

Letter To Editor

Dear readers of the Home Paper:
Yes, here we are hundreds of miles apart, yet every week The Weekly comes to our door with fresh news from home, and how we enjoy it!
We have settled in the "Year Round Vacation City", Tampa Fla., for several weeks.

The Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce reports more than a quarter million tourists visit the city yearly. Although this is more of an industrial city, yet there are many spots of interest and historical sites to enjoy.

We were fortunate to arrive in good time for Gasperilla's Golden Jubilee—the 50th year of Pirate Pageantry.

For a half century each year this festival has taken place here commemorating the time when the Spanish explorers came to Florida in the 16th century in search of gold. From the citrus seeds they left has sprung a wealth undreamed of by the explorers. Spreading over the state's "hills" to the edges of the thousands of lakes, citrus groves today are the foundation of Florida's second largest industry. The State Department of Agriculture said as of October 1, 1953, the State had 462,816 acres of groves of citrus fruits, farmed the world over.

Near the Tampa University grounds the State Fair is held during the two weeks of Spanish Fiesta. We enjoyed the many exhibits from Hillsborough County, of which Tampa is the county seat, as well as those from all over the state. The decorations were all so colorful with the variety of trees, shrubs and an abundance of beautiful flowers.

Right now the nation's winter strawberry capital—Plant City near here, attracts these visitors, with its fields of large berries ripening and coming on the markets.

The majority of the state's 67 counties were named for famous men, such as Henry Clay, Andrew Jackson, Ponce de Leon. Many have Indian names. Hillsborough was named for a man Willis Hill, second Viscount of Hillsborough, an Englishman who re-

ceived a large grant of Florida land during English occupation.

Few bananas grow in the state, however, every week tons of these flow through the Port of Tampa from Central America and the South American countries of Columbia and Ecuador. The green fruit is shipped under refrigeration, loaded into trucks and hauled to market throughout the South into the Midwest.

Florida is a land of natural wonders, many of these attractions we have enjoyed on this visit and the one before, such as Silver Springs, Cypress Gardens, Rainbow Springs, Ross Allis Reptiles Institute, Bok Tower and others.

Florida is also rich in mineral products such as phosphate, limestone, Kaolin, etc.

Recently while a party of us were touring a section of the state we saw huge pieces of machinery digging for minerals. On this trip we paid a short visit to some Perquimans County folks—Roy and Burnett Winslow Lane and two boys, living in their rolling home at Orlando. They looked happy and prosperous.

If any of you desire to visit us while here we will welcome you and share with you good gulf fish, hush-puppies, fruit juices and strawberry shortcake.

Sincerely

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Winslow

CIRCLE MEETS

The Mary Long Circle of Bethel Baptist Church met Monday night, February 15, at the home of Miss

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The meeting opened with all joining in singing "Work for the Night Is Coming." Mrs. Roscoe Kirby was in charge of a very interesting program, using as her subject "Meeting the Need of the Migrant." Those taking part on program were Mesdames Stanley Blanchard, Bernard Proctor, Freeman Long, Elton Harrell, Thomas Fleetwood, Wallace Hobbs and Carey Privott.

The President, Miss Julian Long, presided over the business session. Roll was called and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. New and old business was transacted. Reports were given by the various committees. The meeting

was dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Morris Griffin.

During the social hour a Biblical contest was given, with Mrs. William Tarkenton winning the prize. The hostess served delicious refreshments. Others present, but not mentioned above were: Mesdames Emmett Long, Joseph Proctor, Irvin Long, Elliott Layden, Yates Parrish and Miss Ruth Mansfield, one visitor, Mrs. Morris Griffin.

New Booklet Gives 1954 Sewing Ideas

A new sewing booklet recently published by the National Cotton Council will be a boon to homemakers who are ready to start their spring sewing projects.

Called the "1954 Idea Book for Sewing With Cotton Bags," the booklet is filled with thrifty suggestions for brightening wardrobes and homes. It

describes the pictures wearing apparel, household accessories, gifts, and toys that can be made from the cotton fabrics used for packaging food, flour, fertilizer, and other farm products.

Articles pictured in the sewing booklet can be made from standard Simplicity patterns, the Cotton Council notes.

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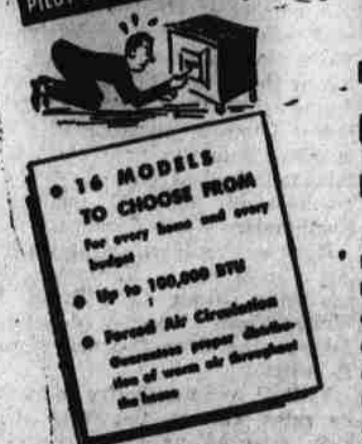
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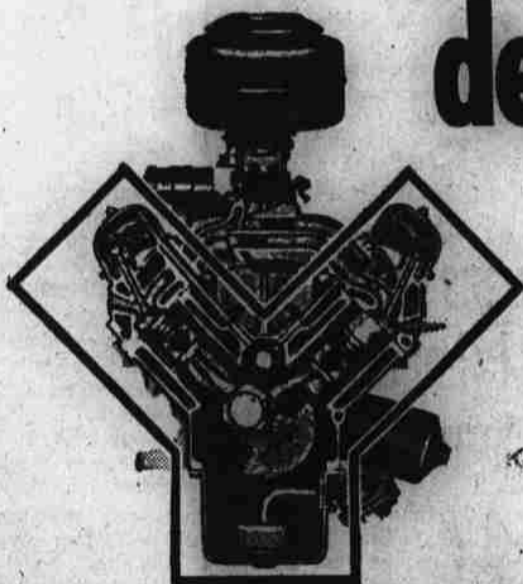
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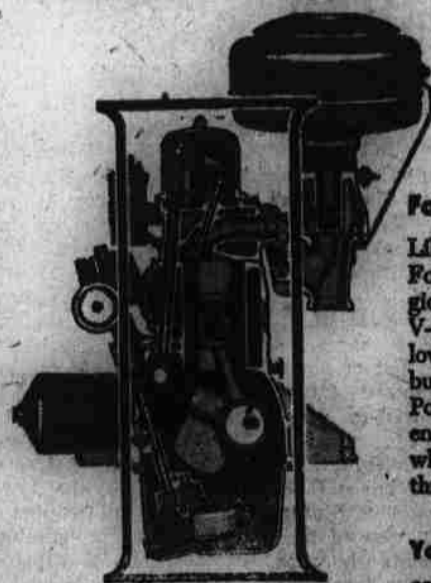
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