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The headline "GULFPORT TRIBUNE" read "GALA FESTIVAL GULFPORT WATERFRONT" an all day Carnival Festival including boat races, swimming races, diamond ball game, fish fry, fireworks display and topped off with a big dance at Gulfport's newly renovated Casino over the water was announced at joint meeting of the two clubs Tuesday evening.

C.J. Allen, heading the Yacht Club and Jack Pollard, the Jaycee Club selected the Third Annual 4th July Program..

Highlights of the day will be the American Legion Band, the big Fish Fry and Fireworks Display off the Municipal Pier. Those in charge of the day's festivities are:

General Chairman, C.J. Allen, Fish Fry and Foods, Jack Pollard, Public Address System, Joe Dawson, Tickets, Stutts Gilbert and Stuart Lampe, Sail Boat Races, Jim McManus, Joe Dawson Children's Sports, Bruce Ellis and Rita Allen; Carnival Concessions, C.J. Allen; Children's Eats and Secretary; Stuart Lampe: Baseball, Stutts Gilbert; Boat Races and Fire-

works, Eddie Barber; Dance Committee Don Wirt and Bill Herne.

4th of July 1940 will again see the Gulfport Waterfront jammed with Holiday crowds and will be appropriately decorated with flags and all the trimmings. Mr. Allen the General Chairman has arranged for some mighty fine Carnival concessions to amuse young and old throughout the day an hotdogs, popcorn, and lemonade will complete the circus aspect of the program.

JOIN THE CROWDS AT THE GULFPORT WATERFRONT.

THE GULFPORT HISTORIAN

The official Newsletter of the Gulfport Historical Society. Everyone member or not is urged to contribute brief articles on local history.

THE GULFPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A voluntary, Non-profit, educational organization whose purposes are to collect, preserve and to publish the history of Gulfport and surrounding area.

OFFICERS ELECTED

At the Annual Meeting in April the following Officers were elected: Pres. Catherine Hickman V.P. Judy Ryerson Sec. Margaret Brooks, Treas. Inez Foley. At the following Board Meeting, Mary Atkinson was elected to the Board to join Frances Osgood and Erne Perrone.

IN THE OLD DAYS TO MAKE

SHOE POLISH- Equal parts of oil, vinegar, an molasses. Add enough lamp black to form a paste. Apply with a flannel cloth.

WATERPROOFING FOR LEATHER - Melt 1 cup of tallow over low fire with 1/4 cup castor oil. Cool an apply.

DID YOU KNOW

Mr. Kings Sawmill in Gulfport, became Pinellas Lumber Co. ?

Florida was the third location in the Nation to have a Railroad ?

That Adam was the fastest runner? He was first in the Human Race.

GULFPORT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

MEETING NOTICE

Hard to believe but true the Museum turns 10 this year. If you have not visited for a while come and see the many changes taking place. Summer hours are Wed. 9AM - Noon. Donations and Workers are always needed and Vistors are always WELCOME.

Everyone is invited, and urged, to attend our meetings. You do not have to be a member of the Historical Soci. You do not have to be a resident to attend or join. The first meeting for this year will be October 11, 7:30pm at the Gulfport Museum, 28th Ave. So an 53rd St.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President's Message

Dear Friends,

Just because it is summertime, it does not mean we are not working for you. Judy and her calendar committee are with preparing your calendar, soliticing sponsors, finding pictures, gatherine comm-unity dates, and planning distribution for October.

Claudette Renney Dean and Margaret Brooks have volunteered to be Curators with Inez Foley joining them on her return in the Fall. You must stop by at the Museum to see the fantastic change they are making with their creative and innovative ideas. We are so happy with what they are doing, we want to have an Open House July 4, 1993 in conjunction with the City celebration. Be sure to join us from 9 AM till Noon .

We need to revisit the Historic Survey as we have been discovering errors and omissions, we want to the best possible job for the City that we can possibly do. Right now, we are also helping to research the Casino, to put it on the National Register of historic places.

We are just revving up for all the interesting and fascinating things we have to do. Needless to say, we need your help. Please contact me or one of the members of the Board to tell us how you would like to help.

I am looking forward to working with you and may we have a productive and worthwhile year,

Catherine A. Hickman

Catherine A. Hickman, President

HISTORY FOR SALE

Starting the 4th of July the Gulfport Historical Society will offer five different post cards for sale at the Museum. Each card showing a Historical Landmark of Gulfport. We have a limited number so don't wait to long.

Yumm Yumm Good

GRAPE JUICE LIMEADE

Juice of 5 limes	3 cups water
1 cup sugar	2 cups grape juice

Place ice in pitcher. Add sugar and water: stir thoughly, Add grape juice and last the lime. Let stand several Minutes before serving.

ALL AROUND TOWN

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Reprint Gulfport Tribune

We are glad to see Mr. & Mrs Thompson out again after a seige of colds and flu. They are the proprietors of the Gasoline and and Grocery Store at 15 Ave. and 49th Street.

Mr. & Mrs. R.W. Caldwell have purchased six lots facing north on Lakeview between 56& 57 Street.

Doris Gipson daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Gipson was hostess to her classmates and friends on March 20th at a party in honor of her ninth birthday. Place cards was Easter baskets. Those present were Mary Alice and Betty Ann Hudson, Jennett Jones, Regina Berry, Marlyn Skeen, Joyace Clegon, Syliva Sawyer, Carol Odem, Sally Carter, Barbara Guiden, Peggy Mann, Louise Moore, and Gwendelyn Anthony.

Roy Tonkins has taken a position at the Gulfport Pharmacy.

Paul Camp Jr. who spent a few days with his parents at the Inn, returned to his studies at Hollywood Military School on Tuesday evening.

Norman Huckins, has returned from the labor convention at Daytona Beach. He was a delegate from Carpenters local No. 531.

Three hundred persons attended the reopening last Friday night of the Casino which was closed for several weeks while a new maple floor was laid.

Mr.C.H. Whitbeck operator of a dairy in Gulfport for the past 30 years, has sold his dairy business to Donegan Dairy of Largo, Fla.

A visitors register is located at the local Pharmacy so that your friends may easily locate your address when they come to town. Attention is called to facilitate the delivery of telegrams.

J.D. Girard will remodel his home at 5107 - 27th Ave. So.

A PAGE IN HISTORY

By Claudette Renney Dean

"The First Automobile Accident "

The First automobile accident in St. Petersburg, was witnessed by Martha Anderson, a former resident of Disston City. The Andersons family became residents of Disston City in 1885, after selling their large farm in Texas on the advice of their doctor. Mr. Anderson having suffered a wound to the knee from an Indian arrow while serving with Kit Carson. The Doctor felt our climate would be of benefit to him. They arrived in the small village of Tampa by rail, and was pounced upon by local land agents with lots of any size for ten dollars. However Disston City was the up and coming development of the day, so they boarded a boat arriving at Mirandas Warf. They resided here until 1889. At which time moved to the now up and coming town of St. Petersburg, locating at what is now Fifth Ave. and Forth Street So.. Mr Anderson became that cities first Fire Chief.

At the same time another former resident of Disston City, Mr. Tomlinson, owner of the first automobile in St. Petersburg, tired of becoming stuck in the sand roads and having to dig his Auto out gave up in disgust and never drove again. However he had set progress in motion and two other adventurous men of the town Mr. 's Ed. Lewis and George Haines, purchased Auto's holding the distition of the only two in town. Now one would wonder how much danger could this be? But on a morning in 1900, as Mrs. Anderson stood on her porch talking with a neighbor, she watched as one Auto passed her house on Forth Street and the other on Fifth Ave.. No sooner had the words " they are going to crash" left her mouth, the two Auto's came together at the corner. It was not reported if there was any injuries or the amount of damage. Perhaps it was an omen of things to come?

STUPID STATEMENTS

In regard to Historic Preservation:

"Forget the past, move on to the future."

Have you noticed it's always YOUR past, never theirs ??????

WORDS OF WISDOM

" LOOK TO YOUR PAST TO FIND YOUR FUTURE"

Your Editor Claudette Renney Dean.



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