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tersburg, Fla., who cooked for the trio, said he had never before but thought that it was a pretty good way to spend the day.



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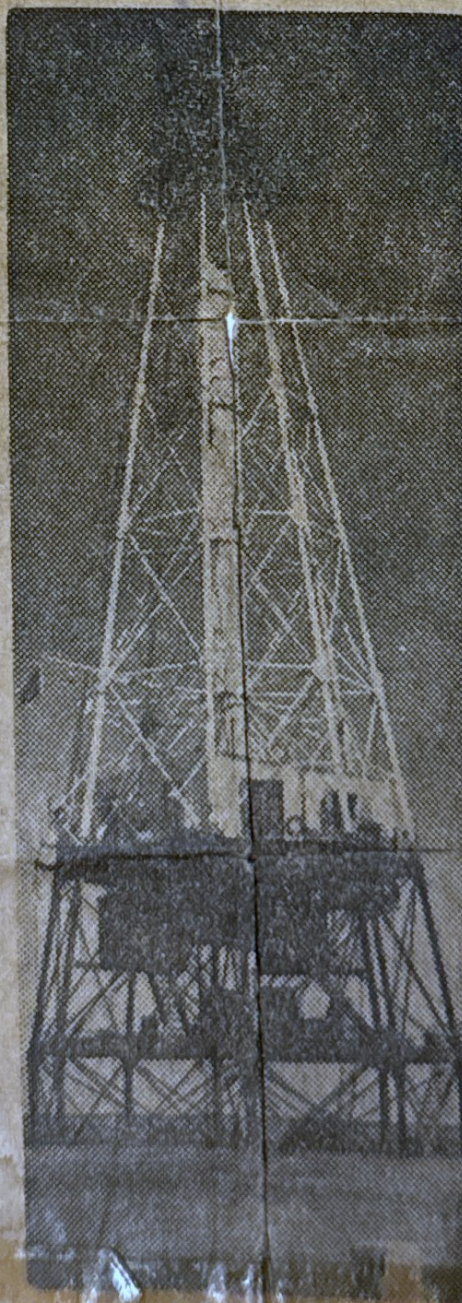
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