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About Bananas City of Belize destroyed The Races at 24 miles

Some three months ago the United Fruit Company had to discontinue exporting bananas from Colombia for the English market, on account of the poor quality of the fruit which was being produced and which could not compete with the better fruit grown in Jamaica. In fact, it is stated that the cargoes shipped for a few weeks prior to the cessation were sold at a considerable loss, some having to be diverted elsewhere at still greater loss to the growers and shippers.

With a view to improving the quality of the fruit Messrs. Elders and Fyffe's Ltd. sent out two Plant Experts and Chemists, who made investigations of a technical and agricultural nature. As a result of these investigations important changes were made on the farms, particularly with regard to the treatment of the plant in its early stage. The grade of fruit now being obtained has so improved that the Company was able to resume shipments, and the first one left Santa Marta on the 15th. ult.

In consequence of the suspension, the labour situation developed into a rather difficult position and necessitated Mr. A. Pollen going down. He satisfactorily arranged matters by allowing advances to be made the men on their usual wages pending the resumption of work. This arrangement was also come to with the 800 men who handle the fruit of the dock.

The Standard Fruit Company has, we understand, secured contracts for 4,000,000 stems of fruit in Jamaica in addition to the quantity produced on its own properties and intends sending the fruit to Baltimore, Boston, Philadelphia and New York. As all these points are already being served by the United Fruit

Co. it was feared that there would develop a Banana war, but the officials of the Standard are reported as ridiculing such an eventuality. There are those, however, who, from their knowledge of the trade and the conditions existing on that side, are of the opinion that, in so far as Boston is concerned, the entry of the Standard is bound to cause a reduction in price to the consumer; as that port had been held, by the United Fruit, as a closed preserve for more than thirty years which, of course, enabled the Company to charge very high prices for their fruit. Again, with a drop in price consumption was sure to increase resulting beneficially to the planters both of Jamaica and Central America, as it was from the latter place all the United's fruit for Boston was being shipped.

Since purchasing the business, in Jamaica, of the Atlantic, the Standard had acquired 12 ships for use in their American trade.

With regard to the English market, we note it is stated by one who had been there recently, that there was a distinct propaganda on in England in favour of Empire bananas and the desire of adopting some means by which the Jamaica fruit could be distinguished from that from foreign countries, was being freely expressed. Prices for the Island's fruit ranged around £ 21.10 per ton.

All these activities lead us to feel that the «BIG ONES» in the fruit trade are sanguine of the near approach of better conditions, all round; and in this connection it is «our further» pleasure to state that the Jamaica Producers Association has ordered another vessel to be built for their trade. This will be the second entirely owned vessel of the Association.

At 2.30 p.m. a terrible hurricane and tidal wave destroyed the town of Belize, British Honduras on the 11th. inst. and another distinctly apart, according to the Meteorological Bureau of New York, did considerable damage in Porto Rico at the same time. The deaths are said to be over 1,000 and the wounded over 2 thousand, and about 70 per cent of the City is ruined.

The majority of deaths occurred by drowning in consequence of the heavy wave that washed inland, leaving many houses covered with

water from five to nine feet deep. The American Consul Mr. C. R. Taggart, is among the dead; there are about 174 resident white American citizens and about 500 Englishmen and women in the city which has a population of about 13,000 souls.

All the churches, including St John's College, have been destroyed and 8 catholic priests and 18 students for priest hood dead. Supplies were rushed to the rescue in aeroplanes by the American Red Cross Society from all points, Managua, Panama and Washington.

Among great spiritualists

Sir Oliver Lodge, not content with his communications with those who have entered the great beyond, wants a greater perfection of identity, he is now considering how he will clarify the question of his identification among his

friends after his death. By giving details, after death, of sea'd documents which he will deliver to the Society of psychic investigations before he dies he feels he will solve the great problem of identity.

15th. September in Limon & Squirres

The Teachers and pupils of all the Schools, along with the Boy Scouts and Units of the U.N.I.A. gave a most enthusiastic parade and procession throughout the town, down to the Governor's office, where they were received and congratulated by His Excellency the Governor Don Juan Romagosa. After which they retired to Park Vargas where patriotic Speeches and Songs were indulged in; otherwise Limon was in quiet reverence of the great day.

Squirres was wrapped in revelry due to the inauguration of the 3 days

Fiestas of Independence since Sunday evening to Wednesday. There were many attractions but principally the Bull fights, horse races, the fireworks and the performances of the school children. Mr. Cyril Corniffe and his pupils were particularly applauded for their efficiencies in their performances in Independence Day. Mr. C. A. Shaw gave a most inspiring Speech befitting the occasion especially, on the adaptability of freedom of intercourse between the West Indians and the natives which so gratifying.

The Monroe Doctrine a dead letter

The Legal experts of the League of Nations Assembly have interpreted the intentions of the Monroe Doctrine as binding, only on those Nations of the western Hemisphere, who care to adopt its terms.

Mexico has rejected it as being nonapplicable to her territory, hence the question was raised whether or not, in consequence of such rejection, would she be eligible for admission to the League to which the following reply has been given:

«The rejection by Mexico of the terms of the Monroe Doctrine does not constitute a reserve nor an obstacle to her admission in the League of Nations. It will be remembered that according to the interpretation given by the Assembly of the Society of Nations, in the case of Costa Rica, the Monroe Doctrine is merely a unilateral declaration, which only binds those who accept its terms, and does not augment nor diminish the obligations of the League under existing regulations.

A most enjoyable day was spent among friends at the Race track at La Joya on the 15th. inst. There were ten races listed but some of the horses fell sick and could not work, however seven races were run, of these, three were very exciting.

The 1st. was between Mr. Armstrong's French Lad, Mr. Farquharson's Weepet and Mr. Warren's Colorado. Weepet made the pace for life but the superior form and riding of Armstrong's French Lad brought him to the front by a neck at the Judge's stand.

The next in excitement was between Mr. Dunn's Viena, The Lady Crisnie & Papa, after a well contested race Viena came in the winner with Papa second.

The last race was also very good between Mr. Warren's Colorado, Mr. Armstrong's Wolf and another; Wolf was prime favourite but after a hard struggle was beaten by Warren's Colorado.

The mule race was also interesting.

Mr. Littleton's Cameronian came in an easy winner over his brother Pathfinder, both being sons of Mr. Norton's imported stud Philanthropist.

It was disappointing that Mr. Damian's Headlight got post left so could not contest his race with Mr. Clark's Surprise, and Mr. Facey's Satinwood won easily.

Mr. Clark's Surprise did a fine run in winning his first engagement in the United.

The arrangements were not as they might have been as Mr. Damian's Committee did not give him the necessary assistance, anyway a very pleasant day was spent by all parties in their different sports, some enjoying the associations of their friends whom they had not met for some time others enjoyed their dancing, others their sweat tables, others the Races. The most winning item on the ground was the French Pool.

At the next meeting, in December, however this will not be omitted, when the days sport will be much better outlined and the course made a 1000 yard run. The horses will be better mated so that the contests will be more intensely exciting.

We cannot but compliment Mr. Littleton for his fine selection in his purchase of Cameronian from Mr. Dennis in whose hands he was foaled, he is certainly the best 4 years old in the country today.

Much praise must be given to Messrs Damian, Littleton and Clarke who worked with heart and soul to make such a pleasant meet a possibility.

There was a gathering of old turfites, among whom were to be observed Messrs. Johnson, Sankey, Daly, Nation, Williams, Dennis, Lee, Telfer, Edgar, Mc. Dermott, Tully, Reggie James, Chambers, our Judge Boule of Estrada & Black Prince fame and many others. We also noted some Ladies whom we know are great enthusiasts in the King of Sports, like Mrs. Harrison from Germania, and others who may soon be induced to own Stables we refer to Mrs. Sankey & Mrs. Usher.

There were many absentees who had not the idea that the meet would have been such a success, but in the December meeting we guarantee much keener sport. A trial is being made Continued on page 4

Naturalization

So many requests, for information as to this matter, have been made to us that we wish to state for the guidance of our readers the following:

To get naturalized an application must be made in Spanish on a fifty cent stamped paper addressed to the Ministerio of Foreign Relations, giving one's age, nationality, profession and the length of residence in the country, asking for citizenship; this must be accompanied by a Certificate from the Secret information Bureau of this Country as well as one from that of the applicant's own country proving that he has never been incriminated.

The names of three influential gentlemen in your vicinity must be given for reference, to

prove the statements in the application. 2 photographs are to accompany the solicitude.

We would gladly place our services at the disposal of any one wishing of obtaining Costa Rican citizenship, who can furnish the necessary requisites as outlined.

The approximate cost for obtaining all these Certificates & presentation to the Government, for their approval, would be in the region of about twenty colones.

Anyone however who is born in Costa Rica has only to present proofs of his Birth before the governor and ask for his Certificate of citizenship on a fifty cent stamped paper.— There is no government fee attached to this.

Disarmament

While other nations are discussing seriously the question of disarmament as suggested by Uncle Sammy, he, with his coffers overflowing with the world's gold is planning larger ships of War, Warlike Aeroplanes and more disastrous gases and implements of human destruction; he says he must not be second to any in efficiency of Armaments, which of course is a direct slap in the Face of Britain, but as the labour government has so impoverished her, she has got to take it and keep quiet.

Briand speaking in the League of Nations said, on Friday last, that the coming Conference on disarmament is the next great step toward Universal Peace, and that France is opposed to its postponement; because the success of the realization of the Disarmament Conference, is the most interesting duty of the League of Nations and whatever signs of weakness displayed in this matter will cause the dissolution of this great body.

insistence against a delay in concluding matters of Armaments were taken very skeptically, from the fact that he made no allusion to the urgent calls of Grandi of Italy and Lord Cecil of England on the question; one paper is wondering whether his remarks really mean disarmament or armament, it goes on to say that while Europe is in a state of decomposition, while Germany, England and Italy are ventilating the grave problem, as to how their poor people are going to pass the winter months and worrying how to save their domestic troubles, Briand now comes up by bringing to light the skeleton of the Geneva Protocol now buried for seven years by emphasizing France's viewpoint which springs up from past history.

Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Holland and Switzerland are pressing for an immediate cessation in Construction of warlike implements, even if it is to be thrown out to the public opinion of the world, which idea is being favourably received.

A Worthy effort Give to me only of Change in Calendar thy love

We are heartily pleased to impart the news of an effort which is reported to have been launched in Trinidad and which, if successful, should play an important part in the shoe business of that and the surrounding Islands, in addition to materially assisting the cause of the unemployed.

A Corporation, known as the "West Indian Footwear Corporation" has been duly established with an authorized share capital of £ 2,000 in ordinary shares of £ 1. each, to carry on the business of manufacturers of and dealers in boots and shoes, tanners, and any business which may be conveniently carried on by the company, to build up and standardise the shoe industry of Trinidad and other West Indian Islands as also to incidentally help unemployment problem by providing work for approxi-

mately 700 West Indians. The Corporation is stated to be receiving a generous support and the appeal for share sales is being appreciatively met.

The management has already acquired a place, as a going concern for something around £400 and a start is expected to be made before the close of this month.

This is but another example of what might be done by our people if only they would cooperate.

Cricket

Moin vs. Motive Power

A rather good attendance witnessed this match. The Moin's Capt. called the coin correctly but sent M. P. to the bat, as one of his players was absent at work. M. P. made 114 runs, C. Reid and K. Jones being responsible for 49 and 13 respectively. The Moin team replied with 89 for 8 wickets of which W. Thorpe made 21, K. Johnson 17 and B. Lewis 18, when the match was discontinued, as the M. P. refused playing. The opinion of the public is that the Moin team is regarded the winners.

Further details for your next issue.

Percy Harris
Reporter

Sept. 13th.

The Editor:

Referring to my previous letter, the President of the "Wanderers C. C." Mr. B. C. Sankey has now been officially informed by the Competition Committee, that his Club is the Season's Champion, and that he may make the necessary arrangements for the presentation match. Monday Sept. 28th. has accordingly been fixed for the match.

Percy Harris

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And that will kindle mine.*

*Thou givest all Love's gifts to me,
Fill'st brimming full my cup
I give my all, it is not much,
But Thou wilt come and sup.
The things I longed for Thou hast given,
I give them back to Thee,
I only ask that seeing me
The world, through me see Thee.*

H. V. MORGAN



DEAR FRIENDS:

You may be one of the thousands that enter a Drug Store every few days and purchase some pills that are absolutely guaranteed to relieve headache and restore Vitality, energy, etc. Do you know that lack of pep and headaches are danger signals, and are, to a great extent, caused by weak eyes or improperly fitted Glasses?

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A Brutal Act

Dear Mr. Editor.

Sunday the 6th. inst witnessed the cominitance of a brutal act on a woman who had just arrived in town, and was standing in a yard, making request for permission of aman to do some cooking for herself and company, when she felt the infliction of a terrible slash from behind her and before she could turn to see who had dealt the wound, there were others of equal intensity if, not more intense following as fast as if by electricity, all over her face, neck, and breast till, she was saturated all through with her own blood. She might have died on the spot, by the infliction of more wounds, but for the intervention of those persons who were standing by.

The reason, we are told, for such devilish deed is, because, the wounded woman had taken away the man whom she (the murderess) loves; and, when she found they were leaving that vicinity for another, she dogged them all the way till they arrived here. She then siezed her opportunity. There is all likelihood that the un'fortunate woman wildie as she is in a delicate state. It was fortunate that a Launch was in Port that day (which was unusual) on which the Agent of Police took them on to Limon.

D. M. Wynter

Cahuita 12th. Sept. 1931

Death

We are grieved to announce the sad death of Miss Lucile Brown, our former agent at Madre de Dios. We beg to tender our sincere sympathy to the friends and relatives of the youthful deceased. May her soul find peace.

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The following, copied from "The Gleaner", is certainly the most logical objection we have yet seen, on the change of the Calendar from 12 to 13 months in the year. One writer pointed out that those people who were born on the 29th, 30th, 31st. of the month would have no birthday in the future, thus Historical events would not only be changed but lost.

Landlords would of course benefit, but in all such circumstances it is the poorer people who are sought to be sacrificed by such changes.

Bishop of Jamaica
Against Change
in Calendar

THE EDITOR:

Sir,—I regret that hitherto illness has prevented me from sending you my views regarding the proposed change in the Calendar. I am definitely against any of the changes that have been put forward. The fact that several alternate calendars are suggested indicates that the matter is not so simple as some imagine, and further shews that the improvement of the arrangements of the weeks and months is not an easy matter. The more one thinks over this the more is one convinced that none of the alternatives put forward is adequate to meet the situation. The suggestion of having thirteen months in the year of 28 days each certainly would cause great confusion in fixing the quarter year and half year. I imagine that business houses would find a difficulty in keeping monthly accounts and adjusting them to the quarterly and half-yearly statements, seeing that the latter periods would contain three months and a fraction of a month. The other suggestion that each quarter would contain one month of 31 days and two of 30 days while equalising the quarterly and half-yearly periods still leaves the awkward figures in the months which it sought to avoid. The change does not seem worth while if it simply equalises the longer divisions of the year.

There is a serious objection to having an odd day to be fitted in at the end of the

The Nicaragua Canal

It is reported that in consequence of the economic world crisis, the United States government has decided to abandon temporarily, the construction, of the Nicaraguan Waterway.

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In Memoriam

Frederick Grierson

In loving memory of my dear husband who departed this life on 10th. Sept. 1930.

Now those weary days have past
Enter into one long year,
Seems the earth so poor and vast
All my life—joy overcast!
As I loved you, so I miss you;
In my memory you are ever near,
Loved, remembered, longed for always
Bringing many a silent tear.

WIFE

In fondest memory of our loving Father who died Sept. 10th. 1930.

Many an aching heart you leave behind
To mourn your absence more each day,
We loved you most sincere,
And did our best to keep you,
Yet no! you were called away,
No longer with us to stay
God only knows how much we feel it,
"Rest in peace" darling Father.
You are gone, but not forgotten.
Let us hope in heaven we'll meet.

JOHN and VIOLA

Another Debate

Much praise is due to the efforts of the Motive Power Sport Club in putting and maintaining such a pretentious programme as that on the evening of Sept. 10th. A truth, I went mainly to hear the debate, but must confess I certainly enjoyed everything; the recitations were fine specially "On and on" needless to say anything of the Music, which was indeed "superb".

I consider that in the debate everybody did remarkably well. I took a few notes which I may here divulge: The first speaker for Hope did remarkably well at the offset so did the leader for Memory; But I consider the latter's routine of delivery too technical and enwrapped for a debate of the kind and under the circumstances attending it. Indeed it was so much so, that I overheard many saying that he contributed little or nothing to the debate.

Now those who have said so have never been so sadly mistaken, and I have formed an opinion that it was principally due to the fact of their utter inability to grasp the gentleman's lofty efforts; the better class of the community present have thought differently any how. There is one thing I may mention which I do hope will help him as a debater, i. e. he wasted a little too much time in

plugging his opponent rather than further boosting his point. The second for Hope was good, and so was the second for Memory, but I think his argument much strained when he stated that he had nothing to do with Hope, when to his conscience he knew that it was not so. He might have said he was very skeptical of Hope or something like that but to discard it as in his assertion, tantamounts to an untruth. The last speaker for Hope was also good but the last speaker for Memory surpassed that of Hope to my opinion.

The judges were all out of place in their decision; for in no way can it be gainsayed that the leadress coincided with her opponent by admitting that "it was really so" that "Hope was not to be trifled with" thereby surrendering completely. For, says the Rules of Debate when a leader expresses confirmation of the opponent, on the particular subject under discussion, the point is lost to the former. The leader for Memory called particular attention to the foregoing but despite of it (and strange to say) it was unanimously agreed upon that the ladies had won. Now such a precedence is particularly unfair and is nothing like encouraging to future debates.

Claude Myers

Germany buys wheat

The Secretariat of the Board of Agriculture of the United States has approved of the sale of 7 1/2 million bushels of wheat to Germany at the rate of 49.5 cent per bushel. This lot is to be delivered in nine months, at the rate of 834,000 bushels per month, to be paid for in December 1934, bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent.

Our Pacific Railway

The estimate for repairing the Pacific Railway, by replacing the worn out rails and rotten ties, will be somewhere in the vicinity of nine millions of colones.

The Chamber of Commerce has recently been considering a proposition, from Mr. Ramon Madrigal to be placed before the government, to abandon the Railway and construct on the same road bed a Concrete Road for automobiles etc. which he claims would cost considerably less. What a display of patriotism! the idea, of abandoning a Railway just electrified at a cost of such an enormous outlay, and to substitute this by a Cartroad! They should instead make Cart roads into the undeveloped lands from which they could utilize their own Native wood for sleepers and use these roads as feeders for the Railway; but we shall abandon the Railway and scrap all our new electric appliances merely for the object of some merchant getting a Monopoly for selling the Cement, and another the Rock.

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To whom it may concern

In reply to the article published by my supposed wife Louise McLeod in "The Searchlight", I would like to make the following statements, to clarify the matter and to give the lie in her face, that the public may know the truth of our lives.

I unfortunately married her, Louis Sampson, in 1910 in this country at the age of 17. After our marriage I took her home to my relatives they showing her a life of respectability that she never seemed to have anticipated. I left her there for Cuba returned to Jamaica for her soon after; again I took her home to my Brother's residence, while there her mother arrived from Costa Rica and induced us to return to Costa Rica which I did, alas fatally, to my life of respectability. Soon after we arrived here I bought the property in question at Squirres. She did invest \$500 of a piece of the 2nd. prize of the Lottery Ticket in the purchase of the spot, and her mother loaned me in all \$700, also arising from a similar piece of Ticket which her aunt won and paid over to her mother and for which I extended a pagaré, on which I have already repaid over two hundred colones, and shall settle this the only debt on my property.

Now with regards to our

Cyclones

The atmospheric disturbances are very persistent in their freaks this month, while destroying the City of Belize, Honduras, on Friday evening last. Another hurricane was damaging Crops at Porto Rico and Santo Domingo; Jamaica also came in for the fourth blow of the season, the heaviest for this year, by which it is said over a million stems of fruit were blown down.

Now we find it attacking Vera Cruz, Mexico, and seeking to travel across that great Republic towards the Pacific. Some two hundred lives are said to have been lost.

Much damage has also been done on the Pacific Coast of South American countries by a hurricane; while the latest Cables say Japan has again been disturbed by a heavy earthquake causing much damage.

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Passing events

From the 1st. October the morning and midday trains from San Jose to Alajuela and back will be suspended. The trains to Estrella will also be changed from Mondays and Saturdays to Tuesdays and Saturdays instead.

It is said that the firm of Solera y Cia. the great Flour merchants, have offered to loan the government another big sum, this time \$ 75,000, the offer is being studied by the Minister of Finance. What with our present public debt reaching the respectable sum of 100,000,000 colones he naturally has to be very careful how he increases it; especially as our deficit in revenue this year is estimated at about seven millions.

Lord Tennyson will leave England for Jamaica on the Bayano of the 16th. February 1932 with his team of Cricketers to contest the prowess of Jamaica Amateur Cricket. After his series of matches in the Isle of Springs arranged for by the Cricket Board of Control, he will leave the Island on the same ship on the 16th. March.

The indomitable War time Premier, Mr. Lloyd George, is we are glad to State recovering steadily from his recent serious illness.

The British Exhibition trading ship will leave England on the 1st. November for West Indian, Central and South American Ports; she will have on board over 500 items of Merchandise on exhibition from which Merchants will be able to make

their choice, there will be 233 clerks and attendants to shovv these goods and take orders. It is hoped they will give the Port of Limon a Call.

Dr. R. C. Connor, the successor of the late Dr. W. Deeks, as Superintending Medical officer of the Health Dept. of the U. F. Co. paid a passing visit to Limon last week.

Again was old St Jago de la Vega the seat of great Ecclesiastical Pomp and glory on the occasion of the enthronement of His Lordship the right revd. W. G. Hardie as Bishop of Jamaica, which dazzling affair took place on the 9th. inst. The ceremony was performed by the Ven. Archdeacon Massiah.

Corporation Election

On the 23rd. inst. the members of the St. Andrew and Kingston Corporation Council. will be elected. Much enthusiasm prevails as to whom and whom shall be the 8 men needed to complete this Board. The Searchlights selection would be Messrs. Penso Simpson, Garvey, Beecher, Mc Laughlin, Durie Meeks, Drew.

The Contest

Miss Ena Marson of Clarendon, and Mr. Cupedon of Kingston tied for first place in the great Elocution Contest at Edelveiss Park. Mr. Boven came second Mr. Greenidge 3rd. Mr. P. N. Blake 4th. and Mr. Fairweather was presented by Mr. Reginald Seaton with a consolation prize.

Charge of Forgery

Dudley Stockhausen who was formerly Chief clerk of the Jamaica Militia, was brought back from New York to Kingston on a charge of forging the signature of the Staff Officer and receiving thereby several amounts of money from the Treasury, which it is alleged he misappropriated, was set for trial in the Circuit Court on 16th. inst.

The British Navy

As a consequence of the recent reductions in Salaries and emoluments of all kinds in Great Britain, there has arisen great discontent in the British Navy. Every effort is being taken to avoid a disturbance among the men; their complaints are being attended to, with a view of an amelioration of existing disquietude.

Pan Pomona

MANZANA 31—LOT 4

Next door to the office of Juan José León (Sucs) you will find the People's Bakery, where you can get, at all times, Booth's Biscuits, Bread and Buns of the best quality and flavour—the finest in Limon. I am offering to the public a New Style of Bread called Pan Pomona made from the best quality flour. A trial will convince you. Its a size loaf that cannot be had for the price in Limon.

P. BOOTH

Limon, May 25th. 1931.

* **LOST STRAYED OR STOLEN** *
* One milch cow with both horns broken, colour white with Red *
* Spots, lost on the night of Tuesday the 11th. inst. call three months *
* old left behind. *
* Anyone giving information leading up to its recovery will be *
* suitably rewarded by the owner. *
* N. CROOKS — Squirres *

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Be it known that apart from my claim on the premises as wife with five legitimate children; it was my thousand colonies which I won off the Lottery that bought and secured us the property; hence all money lenders or intending purchasers will be advised to see me first before doing any transactions on that property.

I am now to be found at Cartago P. O. Box 80 where I am residing for the benefit of my health.

(Sgd.) **LOUISE MC. LEOD**

A queer contagious disease

The relatives and friends of Mr. Mety Campbell, late Sergeant of the Salvation Army at Liverpool, are very much interested to know why Doctor Salsbury refused to give up the corpse of this unfortunate man for burial under the accustomed practice.

This man was admitted on Monday 31st. ultimo, suffering from severe pains in the lower abdomen, he was operated on, on Tuesday 1st. inst.; it is said that the diagnosis of the doctor in charge, (as expressed to the relatives who accompanied) was, that the pains were caused from some *puss accumulation* in the abdomen. The patient died on Saturday 5th. from the effects of the operation, and the body was refused his friends and relatives, for interment, on the plea that the man suffered from a contagious disease and must be sent away at once from the Hospital to the Cemetery; but that they could meet the Corpse at the Cieneguita crossing at 2 p. m. on its way to the Cemetery.

The Salvation Army congregation were much annoyed over the doctor's decision as they claim the patient had been a very faithful officer of the Army, hence they wanted to give a display of their funeral rites, which they were debarred from doing in consequence of the doctor's orders, so the man had to be dumped.

They argue that the decision of contagion is a *strange one*, because for the week the patient was being attended to, and visited by his people, there was no restrictions as should have been done when a malady is contagious, hence to develop contagion after death seem amusing. The current feeling among the parties concerned is a presumption that the operation was a wrong one, hence the the fear of deliver-

ing up the body to avoid the possibility of calling another surgeon to inspect the work.

Whatever may be the cause, there would seem to be something doubtful, from the fact that there was no isolation from other patients, and no restriction of visitors to the bedside of the patient. One is tempted to ask what contagious disease could this have been?

Was it reported to Dr. Umaña, the chief Health officer of the Province? Was it «La Gripe» or Cholera? If so certainly an operation would not be necessary, or was it another case of mistaken diagnosis? Poor Limonenses.

The School of Pharmacy

According to «La Tribuna» we note the following resolutions at the last meeting of the Board of Directors of the College of Pharmacists.

That Mr. José Antonio Grau was ordered to be inscribed as a member of the faculty without the necessity of an examination, as he had proven himself a Druggist, having graduated in Spain.

That in the absence of Mr. J. T. Mc. Crae proprietor of the Modern Drugstore, on sick leave, Mr. Eugenio Garron has been approved as Regente or Qualified Druggist in charge.

That the Attorney of the School Board be instructed to investigate into the illegal opening of a Drugstore in the Province of Limón by one Elkanah Mc. Cleod; and to investigate into the personality of this Mr. Mc. Leod, whether it is the same gentleman who has presented himself before this Board on repeated occasions, using a different name on each occasion, and whether this is the same Mc. Leod who was expelled from this country as a «pernicious foreigner».

The essence of Surgery

Mr. Emilio de Mezerville had been suffering acute pains in his abdomen for over 21 years now, and on X Ray examination by Dr. Frederick Zumbado it was found that there was a foreign substance in his liver, Dr. Vicente Castro Cervantes undertook the operation on Monday last in presence of 12 of his colleagues in the San Jose Hospital, when to the surprise of all present he encountered a curved surgical needle, which he extracted from the liver of the patient.

It is said that Mr. Mezerville had an operation done in Rochester U.S.A. in May 1910 but soon after he started feeling intense pains all over his body, travelling to Guatemala and the United States to be relieved of these pains but to no purpose, which were caused evidently by the doctor's mistake in forge-

ling his surgical needle in his patient, hence the wonderful diagnosis of Dr. Zumbado followed by the marvellously successful operation of Dr. Castro Cervantes, both of which have crowned the Medical Faculty of Costa Rica and their prowess with wreaths of golden flowers. Until now the patient is lying undisturbed by any pains whatever.

No Nationality

Peter Russell a seaman, whose birth was accidentally not registered, has now no Nationality, he claims to have been born in Scotland, but has been working for years as a fireman under the American flag. The British authorities say he is an American, but the Americans won't allow him to land without his Passport, which he cannot secure.

There are very many people in a similar plight right here today.

From Firfly for "The Searchlight"

Alpha Again

The Alpha L. C. held a miniature Elocution Contest, on Sat. Sept. 12th. at their clubroom, in honor of their chairlady, Miss Vera Gillings. The following gentlemen contested, Messrs Cleveland Clarke, Ivan Covvan, Amos Hall, Eric Forbes, Ferdie Bryan, and Locksley Henry. The contest was promoted by Mr. Dolores Joseph, the Literary Director. The following were the judges, Messrs. K.O.C. Harriot, Williams and Egbert Polson. The clubroom was filled with the gentler sex, predominant amongst them being the Y.W.S.C. girls. Miss Leonie Aiken, in her persuasive and eloquent way, gave a touching talk on the «Poets». Certainly Miss Aiken deserves praise for her delivery. The Literary Director is grateful to her for having ran to his assistance, in making this little affair what it came off to, as she was the life of the evening.

Miss Inez Gillings' Last Rose of Summer, Mr. Herbert Jackson's Hawaiian guitar solos, Mr. George Frazer's Mark Anthony's Oration, all helped to lend pleasure to the occasion. One of my eccentricities was displayed, when I read my poem, «Y.W.S.C. vs. Motive Power, in their debate, Memory vs. Hope (That was a scream)». The result of the contest was as follows, C. Carke, first with «Regulus before the Roman Senate», the prize being a Webster's Pocket Dictionary, donated by the Rev. R. E. Siley. Ivan Cowan second, with the Burial of Napoleon, prize, a Bible, donated by the Rev. E.A. Pitt, and third, Amos Hall, with «The Curfew must not ring tonight» prize a novel, «Eve's Apple», donated by Doctor Maximo Gamboa.

M. P. Vs. Y. W. S. C.

Mr. Walter Logan certainly got things going, when he held a function in his Clubroom, on Sept. 10th. The function was divided into four parts: Musical, literary, Prize giving, and Debate. The following artists contributed to the programme: instrumental, Messrs. Stanley Lettmann, Grisville Dacosta, John Rodgers, Stephen Robotham, Allan Hylton, S.N. Saunders, & Marcus Cuza; Vocalists, Messrs Cyril Hunter and Albert Delprat, and Literary, Miss Leonie Aikens, and Messrs. John

Rodgers, Leonard Dobson, and Loxley Henry. Praise must be given to Miss Aikens for her excellent rendition of Horatius. Her memory was perfect, and she demonstrated that she perhaps will be the next Elocution Champion of Limon. (Boys be careful and practice diligently).

The prizes were presented by Miss Forbes to the winners of the Pin-Pong tournament. Mr. Augusto Cuza being champion with Leopold Forbes second.

The Debate

«Hope or Memory, which gives more pleasurable moments» was the topic of the debate, between the Y.W.S.C. and the M.P. Club. The Misses Lydia Hines, Ena Duggins and Iris Bruce, atly defended Hope, and gained 90 points, Miss Hines gaining 45 out of fifty. Messrs. Isaac Nevvton, J.J. Samuels, and L. Forbes defended Memory, and could only muster 80 points. Mr. L. Forbes being top scorer. We must say a few words in favor of Mr. Forbes, as he surprised everyone with his boldness and eloquence. This proves that practice helps a great way.

L. L. L.

Mr. Leopold Forbes conceived the idea of controlling the different Literary Clubs, when he invited the following to the M.P. club room on Friday 11th at 7.30 p.m. The University Club, the Y.W.S.C. the St. Marks L. and S. Club, the Garvey Literary and the Alpha L. Mr. S.C. Britton was elected Provisional President, and Mr. D. Joseph. Prov. Sec. (More News later).

A Bonny Girl

A bonny girlie arrived to Mr. and Mrs. S.C. Britton. Mother and babe are doing well in the Limon Hospital.

Cup to be given club

Miss Vera Gillings is planning to present the Searchlight Elocution Cup, which was won by her recently to her club, the Y.W. She intends to do so in a formal style, and has invited the Alpha Young men to be witnesses thereof. This function will take place in the Alpha Club Room.

GEORGE BREEDY

NEW STORE

I beg to announce, to my numerous customers, that I have again established my store in Limon at the corner of the Market, (formerly José Yunis).

You can be assured of the same kind treatment which I gave you in the past, when I was Manager of the Jamaica Store, for many years which is well known by one and all in Costa Rica.

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YOUR FRIEND

Non payment of Taxes Back from vacation

While in some countries the delinquent Tax payer is brought before the Courts to give reasons why they have not paid unto Caesar those things which be Caesar's, here we see Mr. Daniel Zeledon, Municipal Attorney, has been levying on several properties in Limon for such nonpayment of the Impuestos falling due to the Municipal Board.

Under these conditions the great majority of properties will soon pass from the ownership of the poor labouring man into the hands of a group of Capitalists, who will frame the law hereafter to govern such things, and possibly relinquish the very heavy taxes now imposed for Pavimentation.

Herbert Charles is Spliced

Mr. Herbert Charles, son of Mrs. Charles of Jamaica Town, was joined in holy matrimony to Miss Annie Clark, sister of Miss Clarice Clark of Jamaica Town, by the Rev. Fr. Albert Woolgarden, on Friday Sept. 10th. at 5.00 A.M. The couple left on the passenger for San Jose, to spend their honeymoon. The Ladies Auxiliary presented her with a love bouquet. Atta boy Charlesie.

The 15th.

Miss Ena Duggins took her friends to Westfallia, and had quite an enjoyable time. Firefly, Covvan and Clarke ran in for a time; meanwhile Miss Cordella Elridge was entertaining her friends at Hilton Park, in Cieneguita. The Firefly and Co. cycled in somewhat crazily, and helped create a good time. The cream was fine.

Lodge Celebration

The Rose of Ardash Lodge No. 468 of The Free Gardeners Order, will celebrate their 21st Anniversary on the 18th. October.

They will be assisted and accompanied by the Magnolia and Winter Flower Lodges of the same order from Bocas del Toro, who will arrive here by an Excursion Launch on the 16th. proximo.

They will march to the Baptist Church at 3 p.m. sharp when they will listen to a sermon on Fraternity by the Rev. Wm. Forde, Pastor in charge.

R. J. Samuels
Secretary

The many adherents to the Anglican Faith are delighted to receive in the Community again their much admired Spiritual Comforter, the Venerable Archdeacon Austin Oakley, Rector in charge of the Saint Marks Church, who has been away on vacation along with his much esteemed wife. «The Searchlight» begs to tender the warmest welcome to Archdeacon and Mrs. Oakley back to their sphere of usefulness among us, and hope that their continued association here will be intermixed with much pleasure.

Hope or Memory

In the debate which came off a week ago between the Ladies Standard Club and the Motive Power Club on the subject matter, «Hope or Memory which gives greatest pleasure». The Judges again awarded the victory to the Ladies Standard.

Mr. Newton in charge of the matter on 'memory' seemed again to have been incapable to make headway against the hopeful defense of the ladies. He will in future have to change his course and strengthen his tactics.

The Races...

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to bring off a meet in Cartago at an early date.

The only unfortunate thing was an incident at the close of the day between a black policeman and a half drunk Nicaraguan, who tripped the Negro and was about stabbing him on the ground but the police in self defense on his back on the ground gave him a marksman shot on the hand which held the machete, both were arrested.

The trains, one for Limón and one for Siquirres, steam off at 6.30 p.m. That for Siquirres went to finish the day in the three days fiesta which was in progress at the place, so we all left to revel in the nocturnal festivities.

A new store

In another column will be noted that our much esteemed friend Mr. George Breedy has returned in the Commercial life of Limon; having opened up in the old site of Mr. Jose Yunis.

His many friends were sure will be glad to know, so as to continue trading with him as formerly.

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