

# TEA TIME TALK

(BY WILMA J. MARCH)

Well, the Fall session of the Florida Press Association is over and a grand affair it proved to be, being held at Pensacola, a naval air base in the north-west section of the State. A trip into that section is worth while, as that part of the country is rich in history, being one of the oldest along the Gulf of Mexico.

Rolling over fine highways leading through sections of wilderness heavy with semi-tropical vegetation along the blue-green waters of the Gulf, amidst sand dunes, one reaches many spots of interest enroute to the old Spanish city of Pensacola, which some say is even older than St. Augustine. The timber in that region affords many saw mill plants and large lumber yards.

One must visit the State Capitol, Tallahassee, the early seat of the Seminoles of a century ago, and become acquainted with the life in the Capitol of the sunny State. Old historical buildings with their southern architecture are so interesting both inside and out. The Capitol building itself is being changed to the extent of two additional sections. Then the city is noted also for its wonderful academic qualifications with its State College for women.

From Tallahassee it is 322 miles to Pensacola by the Gulf route, where one gets gorgeous glimpses of the waters of the briny sea. There are many fishing interests along that section. Sea food is the order of the day in any seaport town.

This route takes one to Apalachicola, the seat of the first daily newspaper published in Florida. This locality is known for its oysters, one of the best oyster beds in the State. Port St. Joe many years ago was a flourishing port until yellow fever swept through it. For a time it was a sleepy hollow community but the coming of the Dupont paper mill has once more made it hum with industry.

Outside Panama City on St. Andrew's Bay is located one of the largest pulp mills in the world, which affords employment to thousands of local people. It is one of the most flourishing cities in the State and has a bright future ahead of it for it has grown with the determination of becoming important. It has wide streets, fine stores and hotels and everywhere one actually feels the importance of its being.

From Panama City to Pensacola winding about gulf and bayou shorelines a fine highway leads westward through sparsely settled timber lands and sand dunes. The road skirts the southern boundary of the Shatahoochee national reservation. Outside Pensacola is found historic Santa Rosa Island and the sound skirting the mainland. Pensacola Beach is a famous watering resort. The city is a naval air base and it is extremely interesting to visit Corey field where each visitor has a cadet for guidance through the military base. There are 1000 cadets, all college graduates. The description of this great air-field is almost beyond description. There are five squadrons in the service, two at Corey field and three at the Navy grounds. Each cadet is given an extensive training in flying and mechanics and not until he has successfully passed through all five squadrons with their arduous and dangerous callings can he be assigned to navy duties as a flyer. The men are paid \$5 a month salary and \$35 for clothing and necessities, and each is entitled to his maintenance besides with the use of the club house. They were a happy looking lot and why not? Visitors were permitted to see all types of aircraft machines for all purposes, with cadets leaving the ground for flights, others lighting on field and water. Six new Corsair land planes made of aluminum in the most modern types were on display, each costing around \$35,000. Others were as high as \$75,000. Every type of machine for air warfare is used in this training. They are instructed in tactic formations, bombing, advanced stunt flying and blind flying. The air is literally filled day and night with the machines of the cadets in training and they must fly in established flight lanes, thus cutting down accidents. There have been but ten accidental deaths on Corey Field since it was opened.

A visit to the Navy Yards shows one the greatness of the plant and gives an idea of the vastness of naval activities. It also shows how the government prepares and trains young men for service and for national protection.

Fort Santa Rosa was first built in 1696 by the Spaniards, burned by the French in 1719, rebuilt by Spain in 1781-89 and captured by General Andrew Jackson from the British in the war of 1812. It was later held by the Confederate forces in 1861 when it was then abandoned as a military stronghold. Old Fort Barrancas, which the northern forces never captured, also stands nearby and proves of much interest. A fine view of the Gulf and Bay can be seen from this point.

At Pensacola the Press Convention was the usual round of social affairs, and meetings with fellow printers. Conversation kept the air; the latest in everything was aired. Russell Kay, the Secretary of the Florida Press Association, always keeps everything in a hum and with him around one is assured of all things going off "tops". Russell is small, but oh my! He is a regular dynamo of enthusiasm. He heads the Florida Clipping Bureau in Tampa and his "Girl Friday" writes his weekly column when he is too deep in the whirl of things to manage it himself.

The return trip was by the inland route, taking the road which leads through the old "cracker" sections of the State of Milton, De Funak Springs and Crestview. At these cities the entire community gets out on Saturday afternoons and evenings. It reminds one of circus day in a small town. Then one passes by the State Reformatory at Marianna, and the Asylum at Chatahoochie. These of course are interesting places to visit if one wishes to visit that type of institution.

Next week I shall tell you of the trip I had last week through the Printers Progress Special Train which has travelled to 80 cities and made 16000 miles since it began during the summer to make its tour of the States. I am sending a collection of literature regarding it to our Standard editor for his pleasure.

## VANDELEUR W. I.

The November meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Lundy Johnston. This being community night there was a good attendance. The roll call was answered by 15 members with "Ways of Neighbouring." Draws were made for the exchanging of Christmas gifts. The program consisted of community singing; duet by Miss Lillian Buchanan and Mrs. Harold Thompson; address by Mr. John Davis, Reeve of Artemesia; chorus, "The Grumble Song"; reading by Mr. Thompson; solo by Mr. George Buchanan; a short address by Mr. Chas. Boland; musical selections by Mrs. Harris of Markdale; reading by Mrs. Frank Davis; duet by Melville and Francis Buchanan, and an address by Mr. Harris of Markdale. The National Anthem brought a very enjoyable evening to a close. The members wish to thank those who helped make the meeting a success and to specially thank Mrs. Harris for her musical numbers. Lunch was served by all members. The December meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. George Summers one week earlier than the usual date.

## EBENEZER

(Held over from last week.)  
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hutchinson spent a day with friends in Durham.  
Mrs. F. W. Taylor spent the week-end at the Swanton home on the East Backline.  
Mrs. Russell Freeman, June and Morris were visitors with Mr. J. I. Graham and May of Vandeleur.  
Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Freeman and Alice spent the week-end with Mr. E. Smith of Pleasant Valley.  
The Ladies' Aid had a quilting bee at the home of Mrs. Newton Hutchinson on Thursday afternoon of last week.  
Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Freeman were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. J. Pendelton of Cherry Grove.  
The Sunday School are busy preparing for their Christmas tree and entertainment.

## GORING

(Held over from last week.)

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Jenkins of the 4th line visited on Saturday with the former's sister, Mrs. S. Woods.

Mrs. Bruce Carruthers and boys returned home on Sunday after spending last week with her mother, Mrs. M. E. Parker.

Miss Jean Parker is spending a few days with her brother, Mr. A. Parker, of St. Vincent.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Parker and Norval visited on Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. C. Muxlow.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Shaw and family of Clarksburg visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ryerson Sparling.

Mr. Lawrence Sparling spent a few days last week in Toronto at the Winter Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Fitzsimmons and family have moved to their new home on Mr. G. Thompson's farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Mansel Kirkpatrick visited with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dixon, at Berkeley on Monday.

Keep the 18th of December in mind for Ebenezer Christmas Tree. Mr. Archie Wood and Mr. W. J. Wood are spending a few days in Toronto at the Winter Fair.

The Women's Association held their November meeting at the home of Mrs. H. Parker on Thursday. There were eight members and seven visitors present. The program

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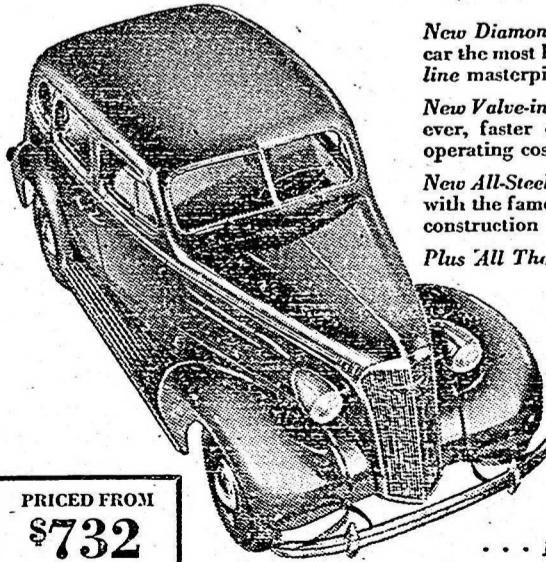
consisted of a poem, "The Living Waters," by Mrs. Murray; prayer by S. Wood, "The Name of Jesus Is So Sweet." After the benediction Mrs. S. Wood and also a solo by Mrs. lunch was served by Mrs. H. Parker.

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