg. They emphasized their visit with good things, to eat which graced our table. We enjoyed the gustatory treats—also our visitors. Mr. and Mrs. George Simpson of Detroit, Michigan, who have been camping in their trailer here for a few months, left March 22 for their home after putting their natty little boat the "Sea Witch" in summer storage at our boat house. Mrs. Simpson will stop in Tampa for a while before leaving for Detroit. Brother Theodore Naeselius and Roger Perry have always many plants to care for. This month a large number of fine varieties of azaleas were secured and have been given attention. Azaleas did not succumb to the extreme cold, instead they put forth, bloom, of increased beauty in varied hues,, a blaze of color, most breathtaking. A goodly number of tourist and winter visitors come to our gardens, each week to see the rare plants and often to purchase ornamentals. Brother Arthur Moore and Roger Perry attended the ball game in Fort Myers between, the "Indians" from Cleveland, Ohio, and the "Phillies" from Pennsylvania. Sister Bertie Boomer made us a number of visits, bringing with her sometimes other guests. She has had quite a busy winter at the Museum in Fort Myers, occupied in giving art lessons and being hostess when occasion presents. From, American Eagle we quote excerpts from speech Brother Alien Andrews gave at the recent opening of the broadcasting station in Fort Myers: "On reaching the little town of Fort Myers, I realized that here at last, were the real tropics. "The business section at that time consisted of one block of wooden buildings on First Street and a few scattering shacks and warehouses ranged along the city dock at the foot, of Jackson Street. In those primitive days practically all transportation was by steamer from Punta Gorda, then terminus of the railroad, and the one excitement of the day was to gather at the dock to see the steamer come in, note the new arrivals and speculate as to who they were and what was their business in this farflung outpost of civilization. "Of course there was another means of transportation, this being the mail wagon which made the long trip regularly over the heavy sand trail between Fort Myers and Punta Gorda, being ferried across the Caloosahatchee River on a scow that was propelled by poles in the hands of husky natives, but few passengers patronized this route."

Community Current Events - May 1940

By Rose Gilbert

A LARGE TRUCK and three other cars containing about fifty Seminole Indians, men, women and children, stopped at our store en route from St. Petersburg" to Everglades. They were clad in their customary colorful and billowy attire: Cory Osceola and Josie Billy, Indian Medicine men, had charge of the party.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Percy Jones with their son and daughter from Fort Myers. were visitors at the Unity on March 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wintersgill of Gulfport, Florida, visited the Unity April 2 and 3. They resided in Estero for a, time many years ago.

A political rally was held at Bonita Springs on April 6. It was attended by Brothers Alien Andrews, Lou H. Staton, Henry Silverfriend, John T. Watson and

Charles Faulkner. The fish. fry accompanied by plenty of other good food was a big factor in the success of the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Fischer and children, of Spring Creek, and Miss Wanda Johnson visited April 7 with Mrs. Ida Fischer.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Pulcifer from Fort Myers Beach made friends here a very brief call on April 17.

Brothers, Arthur Moore and George Hunt spent a pleasant afternoon on April 17 with Mr. Harold Thomas at Bonita Springs, and had dinner there. On April 18, Brother Arthur joined Mr. Thomas at Bonita Springs when they journeyed by bus to Miami; Mr. Thomas to embark for Nassau and Arthur to return late in the night to Estero.

On April 20 Mrs. Marie McConnell and sister Mrs. Lovelle Ahrano of Tampa arrived by bus to spend Sunday with parents and their many Unity friends,. It was pleasant also on this day to have Sisters Bertie Boomer and Lillian Rugg as guests for dinner.

Brother Lou H. Staton went to Fort Myers on April 20 to give a broadcast over the local radio station from an article by Mrs. Marian McAdow as published in The American. Eagle.

April 21 Sister Bertie took several of the sisters to Bonita Beach where it was a glorious sight to see the mighty breakers roll in. The, wind was so strong the water was foaming and roily and noisy.

Early on the morning" of April 22 we were awakened by an unusual commotion on the roof. Upon investigation it proved to be a young" eagle calmly surveying his new position with his piercing" black eyes. He appeared to be resting and for about three hours he remained to our delight; then off he flew to—who knows where?

Brother Theodore Naeselius delivered a truck load of plants to Mrs. Iglehart in Fort Myers, April 24.

Brother Alien Andrews spent April 23 and 24 in Coral Gables attending an organization meeting of the South Florida Historical Society of which he has been named a director.

Why does Sister Charlotte appear to wear shiny black gloves so often lately? Because she gathers the big luscious mulberries and helps prepare them for all in the dining room to partake thereof: "and come upon them over against the mulberry trees and let it be, when thou nearest the sound of a going in the tops. of the mulberry trees, that thou shall bestir thyself. . . ." (II Samuel 5:23 and 24.)

O. F. McIntyre of Miami was here recently with a friend sketching and painting local scenes. Mr. McIntyre is an artist with the Mwm Daily News, being in charge of the rotogravure illustrated supplement.

On some of the delightful cool mornings of late Sisters Maude and Vesta have wandered far afield, returning with lovely bouquets of the dainty polygala new to me but identified by Mrs. Brown; Florida buttercup, calliopsis, wild petunias line the banks of the canal in lovely profusion.

The magnolia, trees are putting on the magnificent fragrant white blossoms which contrast strongly with the dark glossy green leaves.

We are pleased to note that the litchi trees in the grove of Mrs. Edith Trebell survived the freeze, showing practically no sign of damage, are in vigorous, condition and blooming heavily.

Henry Moreland of Fort Myers, visited us several days last month.

Recently Brother Alien Andrews, while in Miami, called on Mr. A. C. Splinter, horticulturist in charge of FourWay Lodge in Coconut Grove. Mr. Splinter is an old friend of the late Dr. Henry Nehrling, and is an expert in flower growing and hybridizing. A dazzling display of Gloxinias was seen of many colors, shades, and markings: "Few flowers can surpass the large tubular blooms of Gloxinias for richness and variety of coloring'. The colors range through all the shades of blues

and purples, pinks and crimsons, while some are pure white, and others again white with tinted edges; still others have the colors dotted on the lighter groundcolor. The foliage of Gloxinias is also very beautiful, being of a rich velvety texture. Gloxinias make a gorgeous display, therefore, when in flower and are especially valuable for the decoration of conservatories during the summer and early fall months."

Brother Henry Silverfriend spent two weeks in Orlando. We hope he returns much improved in health.

Work on the Tamiami Trail between Estero and Fort, Myers progresses slowly with no apparent improvement, but some day soon we hope to be surprised at its completion.

Community Current Events - June 1940

By Rose Gilbert

WORD HAS RECENTLY been received here from Mr. A. L. McDonald of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, a long time friend of the Koreshan Unity and a SWORD subscriber, of the death of his wife and companion for 64 years, at the age of 88. She was called Aliquippa's "Grand Old Lady" and will be missed by many friends.

Brothers George Hunt and Arthur Moore motored to Lakeland on May 2, where they were cordially received and feasted by our friends Mrs. A. McKay and Mrs. Hilda Lamb. They were accompanied as far as Fort Meade by Roger Perry, all returning the same day.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis of Everglades, Miss Bertie Boomer and Miss Meta Monsees of Fort Myers were dinner guests of the Unity on May 5.

A letter from Washington, D. C., informed us of the death of James W. Calderwood on May 8. A native of Scotland, Mr. Calderwood was a resident of Estero many years and a member of the Unity. He left to take up the chiropractic profession in Washington. He was a talented musician and at one time led our band and orchestra,

May 12 was, the time for our friends from Miami to visit us again.' Mr. and Mrs. Victor Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Graham and Robert Graham arriving in the forenoon to spend the day with mother, Sister Ella Graham, and Sister Florence Graham; also to greet their many friends.

Miss Inez Magill and a party of friends from La Belle came May 12 for a short visit with Sister Vesta Newcomb. Miss Magill is an old friend of Mr. and Mrs. James Newcomb who are spending the summer in Houma, Louisiana.

Mr. C. E. Carter of Miami, representing Dr. J. Petersen's Bomta Fruit Preserving Company, was in Estero with a truck on May 15. With the aid of several little negro boys, from Fort Myers, he secured nearly two hundred quarts of black Suranim cherries which he carried back to Miami to be made into some delicious product in which that company specializes.

Mrs. L. Maude Brown has left us again for her friends and relatives, in New York state. This was her third winter with us; she was social, kind and helpful and we miss her much.

Sister Adah Price made a short visit recently with her friends, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Pulcifer, at their comfortable cottage on Estero Island. They will soon be leaving for their summer home in Warwick, Massachusetts.

We have had some most delicious honey in the comb, beautiful color, and flavor most delectable. Mr. R. L. McCoy from Fort Myers has been taking care of our bee colonies for about three years.

Brother Henry Silverfriend expects to return soon from Orlando, where he has been for several weeks for treatments, and he sends us encouraging reports.

Our weekly paper The American Eagle, published by The Koreshan Unity under able editorship of Brother Alien Andrewis, began its, thirtyfifth year of publication on May 2, continuing from same location, under the original name and under identical editing and ownership as, when first issued.

Mr. Henry Moreland from Fort Myers visited us several times last month. Now he is, on his way in his tiny Austin car to visit his brother Ed Moreland and other relatives in cooler and mountainous, Colorado. We hope to see him again when winter reminds him of sunny Florida.

Sister Tacy Weaver received notice of the death of her sister Mrs. Rebecca Connolly in Orlando a few days ago. Mrs. Connolly visited us several years ago.

Lester Wintersgill of Gulfport, Florida, was here on business twice last month.

Sister Florence Graham went to Miami on May 24 for a visit with her brothers Robert and Lloyd Graham and her sister Mrs. Bertha Phillips and family. She returned on May 27.

We were glad on May 26 to have our long time friend Misia Lydia Pierce from: Fort Myers make us a visit, her first here in several months. She was accompanied by Dr. Myrtle Seller of Fort Myers, .

Brother Alien Andrews writes: "In returning from West Palm Beach to Miami some two weeks ago, when pasising through the little town of Lantana on the Dixie Highway my attention was attracted by an exhibit that is being staged there by Dr. Ludwig Harpootlian in the interest of developing a silk cultural industry in Florida. Silk worms in all stages of development are seen, from one day old up to the spinning stage, which is about twentyseven days from time of hatching.

"The worms live on Mulberry leaves,—the White Mulberry being greatly preferred,—and feed voraciously on them from the day they are hatched until they begin to spin their cocoons. The eggs, which are about the size of a turnip seed, are collected and a quantity placed in one of those paper picnic plates, being covered with a piece of coarse mosquito netting, over which is. laid a quantity of finely shredded Mulberry leaves. As the worms hatch out they crawl through the mosquito netting and start devouring the leaves, soon eating their way through the pile, so that a fresh supply must be provided. They grow in size with amazing rapidity, so that it ia soon no longer necessary to shred the leaves, which are then fed whole, and at the end of 27 days are some 21/3 inches in length and ready to spin their cocoons. ..."

Community Current Events - July 1940

By Rose Gilbert

THE UNITY made a sale just recently of four lots in Bonita Beach subdivision to a northern man who intends to build thereon next fall. Our rainy season has begun and the refreshing showers are most welcome, tempering the heat of the sun and bringing cool breezes. Sister Ida Fischer spent a pleasant day visiting her son, Irwin and family at Spring Creek, June 2. Sister Florence Graham on June 7th went to Tice to visit her friends Mrs. Julia Home and family. Mrs. Home has an attractive home with grassy lawn and many flowers which nourish in the good soil there. On Sunday Sisters Vesta Newcomb and Bella, Armour went with Brother Jesse Putnam to bring Sister Florence back to Estero. A short time ago Brothers Theodore Naeselius, George Hunt and Arthur Moore took to Pine Island on the truck a load of six hundred cajeput trees which they planted on the property of Alton Bessemer. Alton purchased the land when he was here last summer visiting his mother and old Unity friends. Sister Lillian Rugg is our welcome guest at dinner occasionally. A short time ago while making some improvements around her home she dropped a big rock on her foot; a painful bruise, but it did not keep the dauntless lady quiet only a few days. We

have finally discarded the two heavy cast iron ranges that have been in constant service in our kitchen for many years. They are replaced by a more modern and smaller range which we obtained in Miami. We notice less fuel is required and the labor is somewhat reduced in other ways. Wood is the fuel used; we hope the next time we may have electric stoves. Brother Henry Silverfriend has returned from, a two months stay in the hospital at Orlando. He feels much benefited by the treatments and kind care received while there. Sunday June 16, Brothers George Hunt and Arthur Moore went to Bonita Springs to have dinner with Mr. Harold Thomas who has recently returned from a sojourn in Nassau. Miss Bertie Boomer, Mrs. Carrie Briggs, Miss Virginia Aldenhoff of Fort Myers, with two elders, of the Mormon church, were visitors here Sunday June 16. Mr. and Mrs. Fred McConnell of Tampa came Tuesday the 18th, to visit parents, Sister Abbie and Brother William McCready and friends here. They left on Wednesday for Miami and will return to Tampa by the east coast route. Since the rains have come our grounds begin to assume the usual abundant verdure and there is but little trace of the disfiguring freeze of last winter. Brother George has been cutting grass and weeds with the power mower; also considerable trimming of dead wood has been accomplished. We do, however, miss greatly the beauty and shade of the fine old royal poinciana tree which the fire of August, 1939 destroyed. The recent showing in Fort Myers of the motion picture "Edison The Man" calls to mind some of his notable visits to Estero. It is observed by many that the picture makes no references to Mr. Edison's winter home in Fort Myers nor the laboratory where many of his inventions were perfected. We quote from American Eagle: "The final scene in the play where he attends a great banquet in some northern city (presumably New York) in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of discovery of the electric light is entirely misleading and contrary to the facts, for it so happened that Mr. and Mrs. Edison spent that memorable evening in Estero, Florida, and the incident is republished here from The American Eagle of June 6th, 1929, as follows: "On Saturday night, June 1st, while the nation at large was, celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of Edison's invention of the incandescent light, Mr. and Mrs. Edison and her brother, Mr. Miller, were eating their supper by candlelight in a little rustic tea, garden in Estero where they had found refuge during a, violent thunder storm. "It all happened in this way: The distinguished party were returning about 8 p. m. from some point of interest they had visited down the Tamiami Trail, and when nearing Estero were overtaken by a storm of violent intensity. Drenched to the skin, they sought refuge in the rustic palm thatched building of our local tea garden, and there found cordial hospitality, drv shelter, warm food and drink. While eating supper the electric lights went out. Candles were brought in, and there in simple and rustic surroundings, amid the booming of the thunder and the vivid flashing of lightning, the electrical wizard and his companions finished their evening meal in contentment and awaited abatement of the storm. "It was a strange contrast between the lights of Broadway, N. Y., and other metropolitan centers, the gay crowds, brilliantly illumined shop windows, theaters, and flashing signs, and the rustic little palm thatched building in Estero, Florida, where the great electrical wizard, who made possible the turning of night into day, sat contentedly taking his evening meal by candlelight while the elements roared without. No doubt he was more pleased with the novel surroundinga than would have, been the case if he had feasted at the swellest New York restaurant or hotel amid the gay crowd, the raucous noise of jazz orchestras and the glitter of myriads of incandescent lights, for simplicity of life and dislike of pomp and pretense is one of the outstanding traits of this truly great man"

Community Current Events - August 1940

By Rose Gilbert

JULY 7 Robert L. Graham, L. W. Bubbett and Eleanor Phillips were over from Miami visiting Estero friends and relatives and were dinner guests of the Unity. Mr. Graham's mother, Mrs. Ella Graham, returned with them and will visit for some weeks in Miami. We all rejoice to have Sister Jennie Campbell with us. again, much improved by the little rest she forced herself to take. On July 7 she and Sister Edith took dinner with us. They brought some beautiful litchi nuts, enough for all to test the flavor and admire the beauty. Sister Emily Bessemer left on the bus, July 13, for an extended visit with relatives in Washington, D. C., and New York City. We miss her, but are glad she may have a much needed change. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Trebell left July 16 on a motor trip to Colorado, where they will enjoy the cooler regions and visit with friends and relatives for a few weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Alton Bessemer with daughter Alice and son Raymond arrived on July 16 from Washington, D. C., for a short visit with Unity friends. It was a surprise to them to learn that Alton's mother, Sister Emily Bessemer, had left a few days; earlier to visit with them. They, no doubt, passed on the road. They remained until July 19. Brother Alien Andrews and Sister Florence Graham went to Miami on July 19, returning July 22. Sister Florence had a pleasant time visiting with her mother and other relatives. Sister Rose Gilbert returned July 22 from a delightful and most beneficial vacation of two weeks spent at Miami Beach as guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis of Everglades. Sister Emma Norton had her home invaded by a persistent swarm of bees a few weeks ago. By constant and careful vigil they were at last persuaded to seek another abode. Most of our members visited the river bank some time ago in the black darkness, there to behold the marvelous sight of fifty or more blooming cereus whose blossoms defy description and may only be viewed at night as they close with the dawn. We have discontinued for a few weeks our weekly meetings where we assembled to hear the readings of KORESH'S profound, but simple presentations of exact truths. Mr. George C. Earnist of Cincinnati has purchased four Gulf front lots' at Bonita Beach from the Koreshan Unity. He will combine them into one beach front estate, 400 x 200 feet, and will begin building an attractive bungalow as soon as a roadway is cleared north from the Bonita Beach Road to his property, so that building materials may be hauled in. This will be the first house to be constructed on Bonita Beach, and no doubt, others will soon follow. Dinner guests the past month included Miss Bertha M. Boomer and Mrs. Lillian Rugg. The Trail resurfacing job between Estero and Fort Myers is apparently finished, as work has stopped all along the line. Though much better than before, the surfacing job lacks considerable of being smooth and the shoulders have been left in an unfinished condition. Possibly that is, to be done under another contract. Brother Alien Andrews made a trip to the fishing settlement at Coconut three miles southwest of Estero on the bay recently to investigate a rumor that blackberries were growing there. He found that "Blackberry bushes have gone native on the premises of Mr. Slusser, who has been selling large quantities of the berries this season. He was shown the berry patch by Mrs. Slusser and it is a sight to behold, the bushes having run riot among brush and weeds taller than one's head and covering several acres. It was near the end of the fruiting season and the berries were smaller than several weeks ago, but were of good quality and had the real blackberry flavor." Also he writes: "While on the subject of berries it might be interesting to note that for twenty five years or more there has been growing back of The Eagle office at Estero a patch of gigantic raspberry bushes that receive no attention whatever, but grow vigorously from, year to year, the canes frequently measuring eight or ten feet in length and an inch in diameter at the base." We quote from "The Great Red Dragon" by Lord Chester (KORESH) : ". . . the creation of substance is the result of industry . . . men can build houses, manufacture machinery, provide clothing, cultivate the mind and carry forward the

enterprises which conduce to the necessaries, comforts and luxury of existence, through that kind of economic order which may create and dis tribute without any medium of exchange except the means of transportation. It will be understood that environment does not in any sense constitute the cause of the moral status of society; but that the conditions of progress toward the perfection of the human organ ism determine environment. . . . The price of labor, the cost of production, overproduction and public and private supply and demand, elasticity of the circulating medium, are terms and conditions which are entirely eliminated from the nomenclature of the new economy. Every one must produce; and all the products of industry shall belong to the public storehouses of the new social order."

Community Current Events - January 1941

By Rose Gilbert

WE VISITED the attractive shop in Estero owned and operated by Mrs. Edith Trebell and Roy L'Amoreaux recently. Besides a fine stock of home grown fresh fruits they have an enticing display of many kinds of marmalades, jellies, conserves and delicious fruit candies, which they pack and ship for customers. Dinner guests last month were our always welcome friends Miss Bertie Boomer, Miss Meta Monsees of Fort Myers, Sister Lillian Rugg of Estero, Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Lewis of Everglades. The Koreshan Unity Nurseries have just shipped some 1300 feet of selected bamboo canes to a Miami customer. Bamboo grows much larger and more thrifty in this section than on the lower East Coast. A much needed fire-break has been plowed on the south side of the Unity's grounds, which will relieve fear from fire on that side. Fire hazard is a constant menace during the dry winter period. Mrs. Eaton, her daughter, Miss Naomi Eaton, and nephew, Wayne Eaton, of Wisconsin were visiting friends at the Unity the latter part of November. They are relatives of our late Brother Franklin Jacke. The early and unexpected cold snap in November did considerable damage to tender vegetation here. Theodore Naeselius, manager of the Koreshan Unity plant nurseries, is busy with several helpers extending water pipe lines and preparing additional shelter for tender plants through the winter months. Sister Ida Fischer has recovered from her painful burns received in the fire of November 5 and cheerfully resumed her loving service to our family. She spent a pleasant day recently with her son Irwin and family at Spring Creek. Brother Alien Andrews spent ten days in Coral Gables and Miami last month as guest of Dr. E. L. Rasmussen and Robert Graham. Laurie Bubbett came, December 2, on bus. from Miami to assist in getting out The Eagle in Brother Alien's absence. Miss Cecil Hamilton and friends with friends from Fort Myers visited in Estero, December 4. In the afternoon Brother Lou H. Staton accompanied them on a trip to beautiful Bonita Beach. A Mrs. Walsh of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, stopped in Estero, December 4th, and renewed old friendships made some twenty-seven years ago during a stay here, at which time, she said, she spent some of the happiest moments of her life. She had a son, who then was only five years of age, remarkable for the fact that he could speak several foreign languages. Brother Alfred Christensen, who operates the Estero electric light plant, suffered a painful, but fortunately not serious, accident to his right hand December 5. The blades of a rapidly revolving motor fan cut deeply into two fingers. Sister Emma Norton rendered efficient first aid treatment; but Brother Alfred will be on the casualty list for several weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Phillips and Robert L. Graham of Miami visited friends, and relatives at the Unity, being Sunday dinner guests. December 15 Mr. L. W. Bubbett, who spent the past two weeks in Estero, returned with them to Miami. The Bonita Beach development goes on apace. Its originator, Mr. Engvalson, of Chicago expected to have his house completed by December 15th. He has a force of carpenters from

Wonder Lake, 111., on the job, and will start several more houses immediately. It really looks as though Bonita Beach is on the boom. The entire 3-mile beach front has been platted into lots 50 x 200 feet in dimensions. A 50-foot right of way for a public road has been cleared and shelled some distance up the island. Plans are now underway with one of the major oil companies for a filling station to occupy a strategic site at junction of the county road with the road now building up the island. Mr. and Mrs. George Simpson of St. Clair Shores, Michigan, arrived with their trailer, Wednesday evening December 18, to spend their fifth winter in Estero, much to the pleasure of their many friends. Following a brief few days of warm weather, another cold spell is now on, but so far, no immediate prospects of frost damage. Sister Adah Price spent an enjoyable week-end at Fort Myers Beach with her frienda Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pulcifer who have recently arrived from Warwick, Massachusetts, to spend the winter at their cottage on the Gulf. We are all glad to welcome Mrs. Marian Watkins of Des Moines, Iowa, who arrived December 18, to spend a few weeks with her sister Adah J. Price. Mrs. Watkins was with us in winter of 1936 and 1937. On December 24 we were pleasantly surprised with a visit from Mrs. Cora Newcomb from LaBelle and her daughter, Mrs. David Burchard and child from Stuart, Florida. They were accompanied by Mrs. Newcomb's sister Mrs. Kate Nemeth and her brother Mr. Louis Hawk from Muscatine, Iowa. Here in Lee County you can "see snakes" any time without imbibing in a surplus amount of intoxicants. All you have to do is to visit Bill Piper's Snake Farm at Bonita Springs where you can see them by the dozens,—big ones, little ones, light ones and black ones, poisonous and non-poisonous,—and Bill handles 'em all with seeming utmost indifference, which shows that he knows his snakes all right.

Community Current Events - February 1941

By Rose Gilbert

ON DECEMBER 28, Brothers Allen Andrews, Henry Silverfriend and Sister Florence Graham motored to Miami for the week-end and to visit with Robert and Lloyd Graham. Brother Henry attended the meetings of the Florida Astrological Convention where he gave three talks which were well received. He attended the banquet given at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium. Early in the month Mrs. Fred McConnell and son Duane came from Tampa to visit with friends and relatives in the Unity. A few days later Mrs. McConnel's sister, Mrs. Lovelle Ahrano of Tampa with her son his wife and children came for a short visit with Mrs. Ahrano's parents Brother William and Sister Abbie McCreedy. Friends of long ago, Mr. and Mrs. Alois Knapp of Chicago stopped over night, on their way to Miami, to visit Sister Adah J. Price. They were accompanied by Mr. Albert H. Perry. Christmas night we were entertained by Mr. George Simpson ably assisted by Mrs. Simpson who showed many interesting moving pictures in natural colors that he had made in the course of his extended travels during the past year, ranging from Minnesota to Florida. On January 5, Mrs. Lillian Rugg entertained Sister Ida Fischer, her son Irwin Fischer, Mrs. Fischer, and children at dinner. We recently made a sale of 300 Cajeput Trees LO a nursery in Miami; they came with truck to carry them away. On January 12, we were pleased to have Mrs. Julia Home from Tice for our guest. On Sunday January 12, Brothers Charles Hunt, George Hunt and Arthur Moore motored to Clewiston and Pahokee with Mr. and Mrs. George Simpson. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Christensen of Cleveland, Ohio, and Dr. Marcus a friend, called on Brother Alfred Christensen, January 15; Melvin Christensen is a nephew of Brother Alfred. They had been visiting in Miami and now are spending a few weeks in a cottage at Fort Myers Beach. On January 17, Brother Allen Andrews and Henry Silverfriend motored to Tampa to visit with friends returning January 20. Brother Allen had a surprise, all unexpectedly meeting a man living near where he was

visiting who proved to be from his. old home in Binghamton, New York, and a former classmate in school. On January 25, Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Lewis came from Everglades to visit Sister Rose Gilbert bringing with them their niece Mrs. Genevieve Evans and her husband William Evans from Ithaca, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. Evans had been in Florida at Hollywood Beach for several days attending a convention of insurance men. On January 19, Sisters Etta Silverfriend, Emma Norton and Emily Bessemer with Brother Jesse Putnam were dinner guests of Mrs; Lillian Rugg at her pleasant home. They report an excellent repast and an enjoyable time. Mr. Raymond Pilgrim from Muscatine, Iowa, arrived January 26, by train to visit a short time with Unity friends. Mr. Pilgrim has visited us several times and has endeared himself to all, by his kindness and friendliness. Mrs. A. L. Camphausen from Fort Myers came on January 26, with Miss Bertie Boomer. We were all glad to see Mrs. Camphausen once more as she had been a long time absent. In the past month we have had frequent visits from our friends Miss Bertie Boomer and Miss Meta Monsees of Fort Myers. One morning recently we observed our neighbor Mrs. George Simpson busily engaged near a Australian oak tree near the highway; upon investigation we learned she was "planting" tree snails at base of tree. In the American Eagle of recent date we find information about these snails taken from an article in Field Museum News by Fritz Haas. "The strikingly colored snails of the genus Liguus are a most conspicuous feature in the fauna of southern Florida. Although represented there by numerous species and races, they are not aboriginal inhabitants of the area they now occupy, but are immigrants (rather recent, in a geological sense) from Cuba, where the genus may have originated. "The Liguus snails are especially interesting, not only because of the almost unbelievable variation o(f colors and patterns shown by their shells, but also because of their quite unusual way of living. The beauty of the shells, which may be observed in the Museum exhibit, has attracted many Florida amateur biologists into specializing on the collecting and study of Liguus. "The haunts of these snails are principally in the Everglades—not the low swampy parts, but the dry and mostly wooded higher hills called 'hammocks.' Since these hammocks are usually widely separated from each other, and since the tree-snails, even if they come down to the bottom, cannot migrate from one hammock to another, isolation has created different races of Liguus on almost every one. Due to the lumber industry, part of the hammocks have lost their trees, and with the disappearance of trees, various races of tree-snails which had dwelt on them have been exterminated,