

BATTLES FLOOD FURY

Cletis Dornes, Former Wilmette Youth, Has Harrowing Experience in Florida Everglades

Wading in water, at times up to his neck, clambering over and through debris of the Miami flood over a perilous trail of twenty-five miles in his mad frenzy to reach his home, was the thrilling experience of Cletis Dornes, a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dornes, former well known resident of Wilmette.

Mr. Dornes and his son for a number of years were in the real estate business in Wilmette, where they had charge of the office of Paul Schroeder and company, on Greenleaf avenue and later of the north shore office of this firm on Linden avenue. They went to Miami about two years ago, where they are now engaged in similar business, on First avenue, between Fourth and Fifth streets.

Cletis, of late, has been in the employ of the Florida Power and Light company, and at the time of the storm, was serving as time-keeper on a large construction job four miles west of Dania, which is about twenty-five miles from Miami. There the great Okecho-bee flood laid waste a vast area and resulted in many fatalities. Mr. Dornes, unmindful of similar havoc which had been wrought at Miami twenty-five miles away and throughout all intervening territory, but fearful of what might have happened and with the one thought uppermost in his mind, that of reaching home, started out on foot, the only way of travel at that time.

For forty-eight hours he pressed on at times swimming, then wading, then floundering through indescribable wreckage wrought by the worst storm that had ever visited this great playground of the nation, Cletis finally reached his home, where he collapsed, remaining unconscious for a long time.

With the assurance that his parents were safe, and after rest and medical attention, he soon recovered, but as long as he shall live, Cletis, it is said, will never efface from his memory those perilous hours through which he passed during the awful storm and his travel homeward.

Association Holds Its Seventy-Third Meeting on Tuesday

The seventy-third semi-annual meeting of the Chicago Congregational association will be held at the Winnetka Congregational church, Tuesday, October 5, beginning at 10:30 o'clock in the morning. Everybody is invited, it is announced.

The meeting will open with a service of worship, by Rev. James Austin Richards, as leader, followed with a service of song praise and a sermon, "Faith's Ultimate Test," by Rev. Walter A. Morgan.

Luncheon will be served at Community House, at 12 o'clock.

Fellowship Hour is scheduled at 12:45 o'clock, an inspection of Community House under the direction of Dr. J. W. F. Davies and Rev. Thomas A. Goodwin following.

A business session will convene at 2 o'clock, which will include a report from the Advisory board; licensure of candidates; report of nominating committee and election of delegates to the national council.

The report from the City Missionary society, by Rev. C. S. Laidman, will be made at 2:45 o'clock, followed by an address at 3 o'clock, by Rev. Daniel Evans, of Cambridge, Mass., and then adjournment.

MacCrackens Leave for New Washington Home

Mr. and Mrs. William P. MacCracken, Jr., accompanied by Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. MacCracken's mother and little Louis MacCracken, left last Friday for their new home in Washington, D. C. Mr. MacCracken was recently appointed assistant secretary of commerce under Herbert Hoover, by President Coolidge, to organize the new Department of Commercial Aviation. The MacCracken home has been sold to George B. Sedgwick of Chicago.

CHICAGOANS LEASE HOMES

George W. Lomax, of Chicago, has leased the Frank J. Conrad home at 1141 Sheridan road and Glen H. Pickard, also of Chicago, has leased the Raymond C. Hawley residence at 430 Eighth street, it was announced by Miss C. J. Hoey of the North Shore Real Estate company this week. She acted as broker in both transactions.

The Travel club met Tuesday with Mrs. Charles G. Haskin of Glencoe. After having luncheon at Glen Gables, a meeting was held at the hostess' home where tea was served.

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