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COMMENTS ON MEN AND THINGS
BY SPECTATOR

This is New Orleans, the fabulous City which blends French Spanish and English. Offers an Americanized pot pourri which has a glamor all its own. Coming here we made brief stops at Montgomery and Mobile, Alabama. Montgomery was the first Capital of the Confederacy; it is an attractive city today, with beautiful gardens and finely shaded streets.

Mobile is a great port, a city of wide-spread enterprises! Between Mobile and New Orleans—along the Gulf strip of Mississippi—one comes to an entrancing drive along the malecon, as the Spaniards would call it. When the Spaniards build a drive along a great body of water they call the drive a Malecon.

From Biloxi to Gulfport one goes to the tip of the Gulf of Mexico, the blue water sparkling far beyond the vision of the beholder. On this side the Gulf washes the shore of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida, curving around Florida, and emptying into the vast Atlantic. The warm current known as the Gulf Stream flows northward from the tip of Florida and moves eastward beyond Massachusetts. As it is known, that warm current makes England a delightful country; and its leaving American shores makes Labrador a cold, inhospitable shore. England and Labrador are about the same latitude.

Down on the West coast of South America flows a cold current—the Humboldt Current—and it makes the west coast a balmy area instead of a sweltering region, as one finds on the east coast.

If the Gulf Stream had continued along our American shore as far north as it flows our neighbor Canada might have swapped places with us. The "ifs" of Geography and History are very interesting speculations; if General Lee had accepted the command of the Federal army; if Stonewall Jackson had not died; if Albert Sidney Johnston had not been killed; if Lincoln had not been assassinated; if Napoleon had not lost at Waterloo; if the Germans had not stopped their advance and turned at the Marne in World War I; if the Amazon River could be made to turn west through the Peruvian Andes, as President Leguia dreamed and planned. Passing through Biloxi, Gulfport and the other beauty spots on the Gulf I've felt the urge to buy some oyster loaf. I haven't done it yet, but the notion persists.

Passing from Mississippi to Louisiana one goes over some uninviting stretches, but it is redeemed by the broad expanse of Lake Pontchartrain as one approaches New Orleans. A lot of bridgework here though I'm not talking about dentistry. Water, water, everywhere but it is not held in high esteem for beverage purposes. Still the pharmacists do not complain of it.

While in France I spent some time in the old city of Orleans, remembered because of the Maid of Orleans—Joan of Arc—as we call her. This bustling city of Louisiana has far surpassed all pretension of the Mother City of France. New Orleans has a great artery of traffic known as Canal street. It is broader than Broad street of Augusta, Georgia; and Broad street is a strain on the eyes. Except for some new streets, avenues and boulevards the streets of New Orleans are

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have valid claims which money can never repay. But are we to become soft, pampered, petted recipients of Government money, not caring that we are cutting away the foundations of the Nation?

Nearly all the program of Mr. Truman is an effort to cajole voters from strenuous liberty to supine acquiescence in a form of slavery under bureaucrats. Our public men are for it; they have discovered that the poor outnumber the rich!

I've received a gracious and informative letter from Mr. Richard M. Jeffries, General Manager of the Santee-Cooper and called attention to the excellence of the report as well as to several obscure points.

Mr. Jeffries, in a notably full and clear exposition, clarifies the points raised by me and even invites me to suggest means for further clarification.

My old friend and I are ex-teachers, and the teacher habit has its hold upon us. He enters the discussion by quoting from Webster's dictionary. I yield the point to him because he may have bought a more recent authority on words than the one I rely on. The truth is that I speak the language of Green Pond, Rounds and Ruffin, while my friend delves into the profundity of Walterboro.

Mr. Jeffries makes plain that the surplus of thirty six million dollars, referred to in the report, is a matter of book-keeping, not money. The greater part of the surplus being grants for construction, etc., not now available in the form of cash or negotiable credit. Obviously it isn't possible to adopt my suggestion that the Santee-Cooper use the thirty six millions for the payment of its own capital debt and the financing of the Central Coops with about eight millions. I'm sorry the surplus is not available, but so is Mr. Jeffries. His cordial letter clears up the items, namely the large sum for wages without names or items. This takes in about eight hundred casual workers, day laborers, etc.

Even on my last point Mr. Jeffries argues pleasantly for the expansion of the Santee-Cooper, citing a paragraph from the decision in the Creech case in support of the program of operating State-wide through the Central Coops.

My frank dissent from these conclusions leads me back through the years to the time that Mr. Jeffries, in the Senate, and others, on the outside, fought valiantly to make a cement center out of the area near Jamestown. My idea is that Santee-Cooper does not have to jeopardize the existing companies in order to be a useful servant of the public. I think the Santee-Cooper has a big opportunity if it continues as it has been operating. Instead of dividing our people into hostile camps why not move along together?

There is no campaign afoot hostile to Santee-Cooper; but Santee-Cooper is threatening the existence of the others. My friend and I don't see eye-to-eye about that.

M. D. DERRICK

We are here during the Mardi Gras, an occasion which brings people from all parts of America, for New Orleans observes the time with the light fancy of Latin ebullience. If we stick to branch water we shall emerge triumphant; but where is the branch water? During Mardi Gras even the five cent bottle drinks may be spiked or is it just the intoxicating atmosphere?

All along the way I think of the stalwart men who came West from Carolina. I've met Cokers, Rawls, and others whose grandfathers came from South Carolina. Some of my mother's people moved to Alabama. All that country was built by manly men, men relying on the strength of a good right arm, with faith in Jehovah. The West was not built by coddling but by vigorous people who took long chances and won against every sort of opposition from Indians to Mexicans; from drought to blizzards. The West is America, the monument to the self-reliant man.

I wonder what sort of country we shall bequeath to the next generation. Shall we become a Nation of pensioners? Of course I don't refer to those men who suffered in war and

DRIVE-IN THEATRE

Program for March 10-18, 1949

THURSDAY & FRIDAY
Rosalind Russell, Melvyn Douglas

GUILT OF JANET AMES
Short: Woody the Giant Killer

SATURDAY
Tom Neal

MY DOG SHEP
Short: Donalds Dream Voice
Alvino Rey & Orch.

MONDAY AND TUESDAY
Jennifer Jones, Joseph Cotten

DUEL IN THE SUN
Short: Tortoise Wins Again

WEDNESDAY
Little Tough Guys

LITTLE TOUGH GUYS IN SOCIETY
Short: Service with a Guile
Also: School for Dogs

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY
Irene Dunne, Robert Taylor

MAGNIFICENT OBSESSION
Short: Mouse Trap
Also: Five Star Bowlers

Fire Department Has Quiet Month

The Fire Department had a very quiet month during February. They answered only two alarms, one on February third when they were called to Drayton street when the T. C. Gilliam hot dog stand caught on fire from a stove. On the 27th they were called to a small fire at the Hamp McFaddin home on Crosson street. On March 7th they were called to Roy Warren's home on O'Neal street. The part of the house occupied by Idell Livingston was destroyed. Her furniture was also destroyed.

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"Micky" Has Good Batting Average

Mickey Livingston, Newberry's gift to major league baseball and the New York Giants in particular, heads into the 1949 campaign with a lifetime major league batting average of .234, the April issue of Baseball Digest reveals.

Lifetime averages of all big league players, as well as vital statistics and 1948 records of all the players, comprise a special section in the April Baseball Digest.

Perhaps one reason the dollar will not do as much for you as it used to, is the fact that you do not want to do as much for the dollar as you used to.

Many a woman gets a divorce from her husband because she prefers regular allowance to an irregular allowance.

Whitmire Man Gets Army Commission

The United States Army presented a direct commission as Second Lieutenant in the Corps of Military Reserve to Charles A. Koon, of Whitmire, according to an announcement today by M-Sgt. Claude Blankenship, who is in charge of the Local U. S. Army and U. S. Air Force Recruiting office, located at 1221 Nance street.

Lieutenant Koon took his oath of office in the presence of Captain Kellie H. Moses, Recruiting Officer in Columbia. He is now wearing his new bars under the new Army Regulations which grants direct commission to young men who have completed two years of college, served one year in one of the Armed Forces, and between 19 and 32 years of age. Lieutenant Koon graduated from the Ware Shoals High School in 1940, after which he entered Wolford College. In 1942, he entered the Air Force

Pfc. Mize Stationed At Honshu Japan

Pfc. James P. Mize, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Mize, 2809 Milne avenue, was recently assigned to the 54th Engineer Maintenance company, a unit attached to Ninth Corps, located on the outskirts of Sendai on Northern Honshu island.

Private Mize, a former student of the Newberry High school, entered the Army on December 30, 1947, and upon completion of his basic training at Fort Jackson, sailed for overseas duty in Japan and was assigned to the 54th Engineers on his arrival.

and as a member of the 8th Air Force served in the European Theater of Operations. After receiving his discharge in 1945, he entered the University of South Carolina and graduated with a A.B. degree in August of 1948. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Koon of Whitmire.

Regnery Mansion Makes Eyes Pop

From the Saluda Sentinel

Six Saluda matrons had their eyes out on stems last Tuesday in Newberry. They attended a tea (it was Russian tea and smelled up the place but was awfully good) at the Regnery mansion and got to go through the place and gape at each item almost as long as they pleased.

The occasion was a silver tea given by the Women's Civic League of Newberry. The six matrons were Mrs. Ben Webb, Mrs. Annie Mae Riser, Mrs. J. R. Webb, Mrs. D. W. Keller, Mrs. J. R. Ramage and Mrs. Kirby Able.

Small talk had it that the Mr. Regnery (of Joanna mills) who built the house had received another million dollars for a present on his last birthday.



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